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BARBRIDGE JUNCTION ROUTE GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION



Barbridge Junction / Middlewich Arm. The Middlewich Arm of the Shropshire Union Canal covers 10 miles from Middlewich to Barbridge.

Taking in some breathtaking scenery with idyllic mooring locations that have the advantage of views of lovely countryside in every direction.

Coupled with some amazing pubs and restaurants to stop at it is a true gem of the waterways.

ATTRACTIONS



As far as peaceful and beautiful canals go, you really cant get much more peaceful and beautiful than the Middlewich Arm.

Having taken a few false starts in it's construction it was eventually completed and enabled a waterway connection between the Shropshire Union Canal and the Trent and Mersey Canal. Albeit via a 159 yard section built by the Trent and Mersey Canal Company to give them control of the entrance to the Trent and Mersey Canal called the Wardle Canal & Lock. Potentially the shortest canal in the world at around twice the length of a full 72ft narrowboat!

On either the first or last day The Badger Inn in Church Minshull is a popular stop for guests. A short walk through some lovely countryside from Bridge 11 on the Middlewich Arm. A popular restaurant and pub and therefore booking ahead of time for your reservation is always advisable.

Continuing your journey along the Middlewich Arm there are 3 locks to traverse after Wardle lock. The Wardle lock forming part of your handover with us. Two marinas are situated along the route with small tearooms where you can stop and grab a coffee and cake as well in Aqueduct Marina and Venetian Marina. Just before the Venetian Marina on the towpath side is a lovely small picnic area which is a nice quiet mooring spot.

At the Junction of Barbridge if you take a left turn you will arrive at the Barbridge Inn. Another popular stopping location for customers on short breaks. Here they serve tasty food and have a nice beer garden with somewhere for the kids to let off some steam.

Just a short distance along is a turning point where you can head back to base if you are on a short break. Or alternatively you can carry on to the Hurleston Locks to enter the Llangollen Canal. If you were to go right at the Barbridge Junction or turn and go North past the junction again then you would be heading towards Chester.

ROUTE DETAILS

This is a trip of 20 miles, 3¼ furlongs and 8 locks. This will take 2 days, at 5 hours per day.

