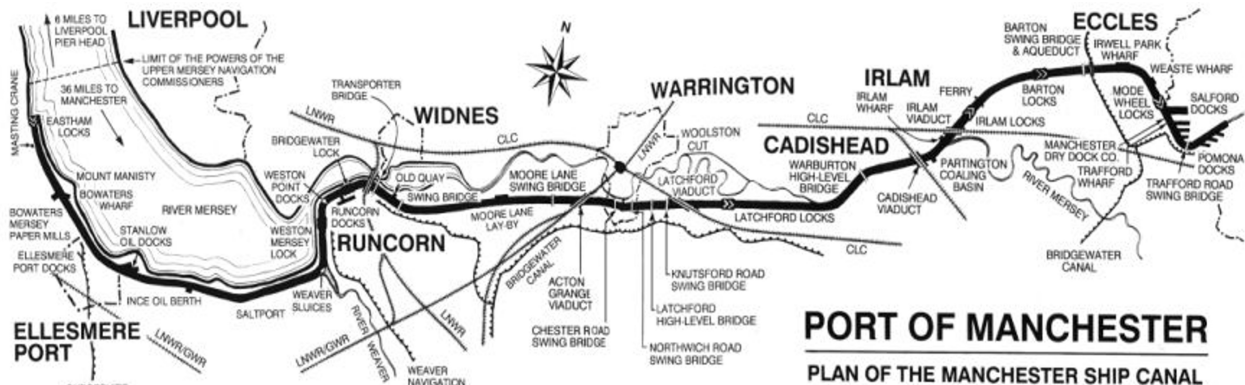


## Liverpool **CANNING DOCK & ACTON BRIDGE** Cruise on the River Mersey, Manchester Ship Canal and Weaver Navigation



**On this cruise you will see:**

### LIVERPOOL

- **Canning Half-tide dock** – one of the oldest docks in Liverpool dating from 1737.
- **Canning River Entrance** – the 1845 pedestrian swing bridge is grade 2 listed.
- **M&S Bank Arena** built in 2008 at King's Dock – and its associated **Exhibition Centre**
- Views of Liverpool's two **Cathedrals** and **St John's Beacon**.

### RIVER MERSEY

- **Cammell Laird shipyard** – the *Danny* was built on this site in 1903 and more recently the *RRS Sir David Attenborough*, for the British Antarctic Survey.
- **Tranmere Oil Terminal** opened in 1960 and used by tankers up to 300,000 tonnes.
- **Rock Ferry tank cleaning jetty** (disused) and old slipway – home to **Royal Mersey YC**.
- **Bromborough River wall** – still used by coasters to discharge general and bulk cargo.
- **Eastham Channel** - upstream views Garston Docks, Liverpool airport & Hale Head.
- **Eastham Ferry** – only a stone outcrop remains + 2 pubs, a country park & Eastham Woods.
- **Queen Elizabeth II Oil Dock** handles tankers < 40,000 tonnes via its 100 ft wide lock.

### MANCHESTER SHIP CANAL

- **Eastham Locks** - the entrance to the canal from the River Mersey. The *Danny* uses the large western 80ft wide lock which has two opposing sets of outer gates, the outer ones face outwards and are known as "storm gates" and used to prevent the River Mersey spilling into the Manchester Ship Canal on large, spring tides.
- **Eastham refinery** which has the capacity to meet almost 50% of UK bitumen demand.
- **Manisty Wharf** the site of the Bowater Paper mill which closed around 2010, after which the berth was used to tranship coal & **Mount Manisty** opposite, named after canal engineer Edward Manisty.
- **Ellesmere Port Docks**, established in the 1790's, developed / enlarged in the 1840's. This was the transhipment port for sea-going vessels on the Mersey for cargo into the inland canal system via the Shropshire Union. The dock entrance is marked by a lighthouse (no longer in use) as the port was built before the Manchester Ship Canal.
- **National Waterways Museum** – on Telford Quay and occupying part of the old dock complex.
- **Stanlow** – refinery and oil docks
- **River Weaver** mouth – navigable to Frodsham.

### WEAVER NAVIGATION

- **Marsh Lock** takes the *Danny* up into the 1810-built Weston Canal
- **Ineos Chemical Complex** (formerly ICI Rocksavage Works)
- **M56 motorway viaduct**
- **Frodsham Railway Viaduct** – 1858 - on the Chester – Warrington line
- **Sutton Weaver Swing Bridge** – opened in 1926
- **Dutton Railway viaduct** – carrying the West Coast mainline since 1836
- **Dutton Horse Bridge** – built in 1919 using laminated greenheart
- **Dutton Locks**
- **Acton Bridge** – 1932 - the swing bridge carries the A49.