

Llangollen Wellbeing Walk

Llangollen to Sun Trevor Bridge

walk time 55-60 minutes
distance 3.2km / 2 miles



WALKING TIPS



- Walking times are approx, measured on an average pace of two miles an hour.
- Follow the water and enjoy walking at your own pace... but allow time to simply sit and stare along the way.
- Walk one way, hop on a bus for your return, or turn around and walk back to discover a different view.

towpath	point of interest
access	museum
café	trip boat
pub	marina
picnic area	horsedrawn trip boat
toilets	Heritage Railway
shopping	bus stop
information	parking

The Walk - Step by Step

The historic town of Llangollen tells stories of Cistercian monks, waterways and special relationships. It is perhaps most famous for being festival capital of Wales as the world arrives every year for its International Musical Eisteddfod. The Llangollen Canal ambles 46 miles across this scenic corner of Wales, yet once carried industrial cargoes of coal, limestone, clay and ironstone. 11 miles of the canal including Llangollen Wharf are now a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site and this leafy canal walk gives you a relaxing insight into its glamorous waterways heritage.



-  The Grade I-listed Llangollen Bridge straddles the River Dee in the valley below the canal. Llangollen Railway station on the riverbank is the only standard-gauge heritage railway in North Wales.
- 1** Turn right into narrow Dee Lane, being careful of traffic here. The Corn Mill, now a pub, was founded in the 13th century by Cistercian monks from Valle Crucis Abbey, and mostly rebuilt in 1786.
- 2** Victoria Promenade follows the river's edge. Opened in 1897 to commemorate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, it leads to Riverside Park, an opportunity for a coffee before retracing your steps back along the river.
- 3** Follow the path into Parade Street. Llangollen Museum has a large collection of artefacts, photos and documents telling the story of this area.
- 4** Explore the town by heading up Castle Street, passing the Grade II-listed Victorian Town Hall and the restored Y Capel now housing the library, art gallery and tourist info centre. You could detour up the hill to Plas Newydd, world-famous home of the 'Ladies of Llangollen'.
- 5** St Collen's Church, originally founded in the 6th century, has a striking 15th-century carved oak hammer-beam roof. Follow Church Street back to Llangollen Bridge.
- 6** Cross the road, turn left and head up the signed footpath to Llangollen Wharf. High above the town, the wharf is busy with boats, people and horses. Canal boats were traditionally pulled along by horses. Horse-drawn boats have become a rare sight on today's waterways, but the Wharf runs horse-drawn boat trips along the canal.
- 7** Turn right under the bridge to follow the towpath away from the wharf. The canal is very narrow here, often only wide enough for one boat. Once you've passed the visitors' moorings, both canal and towpath widen as glorious views spread out in front of you.
- 8** One of the canal's many lift bridges is left open to allow for passing boats. Out of town it's blissfully solitary and the locals are sheep, herons and soaring buzzards. The towpath's lush hedgerows are teeming with life and birdsong.
- 9** The canal curves under bridge 42, then the trees clear and the view of the Dee valley below is breath-taking.
-  The Sun Trevor pub is perched just across the road from bridge 41, with views over the canal and valley below. When you are ready, you could hop on a bus back to Llangollen or retrace your steps along the towpath from a different viewpoint.

CANAL: Llangollen

START: Llangollen Bridge
OS Grid ref: SJ215421 Postcode: LL20 8PG

FINISH: Sun Trevor Bridge
OS Grid ref: SJ240423 Postcode: LL20 8EG

DISTANCE: 3.2km / 2 miles

APPROX TIME: 55-60 minutes

PUB/CAFÉ: Various in Llangollen, Wharf Tea Room at Llangollen Wharf, Sun Trevor at Sun Trevor Bridge

PARKING: Nearest car park – Llangollen (postcode: LL20 8PW)

TRAIN: Nearest train station - Chirk
National Rail Enquiries
Tel: 03457 484950 www.nationalrail.co.uk
Llangollen Heritage Railway
www.llangollen-railway.co.uk

BUS: Traveline Cymru Tel: 0871 2002233
www.traveline.info

