

## 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 Chirk 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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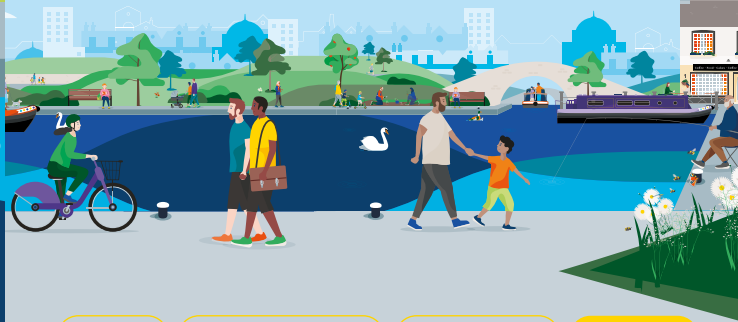
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## Keeping history alive

Chirk Aqueduct opened in 1801. It was built by Thomas Telford and William Jessop to carry the Ellesmere Canal, (the original name of the Llangollen Canal) over the River Ceiriog.

The Llangollen Canal stretches from Llangollen to Hurleston Junction. While boat traffic on the canal had ceased by 1939, the canal and two aqueducts remained open, taking water from the River Dee to Hurleston Reservoir where it provides drinking water for people living in Crewe and Nantwich.

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 Chirk Aqueduct

Bridging Wales and England.



We're the charity making life better by water

Cross the England-Wales border in mid-air! This is one of only a few places on our waterways network where you can stand with one foot in England and one foot in Wales as the canal straddles the border between the two countries.



### Find your way around

- towpath
- aqueduct
- tunnel
- café
- pub
- toilets
- shopping
- parking
- railway station

**Visit us at:**  
Gledrid, Chirk,  
Wrexham LL14 5DG

Allow 2–3 hours  
for your visit

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covers approx.  
1 1/4 mile / 2km

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

For more information on visiting safely:  
[canalrivertrust.org.uk/safety](http://canalrivertrust.org.uk/safety)

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

## 5 things to do at Chirk Aqueduct

- 1** Enjoy a picnic by the Llangollen Canal, one of the most scenic waterways in Britain.
- 2** Stroll across Chirk Aqueduct, 21ft (70m) above the River Ceiriog.
- 3** Take a walk along the river path and look up at Chirk Viaduct built by Scottish engineer Henry Robertson and opened in 1848.
- 4** Pack a torch and walk through Chirk Tunnel.
- 5** Visit Chirk Castle, cared for by the National Trust, it was completed in 1310 and is now surrounded by parkland.

### Did you know?

The stretch of canal from the Welsh border at Chirk Aqueduct to Gledrid Bridge is a Scheduled Ancient Monument. Together with Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, Chirk Aqueduct is part of the Llangollen Canal World Heritage site, which stretches from Chirk to the Horseshoe Falls in Llangollen.

