

## Caring for Wales' canals

We're the charity working to protect and bring to life this 250-year-old network of canals and rivers spanning Wales and England. Not so long ago many canals were abandoned, and some lost forever. Today, with your support, wildlife is recovering, history is alive, boats are plentiful and spending time in this environment is contributing to our health and happiness.

Our mission is to keep this extraordinary network of canals and rivers alive, teeming with wildlife, transforming places they run through and enriching all of our lives. Your support today could help us care for Wales' canals and many more places, for today and generations to come.

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Please support our work & donate today

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The task of protecting the finest examples of working industrial heritage including the Llangollen Canal, and the wildlife that calls it home, is growing all the time. As a charity we need you by our side more than ever. Please support our work today.

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## Keeping history alive

Thomas Telford designed Horseshoe Falls, a 460ft/140m long weir, to feed water from the River Dee into the Llangollen Canal. The distinctively shaped weir, which opened in 1808, helps to create a pool of water that can enter the canal.

In the early 20th century railways took over as the main means of transportation, subsequently, canals across Wales and England fell into decline. However, its role in transferring water to Cheshire saved the stretch of canal from Llangollen to Nantwich, including the aqueducts at Pontcysyllte and Chirk.

In 2009 the weir and 11 miles (18km) of the Llangollen Canal, from Horseshoe Falls to Chirk Aqueduct was awarded World Heritage Status.

Discover lots of fun things to do with the family by and on the water. Go to [canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers](https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers)

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## Welcome to Llangollen

One of the prettiest canals in Wales and England.



We're the charity making life better by water

The beautiful Llangollen Canal twists its way through the Welsh Hills and Dee Valley to the pretty town of Llangollen, part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site that stretches from Gledrid to the Horseshoe Falls.



### Find your way around

- towpath
- aqueduct
- café
- pub
- food & drink
- toilets
- shopping
- picnic area
- point of interest
- museum
- information
- trip boat
- horsedrawn boat trips
- marina
- caravan park
- parking
- steam railway

**Visit us at:**  
Main Car Park,  
Market Street,  
Llangollen LL20 8RT

Allow 2–3 hours  
for your visit

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Map not to scale:  
covers approx.  
2 miles / 3.2km



## 5 things to do at Llangollen

- 1** Take a boat trip along the canal and experience the landscape from the water, some boats are still drawn by horse.
- 2** Stroll along the towpath to the Horseshoe Falls also designed by Thomas Telford.
- 3** Visit the Llangollen Museum and find out more about the town and surrounding area.
- 4** Take a look at the steam railway, the only standard gauge railway in North Wales.
- 5** Enjoy a canalside picnic and feel the benefit of spending some time by water.

### Did you know?

The Llangollen Canal supplies drinking water to Crewe and Nantwich via Hurlston Reservoir. Around 12 million gallons (55 million litres) of water pass through this stretch of the Llangollen Canal every day.



**Stay SAFE**  
Stay Away From the Edge!

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[canalrivertrust.org.uk/safety](http://canalrivertrust.org.uk/safety)

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