



## Water Borne Access

**Thinking of going out on the water?** This is a special place for water birds throughout the year. As the seasons change birds come here to nest and rear their young; moult old feathers; rest after long migrations and feed over winter. We are providing this advice to help you avoid disturbing the birds. By behaving responsibly you can help to keep Loch Leven special.

### Canoes, kayaks and rowing boats

From **1 April to 31 August** you are welcome to use canoes, kayaks, rowing boats and similar craft on the loch. Please follow this simple advice:

- Launch from Kirkgate;
- Avoid paddling in the Bird Sensitive Area (see map) – shoreline, islands and bird viewing hides;
- Landing at Burleigh is unlikely to cause significant disturbance, please follow direct line through the marker buoys to the beach;
- Please only go onto the loch individually or in small groups;
- Show consideration for anglers by passing behind (upwind of) them to avoid interfering with their fishing activities.

From **1 September to 31 March** we advise against using canoes, kayaks, rowing boats and similar craft because huge numbers of birds are present across the loch and they are easily disturbed.



### Sail craft

We advise against sailing, windsurfing, or the use of similar craft on the loch at any time of year as these activities have an increased risk of disturbing birds.

### Motorised craft

The Loch Leven Fishery is operated by the owners of the loch and there are no public rights of access for motorised craft.

### Emergency arrangements

You are reminded the loch is exposed and prone to changeable conditions. You need proper equipment and the appropriate level of skills suitable for the site. In emergencies, please take whatever measures necessary to get yourself safely to landfall.

