

ANDERTON BOAT LIFT & SUTTON WEAVER

4 hour cruise on the Weaver Navigation

On this cruise you will see:

- **Anderton Boat Lift** opened in 1875 to transfer narrow boats the 50ft between the River Weaver and the Trent & Mersey Canal - today the traffic is mainly pleasure craft. The area is a scheduled monument and award-winning visitor destination.
- **Anderton Basin** - where barges and small sea-going ships carried chemicals, coal, and salt as well china clay, and pottery via the canal.
- **Winnington works** - still operational, but under major re-development.
- **Winnington Swing Bridge** - the smallest of the river's five swing bridges, and electrically operated since 1909.
- **Wallerescote Island** the site of the former soda ash plant recently demolished to make way for housing. The course of the original river is behind the island.
- **Barnton Sluice and Weir**
- **Barnton Cut** and the tree lined Weaver Valley.
- **Salterford Locks** (1877) - the old course of the river meanders south of the Weaver Navigation between here and Winnington.
- **Acton Bridge** - where the river forks at Acton Bridge island. To the south are the moorings of **Acton Bridge Cruising Club**, and the **original stone bridge**. The Danny passes the site of the old swing bridge which was replaced by the present **Acton Swing Bridge** in 1934.
- **Dutton Locks** (1880) and the large flood control sluices, close to the site of the old locks.
- **Dutton Horse Bridge** a unique twin span timber bridge and Grade 2 listed structure built in 1919 - one of the few remaining laminated greenheart bridges in the country.
- **Dutton Viaduct** which carries the West Coast main railway line over the river. Dating from 1836 it has 20 arches.
- **Pickering's O' the Boat**, a small village which was the limit of navigation until the first lock was built in 1758.
- **Frodsham cut** - now silted up led to the disused Frodsham Lock.
- **Sutton Level locks** closed in the 1950's and now largely overgrown.
- **Weston Canal** which joined the Weaver Navigation to Weston Point Docks (Runcorn)
- **Sutton Weaver Swing Bridge** (1926), which carries the A56, adjacent to the Danny's Sutton Weaver berth.
- **Frodsham - railway viaduct** (1850).

This cruise also operates in the opposite direction so if starting from Sutton Weaver the sights mentioned will be passed in reverse order .