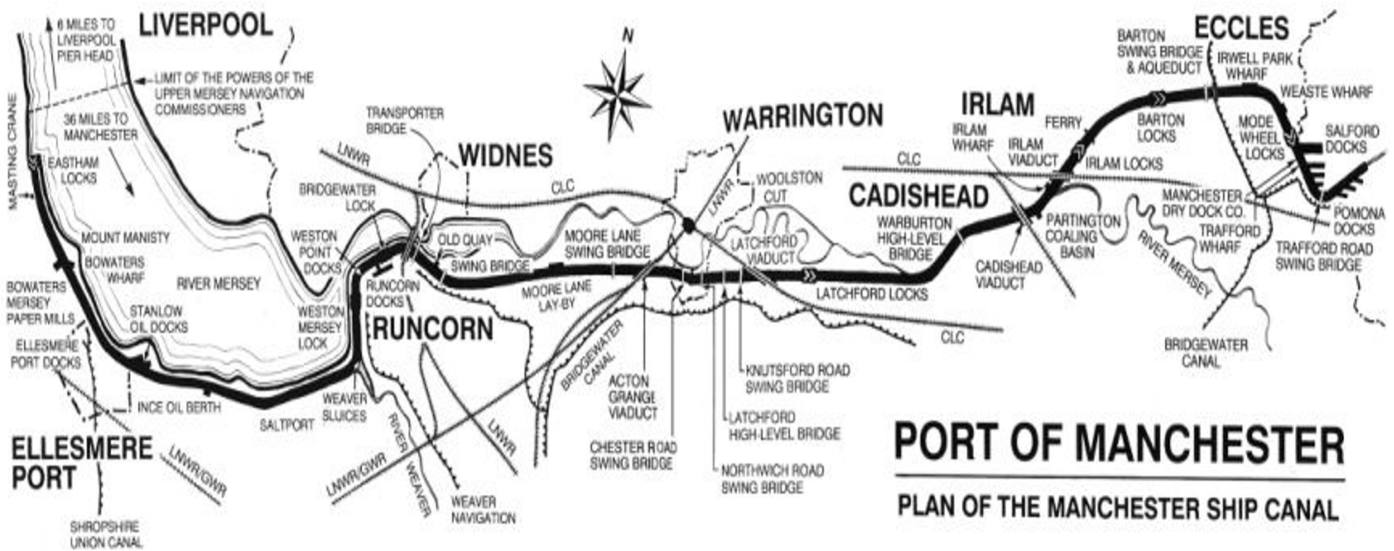




## ELLESMERE PORT & MODE WHEEL LOCK (Salford)



### On this cruise on the Manchester Ship Canal you will see:

- **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. The Danny berths in front of the canal-side apartments.
- **Stanlow** – second largest refinery in UK operated by Essar Oil UK
- **Stanlow** oil docks and **Ince** oil berth
- **Helsby Brow** and **Frodsham Hill** to the south of the canal.
- **River Weaver** mouth – navigable to Frodsham and **Marsh Lock** into the Weaver Navigation.
- **Runcorn** – Weston docks (still in use by coasters), chemical plants, Silver Jubilee (road) and rail bridges across the Mersey, Old Quay + swing bridge (where the Danny was based in her working days)
- **Mersey Gateway** - 6 lane toll crossing the river and ship canal – opened in 2017.
- **Latchford** – high level bridge, disused railway viaduct and locks. Air draught for fixed bridges is 22 metres.
- **M6 Thelwall viaduct** – now two parallel bridges for north and southbound traffic
- **Warburton** high level bridge -the toll is restricted to 12.5p but owners want £1.
- **Irlam** viaduct and locks
- **Barton** - locks, high level (M60) bridge and swing aqueduct carrying the Bridgewater Canal over the ship canal.
- Look out on the north side for progress on the huge **Port Salford** multi-modal freight hub (short-sea, rail and road)
- **Irwell Park wharf** is used for scrap metal and **Weaste Wharf** for cement shipments
- **Centenary lift bridge** - opened in 1994 to celebrate the opening of the ship canal in 1894.
- **Mode Wheel Lock** – Salford – the Danny berths at the lock – almost 19 metres above sea level.

This cruise also operates in the opposite direction, so if you are starting from Mode Wheel Lock please read the list from the bottom upwards.