

LIVERPOOL CANAL LINK FAQ'S

1. How do I book a passage along the link?

Please contact British Waterways (BW) office on 01942 405700 or enquiries.northwest@britishwaterways.co.uk to request a 'Canal Link Application Pack'. BW will then post a copy to you. When you receive then pack, please return the appropriate forms to back to BW and await a "Confirmation of Booking" letter.

2. How many days in advance do you need to book a passage?

5 days.

3. What size boats are allowed to navigate the link?

Maximum boat size: length 73ft, beam 14.3ft, draught, 3.94ft, headroom 8ft.

4. Where will the moorings be?

Short term visitor moorings are offered in Salthouse Dock for a maximum period of 14 days.

5. What facilities will there be in the docks?

Water and electricity are available on the pontoons in Salthouse Dock (expected installation July 2009). Please refer to Liverpool Canal Link skippers guide (included in the 'Canal Link Application Pack') for facilities north of the link.

6. What security facilities will there be in the docks?

There are no security facilities at present in the docks although British Waterways will be monitoring the situation and this may be reviewed.

7. Why are there no moorings/facilities along the route of the canal link?

BW do not own any dock space along the link. This is owned by Peel/MDHC. British Waterways have only negotiated a 'right of passage' through Liverpool Central Docks with the dock owners.

8. Why can't boats roam freely within the Central Docks?

Again, British Waterways have only negotiated a 'right of passage' through the docks and this area has been marked by orange buoys.

9. Why are only six boats allowed down the link each day?

The decision to limit the number of passages to six per day was made as a prediction of boat movements along the link. All passages are assisted by BW operatives and staff resources have been allocated accordingly. Please note that this is only a pilot and may be reviewed.

10. Are there any plans for dredging the canal from Aintree to the Eldonian Village?

There are no plans to dredge the canal at this time although British Waterways will be monitoring the situation over this first season and respond to specific problems should any arise.

11. How long will the journey take?

The journey from the Stanley Dock Lock Flight to Salthouse Dock should take no more than two hours.

12. How much did the link cost to build?

£22m.

13. Who funded the canal link?

Funding for the Project was secured from the Northwest Regional Development Agency (NWDA), the Merseyside Objective One programme (European Regional Development Fund), English Partnerships, Peel Holdings and British Waterways.

14. Where can I find more information?

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