Visit **Pontcysyllt Aqueduct**

Pontcysyllt Aqueduct and the Trevor Basin on the Llangollen Canal have World Heritage Status. That means it’s as important as Stonehenge!

**STAY SAFE:** Stay away from the edge.

**Map not to scale:** covers approx 0.5 miles/0.8km
A little bit of history

Thomas Telford and William Jessop designed Pontcysyllte Aqueduct to carry the Llangollen Canal across the Dee Valley. Completed in 1805, it’s a cast iron trough supported on giant stone pillars 39 metres (127 feet) above the river. It’s one of the most awesome engineering feats on the canal network.

Five things to do at Pontcysyllte Aqueduct

- **Cross** the aqueduct on foot – but make sure you’ve got a head for heights!
- **Take** a boat trip over the aqueduct. It’s like being suspended in mid air.
- **Look** for the grooves on the aqueduct railings. They were made by the ropes of horse-drawn narrowboats.
- **Walk** along the riverbank and view the aqueduct from below. To keep it as light as possible, the piers are partly hollow and taper at their summit.
- **Spot** the remains of the iron foundries, brickworks and lime kilns which once dominated this landscape. In Victorian times, it was once described as ‘a vision of hell’.

What to Spot

Explore the waterside together. How many of these can you spot?

- A duck quacking
- The number of a bridge or lock
- A fascinating insect
- An interesting stone or brick
- The names of two boats
- A face or animal in the clouds

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Information

Pontcysyllte Aqueduct
LL20 7YQ

- Parking
- Toilets
- Pub
- Visitor Centre (open March - Oct)
- Picnic bench
- Boat hire & trips
- Path
- Offa’s Dyke National Trail

Allow a half to full day for this visit

* Don’t forget: Although the site is always open the facilities and boat trips may not be and some may be chargeable. Please check with local businesses before setting out.

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