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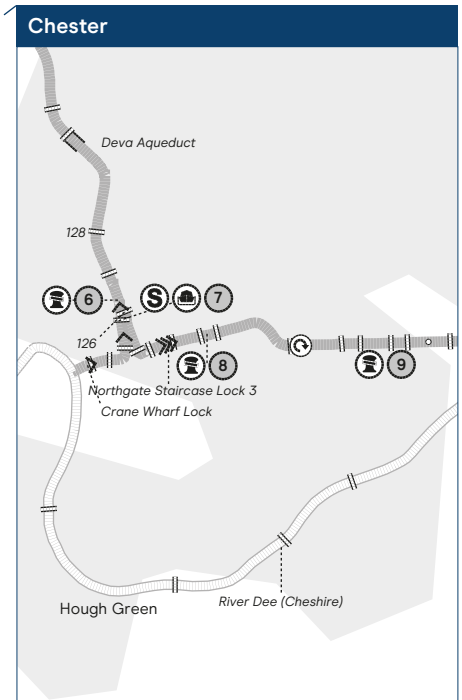
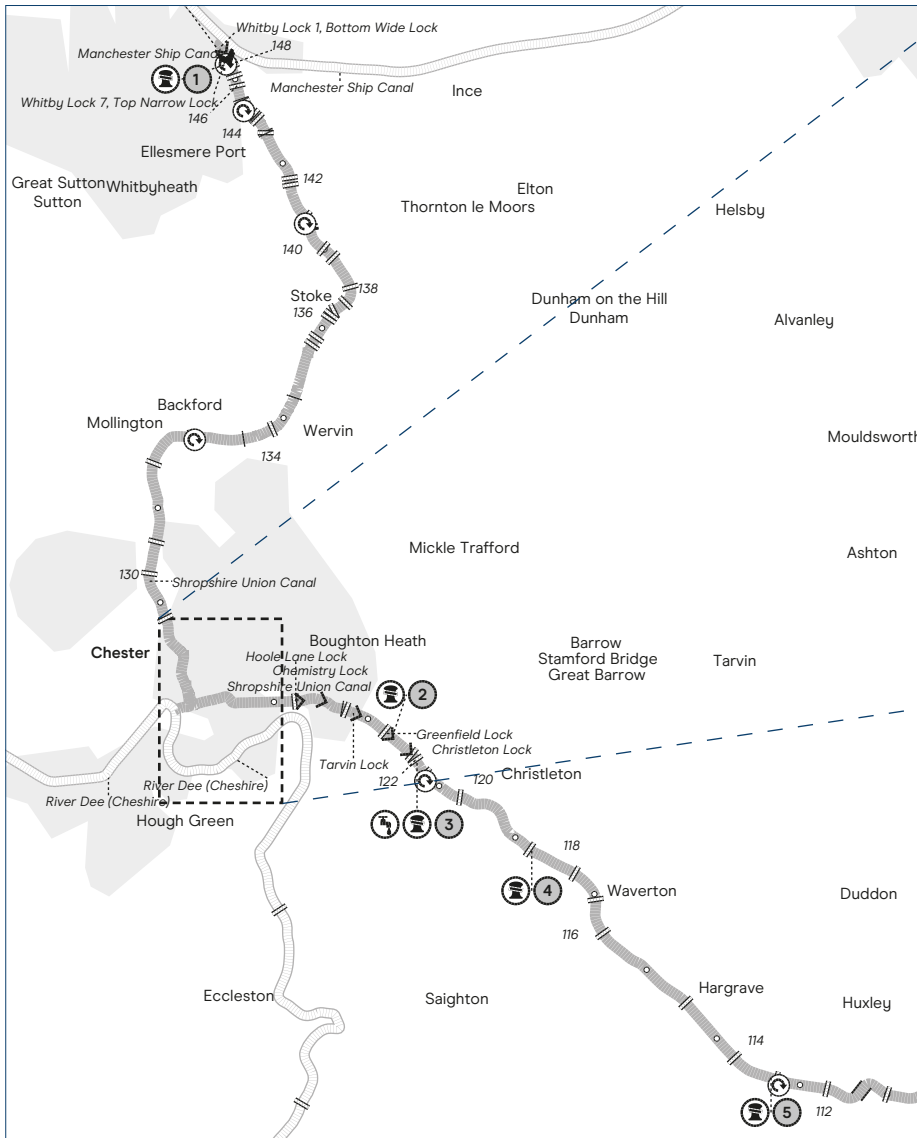
## A note about the data

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](https://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

# Shropshire Union Canal



## Dimensions

### Ellesmere Port to tail of Northgate Locks (Chester)

**Length:** 21.95m (72ft)  
**Beam:** 2.95m (9ft 8")  
**Draught:** 1.1m (3ft 6")  
**Headroom:** 2.44 (8ft)

### Tail of Northgate Locks to Bunbury Locks

**Length:** 21.95m (72ft)  
**Beam:** 2.95m (9ft 8")  
**Draught:** 1.1m (3ft 6")  
**Headroom:** 2.44 (8ft)

### Bunbury to Nantwich

**Length:** 21.95m (72ft)  
**Beam:** 2.95m (9ft 8")  
**Draught:** 1.14m (3ft 9")  
**Headroom:** 2.44 (8ft)

### Nantwich to Atherley Junction

**Length:** 21.95m (72ft)  
**Beam:** 2.13m (7ft)  
**Draught:** 1.14m (3ft 9")  
**Headroom:** 2.44 (8ft)

### Middlewich Branch

**Length:** 21.95m (72ft)  
**Beam:** 2.13m (7ft)  
**Draught:** 1.14m (3ft 9")  
**Headroom:** 2.34 (7ft 8")

## Navigation notes

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**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 at least 14ft wide. Beeston Iron Lock (13ft 5in) is distorted and passage is restricted to one narrowboat at a time. At the M53 bridges (146a and 147a), the narrowest point is 10ft 11in. Entrance to Ellesmere Port Basins (from Manchester Ship Canal): Navigation should be possible for boats of up to 75ft 2in length and 14ft 3in beam, but please consult the waterway office first. There is also a larger ship lock.

## Locks & bridges

### Shropshire Union Canal

**Crane Wharf Lock:** Boaters wishing to take a boat onto the River Dee should contact Canal & River Trust on 03030 404040 giving 48 hours notice.

**Whitby Lock 1, Bottom Wide Lock:** Boaters wishing to enter the Shropshire Union Canal via Manchester Ship Canal must first contact Ellesmere Port & Neston Borough Council on 0151 356 6709 during office hours to make arrangements for entry. Please give 48 hours notice.

## 📍 Services & facilities

### Shropshire Union Canal

**7 Tower Wharf Services:** Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, toilet, picnic tables, information, pub.

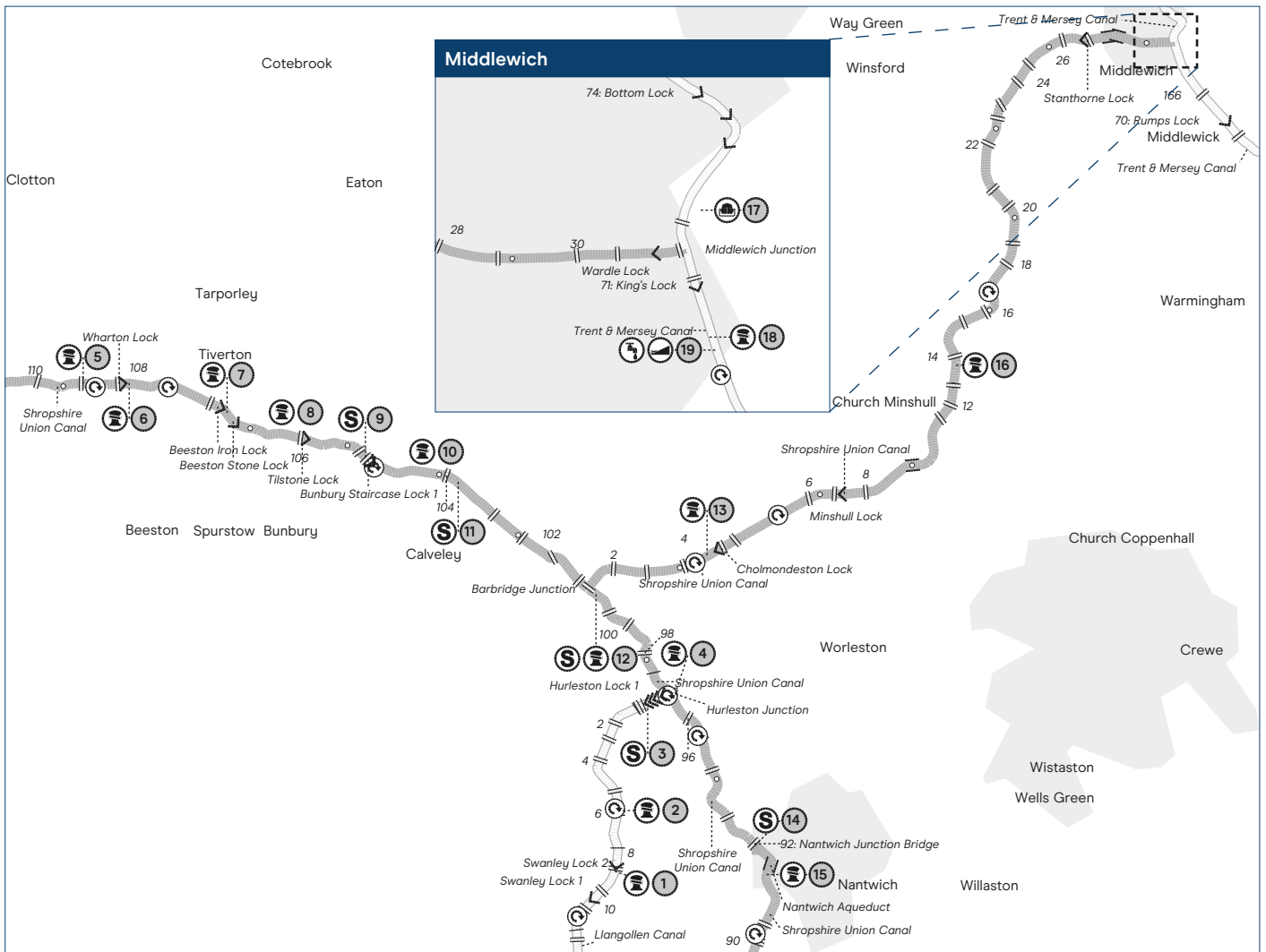
## Visitor moorings

### Shropshire Union Canal

- 1** **Ellesmere Port:** Maximum 48 hours.  
Total 160 metres. Picnic tables.
- 2** **Greenfield:** Maximum 48 hours.  
Total 60 metres.
- 3** **Old Trooper Pub:** Total 60 metres.
- 4** **Egg Bridge (Waverton):**  
Total 350 metres.
- 5** **Tattenhall (Crows Nest):**  
Maximum 48 hours. Total 95 metres.
- 6** **Tower Wharf:** Maximum 48 hours.  
Total 125 metres.
- 8** **Northgate:** Maximum 48 hours.  
Total 200 metres.
- 9** **City Road:** Maximum 48 hours.  
Total 315 metres. Slipways and docks.

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- 7** **Tower Wharf dry-dock:** Dry-dock.



## Locks & bridges

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**Bridge 92, Nantwich Junction Bridge:** If boaters are heading southwards and wish to take on water at bridge 92, slow down well in advance. The water point is immediately south of the bridge.

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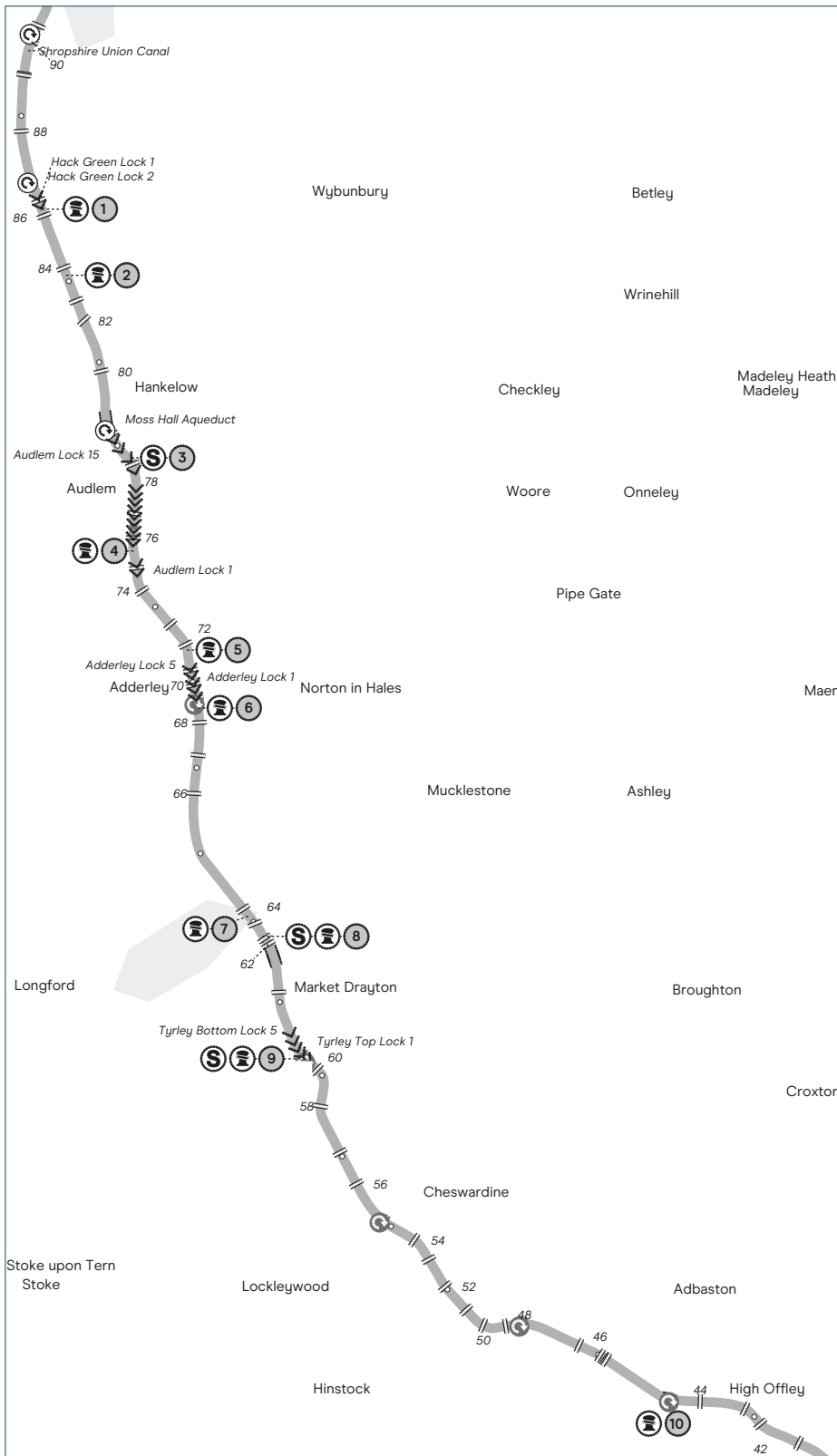
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- 9 Bunbury (Anglo-Welsh):** Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out.
- 11 Calveley Services:** Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, toilet, shower, refuse disposal, pub.
- 12 Barbridge:** Water, refuse disposal.
- 14 Nantwich Services:** Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, toilet, shower, picnic tables, information, pub. Chandlery, diesel and shop also at the basin.

## M Visitor moorings

### Shropshire Union Canal

- 5 Shady Oak:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 480 metres.
- 6 Wharton:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 80 metres.
- 7 Beeston:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 300 metres. Picnic tables.
- 8 Tilstone:** Total 80 metres.
- 10 Calveley:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 104 metres.
- 12 Barbridge:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 140 metres.
- 13 Cholmondeston:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 300 metres.
- 15 Nantwich, Br 91-92:** Maximum 24 or 48 hours (two sets of moorings). Total 640 metres.
- 16 Minshall:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 150 metres.

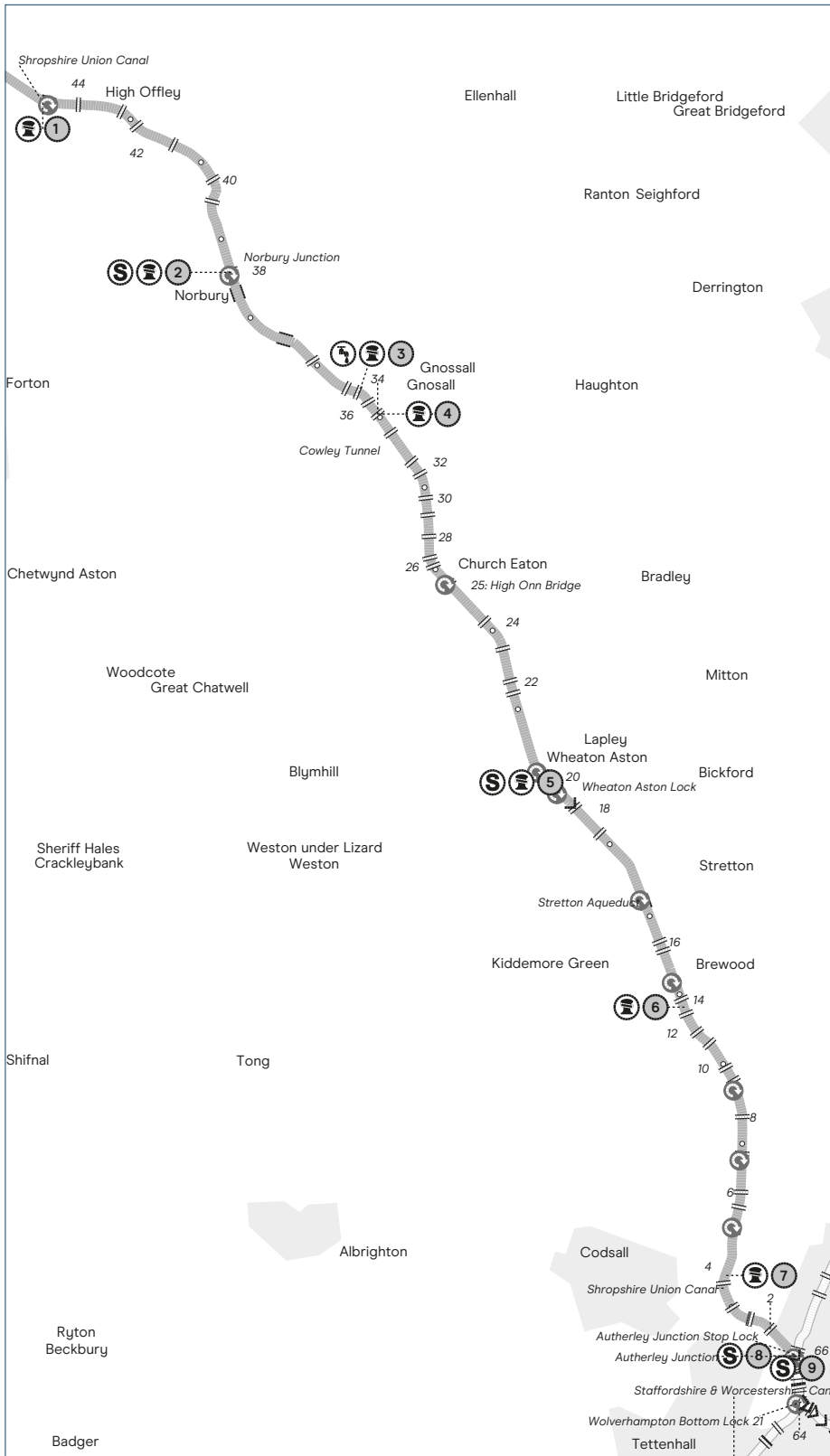


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- 3 Audlem services:** Water, Elsan disposal, toilet, refuse disposal.
- 8 Market Drayton:** Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, toilet.
- 9 Tyrley Wharf (Tyrley Top Lock):** Water, Elsan disposal, toilet, refuse disposal.

## 🚢 Visitor moorings

- 1 Hack Green:** Total 160 metres. Picnic tables.
- 2 Coole Pilate:** Total 200 metres. Picnic tables & BBQ stands.
- 4 Audlem (Coxbank):** Maximum 5 days and 48 hours (two sets of moorings). Total 100 metres.
- 5 Hawksmoor, south of Br 72:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 90 metres.
- 6 Adderley Wharf, south of Br 69:** Maximum 5 days. Total 250 metres.
- 7 Mkt Drayton, north of Br 64:** Maximum 5 days. Total 270 metres.
- 8 Mkt Drayton, south of Br 62:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 120 metres.
- 8 Mkt Drayton, north of Br 63:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 120 metres.
- 9 Tyrley Top Lock:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 54 metres.
- 10 The Wharf Inn, Shebdon:** Maximum 48 hours.



## Navigation notes

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**Autherley Junction to Bridge 6:** Not recommended as a safe area for mooring.

### Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal

Narrow section of canal at 'The Rockin', for just under half a mile around Bridge 68 (Forster Bridge). Please take care and use passing places if other boats are approaching.

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- 2 Norbury Junction:** Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, toilet, shower, refuse disposal.
- 5 Wheaton Aston:** Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, toilet, refuse disposal.
- 8 Autherley Junction:** Water, refuse disposal.

### Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal

- 9 Autherley Junction, Br 65-67:** Water, Elsan disposal, refuse disposal. Private mooring site.

## 🚣 Visitor moorings

### Shropshire Union Canal

- 1 The Wharf Inn, Shebdon:** Maximum 48 hours.
- 2 Norbury Junction:** Maximum 5 days. Total 110 metres.
- 2 Norbury Junction:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 55 metres.
- 3 Gnosall:** Maximum 5 days. Total 440 metres.
- 4 Gnosall:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 545 metres.
- 5 Wheaton Aston:** Maximum 24 hours. Total 133 metres.
- 5 Wheaton Aston:** Maximum 5 days. Total 56 metres.
- 5 Wheaton Aston:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 108 metres.
- 6 Brewood, Br 13-14:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 261 metres.
- 7 Billbrook:** Maximum 48 hours. Disabled access, less than 1km to the shops and pubs, approximately 1.5km to Billbrook train station.