

LIST OF THE EXPEDITIONS THAT SEARCHED FOR THE NORTH WEST PASSAGE

Dates	Explorer	Short description
1576 - 1578	Martin Frobisher	The English search for the North-West Passage began in earnest with this expedition.
1585 - 1587	John Davis	Davis tried twice to find the North west Passage with his expeditions.
1610 - 1611	Henry Hudson	Hudson's crew became the first Europeans to winter in the Canadian Arctic. The crew later mutinied.
1612 - 1613	Thomas Button	Button's expedition charted much of the west coast of Hudson Bay, wintering at Port Nelson. Button discovered an opening in the north-west corner of the bay, but decided it was not the entrance to the Passage.
1615 - 1616	William Baffin, Robert Bylot	After an unsuccessful first attempt, Baffin guessed that the passage would be found up Davis Strait and tried again in 1616.
1619 - 1620	Jens Munk	Danish captain Jens Munk was frozen in for a disastrous winter on the west coast of Hudson Bay. All but three of the crew died of scurvy.
1631	Luke Foxe	Foxe crossed almost the entire western shore of Hudson Bay but did not discover a route through the Passage.
1631 - 1632	Thomas James	Fearing his ship would be ruined by ice and storms, James sank her and the crew built cabins on Charlton Island. Four died.
1715 - 1719	James Knight	Knight's expedition never returned. The two ships reached Marble Island; their wrecks were found at the bottom in 1991–92.

1741 - 1742	Christopher Middleton	Middleton discovered Wager Bay but concluded it was not part of the North-West Passage.
1746 - 1747	William Moor	Moor's expedition confirmed that Wager Bay was not part of the Passage.
1770 - 1772	Samuel Hearne	Hearne became the first European to arrive at the Arctic Ocean overland.
1776 - 1778	James Cook	In mid-August the expedition was halted by ice and had to turn back.
1818	John Ross	Ross entered Lancaster Sound but turned back, claiming he had seen a ridge of mountains enclosing the inlet.
1819 - 1825	William Edward Parry	Parry's first voyage entered Lancaster Sound and sailed through the mountains Ross had said enclosed the inlet. He returned twice more.
1819 - 1827	John Franklin	Franklin's first overland journey hit difficulties. His second land expedition was more successful.
1829 - 1833	John and James Clarke Ross	Ross and his nephew's ship became permanently stuck in the ice. They found the magnetic North Pole and finally abandoned ship in 1832.
1845	John Franklin	Franklin's ships became stuck in the ice, on the brink of success of navigating the North-West Passage. All perished. There were accusations of murder and cannibalism.
1850 - 1854	Robert McClure	From a high point on the north coast of Banks Island, they saw Melville Island and the waters of Melville Sound reached by Parry. The North-West Passage had finally been found.
1903 - 1906	Roald Amundsen	

