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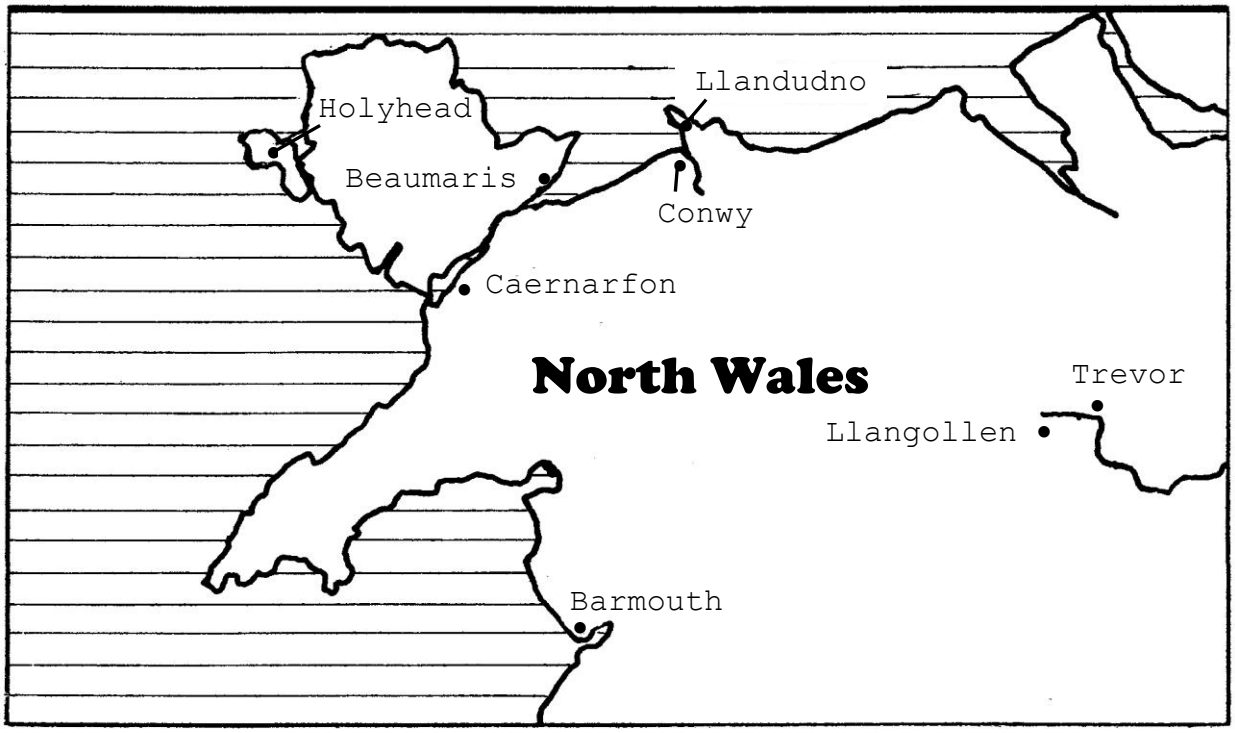
# North Wales




**FERRIES**

Barmouth - Fairbourne (R Mawddach)
Easter-Sep Barmouth Ferry

Anglo Welsh, Trevor

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| LITTLE STAR - SEREN FACH | 1984 | - | 21.3 m | 48 pass |

**Trevor**: Cruises on the Llangollen Canal across Pontcysyllte Aqueduct (45 mins, daily April - Oct, weekends in winter). *[BMIB member]*

Barmouth Ferry mobile 07900 074362

**Barmouth**: Ferry to Fairbourne.

Conwy Boat Trips mobile 07494 101955

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| GOLDEN MARIANA | 1973 | 33 grt | 16.2 m | 40 pass |

**Conwy**: Cruises to Great Orme (2 hrs 30 mins) or Puffin Island (3 hrs); angling trips. Times vary with tides.

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T Hughes, Conwy mobile 07917 343058

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| PRINCESS CHRISTINE | 1964 | - | 15.2 m | 60 pass |
| QUEEN VICTORIA | 1987 | 30 grt | 15.2 m | 60 pass |

**Conwy**: Sea and river cruises (30 mins to 1 hr 30 mins); special trips for coach and school parties (March - mid-Jan). Times vary with tides.

Irish Ferries - see 'Irish Sea'

**Holyhead** - Dublin.

E W & R J Jones, Caernarfon mobile 07979 593483

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| QUEEN OF THE SEA | 1937 | 18 grt | 15.8 m | 92 pass |

**Caernarfon**: Cruises on the Menai Strait (45 mins or 2 hrs) and cruises to Llanddwyn island (2 hrs) (July - Oct).

Llandudno Boat Trips mobile 07572 977926

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| SEA-JAY | 1984 | - | 12.2 m | 51 pass |
| SEABORNE | 1982 | - | 11.0 m | 46 pass |

**Llandudno**: Short sea cruises from the beach jetty; angling trips.

Seacoast Safaris, Beaumaris mobile 07854 028393

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| NEPTUNE EXPLORER | 2018 | - | 12.0 m | 54 pass |
| SUPANOVA | 2023 | - | 11.0 m | 22 pass m |

**Beaumaris**: Cruises to Puffin Island or the Menai Straits (1 hr 20 mins).

Starida Cruises, Beaumaris 01248 810379

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| ISLAND PRINCESS | ? | - | 11.6 m | 57 pass |

**Beaumaris**: Cruises to Penmon Lighthouse and Puffin Island (1 hr 15 mins) or Menai Bridge (1 hour). Angling trips.

Stena Line - see 'Irish Sea'

**Holyhead** - Dublin.

Waverley Excursions - see 'Scotland - West Coast' 0141 243 2224

**North Wales**: Occasional paddle steamer excursions from Holyhead and Llandudno (June).

Welsh Canal Holiday Craft, Llangollen 01978 860702

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| JAMES BRINDLEY | 1999 | - | 21.9 m | 70 pass h |
| THOMAS TELFORD | 2005 | - | 21.9 m | 57 pass |
| WILLIAM JESSOP | 1999 | - | 21.9 m | 70 pass h |

**Llangollen**: Horse-drawn cruises on the Canal (mid-March - Nov): 45-min cruises; trips to Horseshoe Falls (2 hrs). Trips by THOMAS TELFORD to Pontcysyllte Aqueduct (2 hrs each way, Easter - Oct).

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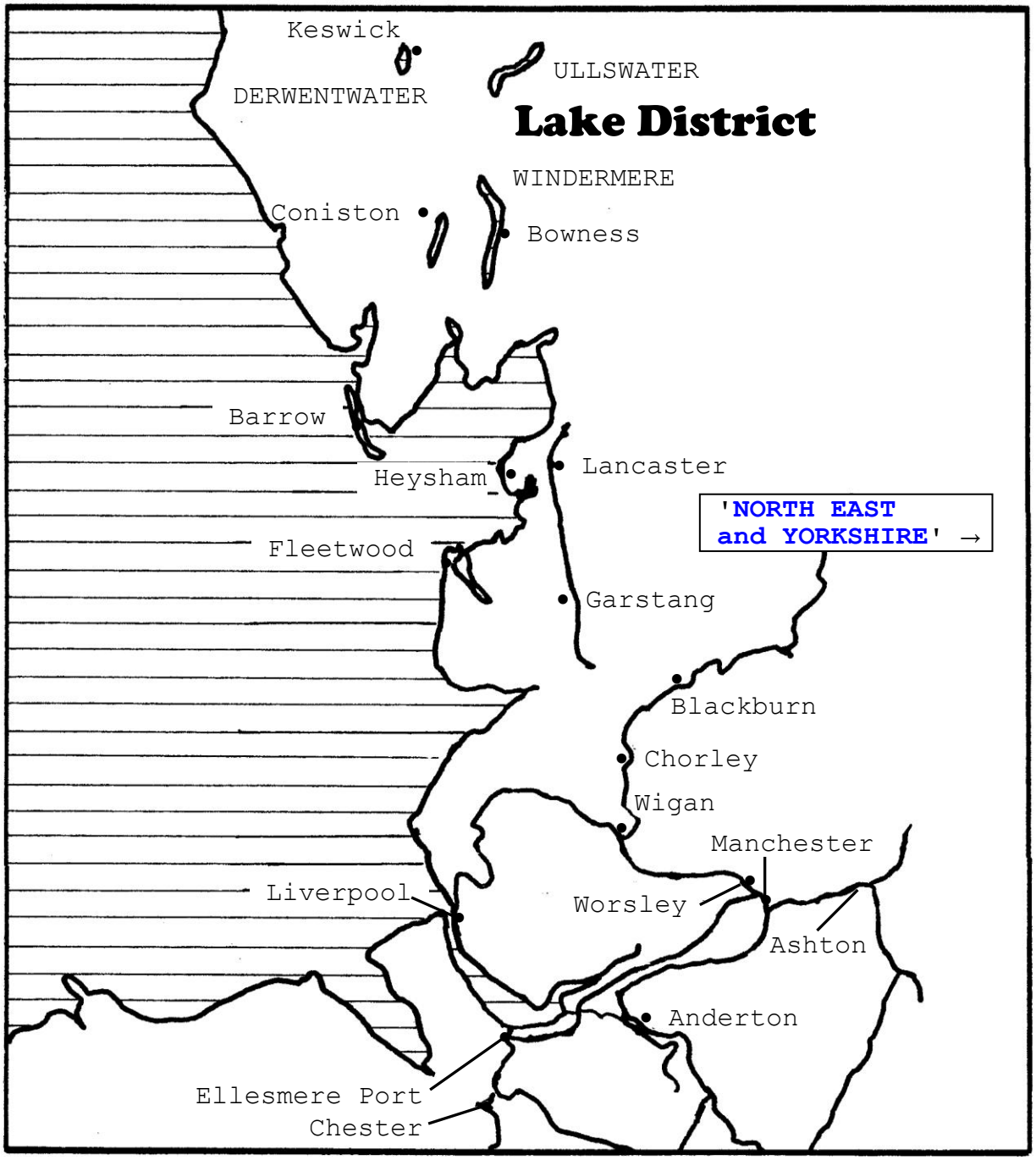


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# Cheshire - Lancashire

**FERRIES**

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|---|---|---|
| Chester: Sandy Lane | summer | Chester Boat |
| Liverpool - Seacombe (R Mersey) | 10 mins Mon-Fri | Mersey Ferries |
| Thelwall (Manchester Ship Canal) | | Bilway Marine |
| Hulmes Ferry, Irlam (Manchester Ship Canal) | summer only | Bilway Marine |
| Fleetwood - Knott End (R Wyre) | 5 mins | Wyre B C |
| Roa Island, Barrow - Piel Island | summer | Piel Ferry |

Anderton Boat Lift 01606 786777

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| EDWIN CLARK | ? | - | 17.1 m | 56 pass |

**Anderton**: Cruises on he river Weaver (1 hour); trips through the Boat Lift between the River Weaver and Trent & Mersey Canal (suspended until 2027).

Bilway Marine Services, Manchester mobile 07921 262368

**Manchester Ship Canal**: Ferries at Thelwall and Irlam.

Boatel Party Cruises, Chorley 01257 273269

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| ROYAL SOVEREIGN | 1972 | - | 18.3 m | 60 pass |

**Chorley**: Charter cruises on the Leeds & Liverpool Canal.

Bourbon Street Basement Barge, Manchester mobile 07790 901416

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| BASEMENT BARGE | 1981 | - | 16.8 m | 50 pass |

**Manchester**: Cruises on the Bridgewater Canal; trips to Old Trafford for Manchester United matches; charter trips.

Bridgewater Cruises, Worsley 01942 878606

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| COUNTESS OF BRIDGEWATER (previously L S LOWRY) | 1989 | - | 20.7 m | 60 pass |

**Worsley**: Cruises on the Bridgewater Canal from Boothstown Marine, Worsley.

Canal Boat Cruises of Riley Green, Blackburn 01254 202967

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| ROMANCE | 2007 | - | 17.7 m | 40 pass |

**Blackburn**: Cruises on the Leeds & Liverpool Canal from Riley Green, near Blackburn. Lunch and dinner cruises (3 hrs); charter trips. *[BMIB member]*

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ChesterBoat 01244 325394

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| THE JACKIE | 1971 | - | 15.5 m | 118 pass |
| LADY DIANA | 1981 | - | 19.8 m | 172 pass |
| MARK TWAIN | 1990 | - | 18.3 m | 100 pass |

**Chester** (The Groves): Cruises on the River Dee above Chester (30 mins, mid-Feb - Dec); 2-hr cruises to Eccleston Ferry and Ironbridge (May – Sep); evening cruises; Sandy Lane ferry; charter trips.

City Centre Cruises, Manchester 0161 902 0222

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| EMMELINE PANKHURST | 2012 | - | 20.7 m | 50 pass |

**Manchester** (Castlefield): Cruises on the Bridgewater Canal, River Irwell and upper Manchester Ship Canal. Sunday lunch cruises. Charter trips.

Daniel Adamson Preservation Society

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| DANIEL ADAMSON | 1903 | 173 grt | 33.5 m | 100 pass | ● |

**River Weaver**: Cruises from Ellesmere Port, Sutton Weaver, Acton Bridge and Anderton in a preserved tug.

Dry Barge, Manchester mobile 07788 113316

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| BOHEMIA | 1988 | - | ? m | 60 pass |

**Manchester**: Cruises on the Bridgewater Canal; trips to Old Trafford for Manchester United matches; charter trips.

Isle of Man Steam Packet Co - see 'Irish Sea'

**Liverpool** - Douglas;
**Heysham** - Douglas.

Kingfisher Cruises, Lancaster 01524 389410

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| KINGFISHER | 2008 | - | 19.8 m | 60 pass |

**Lancaster**: Cruises on the Lancaster Canal from Lancaster and Barton Grange (March - Dec); charter trips.

Kittywake Canal Cruises, Wigan 01942 836885

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| ELLESWAKE | ? | - | ? m | 60 pass |
| KITTYWAKE | 1983 | - | 16.8 m | 41 pass |

**Wigan** (Pier): Public and charter cruises on the Leeds & Liverpool Canal.

Lancaster Canal Cruises, Garstang 01995 640833

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| JUNGLE QUEEN | 2006 | - | 19.8 m | 47 pass |

**Garstang** (Bilsborrow Wharf): Public and charter cruises on the Lancaster Canal.

Liverpool Boat Charter mobile 07540 373838

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| THE FLOATING GRACE | 2011 | - | 21.3 m | 50 pass |
| SKYLARK | 1978 | - | 11.6 m | 38 pass |

**Liverpool** (Salthouse Dock): Lunch and dinner cruises around the South Liverpool docks; charter trips.

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Liverpool Boat Tour mobile 07770 993222

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| PRINCESS (previously PRINCESS ROYAL) | 1952 | - | 17.1 m | 60 pass |
| ST CUTHBERT II | 1983 | - | 11.9 m | 73 pass |

**Liverpool** (Albert Dock): Cruises around the South Liverpool docks (30 mins); charter trips.

Manchester River Cruises 0161 960 0534

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| ISABELLA (previously NOTTINGHAM PRINCE) | 1998 | - | 26.0 m | 80 pass |
| PRINCESS KATHERINE | 1988 | 41 grt | 19.8 m | 80 pass |

**Manchester**: Cruises on the Manchester Ship Canal and river Irwell from Salford Quays (1 hour); evening cruises with music; charter trips. *[PBA member]*

Mersey Ferries 0300 131 2881

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| ROYAL DAFFODIL | 2026 | 1037 gt | 49.8 m | ? pass |
| SNOWDROP | 1960 | 670 grt | 46.3 m | 600 pass |

**Mersey**: Liverpool - Seacombe ferry. River cruises from Liverpool, Seacombe and Woodside (50 mins, all year); cruises in Liverpool Bay (3 hrs); day cruises on the Manchester Ship Canal to Latchford; evening cruises; charter trips.

National Waterways Museum Ellesmere Port 0151 355 5017

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| DIANA MARGARET (previously CENTAUR) | 1989 | - | 21.3 m | 64 pass |

**Ellesmere Port**: Cruises on the Shropshire Union Canal (30 mins).

Piel Ferry, Barrow mobile 07798 794550

**Barrow**: Roa Island - Piel Island ferry; seal-watching cruises.

Splash Tours, Liverpool

**Liverpool** (Albert Dock): Sightseeing trips in an amphibious craft (1 hour).

Stena Line - see 'Irish Sea'

**Birkenhead** - Belfast.

Tameside Canal Boat Trust

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| STILL WATERS | 1996 | - | 14.3 m | 47 pass | u |

**Ashton-under-Lyne** (Portland Basin Museum): Cruises on the Ashton and Peak Forest Canals; public trips on Sundays and Bank Holidays; charter trips (Easter - Sep). Boat is pushed by a tug.

Waverley Excursions - see 'Scotland - West Coast' 0141 243 2224

**Liverpool and Seacombe**: Occasional paddle steamer excursions (June).

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Wyre Council

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| WYRE ROSE | 2005 | - | 10.0 m | 30 pass |

**Fleetwood - Knott End** ferry service, operated by Wyre Marine Services.

Wyre Marine Services, Fleetwood mobile 07793 270934

**Fleetwood - Knott End** ferry service.

# Lake District

**FERRIES**

Windermere: Ferry Nab near Bowness - Ferry House, Far Sawrey 5 mins 🚗 Westmorland

Coniston Launch 017687 75753

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| CAMPBELL | 1976 | - | 11.9 m | 58 pass |
| CYGNET | 1964 | - | 12.8 m | 46 pass |

**Coniston Water**: Services from Coniston, The Coniston Inn, Torver and Brantwood (45 mins round trip) or from Coniston, Torver, Sunny Bank and Brantwood (1 hr round trip) (daily mid-March - early-Nov, limited service in winter), and from Coniston to Torver, Lake Bank, Sunny Bank and Brantwood (1 hr 30 mins, April - Sep); charter trips.

Keswick Launch Co 017687 72263

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| ANNIE MELLOR | 1935 | - | 18.3 m | 108 pass |
| LADY DERWENTWATER | 1926 | - | 17.1 m | 90 pass |
| LAKELAND MIST | 1962 | 19 grt | 16.5 m | 72 pass |
| PRINCESS MARGARET ROSE | 1938 | - | 17.1 m | 93 pass |

**Keswick**: Sailings on Derwentwater from Keswick, calling at Ashness Gate, Lodore, High Brandlehow, Low Brandlehow, Hawes End and Nichol End; round trip lasts about 50 mins (weekends Feb - Nov, daily mid-March - mid-Nov and school holidays).

National Trust (Enterprises), Coniston 015394 32733

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| GONDOLA | 1859 | 42 grt | 27.1 m | 86 pass | ● |

**Coniston**: Cruises on Coniston Water from Coniston Pier, calling at Lake Bank, Park-a-Moor, Brantwood and Monk Coniston (daily, April - October).

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Ullswater 'Steamers' 017684 82229

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| LADY DOROTHY | 1967 | - | 15.2 m | 63 pass |
| LADY OF THE LAKE | 1877 | 43 grt | 29.6 m | 220 pass |
| LADY WAKEFIELD | 1949 | 50 grt | 20.4 m | 150 pass |
| RAVEN | 1889 | 63 grt | 34.1 m | 247 pass |
| WESTERN BELLE | 1935 | 56 grt | 21.3 m | 160 pass |

**Ullswater**: Glenridding - Howtown (35 mins) - Pooley Bridge (25 mins from Howtown) (all-year); Glenridding - Aira Force (all-year); charter trips.

Westmorland & Furness Council 01539 713066

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| MALLARD | 1990 | - | 25.9 m | cable C |

**Windermere**: Ferry service.

Windermere Lake Cruises 015394 43360

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| MISS CUMBRIA | 1974 | 43 grt | 20.1 m | 128 pass |
| MISS CUMBRIA II | 1977 | 43 grt | 20.1 m | 128 pass |
| MISS CUMBRIA III | 1979 | 43 grt | 20.1 m | 128 pass |
| MISS CUMBRIA IV | 1988 | 43 grt | 20.1 m | 128 pass |
| MISS LAKELAND | 1985 | 46 grt | 19.2 m | 175 pass |
| MISS LAKELAND II | 1992 | 43 grt | 20.3 m | 156 pass |
| MISS WESTMORLAND | 1988 | 46 grt | 18.3 m | 128 pass |
| MURIEL II | 1935 | 7 grt | 13.7 m | 57 pass |
| PRINCESS OF THE LAKE | 1950 | 9 grt | 15.2 m | 84 pass |
| QUEEN OF THE LAKE | 1949 | 9 grt | 15.2 m | 84 pass |
| SILVER HOLME | 1969 | 18 grt | 16.2 m | 84 pass |
| SUNFLOWER II | 1950 | 17 grt | 13.7 m | 57 pass |
| SWAN | 1938 | 251 grt | 42.0 m | 533 pass |
| SWIFT | 2020 | 328 gt | 34.0 m | 300 pass |
| TEAL | 1936 | 251 grt | 42.0 m | 533 pass |
| TERN | 1891 | 120 grt | 42.8 m | 350 pass |
| VENTURE | 1966 | 8 grt | 10.6 m | 45 pass e |

**Windermere**: Lakeside - Bowness (40 mins) - Ambleside (30 mins from Bowness) (all-year); cruises round the islands from Bowness (45 mins, all-year); trips to the National Trust Leisure Park at Fell Foot; service from Hill of Oaks to Lakeside; service from Bowness to Ferry House; service from Ambleside to Wray Castle and Brockhole (Easter - Oct); service from Ambleside to Bowness via Brockhole and Windermere Jetty museum (April - Oct). Charter trips.

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**Title** - This is the name by which the firm is usually identified and is not necessarily the full legal name or the registered owner of a vessel.

**Name of vessel** - If the vessel's name has changed since the 2022 'Trip Out' guide, the previous name is given; other former names are not listed.

**Nationality of vessel** - All vessels listed are of British registry.

**Particulars of vessel** - Year of completion, "gt" or gross tonnage, overall length in metres, and maximum passenger capacity.

**Type of vessel** - the following codes are used:
C - car ferry,
m - catamaran or trimaran,
● - steam engined,
e - electrically powered,
h - horse drawn,
u - unpowered
(all other vessels have diesel engines).

**Catering** - Facilities are indicated by symbols:

☕ Tea, coffee, soft drinks, biscuits, etc.

🍺 Licensed bar serving beer, spirits, etc; tea, coffee and light snacks are usually available as well.

✕ Full meals; a bar is always available as well.

The facility indicated may not be available on all of an operator's vessels at all times. The appearance of a symbol does not imply any recommendation of quality.

**Services**- Dates are inclusive: thus, "May - Aug" means from the beginning of May to the end of August.
Unless stated otherwise, cruises and excursions run in summer only, but charter trips are available all year.

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