

GAILEY WHARF

2022 Holiday Information



ABC BOAT HIRE

Directions To The Marina

By Road

Blackwater Meadow Marina is situated in Ellesmere, Shropshire approximately 16 miles North West of Shrewsbury

- If you are approaching by the M6 motorway or from the east, exit the M6 at junction 12.
- Take the A5 westbound, heading towards Telford. After 1/2 mile you will pass a lay-by on the left followed by a speed camera.
- The boatyard entrance is on the left immediately after the speed camera road markings. If you miss it, continue 1/2 mile to the roundabout and back track. If you are approaching from the West take the A5 heading eastbound towards the M6 from the Gailey roundabout (the A449/A5 junction).
- After 1/2 mile you'll pass a petrol station on your left, look right for a round tower house. The boatyard entrance is on the right immediately after the canal bridge.

Airports

From Birmingham International and East Midlands take a National Express coach or train to either Stafford or Wolverhampton then taxi the last 7 miles to the Marina. Taxis should be waiting outside stations / coach depot. Please see www.nationalexpress.com for details on national coach travel.

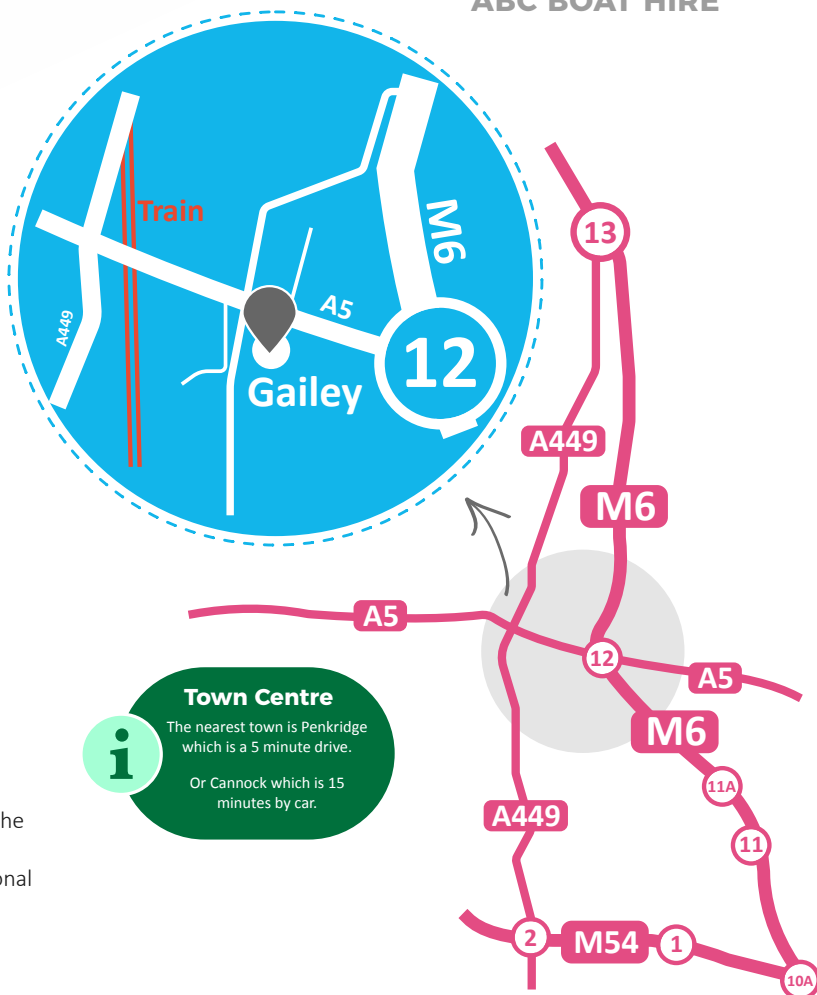
By Train

The nearest main line rail stations are Wolverhampton (from the South) or Stafford (from the North). Both have taxi ranks and the boatyard is about 8 miles distance. The village of Penkridge has a local branch line rail station with infrequent connections from either Wolverhampton or Stafford, but there is no taxi rank.

There is a taxi service in the village centre. The boatyard is 3 miles distance.



You can buy rail tickets online at thetrainline.com or gwr.com



Town Centre

The nearest town is Penkridge which is a 5 minute drive.

Or Cannock which is 15 minutes by car.

TRAVEL & PLANNING

LOCAL ACCOMMODATION

Please check www.airbnb.co.uk or www.laterooms.com for local availability.

LOCAL TAXI COMPANIES

Penkridge Cabs: 01785 713013

NEAREST GROCERY STORES

There are a number of stores based in nearby Cannock such as an ASDA, Morrisons and Sainsburys.

Closer in Penkridge there are 2 Co-Op Stores and also a mini Sainsbury's.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON WHATS NEARBY...

Visit our website - gaileywharf.com/nearby



To purchase maps and guides, go to www.abcboathire.com/maps-and-guides

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FEATURED ROUTES 7 Nights or more

The Black Country Ring, 7 Nights

Cruising Time Per day: 7.5 Hrs • **Total:** 47 Hrs • **Locks:** 78

- Gailey is ideally placed for this ring that takes you on the Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal, through the water fronts of Birmingham via the new Main Line, onto the Birmingham & Fazeley and the Trent & Mersey.
- The route is a varied mix of urban and countryside and offers family activities along the way.
- Birmingham has its shopping, restaurants and art galleries, plus the Sea Life Centre and museums for the children (see www.bmag.org.uk).
- Visit the Black Country Museum and live the story of the Black Country (www.bclm.co.uk).
- There is also Dudley Zoo and Castle (www.dudleyzoo.org.uk), Drayton Manor Park (www.draytonmanor.co.uk) and Shugborough Hall (www.shugborough.org.uk).

MAPS - P1 N3 L12

Nantwich & Return, 7 Nights

Cruising Time Per day: 6.5 Hrs • **Total:** 41 Hrs • **Locks:** 58

- Ideal for first timers or those looking for a relaxing break.
- Leaving Gailey, you head south down the Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal to Autherley Junction then cruise the Shropshire Union with Market Drayton, Audlem and Nantwich along the way.
- Retrace your steps back to Gailey and enjoy the new perspective that this will give.

MAPS - P4 N4 L10

The Four Counties Ring, 7 Nights

Cruising Time Per day: 9 Hrs • **Total:** 56 Hrs • **Locks:** 92

- Takes you along the wonderfully rural Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal to Great Haywood Junction.
- Passing under a distinctive roving bridge, you join the Trent & Mersey Canal heading north towards the Potteries and Peak District.
- Rolling Staffordshire countryside leads you to Stoke-on-Trent, the Wedgwood Visitor Centre and the impressive 2926-yard long Harecastle Tunnel.
- The scenery on the climb up 'Heartbreak Hill' to the summit at Kidsgrove is fantastic.
- Beyond Harecastle the 13 miles to the salt town of Middlewich sees the canal descend 31 locks to the Cheshire Plains.
- The short Middlewich arm links the Trent and Mersey Canal to the Shropshire Union Canal again through more glorious countryside.

⚠ Don't miss the Bottle Kilns at Etruria.

MAPS - P4 N4 L10

Stourport & Return, 7 Nights

Cruising Time Per day: 6.5 Hrs • **Total:** 38 Hrs • **Locks:** 58

- A comfortable cruise along the pretty Staffs & Worcs Canal.
- If you wanted to go past Stourport you could continue to Worcester which is a total of 72 locks and needs 8 hours cruising per day.
- Kinver Village is well worth a stop for shopping and excellent pubs. Energetic boaters will be rewarded by a climb up Kinver Edge for the extensive views.

MAPS - P1 N2 L16

The Stourport Ring, 7 Nights

Cruising Time Per day: 9.5 Hrs • **Total:** 59 Hrs • **Locks:** 118

- A route of contrasts takes in the 21st century Birmingham city centre and 19th century heritage.
- Alongside the canal network in Birmingham city centre you will find The Symphony Hall, National Indoor Arena, the Sea Life Centre, International Convention Centre and Brindley Place.
- Birmingham city centre is within easy walking distance of the canal with its restaurants, shops, theatres, art galleries and museums (www.visitbirmingham.com).
- The Birmingham Canal Navigations (BCN) link the old and new main lines and take you past places such as Smethwick, West Bromwich, Tipton, Wolverhampton.
- Travel on the rural River Severn the longest river in the UK and second longest in the British Isles.

MAPS - P1 N2 L16

Chester/Ellesmere & Return, 10 Nights

Cruising Time Per day: 6/7.5 Hrs • **Total:** 56-69 Hrs • **Locks:** 80/86

- On this popular countryside route the locks are well spaced for easy cruising.
- Travel to Chester and then retrace your steps back to the marina which is a popular week for first time boaters.
- You can also continue past Chester along the Shropshire Union main line to its historic terminal on the River Mersey at Ellesmere Port.
- Mooring in Chester is within easy reach of the walled city centre with its medieval 'rows' where there are a variety of shops, galleries and the majestic cathedral (www.visitchester.com).
- Chester Zoo is just a short walk from the canal (www.chesterzoo.org).
- Visit the National Waterways Museum at Ellesmere Port.

MAPS - P3 P4 N4 L18

Caldon Canal & Return, 7 Nights

Cruising Time Per day: 5 Hrs • **Total:** 47 Hrs • **Locks:** 82

- An alternative to the Four counties ring, but equally energetic.
- You will head up towards the Peak District and enter the Churnet Valley with its stunning countryside.
- The canal terminates at Froghall where you turn and retrace your steps.

MAPS - P4 N4 L10



SHORT BREAKS 3 or 4 night breaks

Norbury & Return, 3 Nights

Cruising Time Per day: 5-6 Hrs • Total: 15 • Locks: 4

A leisurely route where you get to relax and unwind.

MAPS - P4 N4 L10

Market Drayton & Return, 4 Nights

Cruising Time Per day: 6.5 Hrs • Total: 24 • Locks: 14

Extend your Norbury and return trip to Market Drayton.

MAPS - P4 N4 L10

Stone & Return, 4 Nights

Cruising Time Per day: 6 Hrs • Total: 24 • Locks: 30

Travel up the Trent & Mersey to the market town of Stone.

MAPS - P4 N4 L10

Great Haywood & Return, 3 Nights

Cruising Time Per day: 5.5 Hrs • Total: 14 • Locks: 22

Go up to the Great Haywood Junction and you might want to visit Shugborough Hall.

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ROUTE MAP

