

Trailable and Portable boat launching locations

North Wales & Borders

Newport & Shrewsbury Canals

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Launching Place Grades

Slipways & Access (Blue numbers: - For large boats on trailers that need slipways)

1. **Excellent.** For 2.3 Mts and wider trailers. Slipways 1.2+ Mts deep at the wet end.
 2. **Good.** For 2.3 Mts wide trailers. Slipways 60 cm to 1 Mtr deep at the wet end.
 3. **Adequate.** For 2.3 Mts wide trailers. The slipway has features requiring very skilful reverse driving, or could have severe launching or retrieving difficulties.
 4. **Poor.** Narrow slipway or shallow at the end. For trailers less than 2.3 Mts wide; or less than 60 cm deep at the wet end.
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Landing Places & Access (Green numbers: - For boats on roof-racks or trailers that don't need slipways)

1. **Excellent.** For launching all types of portable boats from Kayaks to RIB's with strong crews.
 2. **Good.** For launching kayaks, canoes, small inflatables and sometimes very small dinghies.
 3. **Adequate.** For launching kayaks and canoes.
 4. **Poor.** For launching kayaks only.
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Parking (Blue or green letters: - For cars, minibuses & trailers)

- a. **Excellent.** Mainly long term booked car parking for vehicles & trailers. Normally has good supervision and spare space. Enclosed and has gates or a barrier and is very secure. Kept locked or locked overnight by staff or users. Pedestrian & vehicle access restricted or monitored.
- b. **Good.** Mainly long or week-end parking for vehicles & trailers. Normally with spare space and sometimes supervised. Mainly enclosed but with no or low gates and not normally locked. Pedestrian & vehicle access at all times.
- c. **Adequate.** Mainly for day or week-end public parking. Long lay-bys/wide verges or small car parks. Sometimes partly enclosed but no supervision. Kerb parking in quiet roads. Sometimes space for trailer parking.
- d. **Poor.** Time limited parking; one day, or 24 hours, or less. Urban street parking. Very small rural lay-bys. Good car parks, but often full in summer. Places with no parking.

Slipways & Landing Places Newport & Shrewsbury Canals

Very little of the canal in water. The longest sections are in Newport where there are four pounds suitable for local residents use. The longest is about half a mile starting at the A41.

Index No.	Latitude N	Longitude W	Location	Grade
01	52.77856,	002.36654	Mertown Lock. <i>(Landing)</i> Newport Lock 18. Footpath to the start of the longest remaining section. Grass verge parking on the A41	3c
02	52.77333,	002.37589	Fishers Lock. <i>(Landing)</i> Newport Lock 19. Local block of garages backing onto the canal, gives access down some steps.	2d
03	52.77138,	002.38123	Town Lock. <i>(Landing)</i> Newport lock 20. Wharf at the back of the timber building on the car park.	2c
04	52.77110,	002.38425	Tickethouse Lock. <i>(Landing)</i> Newport Lock 21. Estate car park at the end of Waterside Mews, part used by residents but not exclusive.	1c

There are one or two other very small sections in water, the biggest being Sunderton Pool near Shrewsbury, which seem to have no public access.

Index No. 01	Waterway & Location Newport & Shrewsbury Canals ~ Newport; Mertown Lock (Landing)	Grade 3c
Latitude: - N 52.77856	Longitude: - W 002.36654	
Nearest place: - Newtown	Photos: - Three. 16.12.2004 ~ 09.30	
Contact name: - N/A	Region: - Inland England	
Phone No: - N/A	Mobile: - N/A	
Email: - None.	Fax No: - N/A	
Website: - None.		
Landing Details: - Grade: - 3c Compiled by DMS ~ December 2014		
Description: - A rough grass & weeds bank landing with plain edges at the top end of Mertown Lock 18. Suitable for one day use by local residents for paddles, or visitors for exploring. May need a bit of weed clearance before you can use it. (Left photo below)		
Landing access: - Public unrestricted free usage, belongs to the Restoration Trust and available any time during daylight hours.		
Drop height to the water: - About 30 cm.		
Amount of boat manoeuvring space: - Sufficient, but challenging in places.		
Distance from vehicle to the water: - Depending on where you park, about 220 Mts.		
Quality, surface, and description of boat carrying route: - From the good grass verge alongside the main A41 road, (Right photo) carry your boat along the narrow winding compacted earth footpath above the old canal bed, which now has a short drive on it. It curves to the right above the canal bed (Center photo) and is quite challenging in places, and will be muddy if wet. In 50 Mts go through the 1 Mtr wide latched gate (which can be seen in the photo), onto a wide and excellent chippings & grit public footpath, which is the re-built towpath. Cross to the left at the top of the disused lock and launch from the low bank.		
Notes: - The trust is preparing to restore the navigation up to the A41. When completed you will have less distance to carry your boat. Have a look at the start of the footpath for yourself on Google maps – Street view)		
Directions: - Post code for SatNav: - No post code, use co-ordinates ~ fairly urban location.		
Address: - A41, half a mile south of the junction with A519, Newport, Staffordshire.		
Parking location for vehicle: - Wide verge, on the right driving south. (Right photo)		
Parking spaces available: - Four or five.		
Options for trailers: - May be parked attached to your car.		
Parking security: - Open public space in clear view of anyone passing.		
Wheel clamps, or other trailer securings are: - Strongly recommended if you have any and use a trailer.		
Parking period limits: - Unlimited.		
Suitable Boats: -		
Challenging for: - Canoes and kayaks. (Unsuitable for larger boats)		

Index No. 02	Waterway & Location Newport & Shrewsbury Canals ~ Newport; Fishers Lock. (Landing)	Grade 2d
Latitude: - N 52.77333	Longitude: - W 002.37589	
Nearest place: - Newport	Photos: - Three. 16.12.2014 ~ 11.30	
Contact name: - N/A	Region: - Inland England.	
Phone No: - N/A	Mobile: - N/A	
Fax No: - N/A	Email: - None.	
Website: - N/A		
<p>Landing Details: - Grade: - 2d Compiled by DMS ~ December 2014</p> <p>Description: - A good rough turf bank landing. A brick entrance to Fishers Lock 19, with weed covered stone blocks coping, and an iron fender strip. Suitable for one day use by local residents for paddling downstream towards the A41. (Left photo below)</p> <p>Landing access: - Public unrestricted free usage, belongs to the Restoration Trust and available any time during daylight hours.</p> <p>Drop height to the water: - About 50 cm.</p> <p>Amount of boat manoeuvring space: - Sufficient.</p> <p>Distance from vehicle to the water: - About 10 Mts.</p> <p>Quality, surface, and description of boat carrying route: - Stop and unload at the end of the garages block, then carry your boat down the 7 x 1 Mtr wide set of concrete steps at the end. And along a short chippings, grit & mud path to the grass bank by the lock entrance. Then move your car and park kerbside by the bungalows.</p> <p>Notes: - Have a look for yourself on Google maps – Street view</p>		
<p>Directions: - Post code for SatNav: - TF10 7BY ~ urban location.</p> <p>Address: - Garages at the end of Fishers Lock, Newport, Shropshire.</p> <p>Parking location for vehicle: - Kerbside, close to the garages. (Right photo)</p> <p>Parking spaces available: - Two or three units.</p> <p>Options for trailers: - Not suitable for this site.</p> <p>Parking security: - Open public space in clear view of anyone passing.</p> <p>Parking period limits: - Unlimited.</p>		
<p>Suitable Boats: -</p> <p>Adequate for: - Canoes, kayaks, inflatables and small dinghies – if you can carry them down the steps. (Unsuitable for larger boats)</p>		
<p>Local facilities on-site: - None.</p> <p>Nearby: - Unknown.</p>		

Charges: -

Boating licence: - [None needed.](#)

Group and individual canoe launching each way: - [Free.](#)

Vehicle & trailer parking: - [Free.](#)

Navigational Hazards:-

[Three abandoned locks, portage may be difficult.](#)

[The date of the photo/s below is: - December 2014.](#)



Index No. 03	Waterway & Location Newport & Shrewsbury Canals ~ Newport; Town Lock. (Landing)	Grade 2c
Latitude: - N 52.77138	Longitude: - W 002.38123	
Nearest place: - Newport	Photos: - Three. 16.12.2014 ~ 10.15 am.	
Contact name: - N/A	Region: - Inland England.	
Phone No: - N/A	Mobile: - N/A	
Email: - None.	Fax No: - N/A	
Website: - None.		
<p>Landing Details: - Grade: - 2c Compiled by DMS ~ December 2014</p> <p>Description: - A rough and muddy brick path with weedy edges, on a rough brick wharf wall. Most Suitable for one day use by local residents. There are about 300 Mts of canal in this pound. (Photos below)</p> <p>Landing access: - Public unrestricted free usage, belongs to the Restoration Trust and available any time during daylight hours.</p> <p>Drop height to the water: - About 40 cm.</p> <p>Amount of boat manoeuvring space: - Ample.</p> <p>Distance from vehicle to the water: - About 20 Mts.</p> <p>Quality, surface, and description of boat carrying route: - From the car park carry your boat to the end of the black wooden building, through the 1 Mtr gap in the fence and along the excellent chippings and grit path – curving round onto the wharf at the back of the building.</p> <p>Notes: - Have a look for yourself on Google maps – Street view.</p>		
<p>Directions: - Post code for SatNav: - No post code, use co-ordinates ~ urban location.</p> <p>Address: - Town Lock, Newport, Shropshire. At the junction of Water Lane and Lower Bar</p> <p>Parking location for vehicle: - Water Lane car park. It's quite small so you will need to arrive early. (Right photo). Alternatively there is the larger Victoria Park car park just along Water Lane on the left.</p> <p>Parking spaces available: - Plenty of space.</p> <p>Options for trailers: - Not suitable for this site.</p> <p>Parking security: - Partly enclosed general public car park – Free.</p> <p>Parking period limits: - Unlimited.</p>		
<p>Suitable Boats: -</p> <p>Good for: - Canoes, kayaks, small dinghies and inflatables. (Unsuitable for larger boats)</p>		
<p>Local facilities on-site: - None.</p> <p>Nearby: - Unknown.</p>		

Charges: -

Boating licence: - **None needed.**

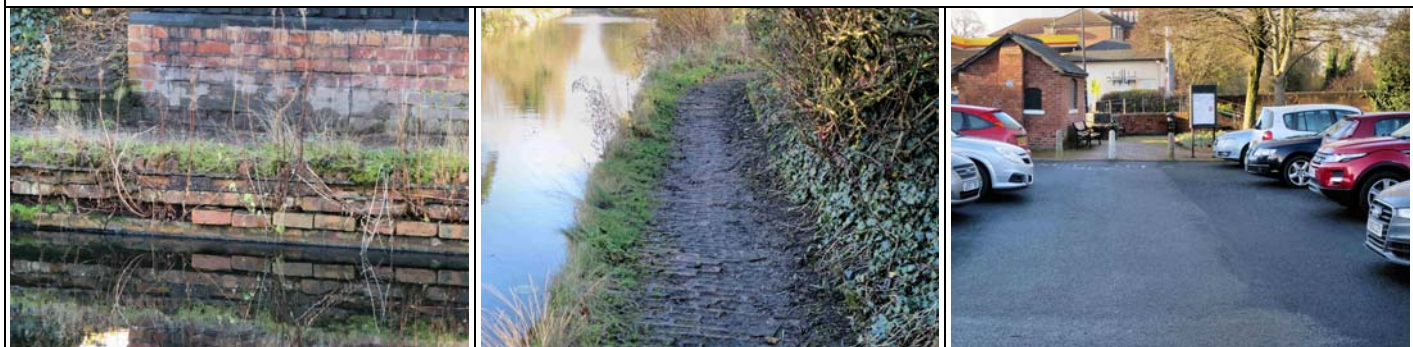
Boat launching each way: - **Free.**

Vehicle Parking: - **Free.**

Navigational Hazards:-

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Index No. 04	Waterway & Location Newport & Shrewsbury Canals ~ Newport; Tickethouse Lock. (Landing)	Grade 1c
Latitude: - N 52.77110	Longitude: - W 002.38425	
Nearest place: - Newport	Photos: - Three. 16.12.2014 ~ 11.00 am.	
Contact name: - N/A	Region: - Inland England	
Phone No: - N/A	Mobile: - N/A	
Email: - None.	Fax No: - N/A	
Website: - None.		
<p>Landing Details: - Grade: - 1c Compiled by DMS ~ December 2014</p> <p>Description: - A towpath rough grass bank landing with uneven and weedy plain edges. Suitable for one day or week-end use by everyone, but mainly local residents. (Left photo below)</p> <p>Landing access: - Public unrestricted free usage, belongs to the Restoration Trust and available any time during daylight hours.</p> <p>Drop height to the water: - About 30 cm.</p> <p>Amount of boat manoeuvring space: - Ample.</p> <p>Distance from vehicle to the water: - About 5 Mts. Boats can almost be lifted off the vehicle and put straight into the water.</p> <p>Quality, surface, and description of boat carrying route: - From the car park, down the excellent wide asphalt path then along to the towpath, (or cut across the rough grass), and to the bank. Find the best spot to launch. (Center photo)</p> <p>Notes: - Have a look at the car park for yourself on Google maps – Street view.</p>		
<p>Directions: - Post code for SatNav: - TF10 7PA ~ urban location.</p> <p>Address: - Residents/visitors car park, Waterside mews, Newtown, Shropshire. When you arrive at the post code position, keep driving straight forwards and the car park is in front of you.</p> <p>Parking location for vehicle: - Residents/visitors car park. (Right photo)</p> <p>Parking spaces available: - Two or three units.</p> <p>Options for trailers: - May be parked attached to your car in the street. The car park is not big enough for trailers and residents might object.</p> <p>Parking security: - Open public space in clear view of anyone passing.</p> <p>Wheel clamps, or other trailer securings are: - Strongly recommended if you have any and use a trailer.</p> <p>Parking period limits: - Unlimited and unrestricted.</p>		
<p>Suitable Boats: -</p> <p>Adequate for: - Canoes, kayaks, dinghies, small inflatables, and other portable boats with paddles</p> <p>Challenging for: - Portable RIB's, heavy dinghies, and other low height boats with engines - you will need to lift them over the low fence at the end of the car park.</p>		

Local facilities on-site: -

None.

Nearby: -

Unknown.

Charges: -

Boating licence: - None needed.

Boat launching each way: - Free.

Vehicle Parking: - Free.

Navigational Hazards:-

None known.

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