



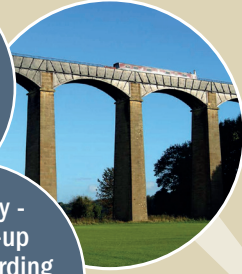
Open access for the more experienced into River Dee



Permitted access only
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Unguarded drop stay close to towpath when crossing



For safety - no stand-up paddle boarding across the Pontcysyllte aqueduct.

Check the tunnel is clear of other craft and secure a forward facing bright light before entering

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Open access from or into the canal



Please help reduce erosion by carrying rather than dragging boats down the slope



Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal World Heritage Site

EXPLORE 11 miles of stunning heritage – 2 countries, 2 tunnels and 2 aqueducts.

The Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal World Heritage Site extends along the Llangollen canal from Chirk through to Llantysilio across the Dee Valley. Canoeing is a fantastic way to discover and admire a unique, picturesque landscape of aqueducts, viaducts and long tunnels. The Pontcysyllte Aqueduct itself is one of the most amazing engineering feats on the canal network, a cast iron trough supported by giant stone pillars 39 metres (127 feet) above the River Dee.

Find out more information at www.canalrivertrust.org.uk or www.pontcysyllte-aqueduct.co.uk



About us

The Canal & River Trust is the charity who look after and bring to life 2,000 miles of waterways, because life is better by water. Research shows that spending time by water, whether it be your lunchbreak, daily commute or just a weekend stroll, really does make us feel happier and healthier. The Trust is working with volunteers and communities across England and Wales to transform canals and rivers into spaces where local people want to spend time and feel better, bringing wellbeing opportunities to millions.

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Pontcysyllte
Safle Treftadaeth Y Byd
World Heritage Site



**Bryniau Clwyd a
Dyffryn Dyfrdwy**
Clwydian Range
and Dee Valley

Part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Paddle the right way

along eleven miles of stunning heritage

The Llangollen canal is a great place for beginners, family groups or anyone looking for easy access, predictable conditions and lots to see. For the more experienced the River Dee can offer a much more adventurous way to get close to nature. You are very welcome to share this World Heritage Site but consider other users. We want everyone to enjoy their stay. To find out more about paddling on our waterways visit www.canalrivertrust.org.uk



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Consider other People

- Park sensibly away from the towpath and without causing obstruction
- Respect other users and try to keep noise to a minimum
- Observe the navigation rules for the waterway and be aware of other craft

Be Fishing Friendly

- Co-operate with anglers to avoid lines, nets and swims
- Keep to the central channel and maintain a steady speed
- If you are travelling in a group keep together and pass anglers in one group

Protect the Natural Environment

- Constantly assess the wildlife around you. If you see signs of disturbance move quietly away
- Canal and river banks are important places for wildlife. Avoid damaging banks and bankside vegetation by not 'seal' launching or dragging boats into the canal
- Take your rubbish away with you

Enjoy the Canal and Stay Safe

- Always be certain to let others know where you're going and when you're expected to return
- Make sure that the journey you plan is within your capabilities
- Make sure you never paddle alone
- Everyone should wear a life jacket or buoyancy aid and have a waterproof torch and whistle attached to them
- Check that your equipment is well maintained and ready for the water. Ensure your boat has the required buoyancy to keep it afloat in the event of a capsize
- Cover cuts or sores with waterproof plasters, wear appropriate footwear and avoid swallowing water. Wash your hands before eating
- For safety - do not cross the Pontcysyllte aqueduct on stand-up paddle boards (SUP). Please disembark, walk on the towpath and tow you SUP across behind a crossing narrowboat. SUPs are permitted to cross the Chirk aqueduct.



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Check - Clean - Dry

The waterways are home to many invasive species and we need to stop them spreading wherever possible. You can help prevent this by following three simple steps when you leave the water -

- **Check** your equipment and clothing for living organisms. Pay particular attention to areas that are damp and hard to inspect
- **Clean** and wash all equipment, footwear and clothes thoroughly. If you come across any organisms, leave them at the water where you found them
- **Dry** all equipment and clothing - some species can live for many days in moist conditions. Make sure you don't transfer water elsewhere

Do I need to buy a license for the Trust's waterways?

Yes unless you are a current member of British Canoeing or Canoe Wales who get to use our waterways for free visit www.britishcanoeing.org.uk or www.canoewales.com You can buy a short term licence on-line at www.canalrivertrust.org.uk

