

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 Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, 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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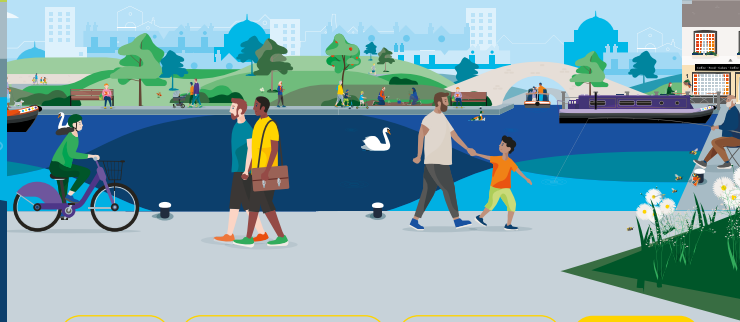
Keeping history alive

The Pontcysyllte Aqueduct carries the Llangollen Canal across the River Dee. Designed by canal engineers Thomas Telford and William Jessop, the aqueduct has 18 arches and took ten years to build, opening in 1805. It cost £47,000 to construct, equivalent to over £4 million today.

Trevor Basin was originally built at the northern end of the central section of the Ellesmere Canal. However, when plans to extend the canal to Chester were abandoned, the basin became the terminus of the Ellesmere Canal itself.

The canal was later extended to Llangollen and the Horseshoe Falls and became known as the Llangollen Canal.

Discover lots of fun things to do with the family by and on the water. Go to canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers



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Welcome to Pontcysyllte Aqueduct


The 'stream in the sky'.

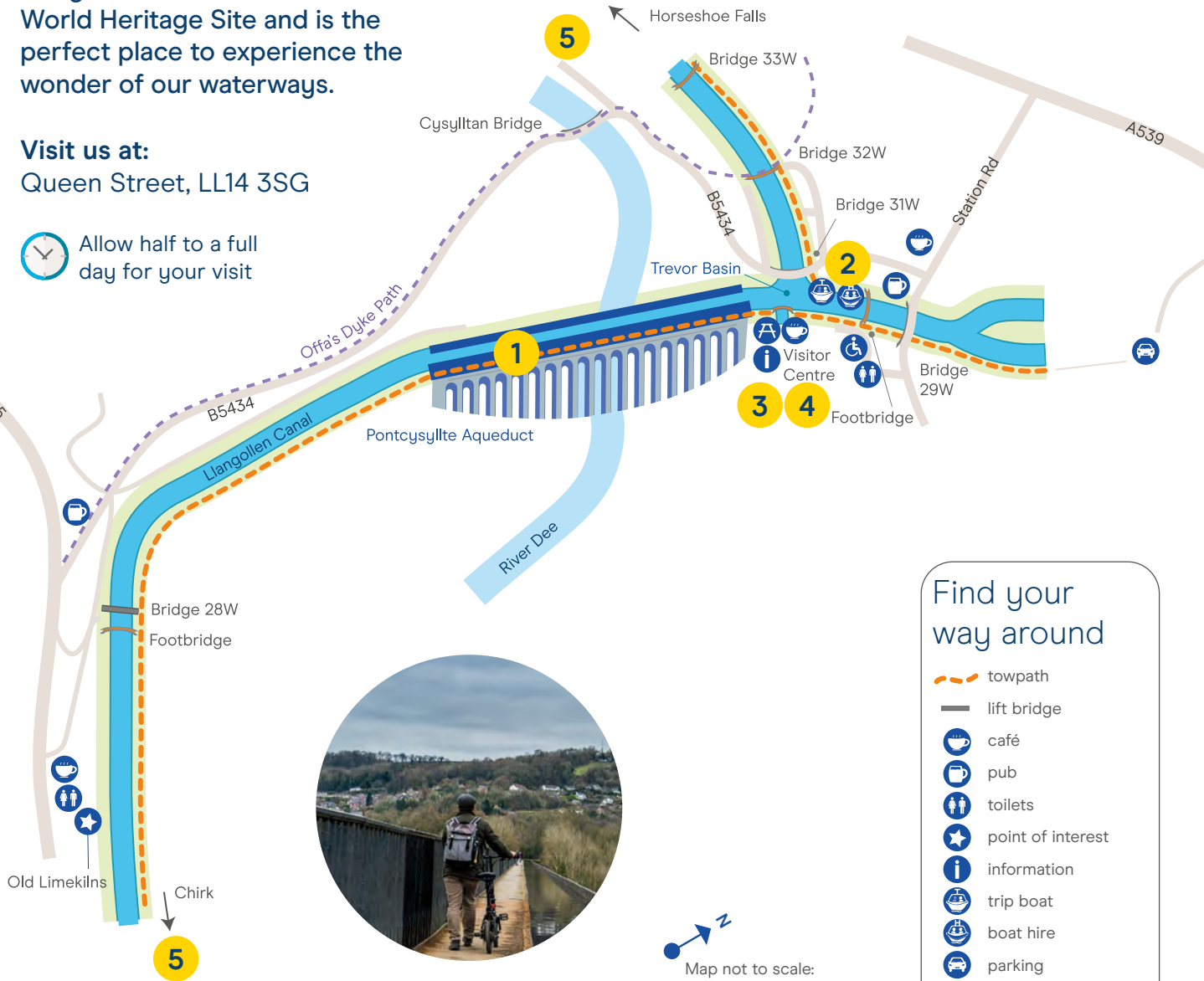


We're the charity making life better by water

Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and the surrounding 11 miles of the Llangollen Canal is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is the perfect place to experience the wonder of our waterways.


Visit us at:
Queen Street, LL14 3SG

 Allow half to a full day for your visit



Stay SAFE
Stay Away From the Edge!

For more information on visiting safely:
canalrivertrust.org.uk/safety

 Map not to scale:
covers approx.
1¼ mile / 2km

Details correct at time of print, please check before travelling.

5 things to do at Pontcysyllte Aqueduct

- 1** Take a stroll across the aqueduct, it's the longest aqueduct in Great Britain and the highest aqueduct that you can still take boats across in the world (127ft/39m high).
- 2** Take a boat trip and experience crossing the aqueduct on water.
- 3** Discover how engineers solved the problem of a 'canal in the sky' and hear stories of the aqueduct in our visitor centre.
- 4** Pause for a chat with our friendly volunteers and colleagues around the site, they'll tell you more about the history of the area and things to do.
- 5** Cycle along the towpath to Llangollen (4 miles/6.4km) or to Chirk Aqueduct (4 miles/6.4km).

Did you know?

The mortar used to construct the aqueduct contains ox blood. Blood and extracts of blood containing haemoglobin were historically used in building materials as an inexpensive way to strengthen mortar so it could withstand freezing temperatures and thaws.

