

Cheshire Ring (clockwise) starting at Nantwich Basin [off the ring]

(Best route from Nantwich Basin to Nantwich Basin via Middlewich Junction, Preston Brook - Waters Meeting, Marple Junction and Middlewich Junction)

The original waterways ring, and the site of some critical early canal restoration this ring runs through the open Cheshire countryside, the vibrant heart of modern Manchester and the chemical industries of Northwich - something for everyone!

Shropshire Union Canal (Chester Canal)

From  Nantwich Basin to:

| | | |
|---|--|---|
|  Barbridge Junction Junction with Shropshire Union - Middlewich Branch | 3.12 miles, 0 locks, 0 moveable bridges | (total 3.12 miles, 0 locks, 0 moveable bridges) |
|---|--|---|

Shropshire Union Canal (Middlewich Branch)

From  Barbridge Junction to:

| | | |
|--|--|--|
|  Wardle Lock No 4 Junction of Trent and Mersey Canal, Wardle Lock Branch and Shropshire Union Canal, Middlewich Branch | 10 miles, 3 locks, 0 moveable bridges | (total 13.12 miles, 3 locks, 0 moveable bridges) |
|--|--|--|



Trent and Mersey Canal (Wardle Lock Branch)

From  Wardle Lock No 4 to:

| | | |
|--|---|--|
|  Middlewich Junction Junction of Trent and Mersey Canal with Shropshire Union - Middlewich Branch | 0.13 miles, 1 lock, 0 moveable bridges | (total 13.25 miles, 4 locks, 0 moveable bridges) |
|--|---|--|

Trent and Mersey Canal (Main Line - Middlewich to Preston Brook)

From  Middlewich Junction to:

| | | |
|--|---|--|
|  Middlewich Bridge No 172. Middlewich Town Centre | 0.40 miles, 3 locks, 0 moveable bridges | (total 13.65 miles, 7 locks, 0 moveable bridges) |
|  Preston Brook Junction of Trent and Mersey Canal and Bridgewater Canal (Preston Brook Branch) - immediately north of Preston Brook Tunnel | 16.28 miles, 2 locks, 0 moveable bridges | (total 29.93 miles, 9 locks, 0 moveable bridges) |

Bridgewater Canal (Preston Brook Branch)

From  Preston Brook to:

 Preston Brook - Waters Meeting
Junction with Bridgewater Canal

0.74 miles, 0 locks, 0 moveable (total 30.67 miles, 9 locks, 0
bridges moveable bridges)

Bridgewater Canal (Main Line)

From  Preston Brook - Waters Meeting to:

 Timperley
Bridge No 33

16.53 miles, 0 locks, 0 (total 47.20 miles, 9 locks, 0
moveable bridges moveable bridges)

 Sale
Sale Wharf

1.66 miles, 0 locks, 0 moveable (total 48.85 miles, 9 locks, 0
bridges moveable bridges)

 Castlefield Junction
Junction of Bridgewater and Rochdale Canals

5.22 miles, 0 locks, 0 moveable (total 54.08 miles, 9 locks, 0
bridges moveable bridges)

Rochdale Canal

From  Castlefield Junction to:

 Ducie Street Junction
Junction of Rochdale and Ashton Canals

1.25 miles, 9 locks, 0 moveable (total 55.33 miles, 18 locks, 0
bridges moveable bridges)

Ashton Canal

From  Ducie Street Junction to:

 Ashton-under-Lyne
Walk Mill Bridge No 28

6.14 miles, 18 locks, 2 (total 61.46 miles, 36 locks, 2
moveable bridges moveable bridges)

 Dukinfield Junction
Portland Basin. Junction of Peak Forest and Ashton Canals

0.17 miles, 0 locks, 0 moveable (total 61.63 miles, 36 locks, 2
bridges moveable bridges)

Peak Forest Canal (Lower)

From  Dukinfield Junction to:

 Marple Junction
Junction of Macclesfield and Peak Forest Canals

7.92 miles, 16 locks, 1 (total 69.55 miles, 52 locks, 3
moveable bridge moveable bridges)

Macclesfield Canal

From  Marple Junction to:

 Macclesfield
Buxton Road Bridge No 37

10.87 miles, 0 locks, 0 (total 80.42 miles, 52 locks, 3
moveable bridges moveable bridges)

| | | |
|---|---|--|
|  Congleton Congleton Wharf | 11 miles, 12 locks, 1 moveable bridge | (total 91.42 miles, 64 locks, 4 moveable bridges) |
|  Hall Green Stop Lock Junction of Macclesfield Canal and Hall Green Branch - Trent and Mersey Canal | 4.12 miles, 0 locks, 0 moveable bridges | (total 95.54 miles, 64 locks, 4 moveable bridges) |
| <i>Trent and Mersey Canal (Hall Green Branch)</i> | | |
| From  Hall Green Stop Lock to: | | |
|  Harding's Wood Junction Junction of Trent and Mersey Canal and Hall Green Branch | 1.50 miles, 1 lock, 0 moveable bridges | (total 97.04 miles, 65 locks, 4 moveable bridges) |
| <i>Trent and Mersey Canal (Main Line - Harding's Wood to Middlewich)</i> | | |
| From  Harding's Wood Junction to: | | |
|  Middlewich Junction Junction of Trent and Mersey Canal with Shropshire Union - Middlewich Branch | 12.81 miles, 31 locks, 0 moveable bridges | (total 109.85 miles, 96 locks, 4 moveable bridges) |
| <i>Trent and Mersey Canal (Wardle Lock Branch)</i> | | |
| From  Middlewich Junction to: | | |
|  Wardle Lock No 4 Junction of Trent and Mersey Canal, Wardle Lock Branch and Shropshire Union Canal, Middlewich Branch | 0.13 miles, 1 lock, 0 moveable bridges | (total 109.98 miles, 97 locks, 4 moveable bridges) |
| <i>Shropshire Union Canal (Middlewich Branch)</i> | | |
| From  Wardle Lock No 4 to: | | |
|  Barbridge Junction Junction with Shropshire Union - Middlewich Branch | 10 miles, 3 locks, 0 moveable bridges | (total 119.97 miles, 100 locks, 4 moveable bridges) |
| <i>Shropshire Union Canal (Chester Canal)</i> | | |
| From  Barbridge Junction to: | | |
|  Nantwich Basin | 3.12 miles, 0 locks, 0 moveable bridges | (total 123.10 miles, 100 locks, 4 moveable bridges) |

Total distance is 123.10 miles and 100 locks. There are at least 4 moveable bridges; 38 small aqueducts or underbridges and 5 tunnels.

Made up of 91.45 miles of narrow canals; 31.65 miles of broad canals; 91 narrow locks; 9 broad locks.

This will take 64 hours, 4 minutes which is 7 days, 1 hour and 4 minutes at 9 hours per day.

For calculation purposes, this is taken as 7 days

Table of overnight stops

This is calculated based on 7 full days travelling.

Each full day will be approximately 9 hours and 9 minutes cruising

First day of trip

On the Trent and Mersey Canal (Main Line - Middlewich to Preston Brook) at Northwich Chemical Works
(19.96 miles and 8 locks)

Second day of trip

On the Bridgewater Canal (Main Line) at Seamon's Moss Bridge No 29
(25.62 miles and 1 lock)

Third day of trip

On the Ashton Canal at Fairfield Lock No 17
(13.36 miles and 25 locks)

Fourth day of trip

On the Macclesfield Canal at Braddocks Bridge No 19
(16.02 miles and 18 locks)

Fifth day of trip

On the Macclesfield Canal at Gravel Pit Bridge No 83
(18.31 miles and 12 locks)

Sixth day of trip

On the Trent and Mersey Canal (Main Line - Harding's Wood to Middlewich) at Wheelock Aqueduct
(10.73 miles and 27 locks)

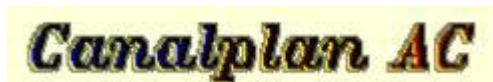
Seventh day of trip

On the Shropshire Union Canal (Chester Canal) at Nantwich Basin
(19.10 miles and 9 locks)



Narrow Canals Broad Canals **Commercial Waterways** Small Rivers

Large Rivers Tidal Rivers Seaways



Canal Planner

Route planning and timing software for the PC
www.canalplanner.com

On-line passage planning

Plan your route, calculate fuel use with marinas, fuel prices & gallery
www.passageplan.com

Free Route Planner

Instant Access to Maps & Directions with the Free and Easy Maps Toolbar
www.Starware.com/Maps

Ads by Google

Continue

Itinerary

Itinerary+

Virtual Cruise

[broadband recommended]

Export this route as a file

This information generated by Nick's Canal Route Planner - *Canalplan A.C.*

If you find this interesting, fun, or useful please [contribute](#) to the project. If you spot any errors or deficiencies when using this data, however minor, please [send me an email](#).