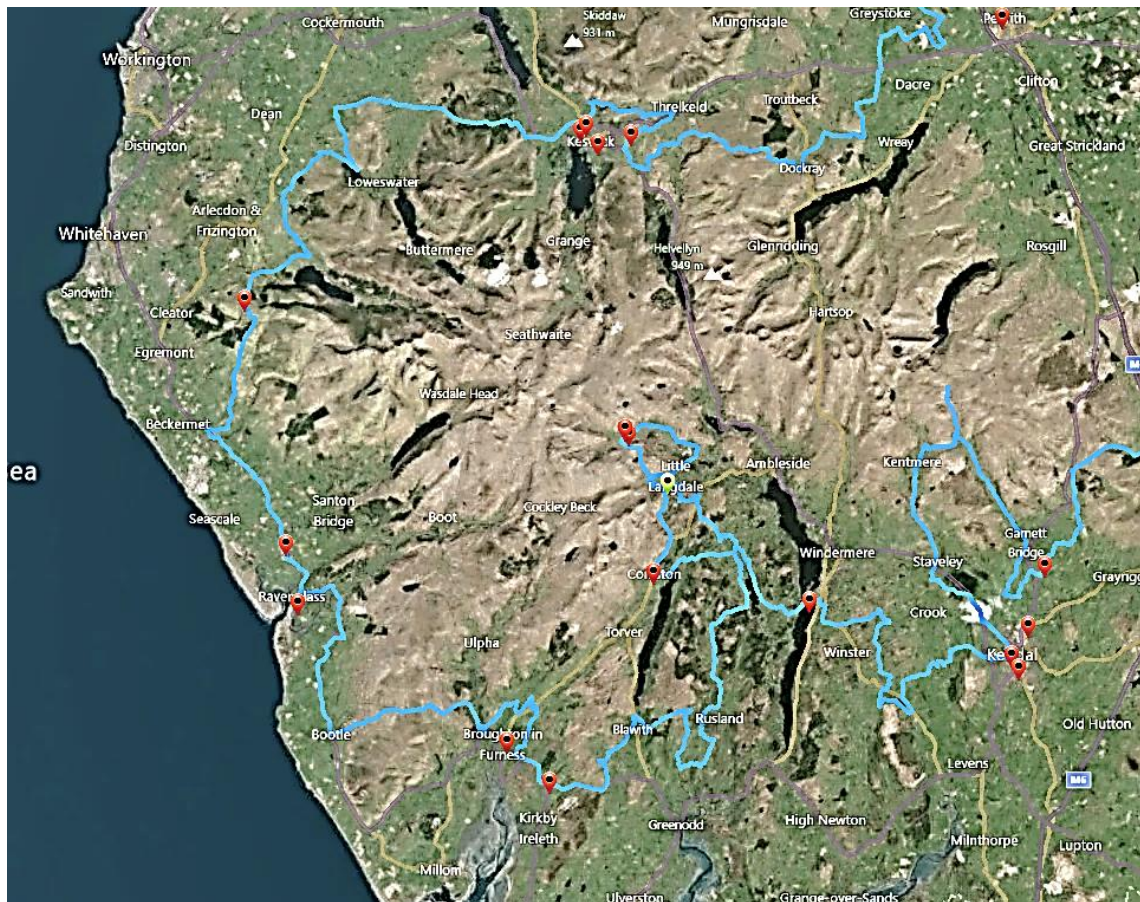


Dirt track Lake District – a European off-road network



The Trans Euro Trail for motor cyclists on Lake District green lanes

What is the Trans Euro Trail? As the [website](#) explains, it's Europe's "dirt road motorcycle adventure", from the edge of Africa to the Arctic Circle. "Influenced by the pioneering Trans America Trail, the Trans Euro Trail encourages adventurous riders to travel light and experience the rich diversity of Europe's land and culture."

In the UK the Trans Euro Trail incorporates scenic routes through areas of ancient and outstanding natural beauty. In the Lake District over 30 green lanes are included: among them the Old Coach Road, Tilberthwaite, Elterwater and Gale Road.

If you look at YouTube footage of motorbikes on the Lake District section of the network, reality dawns: these are motorcyclists who enjoy a challenging

surface in scenic surroundings, the quieter the better, and they don't mind turning the landscape into an adventure park. [This clip](#) is from Grizedale – over the music the roar of the bikes can be clearly heard.



And here two bikes are scrambling up the very [narrow stretch](#) between Low and High Hall Garth in Little Langdale – where meeting a motorbike can turn a pleasant walk into a nightmare. (See below about damage to this track.)



Allowing these activities to continue is not just inappropriate, it's also dangerous and directly contradicts the fundamental purposes of National Parks: to conserve and enhance natural beauty, wildlife, and cultural heritage while promoting quiet enjoyment for all.