

Llangollen Canal



Welcome to your Boaters' Guide

About the test version

This is a test version of the Canal & River Trust's new Boaters' Guides. The guides provide boating information in a clear, easy-to-download PDF, ready to be printed out or saved to your tablet or smartphone.

This PDF is just an example of what the guides will look like. The factual information contained within it isn't complete, and hasn't been checked - don't worry about that for now. We're interested in hearing your comments on the overall appearance and presentation of the guides.

How it works

Every day, a new Boaters' Guide is generated for each waterway using the Canal & River Trust's mapping and navigational data - everything from locks and bridges to stoppages and advice. Some data changes very rarely (locks), some frequently (stoppages). Because the guides are regenerated every day, your download will always be up-to-date with the latest information.

Unlike most waterway maps, which are drawn by hand, these maps are entirely computer-generated. The computer does all the work of juggling the map symbols and labels to get everything to fit in. This is what permits new guides to be generated every day.

Many of the waterway features are marked with a number. This means there's more information in the text below or beside the map.

What's new?

Since 2005, the Canal & River Trust website (and its predecessor, Waterscape.com) have provided Boaters' Guides for download. This new system has been rewritten from scratch and has many improvements over the previous version.

First, the maps are greatly improved. They now show towpaths, roads, and built-up areas. Label placement is much smarter, which means more bridge and lock names can be shown.








Second, the information can be kept up-to-date. The original guides used an old database which was no longer updated with the latest navigation information.

Third, the content is much more flexible. As well as the basic information about locks, bridges, facilities and stoppages, we'll be able to include general navigational advice for each waterway. We can even include diagrams of signs, photos, and other illustrations to help you with the situations you might encounter on the water.

And as you'll have noticed, the guides are now in colour (though we've

designed them so the maps are still clear if you print them in black and white). We've also taken the opportunity to have a cover for each guide, using the delightful woodcuts drawn by John O'Connor for the very first British Waterways pleasure cruising guides in the 1950s.

Key to facilities

-  Electricity
-  Chemical toilet disposal
-  Showers
-  Pump-out
-  Rubbish disposal
-  Toilets
-  Visitor mooring
-  Water point

Known issues

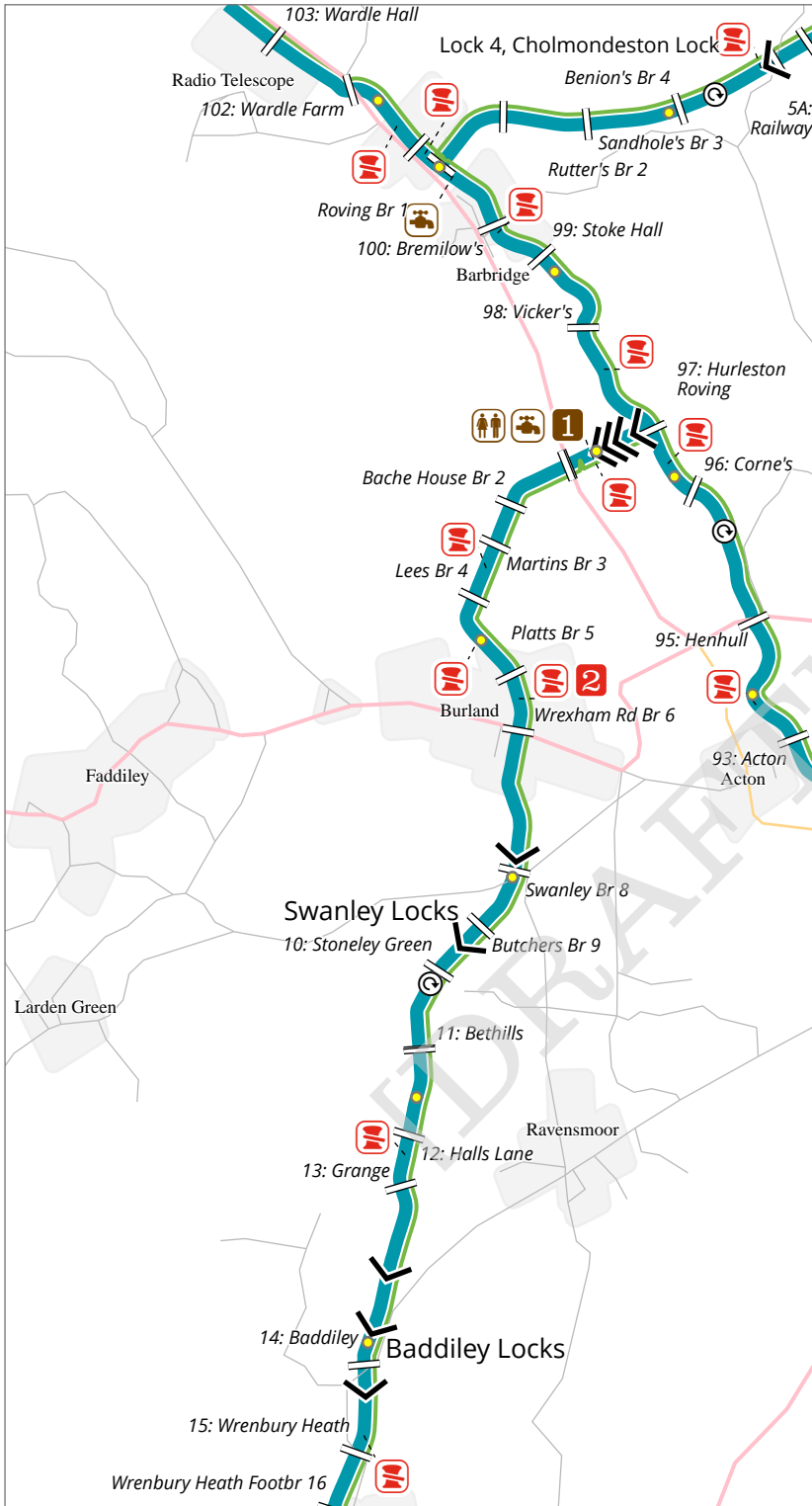
As mentioned above, the navigational information in these test guides hasn't been checked. So you'll sometimes see information that's out of date, incomplete or just superfluous (such as winding hole locations). Don't worry about that for now - it's the design and appearance of the guides we're testing.

The waterway line is missing for several short stretches of waterway. This is a data issue and will be fixed in the final guides.

Credits

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Hurleston–Wrenbury



Stoppages

Bridges 13 and 22

1st Nov 2016 12:00am to 25th Nov 2016 11:59pm

Full dewater and water transfer across bridge holes for brickwork repairs.

Bridges 10 and 11

26th Nov 2016 12:00am to 21st Dec 2016 11:59pm

Full dewater and water transfer across bridge holes for brickwork repairs. .

Navigation

Stoneley Green Winding Hole: Near bridge 10

WINDINGHOLE: Middlewich Arm near bridge 4

Poolehill Winding Hole: Between bridges 96 & 95

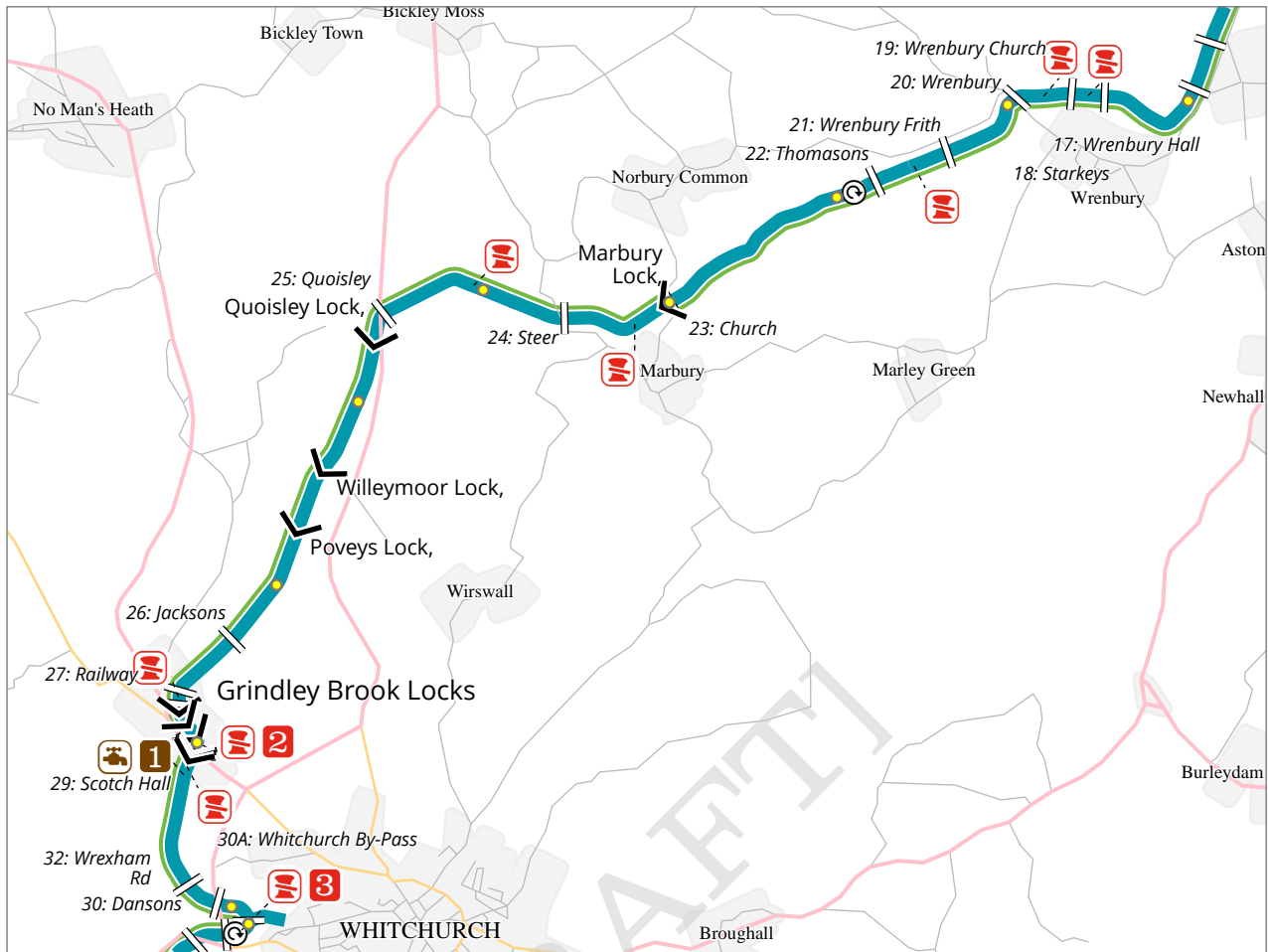
Facilities

1 Picnic tables, information.

Moorings

2 **Burland (Br 5 & 6) Visitor Mooring:** 48 hours maximum. (Three sets of moorings between bridges 3 and 6.)

Wrenbury–Whitchurch



Navigation

Bridge 20, Wrenbury Bridge: Electric lift bridge. BW key required.

Thomasons Winding Hole: Near bridge 22

Lock 3, Grindley Brook Locks Staircase: To ensure your visit to Grindley Brook is a pleasant one, seasonal lock-keepers will be present to assist your passage through the staircase locks. You will find them at the lockside from March until October, seven days a week. If you require their assistance, they will be happy to help. (You can also pick up the 'Grindley Brook Staircase Operational Guide' leaflet.) Please note, at busy times, delays are to be expected.
Also applies at: Lock 2, Grindley Brook Locks Staircase; Lock 1, Grindley Brook Locks Staircase

Whitchurch Winding Hole: Near bridge 31A

Facilities

1 Picnic tables, pub, information.

Moorings

2 **Grindley Brook top of locks**
Visitor Mrg: 325m length. 48 hours

maximum. Picnic tables.

3 **Whitchurch bet Lift Br & Wind Hole**
VM: Between lift bridge and winding hole. 48 hours maximum.

Stoppages

Bridges 13 and 22

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 Full dewater and water transfer across bridge holes for brickwork repairs.

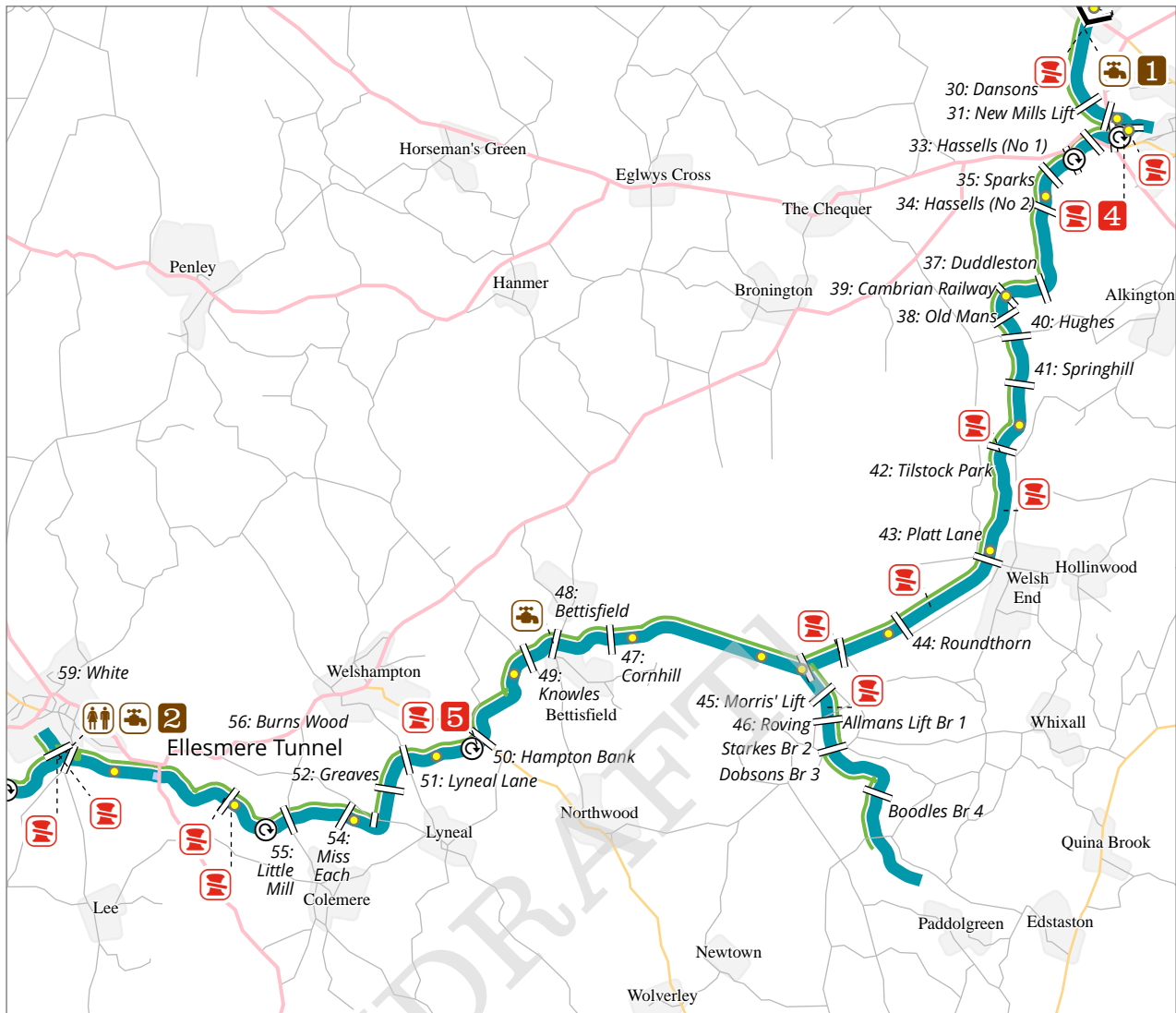
Marbury and Quoisley Locks

2nd Nov 2016 12:00am to 16th Dec 2016 11:59pm
 Marbury Lock: Top gate replacement, brickwork and paving repairs. 02/11/16 to 29/11/16
 Quoisley Lock: Gate and leakage repairs within the lock and repairs to the by wash outlet.

Grindley Brook Staircase, Locks 1 to 3

2nd Nov 2016 12:00am to 15th Dec 2016 11:59pm
 Lock 1: Brickwork repairs to the lock chamber. Lock 2: repairs to the bottom end gates.

Whitchurch–Ellesmere



Navigation

Lock 3, Grindley Brook Locks

Staircase: To ensure your visit to Grindley Brook is a pleasant one, seasonal lock-keepers will be present to assist your passage through the staircase locks. You will find them at the lockside from March until October, seven days a week. If you require their assistance, they will be happy to help. (You can also pick up the 'Grindley Brook Staircase Operational Guide' leaflet.) Please note, at busy times, delays are to be expected.

Also applies at: Lock 2, Grindley Brook Locks Staircase; Lock 1, Grindley Brook Locks Staircase

Whitchurch Winding Hole: Near bridge 31A

Hassells Winding Hole: Near bridge 33

Hampton Bank Winding Hole: Near bridge 50

Colemere Winding Hole: Near bridge 55

Ellesmere Tunnel: Do not enter if a boat is approaching from the opposite direction. Wait until it is clear.

Facilities

- 1 Picnic tables, pub, information.
- 2 Picnic tables, pub, information.

Moorings

- 3 **Grindley Brook top of locks**
Visitor Mrg: 325m length. 48 hours maximum. Picnic tables.
- 4 **Whitchurch bet Lift Br & Wind Hole VM:** Between lift bridge and winding hole. 48 hours maximum.
- 5 **Hampton Bank (West of Br 50)**
Visitor Mrg: 150m length. Picnic tables.

Stoppages

Grindley Brook Staircase, Locks 1 to 3
2nd Nov 2016 12:00am to 15th Dec 2016 11:59pm

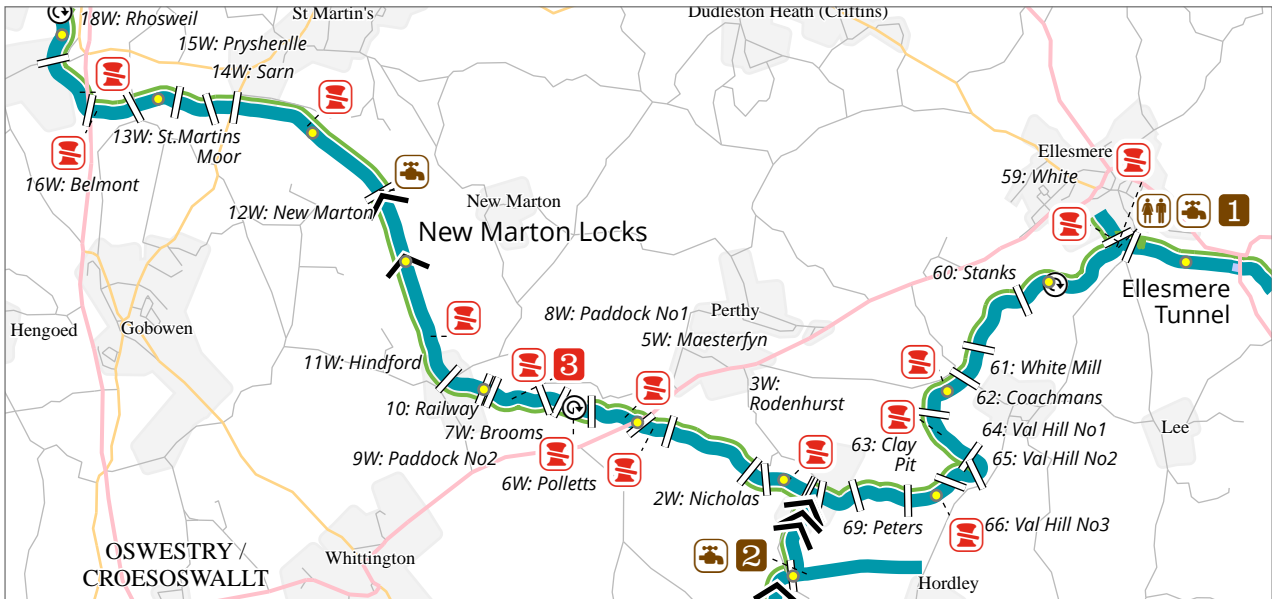
Lock 1: Brickwork repairs to the lock chamber. Lock 2: repairs to the bottom end gates.

Prees Branch, Llangollen Canal

7th Nov 2016 12:00am to 21st Dec 2016 11:59pm

Installation of structural sheet piles, bank and towpath reinstatement. Floating plant likely to block navigation, possible breach mitigation bund required.

Ellesmere–Chirk



Navigation

Ellesmere Tunnel: Do not enter if a boat is approaching from the opposite direction. Wait until it is clear.

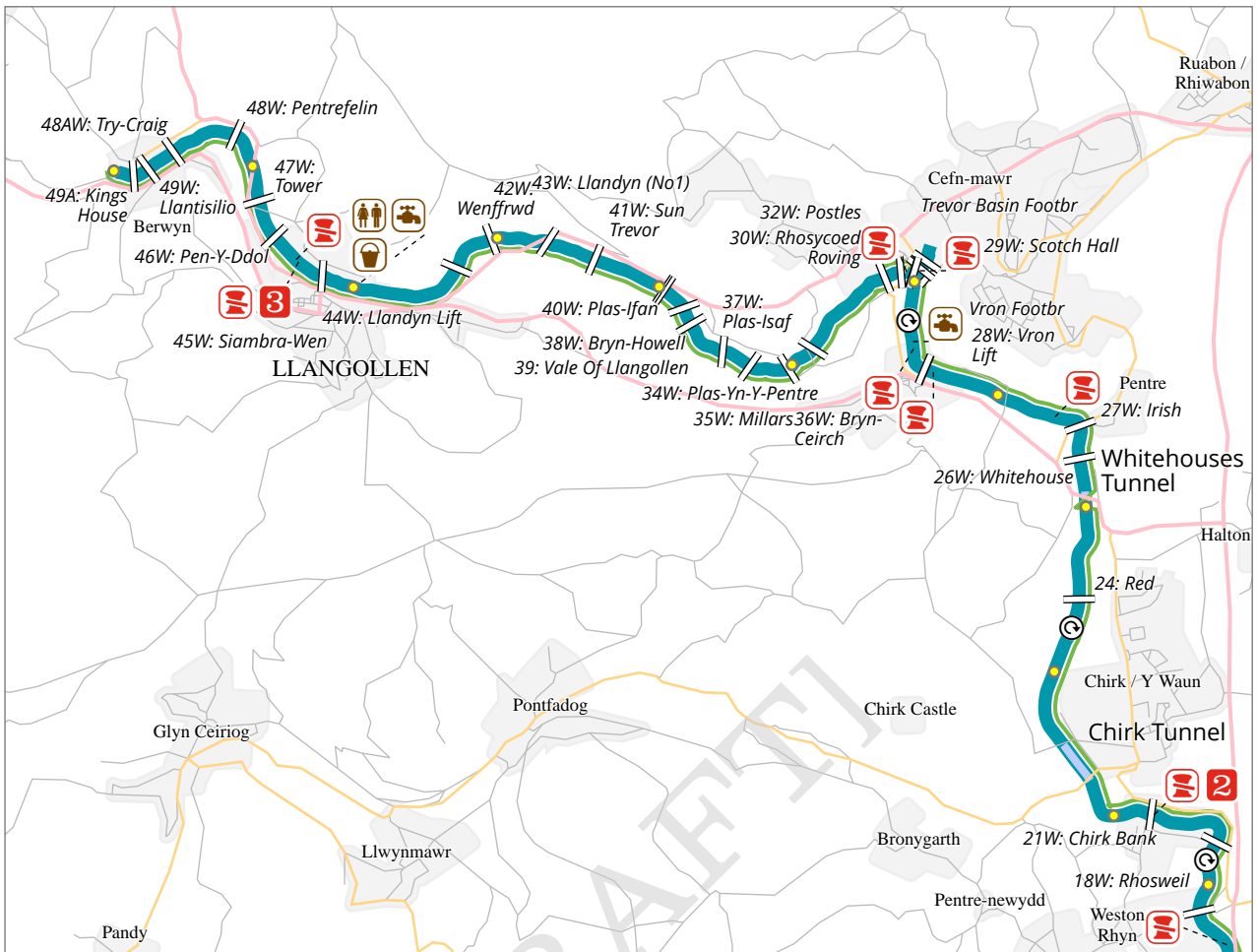
Facilities

- 1 Picnic tables, pub, information.
- 2 Picnic area, parking.

Moorings

- 3 **Hindford Bet Brs 8 and 9 Visitor Mrg:** 90m length.
- 4 **Weston Arm Leisure Area:** Maximum 48 hours.

Chirk-Llangollen



Navigation

Chirk Tunnel: Do not enter if a boat is approaching from the opposite direction. Wait until it is clear.

Also applies at: Whitehouses Tunnel

Black Park Winding Hole: Between Chirk Tunnel and Whitehouse Tunnel

Moorings

- 1 Poacher's Pocket Visitor Mooring:**
100m length. Maximum stay: 48 hours.
- 2 Chirk Bank Visitor Moorings:**
140m length. Maximum 14 days.
- 3 Llangollen 48hr - S1 Mooring Site:**
There are visitor moorings both on the towpath (360m length) and in the new 32-berth basin, which includes water and electric supplies. During the summer months there is a mooring attendant present. There is a charge and the maximum stay is 48 hours. Please telephone 01606 723800 for more information. Boaters can stay free up to 4pm and staff are on site until approximately 8pm to take bookings. There is no pre booking service.