

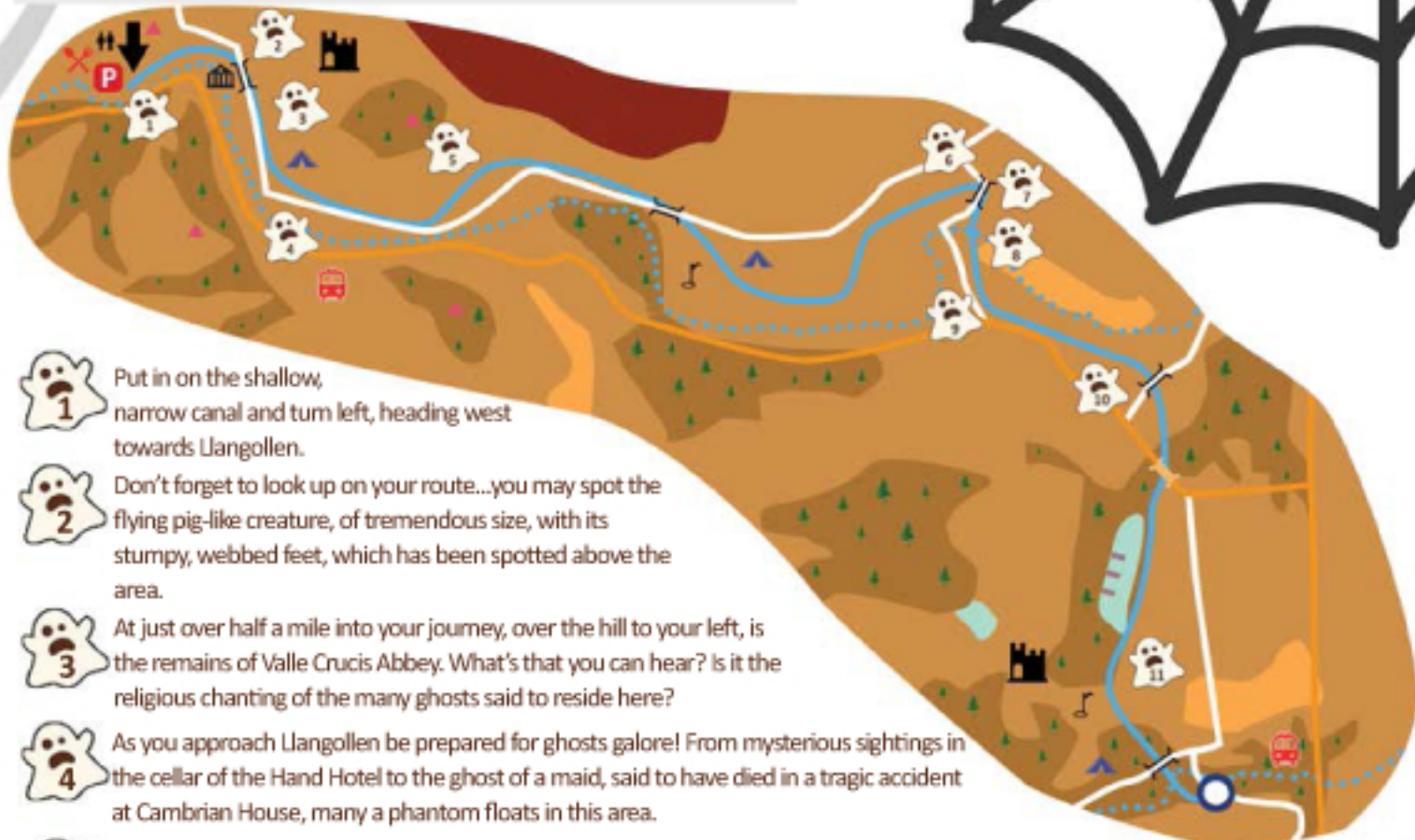
Key Info

Start: Haunted Horseshoe Falls Carpark, off B5103 LL20 8BN
Finish: Creepy Chirk Bank, Chirk LL14 5BY

Time: 2.5 - 5 hours
Distance: 10 miles
Locks/Portages: No portages, but two tunnels where paddlers must adhere to navigation rules, with a forward facing light (or head torch) of at least 80 lumens.
OS Map: Explorer 256 Wrexham and Llangollen



Scan or visit bit.ly/Llangollen-trail to find the map in Mapometer and download the GPX file



- 1 Put in on the shallow, narrow canal and turn left, heading west towards Llangollen.
- 2 Don't forget to look up on your route...you may spot the flying pig-like creature, of tremendous size, with its stumpy, webbed feet, which has been spotted above the area.
- 3 At just over half a mile into your journey, over the hill to your left, is the remains of Valle Crucis Abbey. What's that you can hear? Is it the religious chanting of the many ghosts said to reside here?
- 4 As you approach Llangollen be prepared for ghosts galore! From mysterious sightings in the cellar of the Hand Hotel to the ghost of a maid, said to have died in a tragic accident at Cambrian House, many a phantom floats in this area.
- 5 If you make it past Llangollen watch out for a spooky gamekeeper on your right. He has come from Tan Dwr Hall to wave you on your way.
- 6 After 5 miles, arrive at Trevor basin; cafe, toilets, visitor centre and parking available. This is the gateway to the Pontcysyllte aqueduct and also an alternative parking and launching point.
- 7 Are all the towpath visitors here of this world? An eerie figure is said to glide along here and may cross the aqueduct with you!
- 8 Take care crossing the aqueduct; although the towpath runs along your left, the right side is an unguarded drop of 127ft!
- 9 Shortly after the aqueduct is a swing bridge which may require a portage if it is lowered.

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From here you have two spooky tunnels to pass through before your finish! What lurks in the darkness here? Ensure all paddlers are equipped with suitable headtorches or lighting, complying with Canal & Rivers Trust rules.



If you survive the tunnels you now cross the Chirk aqueduct into England and continue on to your finish at Chirk Bank. Here there is an easy get out to your parked car alongside the canal.



Discover More



The Car Park above Horseshoe Falls offers the chance to paddle the full length of the canal. There are other start point options along the route.

The Canal and River Trust have invested in canoe launch points to prevent bank erosion. Please use these where possible.

The Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal World Heritage Site extends along the Llangollen canal from Chirk through to Llantysilio across the Dee Valley. Canoeing is a fantastic way to discover and admire a unique, picturesque landscape of aqueducts, viaducts and long tunnels. The Pontcysyllte Aqueduct itself is one of the most engineering feats on the canal network, a cast iron trough supported by giant stone pillars 39 metres (127 feet) above the River Dee.

Canal & Rivers Trust have produced a guide to this area for canoeists which can be found here: <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/news-and-views/news/canoeing-made-easier-and-safer-on-the-llangollen-canal>

<https://www.pontcysyllte-aqueduct.co.uk/attraction/llangollen-wharf/>



Safety and Licenses

We want you to enjoy a safe trip, so here are a few tips for staying safe and paddling responsibly.

Paddle Safe:

Be prepared and take the right kit:

- Wear a correctly sized buoyancy aid
- Mobile phone – in a waterproof case
- Whistle – to attract attention in case of emergency
- Map and / or route description
- Appropriate clothing for the weather conditions
- + spares in a dry bag
- Food, drink & suncream!

Paddle Responsibly:

Respect the natural environment and other users:

- Respect other waterway users #sharethespace
- Be environmentally aware, minimise your impact
- Ensure you have the correct licence if required
- Observe navigational rules – keep right and give other users space
- Check, Clean, Dry after every trip!

The waterways in this trail are managed by Canal and Rivers Trust and require paddlers to hold a license. British Canoeing membership includes a full annual license for this waterway - please take your membership card with you as this acts as your license. Non-members can either purchase a British Canoeing membership from www.britishcanoeing.org.uk or buy licenses direct from www.canalrivertrust.org.uk