HOLIDAY INFORMATION 2018

GAILEY WHARF

WWW.GAILEYWHARF.COM

DIRECTIONS

BY ROAD

• 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.

FROM 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 RAIL

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 ON-LINE AT THETRAINLINE.COM OR FIRSTGREATWESTERN.COM

TRAVEL & PLANNING

LOCAL ACCOMMODATION

Please check **www.airbnb.com** or **www.laterooms.com** for special rates.

LOCAL TAXI COMPANIES

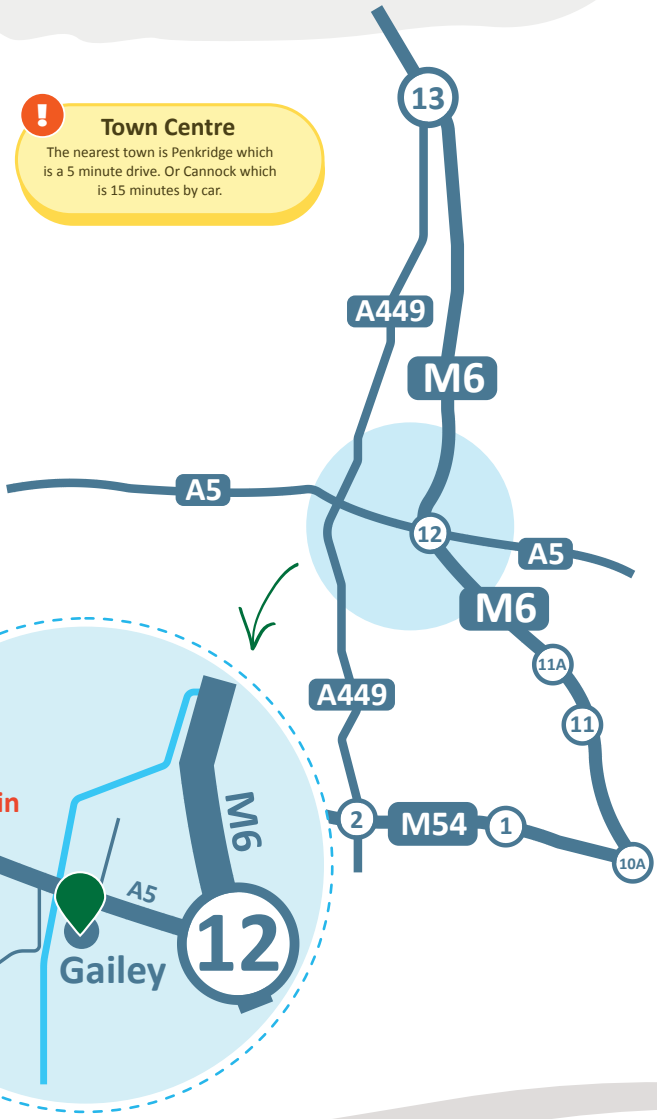
Penkridge Cabs: 01785 713013

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.**

Town Centre
The nearest town is Penkridge which is a 5 minute drive. Or Cannock which is 15 minutes by car.



SCAN TO GO TO THE WEBSITE

ADDRESS: Gailey Wharf, Gailey, ST19 5PR **PHONE:** 01902 790612
E-MAIL: enquiries@jdboats.co.uk **WEB:** www.gaileywharf.com

Cruising Routes

MAPS CAN BE BOUGHT AT THE MARINA, OR ONLINE FROM ABCWEBCHANDLER.COM

THE BLACK COUNTRY RING

7 Nights • **Cruising Time Per day:** 7.5 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).*

NANTWICH & RETURN

7 Nights • **Cruising Time Per day:** 6.5 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.

CALDON CANAL & RETURN

7 Nights • **Cruising Time Per day:** 5 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.

THE FOUR COUNTIES RING

7 Nights • **Cruising Time Per day:** 9 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.

STOURPORT & RETURN

7 Nights • **Cruising Time Per day:** 6.5 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.

THE STOURPORT RING

7 Nights • **Cruising Time Per day:** 9.5 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.

CHESTER OR ELLESMERE & RETURN

10 Nights • **Cruising Time Per day:** 6/7.5 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.

ROUTE MAP
THE ROUTE MAP IS ON THE NEXT PAGE.

Short Breaks

NORBURY & RETURN

3 Nights • **Cruising Time Per day:** 5-6 Hrs • **Locks:** 4

A leisurely route where you get to relax and unwind.

MARKET DRAYTON & RETURN

4 Nights • **Cruising Time Per day:** 6.5 Hrs • **Locks:** 14

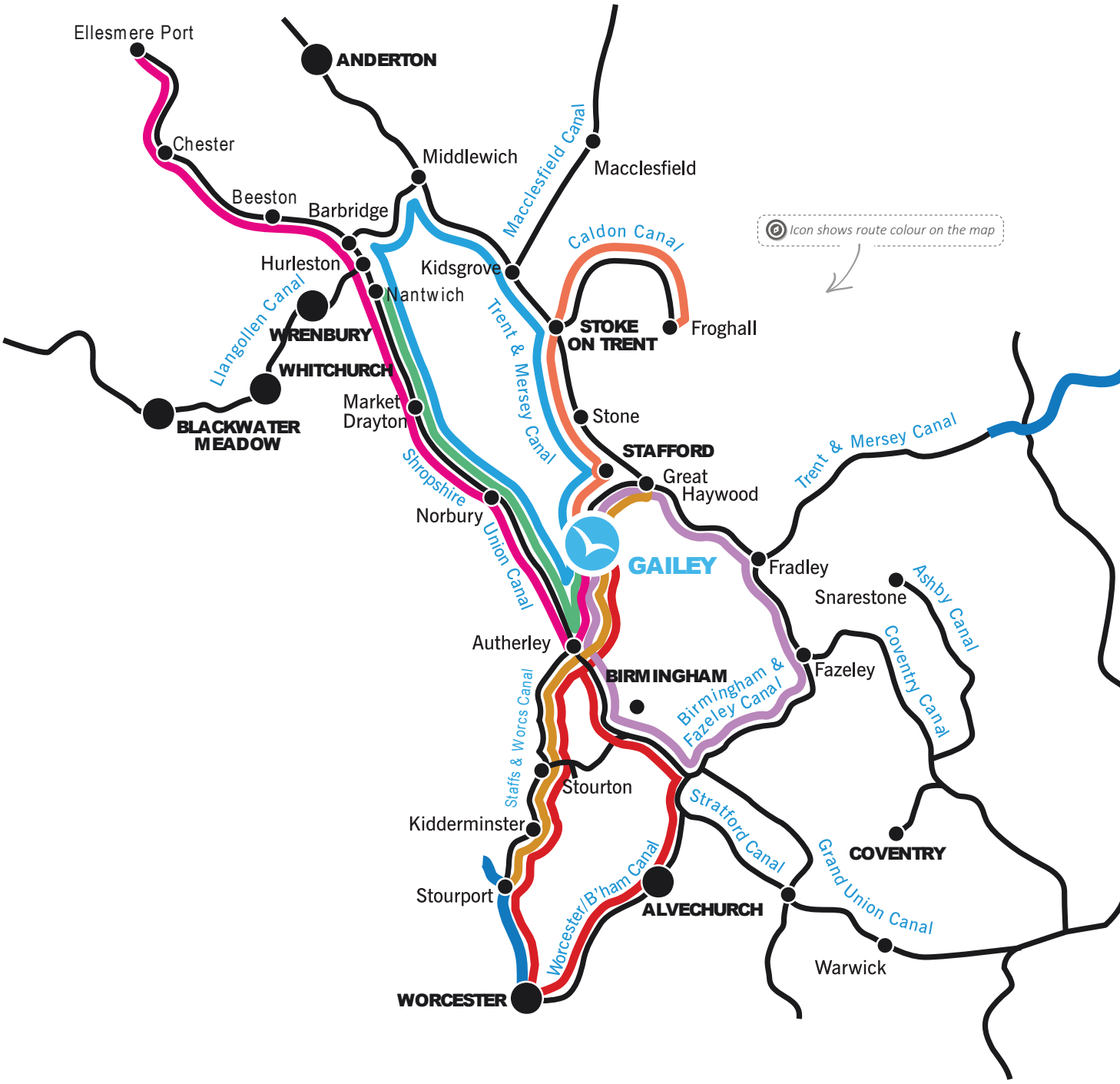
Extend your Norbury and return trip to Market Drayton.

STONE & RETURN

4 Nights • **Cruising Time Per day:** 6 Hrs • **Locks:** 30

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

GREAT HAYWOOD & RETURN

3 Nights • **Cruising Time Per day:** 5.5 Hrs • **Locks:** 22

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