

Great days out by train!

The Furness Line

Barrow-in-Furness – Lancaster & Morecambe

Furness Abbey, Barrow-in-Furness



Ashton Memorial, Lancaster, © Ian Lawson Photography



Eric Morecambe statue, Morecambe
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Hoad Hill, Ulverston

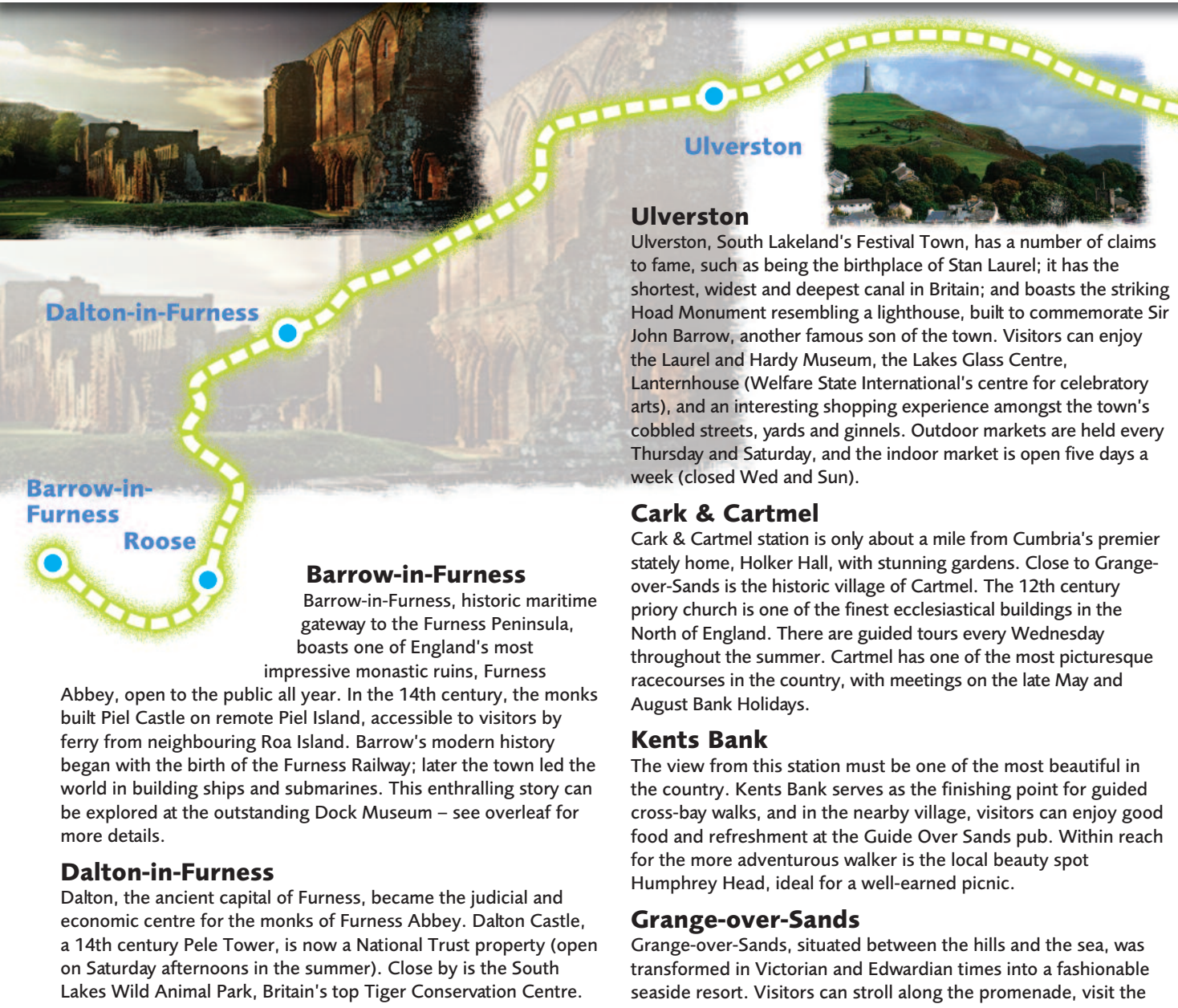


Arnside viaduct, courtesy of Alan Johnstone



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The railway between Barrow-in-Furness and Lancaster passes through the towns of Ulverston, Grange-over-Sands and Carnforth, offering spectacular views across Morecambe Bay and the Kent Estuary. The short journey from Lancaster to Morecambe takes you to one of England's classic seaside towns with its backdrop of the Lakeland Fells.



Dalton-in-Furness

Barrow-in-Furness
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Barrow-in-Furness

Barrow-in-Furness, historic maritime gateway to the Furness Peninsula, boasts one of England's most

impressive monastic ruins, Furness

Abbey, open to the public all year. In the 14th century, the monks built Piel Castle on remote Piel Island, accessible to visitors by ferry from neighbouring Roa Island. Barrow's modern history began with the birth of the Furness Railway; later the town led the world in building ships and submarines. This enthralling story can be explored at the outstanding Dock Museum – see overleaf for more details.

Dalton-in-Furness

Dalton, the ancient capital of Furness, became the judicial and economic centre for the monks of Furness Abbey. Dalton Castle, a 14th century Pele Tower, is now a National Trust property (open on Saturday afternoons in the summer). Close by is the South Lakes Wild Animal Park, Britain's top Tiger Conservation Centre.

Ulverston

Ulverston

Ulverston, South Lakeland's Festival Town, has a number of claims to fame, such as being the birthplace of Stan Laurel; it has the shortest, widest and deepest canal in Britain; and boasts the striking Hoad Monument resembling a lighthouse, built to commemorate Sir John Barrow, another famous son of the town. Visitors can enjoy the Laurel and Hardy Museum, the Lakes Glass Centre, Lanternhouse (Welfare State International's centre for celebratory arts), and an interesting shopping experience amongst the town's cobbled streets, yards and ginnels. Outdoor markets are held every Thursday and Saturday, and the indoor market is open five days a week (closed Wed and Sun).

Cark & Cartmel

Cark & Cartmel station is only about a mile from Cumbria's premier stately home, Holker Hall, with stunning gardens. Close to Grange-over-Sands is the historic village of Cartmel. The 12th century priory church is one of the finest ecclesiastical buildings in the North of England. There are guided tours every Wednesday throughout the summer. Cartmel has one of the most picturesque racecourses in the country, with meetings on the late May and August Bank Holidays.

Kents Bank

The view from this station must be one of the most beautiful in the country. Kents Bank serves as the finishing point for guided cross-bay walks, and in the nearby village, visitors can enjoy good food and refreshment at the Guide Over Sands pub. Within reach for the more adventurous walker is the local beauty spot Humphrey Head, ideal for a well-earned picnic.

Grange-over-Sands

Grange-over-Sands, situated between the hills and the sea, was transformed in Victorian and Edwardian times into a fashionable seaside resort. Visitors can stroll along the promenade, visit the

colourful Ornamental Gardens and patronise the plentiful supply of specialist shops and cafés. Newby Bridge, linked to Grange by a regular bus service, is close to Lakeside at the tip of Windermere where three premier attractions can be visited – the Lakeside and Haverthwaite Railway, the Aquarium of the Lakes and the National Trust's Fell Foot Park.

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Arnside

Arnside is an area of outstanding natural beauty (AONB). The picturesque viaduct across the Kent Estuary provides rail passengers with spectacular views over the bay. The town of Arnside provides the starting point for Cross Bay, Westmorland Way and Limestone link walks.

Silverdale

Set in the Arnside and Silverdale AONB, the station is just over a mile from Silverdale village, but only a few minutes' walk from the RSPB Nature Reserve at Leighton Moss. The swathes of reed bed are a haven for both local and migratory species. The Visitor Centre houses a gift shop and tea room.

Carnforth

Carnforth is a busy, friendly town with a good selection of shops, famous for its associations with the film 'Brief Encounter'. Just over a mile away is the village of Warton, which has connections with the family of George Washington. The winding paths of Warton Crag Nature Reserve take visitors through a wealth of wildflowers and foliage to the Beacon at the top, where there are superb views across the sands.

Morecambe

Morecambe has something for everyone. The station is just a stone's throw from the level promenade, with its iconic Eric Morecambe statue and stone jetty. The views across the bay are stunning, and there are many tea shops, cafés and restaurants. On Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday you're sure to find a bargain at Morecambe Market. A spectacular programme of events takes place during the summer. Alight at Bare Lane for Happy Mount Park – an ideal setting for picnics.

Arnside

Lancaster

From the towering ramparts of the castle and quiet calm of the priory across to the domed Ashton Memorial and Williamson Park, Lancaster just begs to be explored. A walk through Lancaster and a visit to the City Museum and Maritime Museum (on the quayside) enables you to discover more of this ancient town. The Judges' Lodgings Museum houses a fine collection of Gillow furniture, and its elegant rooms recreate life as it was in the 18th century. Lancaster's Market Hall sells everything from organic carrots to picture frames, and a traditional street market operates on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

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Continuing your journey from Barrow-in-Furness to Carlisle via the Cumbrian Coast

The scenic railway line links the industrial and maritime town of Barrow-in-Furness in the south to the border city of Carlisle in the north. The journey along the Cumbrian Coast line of 85 miles passes through the Western Lake District, an area steeped in cultural, industrial and maritime history, set against a backdrop of lakes and mountains. In Millom you can discover the iron ore heritage of the town at the Millom Heritage Museum and Visitor Centre. Ravenglass – the Lake District National Park's only coastal village – is home to the Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway, and Muncaster Castle and Gardens are also close by. Discover the Georgian town of Whitehaven with its harbour and many attractions, including the Beacon and the Rum Story, or visit Maryport with its award-winning Lake District Coast Aquarium.

www.western-lakedistrict.co.uk

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Places to visit

Barrow-in-Furness

Barrow Dock Museum www.dockmuseum.org.uk

Furness Abbey www.english-heritage.org.uk/daysout/properties/furness-abbey

Dalton-in-Furness

South Lakeland Wildlife Park www.wildanimalpark.co.uk

Ulverston

Laurel & Hardy Museum www.laurel-and-hardy.co.uk

Silverdale

RSPB Leighton Moss www.rspb.org.uk/reserves/guide/l/leightonmoss

Carnforth

Carnforth Station and Visitor Centre www.carnforthstation.co.uk

Lancaster

Lancaster Castle www.lancastercastle.com

Lancaster Maritime Museum
Lancaster City Museum www.lancashire.gov.uk/acs/sites/museums

Leighton Moss is the largest reed bed in north-west England, and home to some really special birds such as breeding bitterns, bearded tits and marsh harriers. You might see deer too, not to mention butterflies aplenty!



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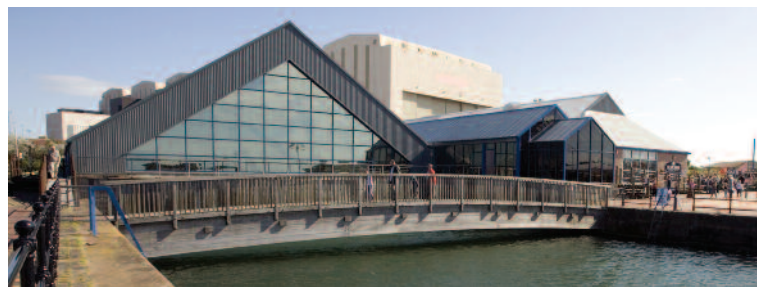
View from hide, courtesy of Ben Hall



Bearded tit, courtesy of Andy Hay

Barrow Dock Museum

One of the best attractions in the North of England, The Dock Museum, Barrow is built over a Victorian graving dock. Be amazed in the Dock Hall and marvel at the collection of original ship models. Explore the galleries and discover the fascinating history of Barrow. Find out about the development of Barrow, the local industries and the living conditions of the past. Enjoy film shows, temporary exhibitions and the themed adventure playground on a stunning waterfront site. The museum is open throughout the year. For opening times visit www.dockmuseum.org or telephone **01229 876400**. Admission is free.



Useful Information

Tickets

Purchase one of our Day Ranger tickets and hop on and off trains all day along the Furness Line and beyond. For terms and conditions and full details of all tickets available, please visit www.northernrail.org or call National Rail Enquiries on 08457 48 49 50.

Where to purchase

Tickets can be purchased at ticket offices at any staffed station or from conductors on trains when starting your journey from unstaffed stations or where the ticket office is closed.

Tourist Information

Barrow-in-Furness: touristinfo@barrowbc.gov.uk
www.barrowtourism.co.uk

Cumbria: www.golakes.co.uk

Lancaster & Morecambe: www.citycoastcountryside.co.uk



Timetable Information

For train times on the Furness Line, pick up the First TransPennine Express guide 15: Barrow-in-Furness – Lancaster – Manchester Airport.

First TransPennine Express

For train times on the Cumbrian Coast Line, pick up Northern timetable 6: this booklet includes connections to and from the Furness Line; however, not all trains between Barrow-in-Furness and Lancaster are shown.

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