EuroVelo 3 – Pilgrims’ Route

Changing Gear – Reducing the impact of visitor travel on cultural and heritage sites

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Pontcysyllte Aqueduct World Heritage Site
By car - SATNAV LL14 3SG. Please look out for the brown signs in the area to avoid narrow and steep routes. It is now pay and display parking at Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Trevor Basin.

There are three car parks signposted off the A539:

- one car park off Station Road for disabled blue badge and permit holders only (LL20 7TY)
- the main car park is on Queen Street (LL14 3SG) near Cefn Mawr
- an overspill and coach parking at Wimbourne Gate, Queens Street, Cefn Mawr (LL14 3NP)

Both car parks are just a short walk from the aqueduct.

By train - Ruabon or Chirk stations are the nearest, and while they are a fair walk to 'Ponty', you could cycle from the stations.

By bus - regular buses run from Wrexham via Ruabon station and Trevor. Buses also run from Chirk via Froncysyllte.

By boat - there's mooring and turning facilities for canal boats at Trevor Basin, north of the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct. You'll find public toilets and visitor moorings at our visitor centre. For more facilities, see our North Wales facilities sheet.
Llangollen Canal Tow Path to Pontcysyllte Aqueduct

Llangollen Canal to Pontcysyllte Aqueduct – Tow path 4 mile cycle ride

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A flat canal, tow path cycle route which takes you from the beautiful Welsh tourist town of Llangollen to the world famous Pontcysyllte Aqueduct. 4 miles one way we would not recommend this route for road bikes as the tow path is mainly a crushed gravel surface with some tarmac stretches along the way. Make sure you take care when cycling near water and give way to pedestrians. On some canal towpaths you may require a permit issued by British Waterways. You download your FREE permit by clicking on the link on our home page.

Llangollen is a beautiful Welsh tourist town standing on The River Dee with Castell Dinas Bran standing high above the town. The bridge in the centre of the town which crosses the River Dee was built in 1345. Llangollen also has a fantastic steam railway which runs daily in the holiday season up and down the banks of The River Dee. There are plenty of establishments to get refreshments at Llangollen and a shop, café and pub at the pontcysyllte Aqueduct.

Starting from Heol y Castell (the main high street in the town) cycle across the bridge away from the main town centre and at the end of the bridge TURN RIGHT on to Mill Street and after 50 yards TURN LEFT up Wharf Hill which is a very short steep hill. You might like to walk this short section.

At the top of the hill you will see the canal with the canal cruise office/shop in front of you. When you reach the canal TURN RIGHT along the tow path away from the canal cruise shop and cycle along the towpath under the bridge and along the right hand bank of the canal.

After 100 yards you will be cycling along the tow path past a wooded area and soon you will be cycling out in the open country side along the canal which roughly follows the route of The River Dee as it meanders along its way, which is over on your right hand side. You will pass under several bridges as you cycle along the canal and you can enjoy the fantastic scenic views of Welsh valley as you continue on your journey.
Before you visit

Get practical information for planning your visit to Eden.

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9.30am - 6pm
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Getting here on foot or bike

**Key info**

- On National Cycle Network, and off-road Clay Trails network
- 2.5-mile walk along Saint's Way from Luxulyan railway station

We’d love you to come to Eden by foot or bike, so if you do we’ll offer you a reduced entry price when you arrive. Once you’re here, we have bike racks and luggage lockers for you to use.

**Get a discount if you arrive on foot or bike**

If you walk or cycle to Eden – or take public transport – you can get in for the following discounted prices*:

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[Link to UCLan LSBE website](uclan.ac.uk/schools/business)
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- Adults: £24.50
- Seniors: £22
- Students: £19.50
- Children 5–16: £11
- Family ticket (two adults and two children): £59

Directions and maps

- Explore Cornwall's mining heritage along the off-road Clay Trails (Eden was built in a clay pit) on 4-5-mile walking/cycling/horse-riding routes. Visit the Clay Trails website
- Walk or cycle the 2.5 miles from Luxulyan railway station (on the Newquay branch line) on a section of the Saints' Way or country road. Download directions from Luxulyan to Eden Project (PDF).
- Cycle from St Austell rail and bus station to the Eden Project
  Download St Austell to Eden cycling directions (PDF)
- Cycle from Par rail station to the Eden Project
  Download Par to Eden cycling directions (PDF)
- Follow Sustran's on-road national cycling route 3, which runs past the Eden Project.
  See on-road cycling directions to Eden Project.
Bike racks and luggage lockers

- Lock your bike to one of our bike racks, in our patrolled car park.
- Leave your luggage in our lockers (you’ll need a £1 coin, which is returnable). The lockers are located near the main entrance at our Visitor Centre Park and Ride Bus Stop, as well as at Banana Coach Park.

Recharging your e-bike battery

If you ride an e-bike with a removable battery, Eden will charge up the battery while you visit. Simply bring your battery and lead down to the ticketing hall with you, and hand it over at the Admission Information Desk. You can then collect it, all charged up, when you are ready to leave.

*This discount is only available on the door and not available on advance tickets bought online. It applies to standard admissions and cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer.

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Any questions?