

# Llangollen Wellbeing Walk

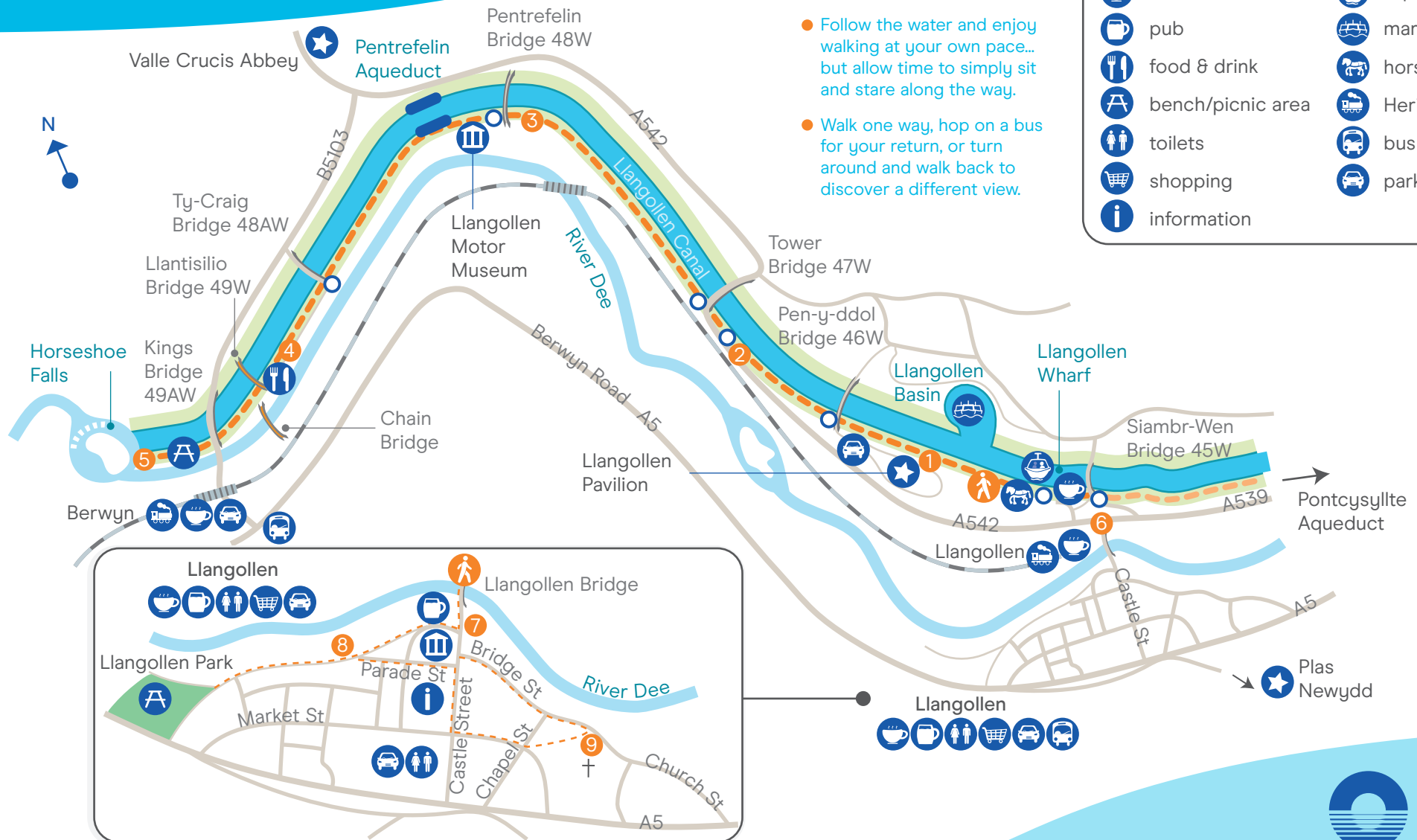
## Llangollen Wharf to Horseshoe Falls

walk time 55-60 minutes  
distance 3.2km / 2 miles

### WALKING TIPS



- Walking times are approx, measured on an average pace of two miles an hour.
- Follow the water and enjoy walking at your own pace... but allow time to simply sit and stare along the way.
- Walk one way, hop on a bus for your return, or turn around and walk back to discover a different view.

 towpath	 point of interest
 access	 museum
 café	 trip boat
 pub	 marina
 food & drink	 horsedrawn trip boat
 bench/picnic area	 Heritage Railway
 toilets	 bus stop
 shopping	 parking
 information	



## The Walk - Step by Step

Llangollen is most famous for being the festival capital of Wales, and the world turns up on its doorstep every year for the International Musical Eisteddfod. Four main highways also meet here – the River Dee, the Heritage railway, the A5 and the Llangollen Canal – and Llangollen Wharf is the best place to begin exploring the town's glamorous waterways heritage. 11 miles of the Llangollen Canal including Llangollen Wharf and Horseshoe Falls are designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site and this walk gives you a glorious insight into why it deserves this accolade.

-  The Wharf on the hillside overlooks Llangollen, and is busy with boats, people and horses. It has become a rare sight on today's waterways, but the Wharf runs horse-drawn boat trips to the canal's navigable end.
- 1 Follow the towpath past Llangollen Basin, in a beautiful setting popular with visiting boats. The huge white arc of Llangollen Pavilion is visible to your left. The Pavilion, built in 1992, hosts many events including the Llangollen Musical Eisteddfod every July.
- 2 Tower Bridge is almost a mini tunnel as the A542 swirls over the canal. This canal unusually has a flow of 2mph as it feeds water to other canals so you may notice a slight current.
- 3 The ruins of Valle Crucis Abbey, founded in 1201 by Cistercian monks and dissolved in 1537, are just north of Pentrefelin Bridge.
- 4 From Ty-Craig Bridge, the towpath shares a roadway to the Chainbridge Hotel so be aware of any traffic. A perfect viewpoint overlooks the bridge, River Dee and Berwyn heritage railway station.
- 5 The very narrow canal flows through a wooded stretch with the river visible below, before arriving at its head and Horseshoe Falls, set in beautiful scenery. This impressive 140m semi-circular weir across the River Dee is Telford's dramatic finale for this waterway.
- 6 Back at the wharf, head downhill into Llangollen via the Grade I-listed Llangollen Bridge over the River Dee in the valley below the canal. Llangollen Heritage Railway station is on the riverbank.
- 7 Turn right into narrow Dee Lane, being careful of traffic here. The Corn Mill, now a pub, was founded in the 13th century by Cistercians from Valle Crucis Abbey, and mostly rebuilt in 1786. Victoria Promenade follows the river's edge. Opened in 1897 to commemorate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, it leads to Riverside Park, an opportunity for a break before retracing your steps.
- 8 Follow the path into Parade Street and explore the town up Castle Street, passing the Grade II-listed Victorian Town Hall and restored Y Capel now housing the library, art gallery and tourist information. A detour uphill leads to Plas Newydd, world-famous home of the 'Ladies of Llangollen'.
- 9 St Collen's Church, originally founded in the 6th century, has a striking 15th-century carved oak hammer-beam roof.
-  Follow the road back to Llangollen Bridge. Cross the road, turn left and then follow the footpath sign uphill back to the Wharf.

CANAL: Llangollen

START: Llangollen Wharf  
OS Grid ref: SJ214423 Postcode: LL20 8TA

FINISH: Horseshoe Falls  
OS Grid ref: SJ195433 Postcode: LL20 8BN

DISTANCE: 13.2km / 2 miles

APPROX TIME: 55-60 minutes

PUB/CAFÉ: Wharf Tea Room at Llangollen Wharf, Chainbridge Hotel near Horseshoe Falls, various in Llangollen

PARKING: Nearest car parks – Llangollen Pavilion (postcode: LL20 8SW) & Llangollen (postcode: LL20 8PW)

TRAIN: Nearest train station - Chirk  
National Rail Enquiries  
Tel: 03457 484950 [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)  
Llangollen Heritage Railway  
[www.llangollen-railway.co.uk](http://www.llangollen-railway.co.uk)

BUS: Traveline Cymru  
Tel: 0871 2002233 [www.traveline.info](http://www.traveline.info)

