

High Tarn fishing in the lakes

<https://www.fishadviser.co.uk/fishery/614/Grasmere>-Found this site which covers just about every tarn in Cumbria.

<https://www.fishadviser.co.uk/fisheries/10/Cumbria>

Staying at Haweswater Hotel.

<https://www.haweswaterhotel.com>

Very comfy, good food and remote. Was looking

to see if one can fish Haweswater. It is free fishing. We can get here in an hour from caravan

<https://fishinginfo.co.uk/index.html#index>

Some tarns like Hayeswater, Moss Eccles and Seathwaite require a day ticket. Windermere and District Anglers have a web site that cover most of the ticket waters. Millom and District Anglers cover Devoke Water and parts of the Esk, Irt and Duddon. You could also visit the golakes web site as they have a section on fishing with contact details. Most of the high tarns are essentially free if you have a EA fishing licence. Some fish better than others. Angle Tarn has brown trout but you will struggle to get near them as there are loads of perch. Blind Tarn, Blea Tarn (above Watendlath), Levers Water and Burnmoor Tarn can be good. However most tarns have fish so I am sure on a good day you will catch. The only I have never seen a rise in is Low Water but judging by the colour of it, this may be down to the copper content in the water!

Castle fisheries Cockermouth <http://www.castlefisheries.co.uk/pages/Our%20beats.html>

National trust waters:- <https://lets.fish/destinations>

WAA Tickets

Rydal Day ticket £10

Grasmere Day ticket £10

Thirlmere



Thirlmere is a large and very scenic lake alongside the A591 between Grasmere and Keswick. Helvellyn towers over the eastern shore while to the west conifer plantations dominate the fells. Thirlmere is a water supply reservoir providing Manchester with much of its supplies – with the result that water levels can drop dramatically over a dry summer. However at normal levels the lake is a spectacular wild fishery and for most of the year quiet and undisturbed. The water is now leased to WADAA - whose principle aim is to protect this unique fishery while still maintaining accessible fishing for its members and visitors alike.

Thirlmere holds brown trout, pike, perch and char. The trout are fairly numerous and average around 1/2lb with frequent larger fish and a few ferox up to double figures. When levels allow the water can be fly fished from the shore with the area around the feeder streams offering the best bet, particularly after a spate. Access is good, particularly from the numerous car parks on the western shore but fishing is not permitted along the southern shoreline from the mouth of Wythburn Beck to a point below Wythburn Church. This is a protected conservation area.

Boat fishing, traditional loch style is much more productive and best on overcast days with a good breeze. Most traditional patterns will catch and Black Pennell and Kate McClaren are currently the favourites. Don't deliberate too much - on the whole the trout are hungry and easily pleased - but can be lightning fast and you will miss more than you hook. There is a good hatch of olives and even a few mayfly but at other times fish are not inclined to show much on top. Boats may be launched from the car park at Armboth but you must be a registered WADAA member to use an engine. Even then only electric outboards are permitted.

Native brown trout are under pressure almost everywhere and it is hoped that anglers will acknowledge this by practising catch and release. There is a mandatory two fish bag limit for brown trout.

Day permits to fish Thirlmere are available online or locally from Youdales Newsagents in Keswick or from Barneys News Box in Grasmere - and from all other WADAA permit agents. For anglers visiting the area there is an excellent campsite at Bridge End Farm.

Blea tarn



There are several 'Blea' tarns amongst the Lakeland fells. This one, which lies between Thirlmere and Borrowdale, is probably the best from an anglers point of view and certainly holds trout of a higher average size than the rest of them - in fact the occasional very good fish is reported from time to time.

Unlike the majority of these waters which are more usually found in steep sided corries or at the head of a high valley, Blea Tarn sits on an open ridge with its waters open to the wind from all quarters. The bad news is that this ridge must rank as the boggiest square mile of Cumbria. Nor is it an easy place to find your way off in the mist.

Fish the tarn all round and expect the trout that do come to do so quickly and unannounced.



Haweswater

Haweswater is owned by United Utilities who allow free fishing on this water. All you need is your rod licence.

The drowned village of Mardale lies beneath the surface of this large and fairly remote reservoir - it's abandoned fields occasionally appearing during periods of drought as rather ghostly reminders of times gone by.

In its place is now an excellent wild fishery with a thriving population of perfectly marked brown trout. You will be unlikely to break any records on Haweswater, most of the fish average between six to eight ounces, but you can enjoy a day of almost non stop action in a magnificent mountain setting.

Bank access is possible all around the reservoir although it does involve a walk to reach the better areas of the north western shore. You will be on the move anyway - either covering new water with a team of wets or speculating with dries if fish are up and on the surface. These small trout are lightning fast and you should expect to miss at least as many as you land. Fortunately they are not fussy and all the standard patterns will work albeit with some size adjustments for the prevailing conditions - bigger in a good wind and wave, smaller when it's just a light ripple. The water is crystal clear; bright, calm summer days can be much harder.

Most anglers head for the top end of the lake but the fishing, if not the access, is equally as good all round the shoreline. Fly fishing is easily the most productive method.

Haweswater is approached from the A6 at Shap. The turn off for Haweswater is well signed at the northern end of the village and leads, eventually, through Bampton to the reservoir. Slow going on narrow roads.



River Liddle TAS (? only 3 fishers)

The fishing is approximately 460 meters of double bank and 950 meters of single bank on the lower reaches of the River Lyne. The River Lyne is a tributary of the River Esk. This water has not been coarse fished for several years and will provide members with an excellent opportunity to catch quality Chub and Grayling. There is ample parking available nearby and easy access. Westlington is situated approximately 3 miles north of Junction 44 of the M6 motorway at Carlisle, on the A7 Carlisle to Longtown Road. On entering Westlington on the A7 proceed through the village and over the road bridge where there is a lay-by on the right providing parking just across from the access point. Big Waters members now have access to coarse fishing on these stretches of the River Lyne near Westlington Bridge, courtesy of the Tyne Anglers Syndicate. All members can fish this water outside the game seasons, but only 3 members at a time can fish during the game season and members should phone the secretary to book a place. <http://www.bigwatersanglingclub.dreamstation.com/RiverLyne.htm>

Crummock Water



Crummock Water is the largest of the three linked lakes that form the catchment of the River Cocker and measures some two and half miles long and just over half a mile wide. Crummock cries out to be fished lochstyle from the boat and they are (apparently) available to hire, but only with oars. This means a lot of rowing for not much fishing, especially on the sort of breezy day when the chances of good sport are high. You are permitted to launch your own unpowered boat although the National Trust advise that no launching facilities are available. On the plus side fly anglers will find miles of accessible bank but avoid the southern end with the inflow from Buttermere - unless you happen to be a fan of waist deep swamps.

<https://lets.fish/fisheries/national-trust/waters/crummock-water>

Hayeswater



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Lake District, England

Nestled between The Knott and Gray Crag lies Hayeswater tarn. The tarn is set high up in the eastern fells at 425 m above sea level and about a 1.6 km south east of the hamlet of Hartsop in the Patterdale Valley.

Hayeswater is a 34 acre tarn which was dammed in 1908 to supply water to the Cumbrian town of Penrith. It hasn't been used as a reservoir since 2005 and in the summer of 2014 United Utilities removed the dam wall to return the tarn to its natural state. The water level dropped by about 2 metres after the removal of the wall and the exposed bank will take a few years to acclimatise. Please take care at the south east end where the exposed bank is very muddy.

The tarn is crystal clear and like all the clear waters in the Lakes you'll need wind and cloud cover.

Fish wets and keep on the move. I've found that a yellow tailed Ke-He works well but anything slim, "buggy" looking, and traditional flies will work.

Terrestrial style dry flies, like a Deer Hair Daddy or Hoppers cast and left for ten seconds and recast over the marginal shelf will provoke a reaction.

I've caught fish in the tarn in April but at this altitude the water needs time to warm up and you'd be better paying it a visit in mid summer. Try and pick a day with a warm south westerly and cloud cover but remember the weather can be unpredictable, so be prepared. You can fish the circumference in about three hours and fish can be found all the way round, however the shallower south east end I have found to be more productive and there is always a fish to be had there.

One evening after fishing, a gentlemen who lives in the hamlet told me he used to fish the tarn at night with some success. The larger fish come out at night and he'd had one very exceptional fish of 2lb. He repeated a number of times that this was an exceptional fish and the bigger fish are usually between 1lb and 1.5lb.

Park in the carpark at Hartsop. Remember this is a popular spot for walkers and the car park can fill up on weekends and bank holidays. Follow the path signposted and walk up to the tarn. **It's steep and you will need a good hour and strong legs to walk the one and half miles to the lake. Don't attempt this walk in waders!**

Permission & Tickets

This water is free to fish you'll just need a [rod licence](#).

Angle Tarn



Angle Tarn

Lake District, England

Resting between Angletarn Pikes and Brock Craqs; Angle tarn has a big character for a small water. Two islands, a broken peninsula and a number of rock bays give this water its appeal.

You'll find good sized hard fighting trout and a few exceptional ones in the mix. There are decent perch here too.

Dries or traditional wets work well. There are stories of evening rises and big trout engulfing sedges round the islands.

Park at Hartsop and go through the gate heading towards Hayeswater. Keep to the main path on the right as you go up to Hayeswater. When you get to Hayeswater, cross the Gill and head up the path going towards Satura Crag. As you come over Saturan Crag you'll see Angle Tarn on your left in the distance.

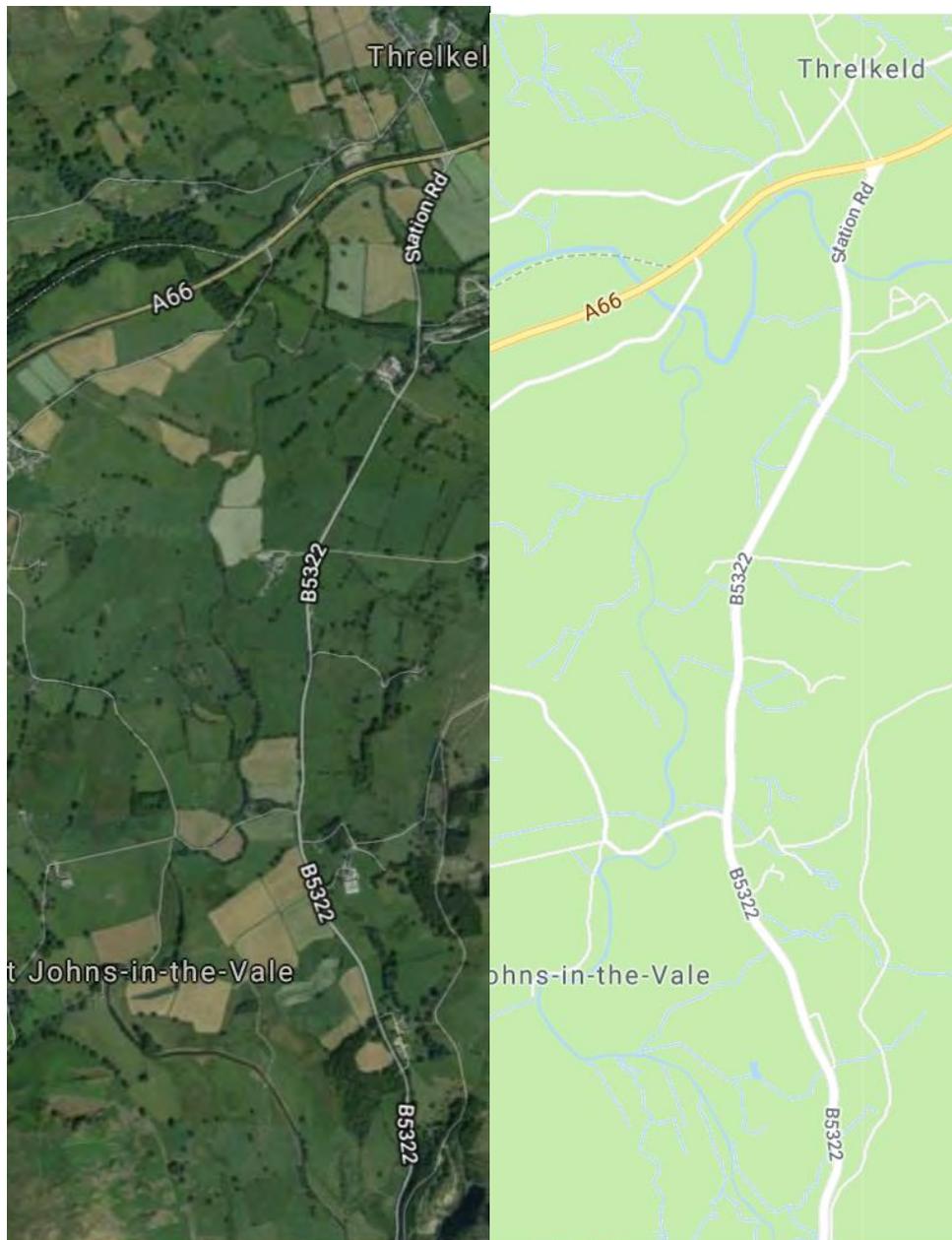
Permission & Tickets

There is no information about permission and in this case I don't think that matters much. Just remember to take your rod licence.



St Johns Beck Cumbria

Larry's Uncle owns the land



Longwood beat Langholm. £15 for x2 guest tickets TAS

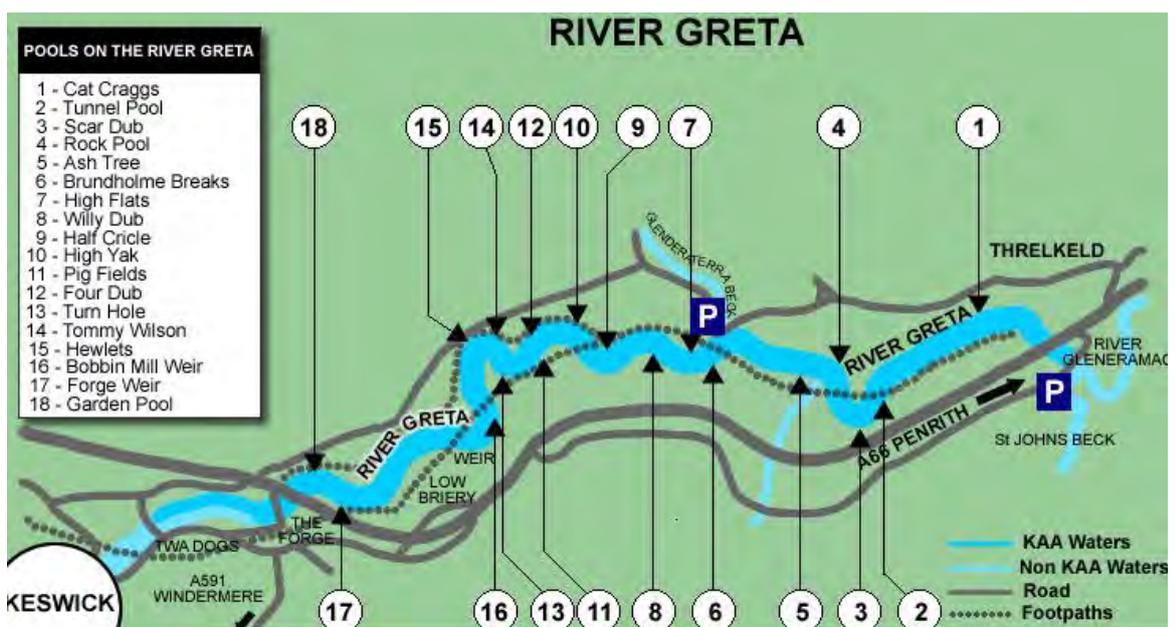
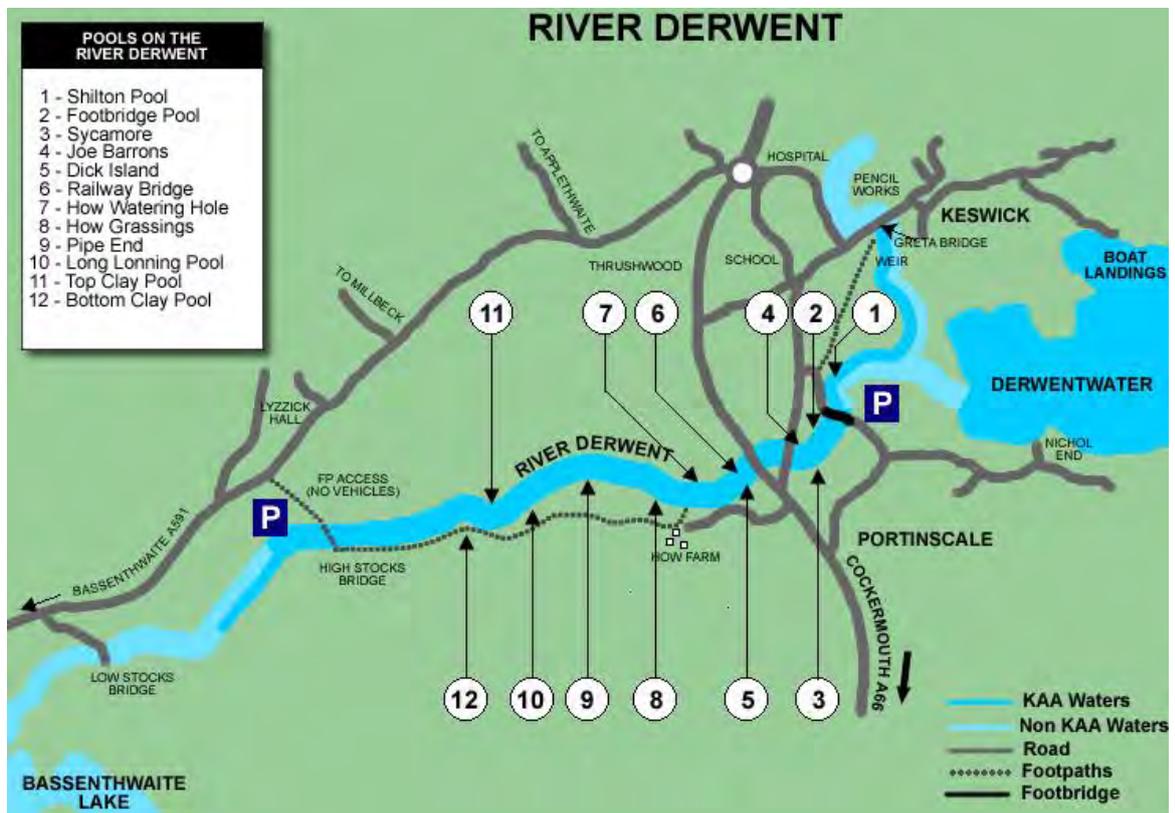


Longwood beat from the bridge in medium high water



Fishing The Greta or Derwent Keswick Anglers

Day tickets £10 each for trout



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(near Shap turning on M6)