

Pennines, Chester and Yorkshire

FOR BOAT LAYOUTS

	ANDERTON	38-43
	WRENBURY	38-43
	WHITCHURCH	32-34
	GAILEY	32-34



The Cheshire Ring

P5 N5 L5

> Anderton ☾ 7 ☀ 8 📖 92

> Wrenbury ☾ 10/11 ☀ 6.5 📖 114

> Whitchurch ☾ 14 ☀ 6 📖 137

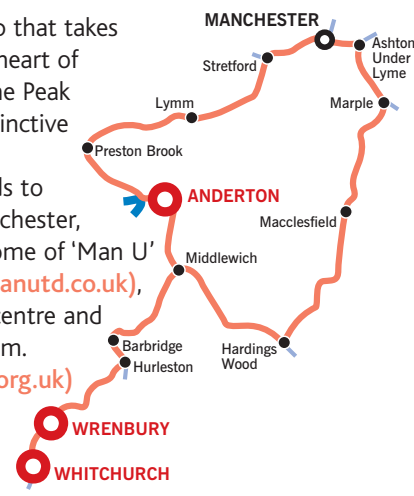
A fascinating trip that takes you through the heart of Manchester and the Peak District with its distinctive stone architecture.

➤ Moor at Castlefields to explore the city of Manchester, including Old Trafford, home of 'Man U' (0870 4421994 / www.manutd.co.uk), the huge Arndale shopping centre and the Science & Industry Museum.

(0161 832 2244 / www.msimg.org.uk)

➤ The trip will let you enjoy glorious scenery as the Pennine Range overlooks the canal and, if time allows, detour along the Peak Forest canal to its terminus.

➤ Enjoy the stunning views from Marple and at Anderton pause to visit the fabulously restored boat lift which now operates throughout the cruising season to link the canal with the River Weaver.



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)

➤ 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.



Four Counties Ring

P4 N4 L10

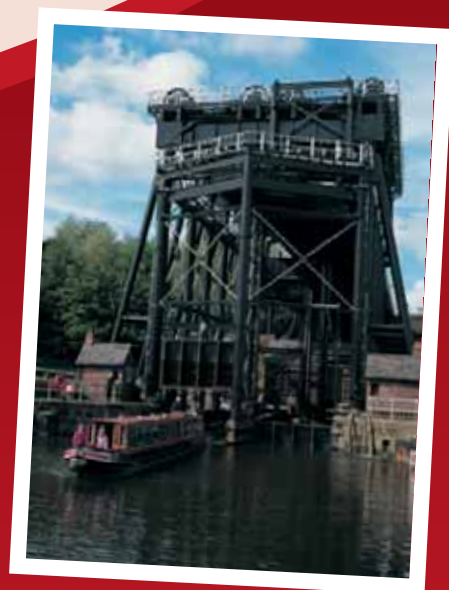
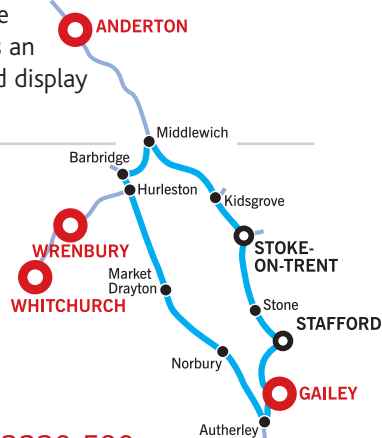
> Anderton ☾ 10/11 ☀ 6.5 📖 102

> Wrenbury ☾ 10/11 ☀ 6.5 📖 112

> Whitchurch ☾ 14 ☀ 6 📖 132

> Gailey ☾ 7 ☀ 8.5 📖 110

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"We all had an amazing time"



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short breaks

Bingley & return

P5 N5 L5 (Does not cover entire route)

> Anderton 14/21 8+ 134

(Max 60ft boats)

For the more energetic this can be a 14 night trip, but if you are wanting to take your time and see the sights then take a more leisurely 3 week break.

> Heading north of the Cheshire Ring the scenery is varied, frequently rural and often spectacular.

You will experience areas of easy, lock-free cruising through the beautiful wide-open moorland of rural Pendle. If just two people are cruising, it is best to share the large double locks with another boat if possible.

> A comfortable turning point for a fortnight cruise is the appealing market town of Skipton. This is a short walking distance from the canal and a lovely market town to explore. It has a good selection of shops, a castle, museum and local bicycle hire.



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

Lymm & return

P5 N5 L5

> Anderton 3 9 2

Cruise above the River Weaver and its valley, where the only lock has a drop of just six inches! Preston Brook has a tunnel of nearly a mile, and there are also two shorter ones on this route.

Beeston or Nantwich & return

P3 P4 N4 L5 L8

> Anderton to Nantwich 3 8.5 16

> Anderton to Beeston 3 10 16

Easy cruising south from Anderton with splendid scenery and good pubs. The lovely medieval town of Nantwich, with its distinctive black & white architecture, is a brisk 1/4 hour walk from the canal.

River Weaver via Anderton Boat Lift & return

P5 N4 L5

> Anderton 4 5 10

A stunning feat of 19th Century engineering, re-opened in Spring 2002, the Anderton boat lift carries two boats at a time hydraulically, one up and one down. At the centre of the Cheshire salt-making region, the River Weaver is steeped in industrial history, yet bristling with wildlife and beautiful scenery.

- Visit the Salt Museum at Northwich. (01606 41331 / www.saltmuseum.org.uk)
- Head south to the head of the navigation and the wildlife haven of the Winsford Flash lakes.

The South Pennine Ring

P5 N5 L5 (Does not cover entire route)

> Anderton 21 6.5 227

(Max 58ft boats)

The recently restored Huddersfield Narrow Canal crosses the Pennines to complete the fantastic south Pennine Ring.

> At 5,698 yards, the Standedge Tunnel is the longest and highest in Britain – the passage requires pre-booking with Standedge Visitor Centre.

(01484 844298)

> East of Huddersfield the canal is wider and the locks are shorter, so the maximum length of boat able to complete the circuit is 58ft.



THEOLOGICAL GARDENS
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