

## BLACKWATER MEADOW POINTS OF INTEREST

Ellesmere - A historic market town nestling in the Shropshire countryside visit the meres to watch the Herons nesting or take a boat trip on the beautiful Llangollen Canal

Pontcysyllte Aqueduct - Built by Thomas Telford and William Jessop and opened in 1805 it spans 1000 feet over the Dee Valley, cross over in a narrow boat and experience the feeling of being suspended in mid air.

Llangollen – World famous for the annual International Musical Eisteddfod when each July over 4,000 competitors from more than fifty countries come together in a gala of song, music and dance.

Llangollen Railway - Take a 7 ½ miles trip along the River Dee and through some spectacular scenery use the train to explore The Dee Valley

Chirk Aqueduct - 70ft high with ten huge circular arches spanning the River Ceiriog it is flanked by an equally sturdy railway viaduct and was completed in 1801 by its architects and builders Thomas Telford and William Jessop.

Chirk Castle - Owned by the National Trust this rectangular Marches fortress has spectacular views over the surrounding countryside view the award winning gardens.

Chester – Famous for the cathedral and for the city walls explore the Roman Amphitheatre and take a tour of the city with a real Roman.

Chester Cathedral - A magnificent building with a rich and fascinating heritage it contains the most complete Medieval monastic complex still standing in the UK take a tour and visit the 13th Century Refectory Café or browse the Cathedral Shop

Chester Zoo – With over 7000 animals to visit and to learn about a visit to Chester Zoo is an unique experience, hundreds of different types of plants reflect the natural habitats of some of the more exotic species.