



# Boaters' Guides

## Welcome

### Welcome to waterscape.com's Boaters' Guides.

These guides list facilities across the waterway network. This first release of the guides covers the facilities provided by British Waterways on its navigations in England and Wales.

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The same information is used in the maps on waterscape.com itself, to ensure consistency. It will be regularly updated by local staff whenever details change.

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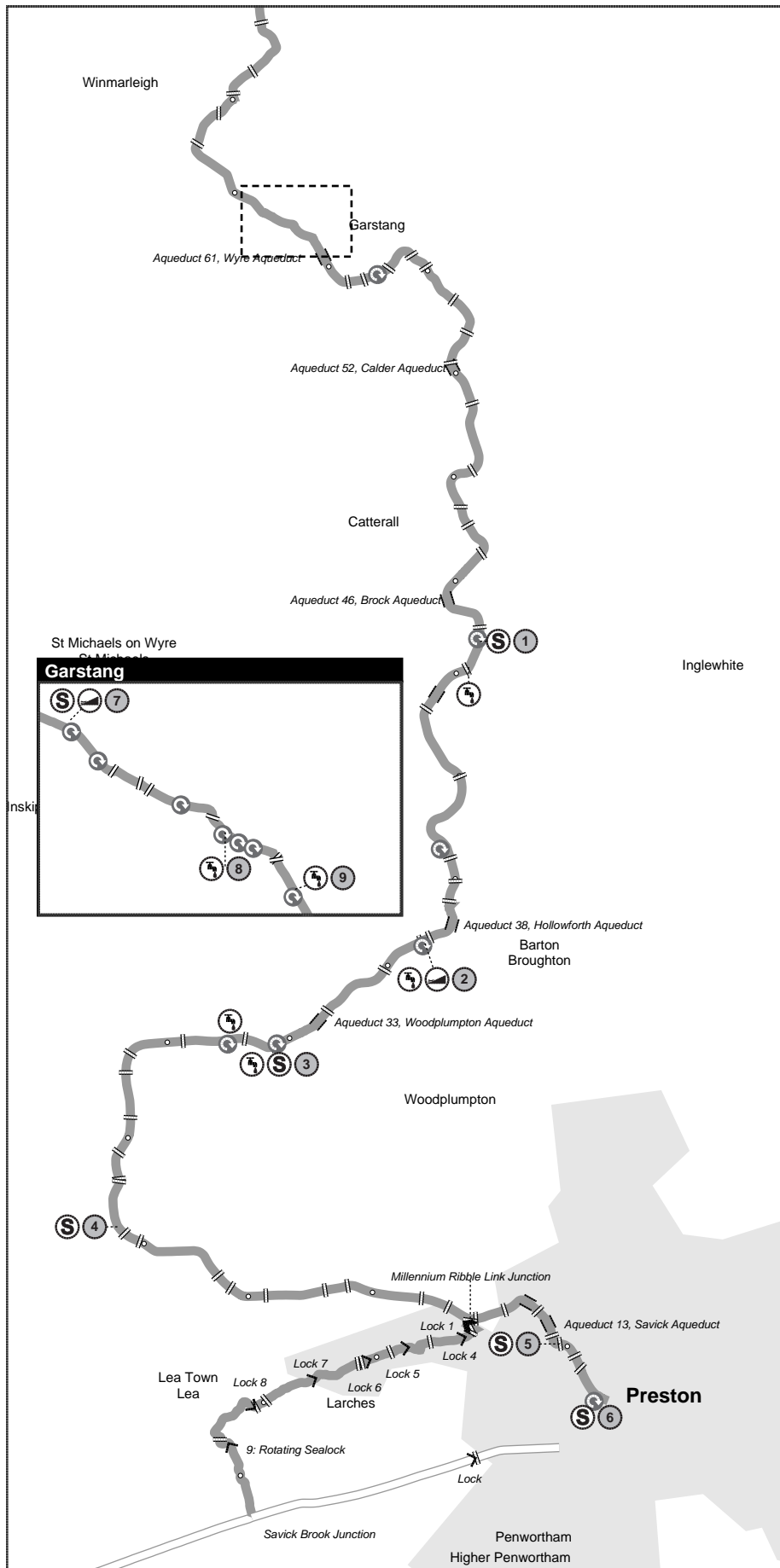
## Dimension data

British Waterways' waterway dimension data is currently being updated. The following information is for general guidance purposes. Queries should be directed to BW's customer service centre on 0845 671 5530 or email [enquiries.hq@britishwaterways.co.uk](mailto:enquiries.hq@britishwaterways.co.uk)

## Key to facilities

-  Winding hole (length specified)
-  Winding hole (full length)
-  Visitor mooring
-  Information and office
-  Dock and/or slipway
-  Slipway only
-  Services and facilities
-  Water point only

# Lancaster Canal, Ribble Link



## Navigation notes

### Lancaster Canal

**Main line:** Length 70ft (21.3m). Beam 14ft (4.2m). Headroom 8ft (2.4m). Navigation should be possible for boats of up to 72ft length and 14ft 6in beam, but please consult the waterway office first.

### Ribble Link

Those who wish to use the link must obtain the Skippers Guide and booking form from BW Galgate Office. Guide contains essential navigational notes. Opening times are dictated by the tides in the Ribble Estuary.

The Ribble Link-Rufford Branch route is tidal. Boats should carry as a minimum; anchor/chain/warp/VHF radio or mobile phone/lifejackets/fire fighting equipment/coastal flares. Check your boat insurance covers tidal waters.

For help whilst navigating the River Ribble, please contact Preston Riverway Control on VHF Channel 16 or telephone 01772 726871. A chargeable pilot service for the Ribble can be obtained from 01772 632439.

Length 62ft (18.8m). Beam 7ft (2.1m). Headroom 7ft 8in (2.3m). Draught 2ft (0.6m). Locks are 14ft wide, but a tight turn restricts passage to long narrowboats or short broad-beam boats - long, broad-beam boats may not be able to pass. Owners of broad-beam boats should contact the waterway office for more details.

Anything up to 10ft is the recommended maximum beam, due to restrictions at the Sewer Pipe crossing. All lengths can be lowered if required, though this would be dependent on inspection by the operational staff.

## Stoppages and restrictions

### Glasson Branch (Lancaster Canal)

**Glasson Branch:** Stoppage (4 Jan 11-4 Mar 11): Gate replacement and repairs Contact: 01942 405700

## Services and facilities

### Lancaster Canal

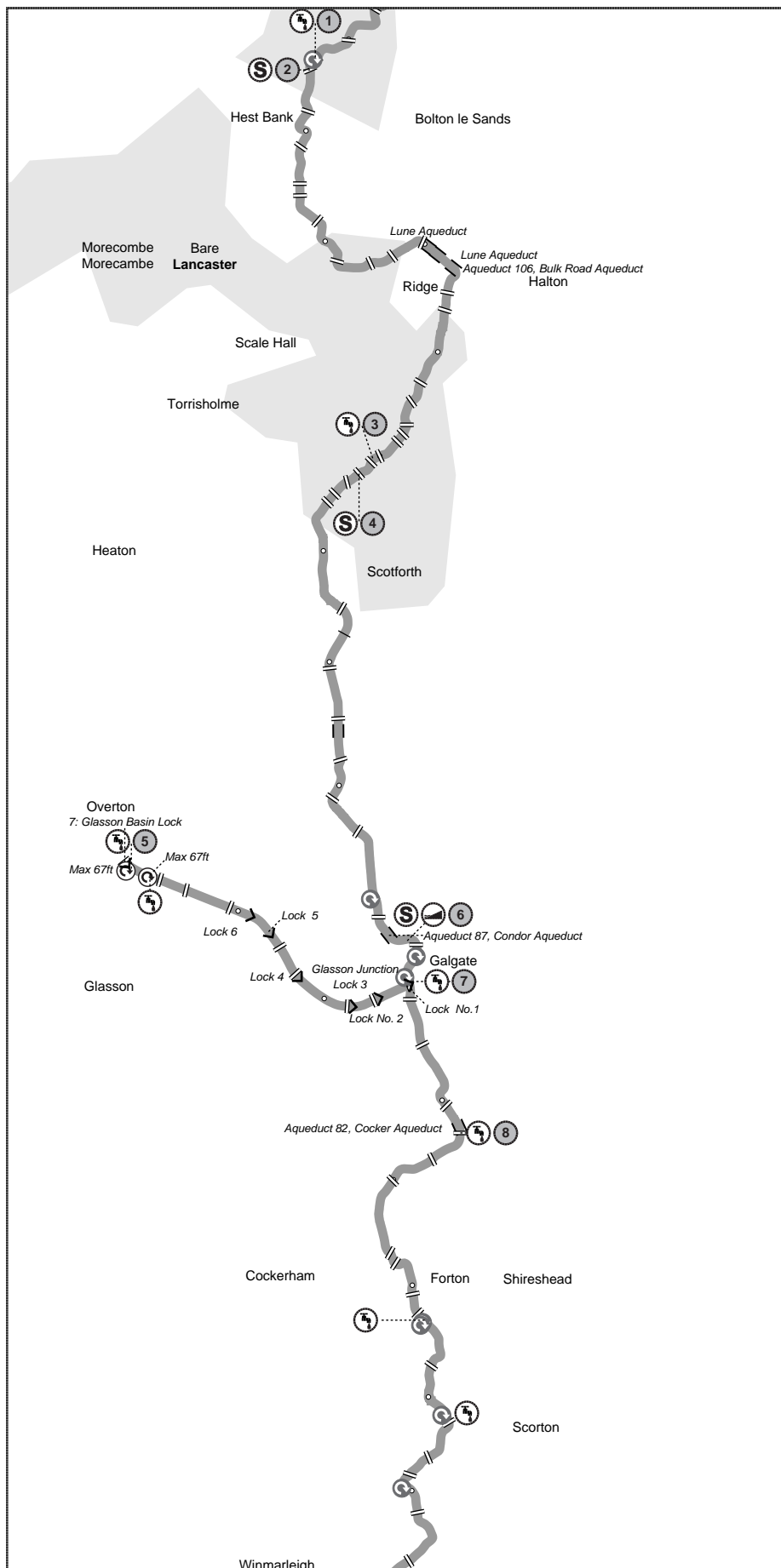
- 1 Bilsborrow:** Water, Elsan disposal, toilet, refuse disposal. BW/Electronic Key Fob required.
- 2 Moons Bridge Marina:** Water. Boatyard facilities available.
- 3 Pendle Marine:** Water. Wheelchair access
- 3 Jolly Roger Boat Centre:** Water, Elsan disposal, toilet. Boatyard facilities available.
- 4 Salwick Wharf:**
- 5 Bridge 12 Woodplumpton Road Bridge:** BW/Electronic Key Fob required. Sanitary Station
- 6 Arlen Hire Boats:** Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out. Boatyard facilities available.
- 7 Bridge House Marina:** Water, Elsan disposal, toilet, shower. Boatyard facilities available.
- 8 Moss Lane:** Water. Wheelchair access
- 9 Tythe Barn Garstang:** Water. Wheelchair access

## Slipways and docks

Lancaster Canal

**2** **Moons Bridge Marina:** Slipway.

**7** **Bridge House Marina:** Slipway. Private



## Locks and bridges

**Lock 7, Glasson Basin Lock:** Entrance Lock from Glasson Dock into Glasson Basin will take boats up to 87' 10" x 26' 3" with 11'9" draught and operates 2 hours before high water. Anyone wishing to use the lock (24 hours notice is required) must contact BW's Galgate Office 01524 751888 during office hours. The basin links to a sea lock which is operated by the Lancaster Port Commission: to use it, call 01524 751482 24 hours in advance.

## Services and facilities

- 1 Hest Bank:** Water. Wheelchair access.
- 2 Bridge 117, Hest Bank Occupation Bridge:** BW/Electronic Key Fob required. Sanitary Station
- 3 Lancaster Penny Street:** Water. Wheelchair access.
- 4 Bridge 98, Basin Bridge:** Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, shower, refuse disposal. BW key and electronic key fob required. Useful shops and stores to the west.
- 5 Glasson Basin Yacht Co:** Water. Diesel/Gas/Overnight Mooring/Boat Sales and Repairs/Winter Storage/Travel Hoist/Chandlery/Books/Maps
- 6 Marina Park:** Water, Elsan disposal, toilet, shower, refuse disposal.
- 7 Lodge Hill Galgate:** Water. Wheelchair access.
- 8 Potters Brook Bridge 81:** Water. A lane across the A6 leads to a telephone and hotel.

## Slipways and docks

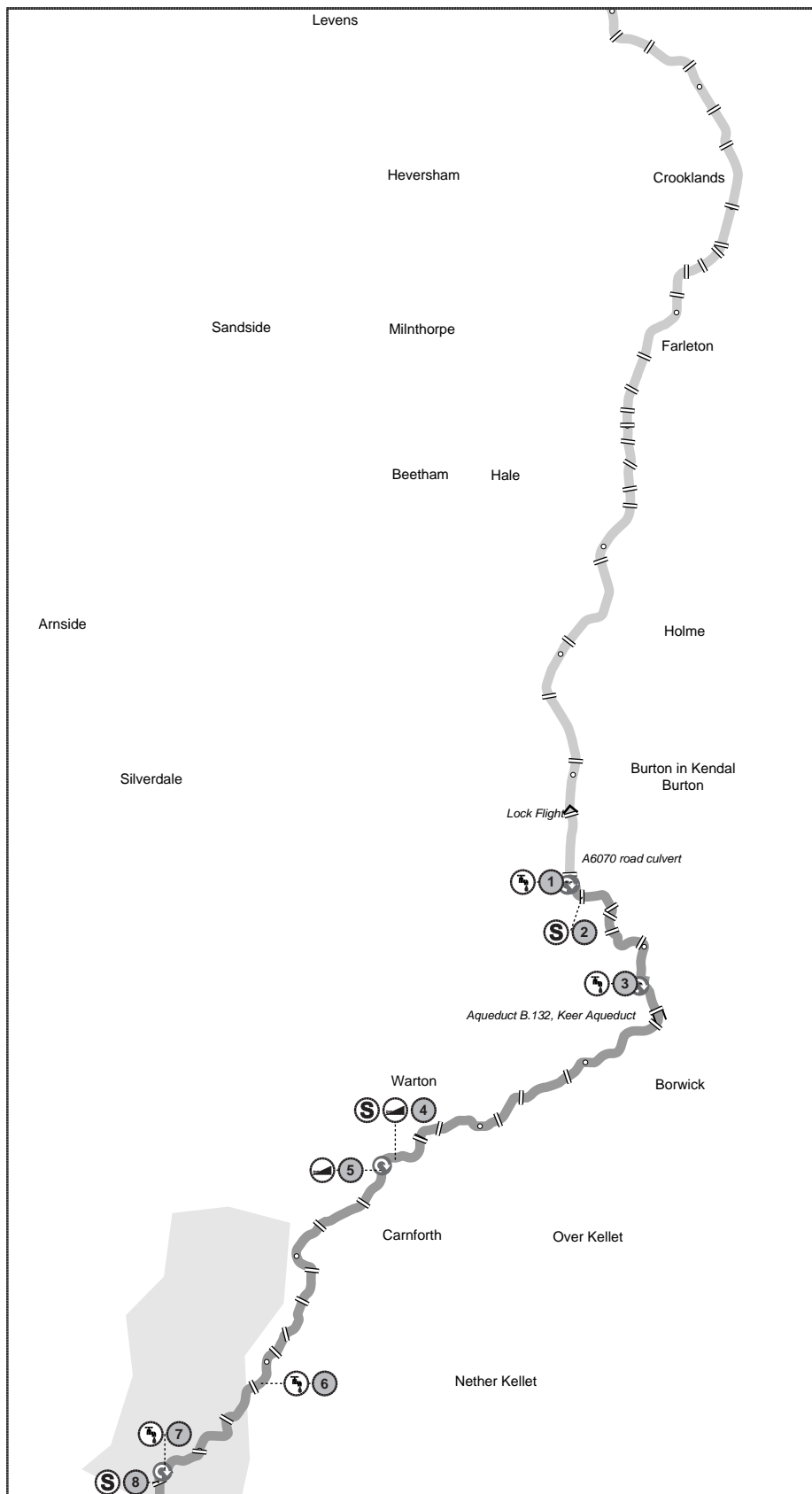
- 6 Marina Park:** Slipway. Canal Wharf, Galgate Lancaster 01542 751888

## Navigation notes

**Entrance to Glasson Basin:**

**Glasson Branch:** You will need a key to

operate the locks, available from Galgate Mon-Fri. Gates must be locked after use and locks left empty even when going up.



- 6 Bolton Le Sands:** Water. Wheelchair access.
- 7 Hest Bank:** Water. Wheelchair access.
- 8 Bridge 117, Hest Bank Occupation Bridge:** BW/Electronic Key Fob required. Sanitary Station

### Slipways and docks

- 4 Nu- Way Acorn:** Slipway.
- 5 Canal Turn, Carnforth:** Slipway. Weight restriction applies.

### Navigation notes

**Carnforth to Tewitfield:** Shelving profile of the canal particularly in this area makes moorings at some locations problematic. It is recommended that you travel with a gang plank.

### Locks and bridges

**A6070 road culvert:** The canal is currently unnavigable north of Tewitfield. Restoration is underway.

### Services and facilities

- 1 Tewitfield:** Water. Wheelchair access.
- 2 North of Bridge 138, Old Turnpike Bridge:** BW/Electronic Key Fob required. Sanitary Station
- 3 Capernwray:** Water. Wheelchair access
- 4 Nu-Way Acorn:** Water, pump-out, refuse disposal. Boatyard facilities available. Wheelchair access.