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Boaters' Guides

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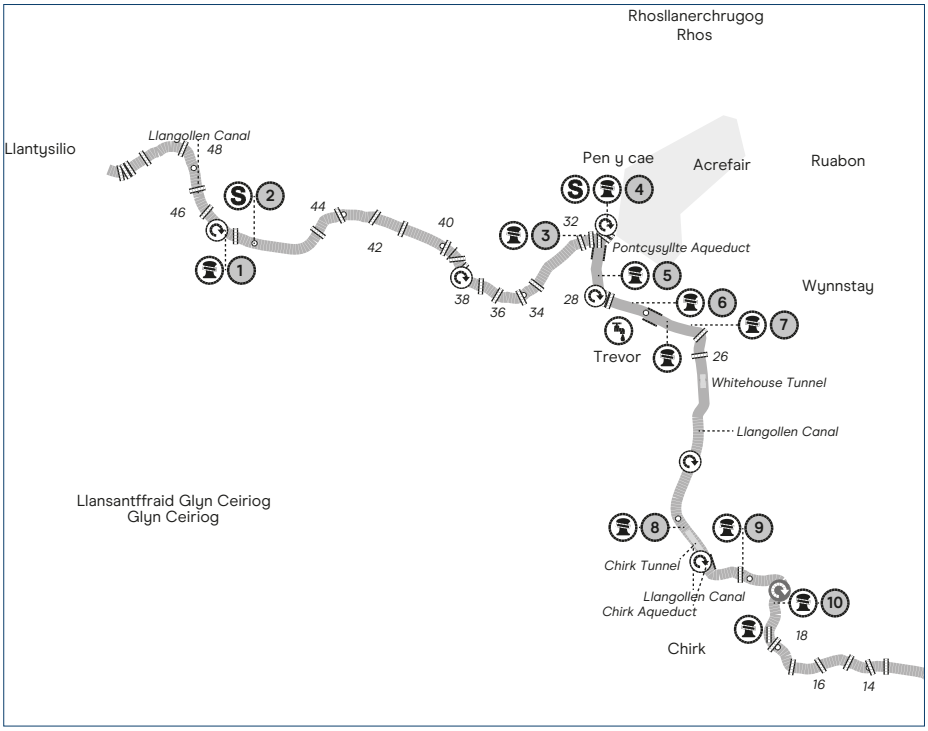
These guides list information we currently have on our facilities, dimensions and navigation guidance, based upon local knowledge and expertise. Whilst we anticipate that this data is reasonably accurate, we cannot guarantee its precision. Therefore, this data should only be used as a helpful guide and you should always use your own judgement taking into account local circumstances at any particular time. If you spot something wrong, please let us know canalrivertrust.org.uk/contact-us

Key to facilities

- Winding hole (length specified)
- Winding hole (full length)
- Visitor mooring
- Information and office
- Dock and/or slipway
- Slipway only
- Services and facilities
- Water point only

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Llangollen Canal



Navigation notes

Trevor to Llangollen: From Trevor to Llangollen the canal is very shallow, accentuating the flow down-stream. It is not recommended for boats drawing more then 21 inches. It is also, in places very narrow.

Locks & bridges

Pontcysyllte Aqueduct; and
Whitehouse Tunnel; and
Chirk Tunnel; and
Chirk Aqueduct: Do not enter if a boat is approaching from the opposite direction. Wait until it is clear.

Ⓢ Services & facilities

2 **Llangollen Services**: Water, Elsan disposal, refuse disposal.

4 **Trevor (Anglo-Welsh)**: Water, pump-out, refuse disposal, shop, diesel.

Maximum Dimensions

Hurleston to Pontcysyllte

Length: 21.95m (72ft)
Beam: 2.08m (6ft 10")
Draught: 0.7m (2ft 3")
Headroom: 2.13m (7ft)

Pontcysyllte to Llangollen

Length: 21.95m (72ft)
Beam: 2.08m (6ft 10")
Draught: 0.61m (2ft)
Headroom: 2.13m (7ft)

River Dee branch

Length: 21.95m (72ft)
Beam: 4.3m (14ft 1")
Draught: 1.37m (4ft 6")
Headroom: 2.34m (7ft 8")

Ⓑ Visitor moorings

1 **Llangollen**: There are visitor moorings both on the towpath (360m length) and in the new 32-berth basin, which includes water and electric supplies. There is a charge, payable at the Llangollen Wharf cafe, if you arrive late and the cafe is closed, please pay the following morning. The maximum stay is 48 hours. Tel: 03030 404040 for more information. Boaters can stay free during the day for up to 4 hours. There is no pre booking service.

3 **Sun Trevor**: Maximum 14 days. Total 90 metres. Picnic tables.

4 **Trevor Basin**: Maximum 14 days. Total 100 metres.

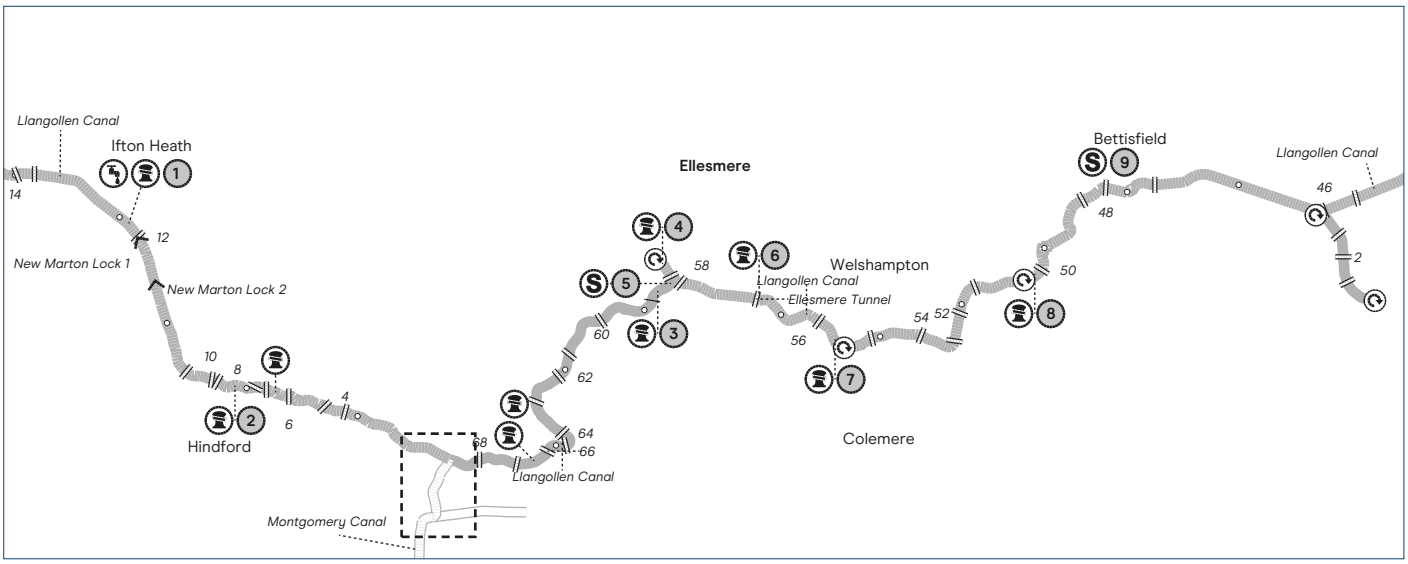
5 **Froncysyllte**: Maximum 14 days.

6 **Cefn Buchan Lift Bridge**: Maximum 14 days.

7 **Cefn Buchan**: Maximum 14 days.

9 **Chirk Bank**: Maximum 14 days. Total 140 metres.

10 **Poachers Pocket**: Maximum 48 hours. Total 100 metres.



Navigation notes

Montgomery Canal

Frankton Junction to Maesbury: The canal is also navigable for trailed boats on the isolated section between Arddleen and Berriew. Slipways are situated at Welshpool car park and at the Wern.

Locks & bridges

Llangollen Canal

Ellesmere Tunnel: Do not enter if a boat is approaching from the opposite direction. Waituntil it is clear.

Services & facilities

Llangollen Canal

5 **Ellesmere Services**: Water, Elsan disposal,, refuse disposal, picnic tables, pub, information.

9 **Bettisfield facilities**: Water, refuse disposal.

Montgomery Canal

12 **Weston Arm Services**: Water, refuse disposal, picnic area, parking.

Visitor moorings

Llangollen Canal

1 **New Marton**: Total 60 metres.

2 **Hindford**: Total 90 metres.

3 **Ellesmere, from service station - Br 60**: Maximum 72 hours. Total 925 metres. Picnic tables.

4 **Ellesmere Arm**: Maximum 72 hours.

6 **Blakemere**: Maximum 14 days.

7 **Colemere**: Total 140 metres. Picnic tables.

8 **Hampton Bank**: Total 150 metres. Picnic tables.

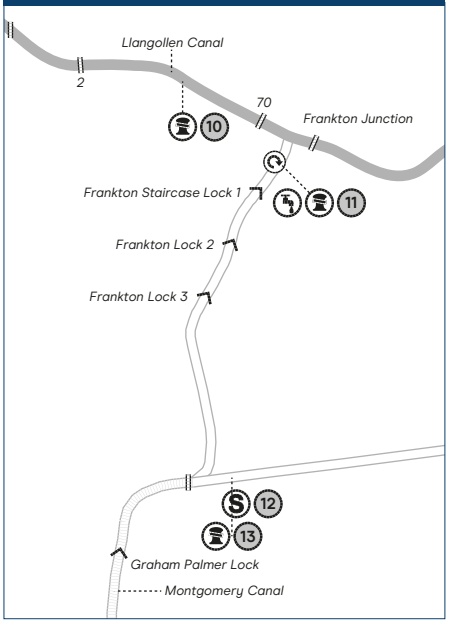
10 **Frankton Junction**: Maximum 14 days.

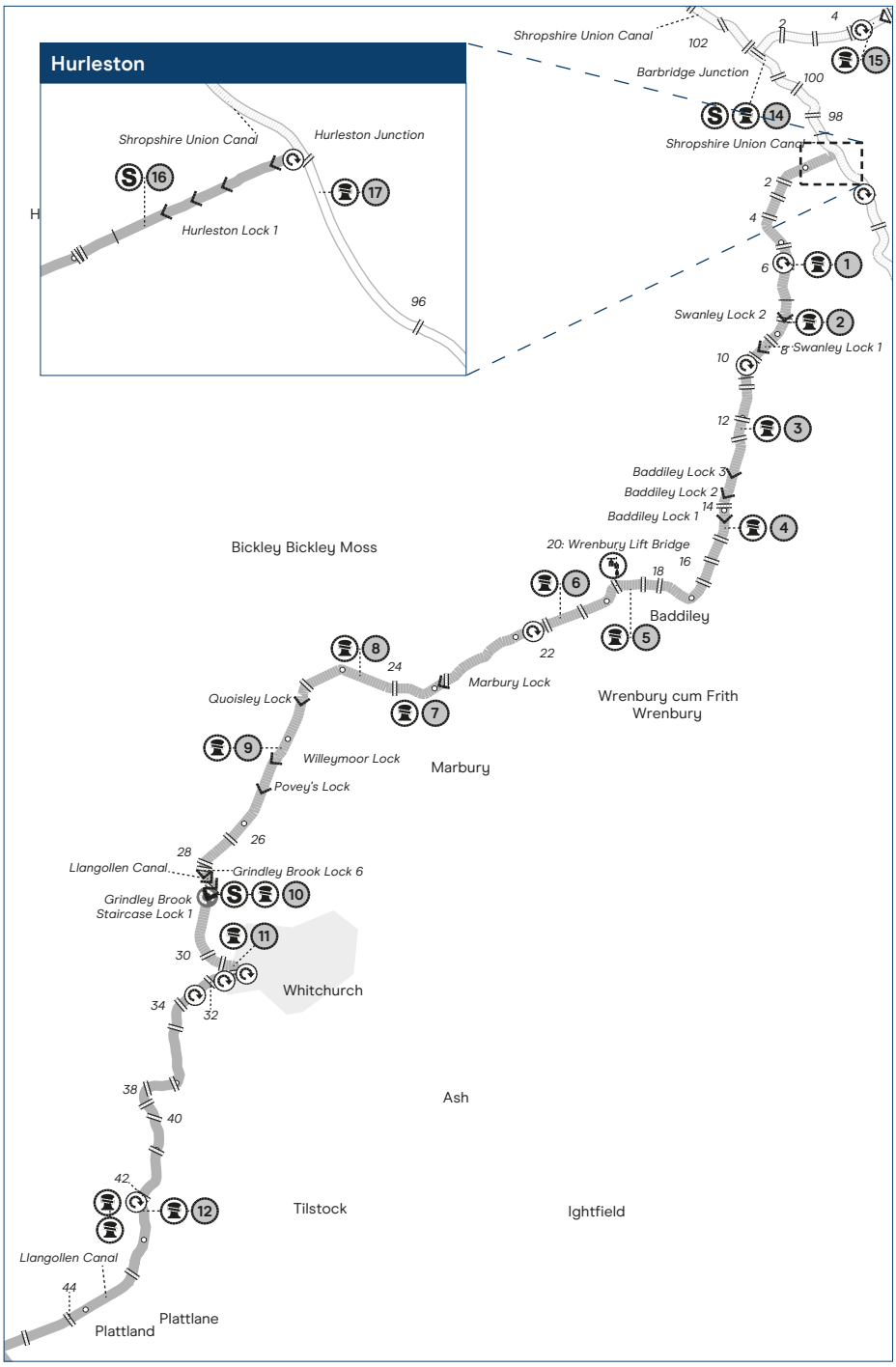
Montgomery Canal

11 **Frankton Locks**: Maximum 48 hours.

13 **Weston Arm**: Maximum 48 hours.

Frankton





Navigation notes

Shropshire Union Canal

Ellesmere Port to Nantwich: Navigation should be possible for boats of up to 75ft 2in length, but please consult the waterway office first.

Broad boats up to around 13ft 6in beam can access this section via the River Dee Branch, but cannot pass under the M53 into Ellesmere Port.

All locks except Beeston Iron Lock are atleast 14ft wide. Beeston Iron Lock (13ft 5in) is distorted and two narrowboats are recommended not to share: if they do, they must keep well back from the bottom gates.

At the M53 bridges (146a and 147a), the narrowest point is 10ft 11in.

Locks & bridges

Llangollen Canal

Grindley Brook Staircase Lock 1; and **Grindley Brook Staircase Lock 2;** and **Grindley Brook Staircase Lock 3:** To ensure your visit to Grindley Brook is a pleasant one, seasonal lock keepers will be present to assist your passage through the staircase locks. You will find them at the lockside from March until October, seven days a week. If you require their assistance, they will be happy to help. Please note, at busy times, delays are to be expected.

Bridge 20, Wrenbury Lift Bridge: Canal & River Trust key required. Electric lift bridge.

Services & facilities

Llangollen Canal

10 **Grindley Brook Services**: Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, refuse disposal, picnic tables, pub, information.

Shropshire Union Canal

14 **Barbridge**: Water, refuse disposal.

Llangollen Canal

16 **Hurleston Services**: Water, picnic tables, information.

Visitor moorings

Llangollen Canal

1 **Burland, Br 3-6**: Maximum 48 hours.

3 **Baddiley Hall**: Maximum 14 days.

4 **Wrenbury Heath**: Maximum 14 days.

5 **Wrenbury Church**: Maximum 14 days.

6 **Wrenbury Frith**: Maximum 14 days.

7 **Marbury**: Total 50 metres. Picnic tables.

8 **Quoisley**: Maximum 14 days.

10 **Grindley Brook**: Maximum 48 hours. Total 325 metres. Picnic tables.

11 **Whitchurch, between lift bridge and winding hole**: Maximum 48 hours.

11 **Whitchurch offside, east of lift bridge**: Maximum 14 days.

12 **Tilstock**: Maximum 48 hours. Total 125 metres. Picnic tables.

Middlewich Branch

15 **Cholmondeston**: Maximum 48 hours. Total 300 metres.

Shropshire Union Canal

14 **Barbridge**: Maximum 24 hours. Total 140 metres.

17 **Hurleston**: Maximum 48 hours. Total 180 metres. Picnic tables.