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Preface

This book follows on from *The Volcanic Rocks of the Lake District* (Moseley, 1983a) in which the environment of the 450 million year old 'Borrowdale Volcano' was described, and a number of field excursions detailed. It is, like the first book, mostly concerned with the volcanic rocks which form the central core of Lakeland, but it also includes sections on the older Skiddaw Slates and the younger Silurian and Carboniferous rocks. The method adopted has been to use numerous illustrations, the written sections being kept to a minimum. I hope the book will prove to be understandable to amateur geologists and to those just beginning to study the subject; nevertheless, there should be sufficient information for professionals not familiar with the Lake District and for those wishing to lead University parties across the ground.

Although the two books together contain 30 excursion guides and recommendations, they by no means exhaust the possibilities for the Lake District. These guides deal only with the areas I know best, and important and popular regions such as Scafell, Skiddaw and Haweswater have not yet been covered.

Note on maps

Maps given in this book show the general route of each excursion. It is recommended that these be supplemented by the appropriate walkers' maps for the area. The whole of the Lake District is covered by an Ordnance Survey 1:50 000 (about $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches to 1 mile) Tourist Map. Even better are the 1:25 000 (about $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches to 1 mile) Ordnance Survey series. The relevant maps are noted at the beginning of each excursion. Four 'Outdoor Leisure' maps are also available which cover the whole of the Lake District at a scale of 1:25 000. All these maps are obtainable from local Ordnance Survey stockists.