

Wales and the Marches



FOR BOAT LAYOUTS	
	GAILEY 32-34
	WHITCHURCH 32-34
	WRENBURY 38-43
	ANDERTON 38-43

Llangollen & return

P3	N4	L8	G20			
> Whitchurch		7		4		4
> Wrenbury		7		5.5		24

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 which can be reached from both Whitchurch and Wrenbury in a week or 4 night mid week break from Whitchurch (you will not be able to cross over the aqueduct in a 3 night weekend break).

> 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 and you 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.

Chester or Ellesmere Port & return

P3	N4	L8				
> Anderton to Chester		7		5.5		44
> Wrenbury to Chester		7		4		46
> Whitchurch to Chester		7		5		66
> Gailey to Chester		10		6.5		44
For Ellesmere Port add		1.5 per day		8		

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](http://www.chestertourism.com))

> Chester Zoo is just a short walk from the canal. ([01244 380280 / www.chesterzoo.org](http://www.chesterzoo.org))

> The fascinating National Waterways Museum ([0151 355 5017 / www.nwm.org.uk](http://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.



"We had a great holiday and recommend it to all our friends"

short breaks



The Cheshire Ring

P5 N5 L5

>	Anderton	☾*	7	☀️	8	🚢	92
>	Wrenbury	☾*	10/11	☀️	6.5	🚢	114
>	Whitchurch	☾*	14	☀️	6	🚢	137

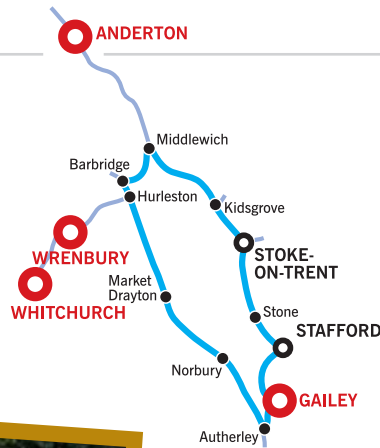
See page 18 for more details.

Four Counties Ring

P4 N4 L10

>	Anderton	☾*	10/11	☀️	6.5	🚢	102
>	Wrenbury	☾*	10/11	☀️	6.5	🚢	112
>	Whitchurch	☾*	14	☀️	6	🚢	132
>	Gailey	☾*	7	☀️	8.5	🚢	110

See page 14 for more details.



Weekends: Friday to Monday (3 nights)
Midweek: Monday to Friday (4 nights)

Whitchurch or Wrenbury & return

P3 N4 L8 G20

>	Wrenbury	☾*	3	☀️	6	🚢	20
>	Whitchurch	☾*	3	☀️	6	🚢	20

After cruising through remote countryside, Grindley Brook is quite a contrast. With 6 locks, 3 as a staircase with a lock-keeper, waiting in turn gives time to unwind and fully take in this relaxing holiday experience.

- Whitchurch is very good to explore within a weekend break as is Wrenbury.

Ellesmere & return

P3 N4 L8 G20

>	Wrenbury	☾*	3	☀️	8.5	🚢	20
>	Whitchurch	☾*	3	☀️	5.5	🚢	0

The run into Ellesmere is through an area of outstanding beauty, with a series of Ice-Age lakes known as 'meres' very close to the canal.

Hurleston Junction & return

P3 N4 L8 G20

>	Wrenbury	☾*	4	☀️	8	🚢	32
>	Whitchurch	☾*	3	☀️	8	🚢	16

For those wanting a bit more activity you can cruise east towards the English end of the canal.

Chirk & return

P3 N4 L8 G20

>	Wrenbury	☾*	4	☀️	8.5	🚢	24
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Towards the Welsh border at Chirk the country's fine hills come into view and the scenery becomes altogether more dramatic.

Chester or Ellesmere Port & return

P3 N4 L8

>	Wrenbury to Chester	☾*	4	☀️	8	🚢	46
	For Ellesmere Port add	☀️	2.5 per day	🚢	8		

See 7 night trip for more details.

Llangollen & return

P3 N4 L8 G20

>	Whitchurch	☾*	4	☀️	8+	🚢	4
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See 7 night trip for more details.

