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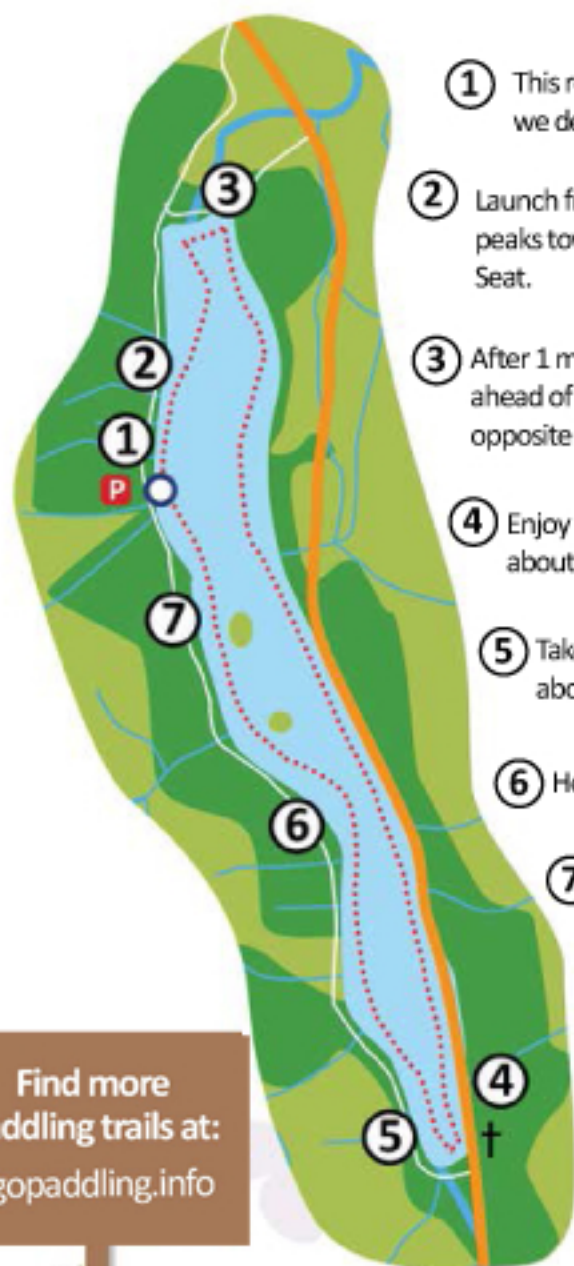
Start and finish:
Armbboth Car Park
CA12 4TW



Scan or visit
bit.ly/thirlmere-trail
to find the map
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Time: 2 - 4 hours
Distance: 7.5 miles max
Locks/Portages: 0
OS Map: Explorer OL5 English
Lakes North East Area

Likened to paddling in the Rockies, this trail on the reservoir takes in magnificent views over its 7.5 mile length. Easily paddled in a day, explore interesting coves and islands with views of the Helvellyn range.



- ① This route can be taken in either direction but for the purposes of this trail we describe it in a clockwise direction.
- ② Launch from Armbboth Car Park and turn left. You are following wooded shores, with peaks towering on every side. To your left, beyond the trees is the 608m peak of High Seat.
- ③ After 1 mile you approach the northern end of the lake, with Thirlmere Dam straight ahead of you and Raven Crag to your left. As you turn here to paddle along the opposite shore you will face new peaks.
- ④ Enjoy the scenery as you head towards the other end of the lake. Reaching this at about 5 miles you turn for the final time, back towards your start point.
- ⑤ Take time to enjoy the coves of the shoreline before rounding Hause Point at about 6 miles.
- ⑥ Here Hawes How Island comes into view with Deergarth Haw Island beyond it.
- ⑦ You are now on the final stretch of your journey as you return to your start point at just over 7.5 miles.

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This route can be made shorter simply by not going all the way to both ends of the lake.

Thirlmere is now classed as a reservoir but it occupies the site of two former natural lakes. As you paddle you may be paddling over submerged villages at Armbboth and Wythburn

The reservoir was flooded in the 19th century by the Manchester Corporation. They constructed a dam at one end to provide the City of Manchester with clean water via the 96 mile Thirlmere Viaduct.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thirlmere>

Local facilities

Kings Head Inn at Thirlspot on the A591

Useful information

Car park is better found by coordinates 54.545054, -3.075906

Visit our website
britishcanoeing.org.uk
for more information



Safety and Licences

We want you to enjoy a safe trip, so here are a few tips for staying safe and paddling responsibly.

Paddle Safe:

Be prepared and take the right kit:

- Wear a correctly sized buoyancy aid
- Mobile phone – in a waterproof case
- Whistle – to attract attention in case of emergency
- Map and / or route description
- Appropriate clothing for the weather conditions + spares in a dry bag
- Food, drink & suncream!

Paddle Responsibly:

Respect the natural environment and other users:

- Respect other waterway users #sharethespace
- Be environmentally aware, minimise your impact
- Ensure you have the correct licence if required
- Observe navigational rules – keep right and give other users space
- Check, Clean, Dry after every trip!

Licence Information: The waterways on this trail don't require you to have a licence to paddle on them. However if you paddle regularly you should consider becoming a member of British Canoeing.

A British Canoeing membership gives you a whole range of benefits including a licence to paddle on 4500km of Britain's waterways and Civil Liability Insurance, worth up to £10 million. Not only will membership help save you money, it will give you peace of mind when out on the waterways. For more information on British Canoeing membership visit: www.britishcanoeing.org.uk

