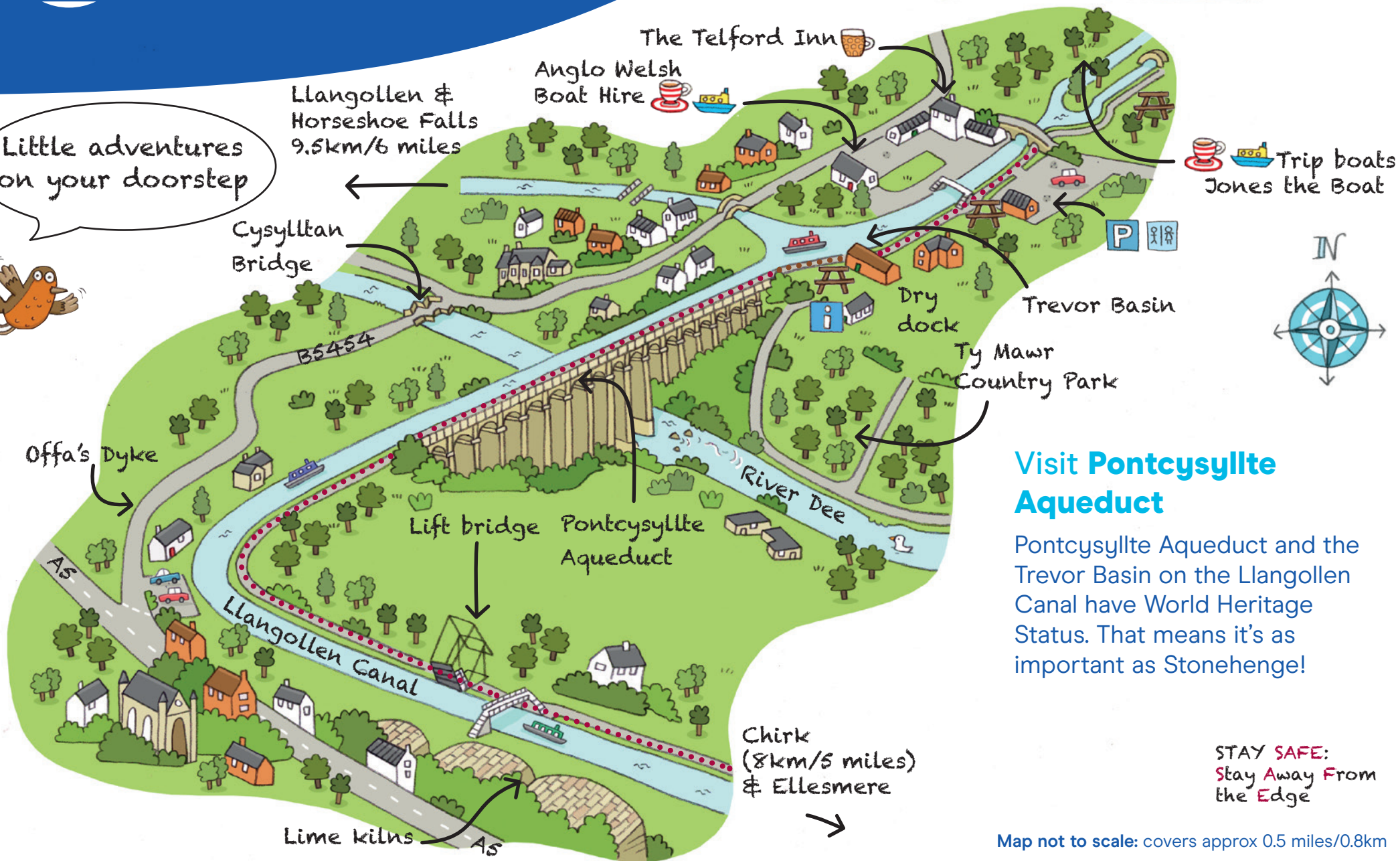




# Canal & River Trust

Making life better by water

Little adventures  
on your doorstep



## Visit Pontcysyllte Aqueduct

Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and the Trevor Basin on the Llangollen Canal have World Heritage Status. That means it's as important as Stonehenge!

**STAY SAFE:**  
Stay Away From  
the Edge

Map not to scale: covers approx 0.5 miles/0.8km

## A little bit of history

Thomas Telford and William Jessop designed Pontcysyllte Aqueduct to carry the Llangollen Canal across the Dee Valley. Completed in 1805, it's a cast iron trough supported on giant stone pillars 39 metres (127 feet) above the river. It's one of the most awesome engineering feats on the canal network.

Best of all  
it's FREE!\*

### Five things to do at Pontcysyllte Aqueduct

- ☐ **Cross** the aqueduct on foot – but make sure you've got a head for heights!
- ☐ **Take** a boat trip over the aqueduct. It's like being suspended in mid air.
- ☐ **Look** for the grooves on the aqueduct railings. They were made by the ropes of horse-drawn narrowboats.
- ☐ **Walk** along the riverbank and view the aqueduct from below. To keep it as light as possible, the piers are partly hollow and taper at their summit.
- ☐ **Spot** the remains of the iron foundries, brickworks and lime kilns which once dominated this landscape. In Victorian times, it was once described as 'a vision of hell'.

### What to Spot

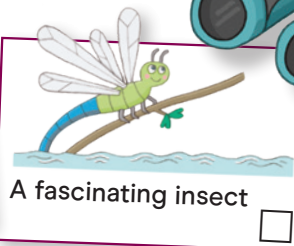
Explore the waterside together.  
How many of these can you spot?

A duck quacking


☐

166

The number of a bridge or lock

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A fascinating insect

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An interesting stone or brick

☐

The names of two boats


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A face or animal in the clouds


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### Information

Pontcysyllte Aqueduct  
LL20 7YQ



Parking



Toilets



Pub



Visitor Centre  
(open March - Oct)



Picnic bench



Boat hire & trips



Path



Offa's Dyke  
National Trail



Allow a half to full  
day for this visit

#### \* Don't forget:

Although the site is always open the facilities and boat trips may not be and some may be chargeable. Please check with local businesses before setting out.

Go to [canalriverexplorers.org.uk](http://canalriverexplorers.org.uk)  
to discover lots of fun things to  
do with the family.

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