

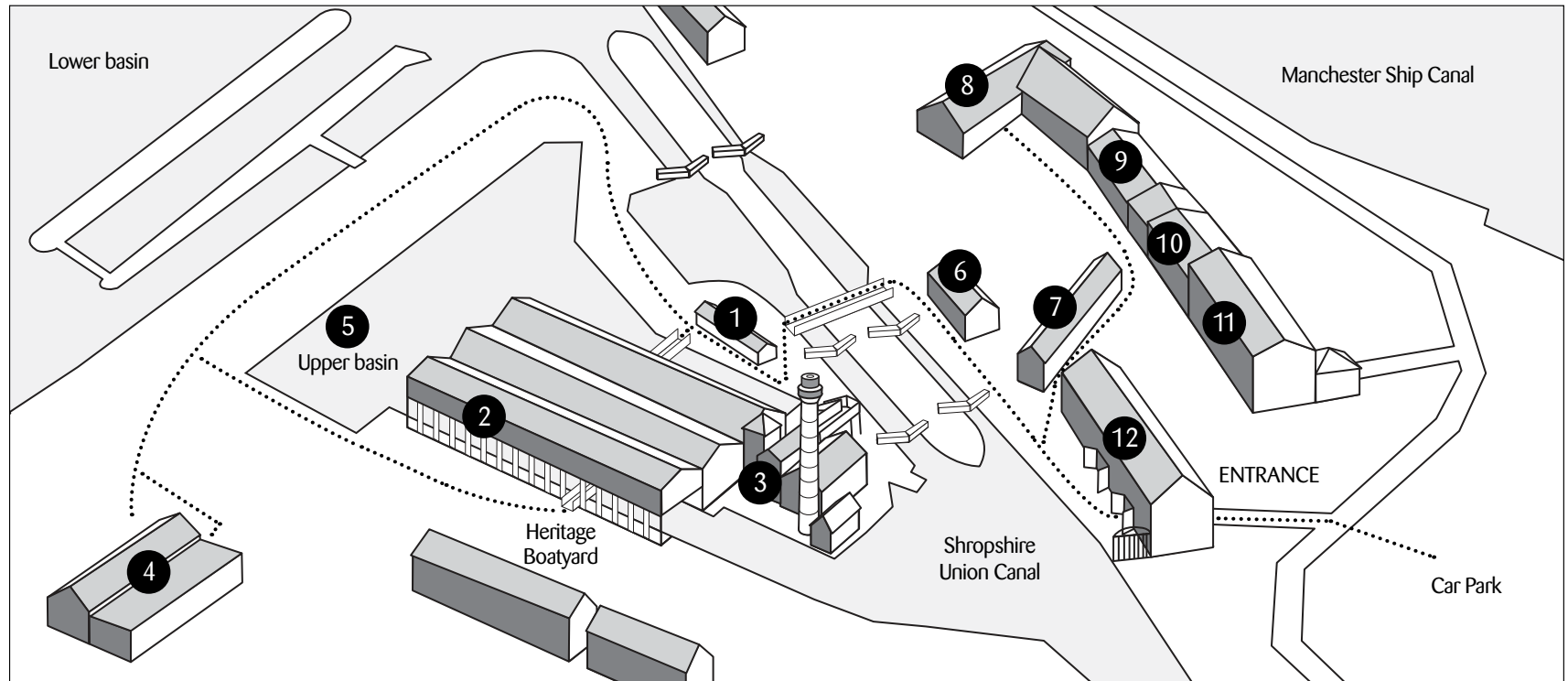
# Welcome

## Unlock the wonders of our waterways

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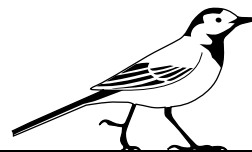
- 1 Toll House / Orientation Room
- 2 Island Warehouse
- 3 Pumphouse and Accumulator Tower
- 4 Porters Row Cottages
- 5 Upper Basin
- 6 The Story of Ellesmere Port
- 7 Stables
- 8 The Power Hall
- 9 Blacksmith's Forge
- 10 Conference Centre
- 11 Waterways Archive
- 12 Reception, Shop and Café

- ⋮ Wheelchair &  
⋮ pram-friendly routes



### Wild birds to look out for

Blackbird, Cormorant, Goldfinch, Grey Heron, Kingfisher, Mallard, Moorhen, Mute Swan, Pied Wagtail, Robin, Sparrow, Swallow, Thrush, Wood Pigeon, Wren, Yellow Wagtail.



# Welcome Have a great time!

## Planning your visit

Here are some suggested times to allow yourself for visiting each part of the museum.

### Docks and historic boats

45 minutes to 1 hour

(Boats you can board – Bacup, Bigmere, Ferret and Shad)

### The Story of Ellesmere Port 6

10 to 20 minutes

### Island Warehouse 2

45 minutes to 1 hour

### Porters Row 4

30 to 40 minutes

### The Power Hall 8

10 to 20 minutes

### Pumphouse and Accumulator Tower 3

10 to 20 minutes

### Stables and Forge 7 9

20 to 30 minutes

### Boat trips

30 minute trips with commentary on the Shropshire Union Canal. Starting outside the Waterside Café. \*



### Steam up!

The glory of steam in action. In the Pumphouse, 11am to 1pm and 2pm to 4pm, first Sunday each month plus Bank Hols, April to September.

### Top tips for kids

- The Island Warehouse - lots of hands-on activities and large soft play area.
- Try out traditional games in Porters' Row.
- Climbing on board historic boats.
- The excitement of a boat trip!\*
- Our school holiday family fun activity programmes.

### Historic boats

Look out for members of our Heritage Boatyard team. They work on our many historic boats and will be happy to answer your questions about their vital conservation work. You can climb on board and explore four of our historic vessels - Bacup, Bigmere, Ferret and Shad.

### Lots more great things to do

Events, talks and activities happen all year round. Our **annual season ticket**, which starts at £11 means you can visit as often as you like. Ask in the shop or visit [www.nwm.org.uk](http://www.nwm.org.uk) for details.



### Opening times

#### Museum

- April to Oct, open daily, 10am to 5pm
- Nov to March, weekends and school holidays, 10am to 4pm

#### Waterside Café & Museum Shop

- Open daily year-round, 10am to 4pm
- (Museum, shop and café closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day).

### Have fun and stay safe

Some of the paths in this historic site are uneven. Please be careful of the deep water in the canals and locks. Beware, floating weed can look like grass.

### Our guidelines

Children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. Please help keep the National Waterways Museum a litter free zone. No public entry to the Tom Rolt Conference Centre, the Paraffin Shed, the Lime Shed and the concrete barge.

### Toilets

There are toilets, disabled toilets and baby changing facilities at the main entrance near the café, and upstairs in the Island Warehouse.

### Feedback

We would love to know what you think about the Museum. Please email us or ask in the shop for a Feedback Form.



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Details in this leaflet are correct at the time of going to publication. \* Whilst boat trips are available most days, we cannot guarantee them and apologise if there are none available today.