



A Cornucopia of Castles and Canals

A day out exploring the delightful waterways and iconic castles in Oswestry and the Borderlands

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From Oswestry head out to the bypass towards Whittington following the A495 into the village and take a look at Whittington Castle. It has a tea room, book shop and hosts events throughout the year. Entry is free, but there is a small parking charge.

Whittington Castle SY11 4DF Tel 01691 662500 www.whittingtoncastle.co.uk
TIME: 30 minutes – longer during events



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From Whittington head back to Oswestry bypass and head north along the A5 (A483) towards Chirk. Take the B5070 towards Chirk

On the left there is a turning at the side of the pub with a small car park on the right. If you park here you can walk along the towpath where the World Heritage site begins. Head towards **Chirk Aqueduct**, (and on through the 'darkie' tunnel if desired) to Chirk.

TIME: You can take a twenty minute walk to the aqueduct and back, or make a longer walk taking in the footpath along the river underneath and/or the castle wood.

An alternative route is to continue driving along the road towards Chirk. At the top of the hill turn left along the B4500 towards Glyn Ceiriog. Just past the houses there is a small free car park on the right in front of a building which is a Visitor and Heritage Centre. From this car park it is a short walk to the Aqueduct further along the road on the left. There is also a viewpoint across the aqueduct, and a photo opportunity

TIME: From 5 minutes to the aqueduct to a couple of hours if extending walk

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From the car park turn right and right again, following the railway line. At the mini roundabout turn left over the railway bridge by the station, and follow the road to the entrance to **Chirk Castle** (NT)
LL14 5AF Tel: 01691 777701
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/chirk-castle

TIME: 2 – 3 hours



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Leave Chirk Castle and head back into the town of Chirk. Turn left and proceed through the town until you reach the mini roundabout. Take the A5 towards Llangollen. In the village of Froncysyllte, turn right signposted Trevor and Aqueduct. Cross the River Bridge and bear right following the signs to the car park. From here it is a level walk onto this spectacular feat of engineering. During the season boat trips operate from **Llangollen Wharf**
Tel 01978 860702
www.horsedrawnboats.co.uk and '**Jones the Boat**' Tel 01691 690322
www.canaltrip.co.uk .

TIME: Fifteen minute drive from Chirk to Pontcysyllte. Aqueduct trips can be from 45 minutes to 2 hours.

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From the car park you may wish to follow the road into Trevor and then take the A539 into Llangollen, the home of the annual International Musical Eisteddfod www.international-eisteddfod.co.uk held every year at the beginning of July. Llangollen Bridge is one of the 'Seven wonders of Wales', and there are pretty walks along the river, along the canal to the Horseshoe Falls – still part of the World Heritage Site, or up to Castell Dinas Bran. There is also a scenic drive along the A539 up to the Horseshoe Pass.

TIME: You can spend anything from an hour to half a day here



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Return to Oswestry along the A5 (A483). You may wish to take an evening stroll along the **Montgomery canal** from either the car park at SY11 4EB or from Maesbury by SY10 8JB

Also at Maesbury, **Bywater Cruises** run Horse Drawn Boat trips during the season. These trips can last from an hour to a full day trip. Tel 07941 429980
www.bywatercruises.co.uk

