Introduction

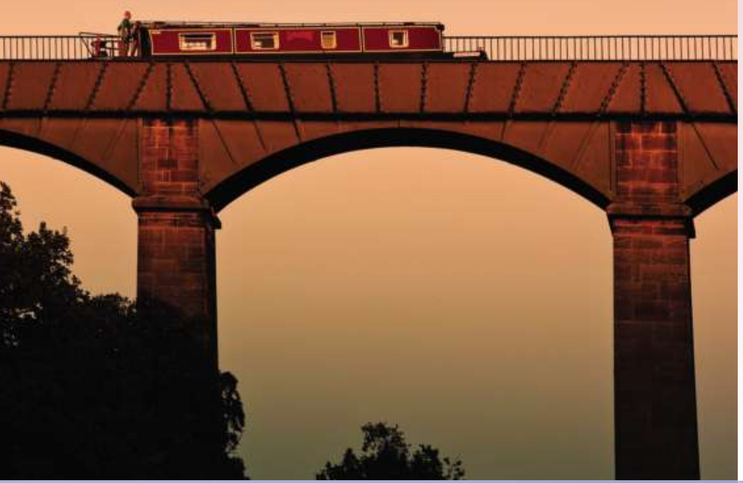
Welcome to a special corner of north east Wales and the border with Shropshire.

We would like you to enjoy your stay here and would encourage you to visit us and use public transport. We have an ongoing programme of improvements to our public transport system and we have brought together in this guide a few journey opportunities that can be used for seeing some of the spectacular attractions along this corridor.

There are more bus and rail services available but we have shown those that link rail and bus so that you can enjoy the area without the worry of where to park.

There is much to occupy you in this area from the magnificence of the UNESCO World Heritage Site at Pontcysyllte to the attractions of Llangollen and Chirk.

Whether you are visiting this area for the day or are already here and looking for a relaxing day out let our trains and buses take the strain and pay a visit to one of the many lovely attractions in this area.



Your guide to public transport... Pontcysyllte World Heritage site, Glyn Ceiriog and the surrounding area

Bus Services

Service	Frequency	Details
2 / 2A	Half - hourly Mon - Sat 0630 - 1830	Wrexham - Ruabon - Oswestry via Newbridge and Chirk. Hourly to Gobowen and Chirk Bank Weston Rhyn. At Chirk, connections to 60 bus service to Glyn Ceiriog and 64 / 65 service to Pontcysyllte and Llangollen
2E	2 hourly Mon - Sat Evenings	Wrexham - Chirk - Chirk Station via Ruabon Station and Newbridge
5	15 Minutes Mon - Sat 0700 - 2100	Wrexham - Ruabon - Llangollen via Trevor, Old Station (for Trevor Basin). Connecting with rail services at Ruabon Station
5A	Hourly Sundays & BH's 1000 - 2300	Chirk - Chirk Station - Llangollen - Ruabon Station - Wrexham. Via Froncysyllte and Trevor, Old Station for Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Trevor Basin
60	Hourly Mon-Sat 0800 - 1830	Chirk and Chirk Station to Glyn Ceiriog and Llanarmon DC with convenient connections at Chirk Station and Chirk to: Rail services to Shrewsbury, Birmingham, Chester, Holyhead and London. Bus services 2,2A,64 and 65 to Wrexham, Oswestry, Llangollen and the Pontcysyllte World Heritage site
64A / 64B	Hourly Mon - Sat 0800 - 1830	Chirk and Chirk Station to Llangollen, with journeys via Froncysyllte, Trevor Basin and Garth for direct access to the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct. Connections with rail at Chirk and bus service 60 for Glyn Ceiriog.
65	2 hourly Mon - Sat Daytimes	Chirk and Chirk Station to Wrexham, with journeys via Froncysyllte, Trevor Basin and Garth for direct access to the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct. Connections with rail at Chirk and bus service 60 for Glyn Ceiriog.

By Rail

Chirk and Ruabon stations provide access to regular direct rail services to and from Shrewsbury, Birmingham, Cardiff, Chester, Holyhead and London Marylebone. With convenient connections to bus at Chirk and Ruabon, visiting the area couldn't be easier.

Here are some examples of how to use public transport to get to:

Pontcysyllte World Heritage site from Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Telford and Shrewsbury or from the north via Chester

Take the 0924 Arriva Trains Wales Holyhead service from Birmingham New Street calling at Wolverhampton (0943), Telford (1000) and Shrewsbury (1023) arriving at Chirk Station at 1047.

or

Take the 1022 Arriva Trains Wales service from Chester arriving at Chirk Station 1051.

The 1105 service 64B to Llangollen will drop you at Froncysyllte at 1118 from where you can walk the 125 metre high Pontcysyllte Aqueduct over the River Dee to Trevor Basin.

At 1245, the 64B service will take you back to Chirk where you can visit the similarly impressive 75 foot high Chirk Aqueduct or walk the 420 metre long canal tunnel before joining your train home south at 1451, 1557 or 1651. Last train south is at 2257

Departures north are hourly too at 1447,1548 and 1649 until midnight.

Glyn Ceiriog from Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Telford and Shrewsbury

Again, take the 0924 Arriva Trains Wales Holyhead service from Birmingham arriving at Chirk Station at 1051 or the 1022 Arriva Trains Wales service from Chester arriving at Chirk Station 1051.

The service 60 to Glyn Ceiriog departs Chirk Station at 1110.

Alternatively, the earlier 0925 service from Shrewsbury arrives at Chirk for 0949 which connects with the 1005 service 60 to Llanarmon DC via Glyn Ceiriog. Similar earlier departures from Chester are available.

Enjoy one of the many walks in this beautiful valley or simply take in the scenery before catching the bus back to Chirk to connect with your train journey home.

Bus services connecting with rail at Chirk Station depart Glyn Ceiriog at 0930, 1130, 1330, 1530 and 1730.

Pontcysyllte World Heritage site from Llangollen.

Board the 1030 64B service to Chirk at Llangollen, Parade Street arriving at Trevor Basin at 1045.

You can walk the Aqueduct across the River Dee and catch the 1205 60A service at Froncysyllte, arriving back in Llangollen at 1220.

The more energetic may walk the towpath three and a half miles back to Llangollen.

Chirk and Glyn Ceiriog from Llangollen

The 1030 64B service from Llangollen via Trevor and Froncysyllte will drop you at Chirk at 1100.

From Chirk you can visit the Chirk Aqueduct and walk the canal tunnel or take the connecting service 60 at 1110 to continue to Glyn Ceiriog and take in one of the many walks in the area. The more adventurous can even walk back over the top from Glyn Ceiriog to Llangollen.

Pontcysyllte World Heritage site from Wrexham.

The 0900 service 65 from Wrexham Bus Station (Stand 3) will take you to Trevor Basin for 0933. A walk of a mile and a half will take you over the aqueduct and along the canal side to Pentre where Arriva Midlands services 2 and 2A to Wrexham depart at 7 mins and 37 mins past each hour. If you have the energy why not walk the extra half mile to Whitehurst from where the Arriva service to Wrexham departs 2 minutes earlier than at Pentre, at 5 mins past and 25 mins to each hour.

Alternatively, the 1100 route 65 from Wrexham Bus Station will drop you at Trevor Basin at 1133. Buses back to Wrexham leave Trevor Basin at 1218 and 1418. In the school holidays there is also a 1618 back to Wrexham so why not take the kids!

These are just some examples of how to use public transport to visit the Pontcysyllte World Heritage site and Ceiriog Valley. For more information regarding public transport in the area contact: Wrexham BusLine on 01978 266166.

Further Information

Rail Information

The line serving this area is the Chester-Wrexham-Shrewsbury Line. Stations at Chirk and Ruabon are served by regular direct trains from London Marylebone, Birmingham (including the airport), Holyhead, Cardiff, Chester and Shrewsbury.

There is a regular hourly service on this line from Monday to Saturday with a reduced service on Sunday.

Chirk Railway Station

The station at Chirk is served by regular direct trains from London Marylebone, Birmingham (including the airport), Holyhead, Cardiff, Chester and Shrewsbury. The platform on the Chester side is only accessible by a flight of 24 steps. For step free access we would recommend Gobowen Station some five minutes south.

Ruabon

The station at Ruabon is served by regular direct trains from London Marylebone, Birmingham (including the airport), Holyhead, Cardiff, Chester and Shrewsbury. The platform on the Chester side is only accessible by 2 flights of steps. For step free access we would recommend Wrexham General some five minutes north.

Gobowen Station

If travelling by train Gobowen Station provides step free access to this area. All trains stop at this station and there are direct trains to Chester, Wrexham, Shrewsbury, the north Wales coast, Birmingham (including the airport) and Cardiff.

Bus/Rail Interchanges

Chirk railway station - buses leave from outside the station
Ruabon railway station - buses leave from the station forecourt.

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Pontcysyllte Public Transport

Let's take a walk through this lovely area...

From Shropshire through to the Borderlands of Wrexham & Denbighshire

Following the tow path there are numerous points indicated on the map overleaf where you can join or leave the canal path.

Chirk Bank

Whether you start or end your canal walk here there will be a warm welcome from a number of cafes', restaurants and hostelries in this area. Some have outside eating or children's play areas. From the Shropshire side of this corridor you can join the tow path at either the bridge on Oakland's Road or down the hill where the B5070 meets the road to Chirk Bank.

Once on the tow path you will pass by pretty canal side cottages which line this section of the canal. In a few hundred yards the impressive aqueduct and viaduct carrying the Chester-Shrewsbury Railway line will be in your sights.

Chirk Aqueduct/Viaduct

The impressive aqueduct and viaduct at Chirk welcomes you to Wales. The aqueduct carries the Llangollen Branch of the Shropshire Union Canal and the viaduct the Chester-Shrewsbury line with its station at Chirk.

Built in 1848 by Henry Robertson it crosses the River Ceiriog far below. Running parallel to the Viaduct is Chirk Aqueduct built in 1801 by Thomas Telford which takes you into Wales. The views across the valley can really be appreciated here.

The path then divides and if you proceed you will enter the Chirk tunnel. At some 420 metres in length a torch is recommended. However if you wish you can leave the canal here and by pass the tunnel taking signs for Chirk Station and rejoin the canal from the path near the station. You could also pay a visit to Chirk Town which is well signposted and offers several places to eat and drink.

Chirk

The pretty border town of Chirk is well worth a visit. It has a railway station situated just 500 metres from the town centre.

The town has a choice of places to stay. There are shopping facilities and numerous places to stop to eat and drink or simply take a walk and see St Mary's Church, part of the Open Church Network.

In the centre of this pretty town is the Portland stone war memorial designed by Eric Gill. The obelisk showing a soldier crouching in is greatcoat is a magnificent artwork.

Off the tow path

A mile and a half from Chirk station and a 30 minute walk away is Chirk Castle built by King Edward 1 in 1310. Pictured are the magnificent gates at the entrance to the parkland of this National Trust property.

The Ceiriog Valley

Chirk is the gateway to the Ceiriog Valley. This is great walking country and a 'little bit of heaven on earth' was how Lloyd George described this wonderful valley. With its pretty villages it is a real retreat from the hustle and bustle of city life.

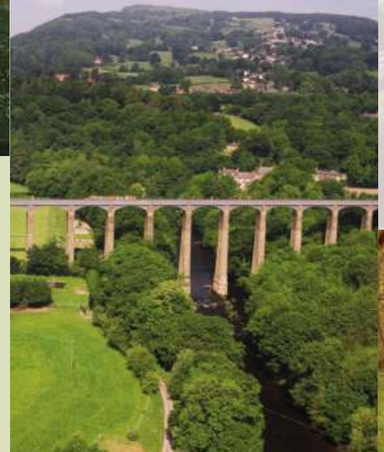
Back on the tow path

Froncysyllte is another point at which you can join the canal footpath.

After running parallel to Chirk Station the canal passes close to Chirk Marina and Golf course before soaring over the river Dee.

Pontcysyllte Aqueduct

The Pontcysyllte Aqueduct is generally regarded as one of Thomas Telford's greatest civil engineering achievements and is reflected in its UNESCO World Heritage Site designation. Carrying the Llangollen Branch of the Shropshire Union Canal it is 307 metres long and towers 37 metres above the River Dee from which you can take in the panoramic views of the whole area.



Trevor Basin

At Trevor we find the mooring basin adjoining the Pontcysyllte canal. Here you can stop off for a welcome break. Food and drink is available together with a pretty museum of canal history.

Llangollen

Nestling in the beautiful Dee valley and with stunning scenery Llangollen offers visitors a place to relax, sightsee or take a trip on the canal or steam railway.

Llangollen has so much to offer from hotels, B & B's, hostelries, café's and restaurants and fine views of the river. Take a boat trip or revisit the past with a trip on the Llangollen Railway.

Towering high above the town and giving stunning views of the valley are the ruins of Castell Dinas Bran.

Horse Shoe Falls

The Horseshoe Falls is the feeder source of the Llangollen canal accessible on foot on the level towpath or travel in style in a horse drawn boat from Llangollen Wharf. The Horseshoe Falls are in fact a man made weir, designed by Thomas Telford.

Useful Contacts

Telephone Numbers

Transport	
Train, Bus, Ferry or Coach Traveline	0871 200 2233
Buses serving this area Wrexham Bus Line	01978 266166
Trains	
National Rail	08457 48 49 50
Tourist Information Centres	
Wrexham	01978 292015
Oswestry Mile End	01691 662488
Llangollen	01978 860828

Websites

Tourist Information
www.wrexham.gov.uk/tourism

Travel
www.traveline-cymru.info
www.wrexham.gov.uk/bus

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LLANGOLLEN MOTOR MUSEUM
HORSESHOE FALLS
TO CORWEN
CASTELL DINAS BRAN
ROYAL INTERNATIONAL PAVILION
CANAL WHARF
LLANGOLLEN CANAL
LLANGOLLEN RAILWAY
Llangollen
PLAS NEWYDD
VALE OF LLANGOLLEN GOLF CLUB
RIVER DEE
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Garth
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Trevor Basin
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Pontcysyllte Aqueduct
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PLAS MADOC LEISURE CENTRE
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2C/2E/5/5A 65/X94
RUABON RAILWAY STATION
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Newbridge
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2/2A/2E/5A 60/64/65
CHIRK MARINA
CHIRK GOLF CLUB
B5070
SHROPSHIRE UNION CANAL
CHIRK CASTLE
CHIRK RAILWAY STATION
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TO GOBOWEN

LLANGOLLEN CANAL
ABBEY ROAD
LLANGOLLEN RAILWAY
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DEE LANE
RIVER DEE
PARADE STREET
5/5A/64/X94
PRINCESS STREET
GEORGE STREET
EAST STREET
GREENFIELD
TOURIST INFORMATION
CASTLE STREET
CHURCH STREET
WEST STREET
JOHN STREET
MARKET STREET
Llangollen
OAK STREET
CHAPEL STREET
A5
BERWYN STREET
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B4500
60 Dolywern
60 Pontfadog
60 Llanarmon DC
SELATTYN OSWESTRY B4579
CHIRK WREXHAM B4500
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