

Blackwater Meadow Marina

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DIRECTIONS

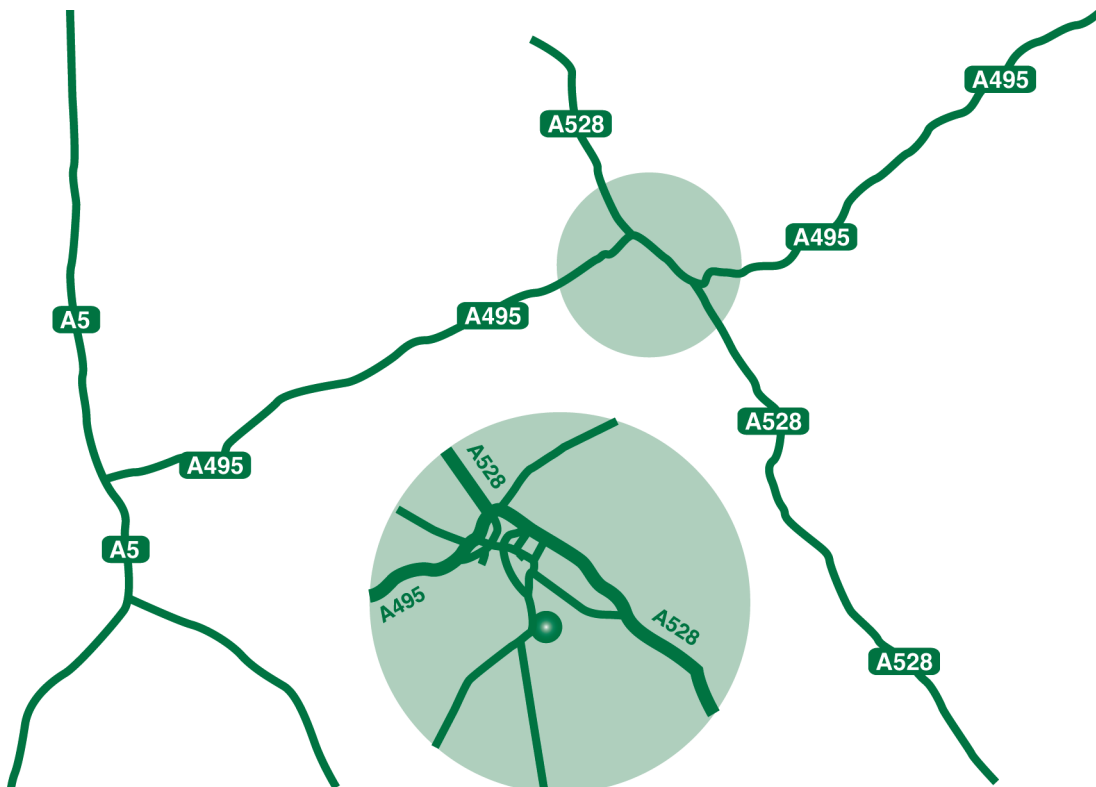
BY ROAD:

Blackwater Meadow Marina is situated in Ellesmere, Shropshire approximately 16 miles North West of Shrewsbury.

BY RAIL: From London, Euston station to Shrewsbury. Then change and take train to Chester which passes through Gobowen. Leave train at Gobowen and take Taxi to Blackwater Meadow Marina (5 miles).

FROM ALL DIRECTIONS:

- North and South take the M54/A5 towards Shrewsbury and then follow A528 to Ellesmere.
- On arrival in Ellesmere, follow signs for town centre.
- Turn left just after the garage and enter one-way system. The Marina is sign-posted left.
- You are now on Birch Road and the marina is situated approximately half a mile on the left



LOCAL ACCOMMODATION

Please check www.hotelshopuk.com or www.laterooms.com for special rates.

LOCAL TAXI

Dave's Tel: 01691 622132 / 07779 339801

Lionel's Tel: 01691 690319 / 07831 308994

NEAREST GROCERIES

Co-op Mini Super Market	Spar Mini Super Market	Tesco Superstore
Cross Street	Scotland Street	Canal Way
Ellesmere	Ellesmere	Ellesmere
Shropshire	Shropshire	Shropshire
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CRUISING ROUTES FROM BLACKWATER MEADOW MARINA

3-night short break to Chirk & return:

Cruise towards the Welsh border at Chirk where the country's fine hills come into view and the scenery becomes altogether more dramatic. Chirk village centre contains an interesting selection of buildings including the remains of a motte and bailey castle.

4-night short break to Llangollen & return:

The Llangollen Canal is arguably the most beautiful canal on the whole system and combines the gentle countryside of Shropshire and the more dramatic landscape of the Welsh border. It boasts one of the most striking features on the UK canals - the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct.

Unusually, this canal has a flow of 2mph as it feeds other canals, so the outbound journey will always be slower than on the way back. The last locks are at New Marton, half way between Ellesmere and Chirk. From there on, as it clings to the hillside contours, an enchanting blend of aqueducts and tunnels takes the canal, lock free, to Llangollen.

New visitor moorings in Llangollen are now available, but charges do apply (£5.00 per night per boat, need to arrive by 4.30pm).

Take a steam train ride (www.llangollen-railway.co.uk) from Llangollen up the Dee Valley or visit the ruins of Castell Dinas Bran.

One week trip to Chester:

On this popular countryside route the locks are well spaced for easy cruising. You can choose to travel to Chester and then retrace your steps back to the marina or continue along the Shropshire Union main line to its historic terminal on the River Mersey at Ellesmere Port.

Mooring in Chester is within easy reach of the walled city centre with its medieval 'rows' where there are a variety of shops, galleries and the majestic cathedral. (Chester TIC 01244 402111 / www.chestertourism.com) Chester Zoo is just a short walk from the canal. (01244 380280 / www.chesterzoo.org)

The fascinating National Waterways Museum (0151 355 5017 / www.nwm.org.uk) at Ellesmere Port is a few locks beyond Chester, near to the junction with the Manchester Ship Canal. The museum has an extensive collection of preserved inland waterway craft and display areas in many of the former warehouses.

Please visit www.blackwatermeadow.com for more detailed and up to date information.