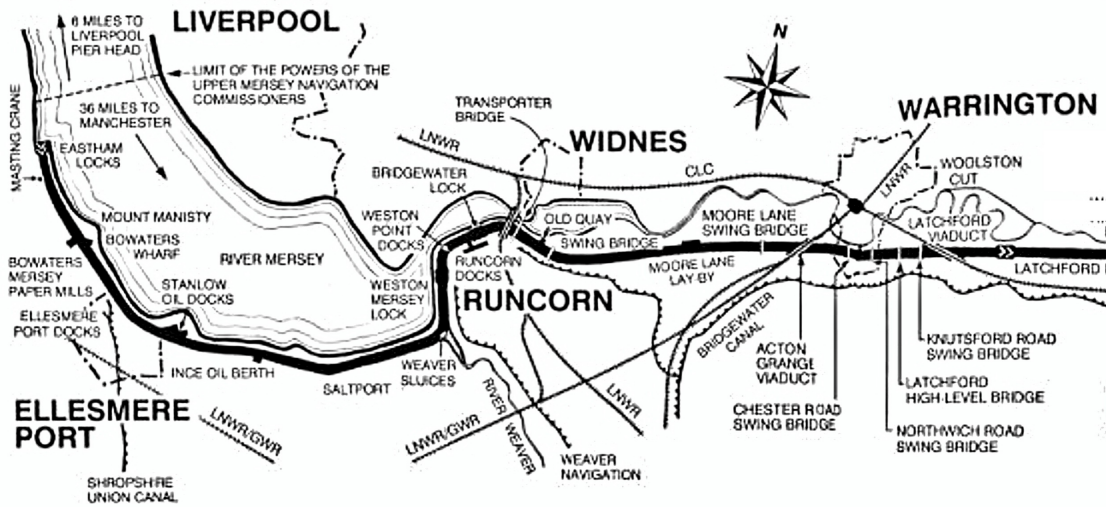




SUTTON WEAVER to ELLESMERE PORT including the Runcorn Bridges



WEAVER NAVIGATION

- The cruise starts adjacent to the 1926 **Sutton Weaver Swing Bridge** at what was once the Aston Estate's Wharf on the the 1810-built Weston Canal.
- **Frodsham Railway Viaduct** – on the Chester – Warrington line
- **M56 motorway viaduct**
- **Runcorn Rowing Club**
- **Ineos Chemical Complex** (formerly ICI Rocksavage Works)
- **Marsh Lock** into the Manchester Ship Canal.

On the MANCHESTER SHIP CANAL heading towards Manchester you will see:

- **Weston docks** (still in use by coasters), chemical plants
- **Runcorn** – Railway Bridge and viaduct opened in 1868
- **Silver Jubilee** (1961) road bridge built to replace the old transporter bridge.
- **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.**

Turning at Old Quay we retrace our steps to Marsh Lock and then on past

- The mouth of the **River Weaver** – navigable only as far as **Frodsham**
- **Frodsham Hill and Helsby Brow** to the south
- **Ince oil berth** on the south and **Stanlow Oil docks** to the north
- **Stanlow** – second largest refinery in UK operated by Essar Oil UK
- **National Waterways Museum** – on Telford Quay and occupying part of the old dock complex. The Danny berths in front of the canal-side apartments.
- **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.