



## NORTH WEST SHORTLIST



### SURPRISE VIEW

Ashness Bridge,  
the Bowder Stone and Watendlath,  
Keswick,  
Lake District

Tick when you've visited!

You set off from Keswick and leave the town behind, walking through the woods to make the climb to Ashness Bridge. It's a good walk and not too strenuous. You finally reach the gorgeous surprise view - it's just there when you least expect it and if you forgot your camera, don't worry, smile because that gives you a reason to return. Take it all in - it's the most beautiful view and it's been there forever.



### LAKE WINDERMERE

Lake Windermere,  
Morpeth,  
NE61 5BX

Druridge Bay Country Park has so much to do and see. There's the lake with the stepping stones, the woods, the play area, the cafe and picnic area, and best of all, the sandy beach. Plenty of free parking with the option to go canoeing or surfing or simply just walk in the beautiful green wide open spaces. Lovely place for families and children.



### DUNSOP BRIDGE

Ribble Valley,  
Lancashire

Dunsop Village is a picturesque village in the heart of the Forest of Bowland AONB. Stand on Dunsop Bridge and you will find yourself in the exact geographic centre of Great Britain. The Dunsop and the Hodder and the bridge that gives the village its name is a popular place to feed the families of ducks that live nearby. In fact, Puddleducks Post Office and Tea Rooms sells more duck food than anything else!



### DOWNHAM VILLAGE

East of Clitheroe,  
Downham,  
Ribble Valley

Nestling under the bulk of Pendle Hill this is one of the loveliest villages in Lancashire, quiet and unspoiled with a gurgling brook running past the village green and stone-built cottages. The church tower is a splendid example of 15th century architecture. Successive generations of the Assheton family have lived at Downham Hall since 1558; the present squire is Lord Clitheroe of Downham. A large stone by the entrance to Downham Hall is said to mark the final resting place of two legionnaires who died on the Roman road during trouble with the Brigantes. It also has associations with Old Mother Demdike and other infamous Lancashire witches.



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### CALF HEY RESERVOIR

Haslingden Grane,  
Borough of Rossendale

It is a beautiful tranquil spot with fabulous views whatever the season. The reservoir is surrounded by heather moorland and has lots of walks nearby, including an accessible path with benches all the way round the water. Many happy memories to be made visiting Calf Hey.

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