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For the second, upstream, crossing of the River Dee, rather than crossing at full height, Jessop had offered a cheaper solution using locks on both sides of the valley to take the canal down to a more manageable height, although this would have required backpumping the water they would use. The locks consist of a two-chamber staircase lock and two single locks. Fare cutting war between Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury L.

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The six locks were each 8 feet 2. Montgomeryshire Canal and the Llanymynech Branch of the Ellesmere Canal.

## Vyrnwy Aqueduct and Llanymynech Walk

The Shropshire Union Railways and Canal Company was a Company in England, formed in which managed several canals and railways. The London, Midland and Scottish Railway LMS was a British railway company. Powis Council were faced with the cost of repairing and upgrading bridges over the canal and wanted to lower bridge 96, below Carreghofa bottom lock, to remove a weight restriction.

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Unfortunately it is not possible to navigate the full length and some sections are not in water, others are isolated. The branch opened in and the Junction Canal opened in Amalgamation followed in with the new company retaining the name of the Ellesmere and Chester Canal. The westerly route posed formidable obstacles, the terrain being more undulating, and would require significant engineering solutions such as aqueducts at Pontcysyllte Cefn Mawr and Chirk to cross the Dee and Ceiriog Valleys respectively.

## Vyrnwy Aqueduct and Llanymynech Walk

Otherwise, the Eastern Branch continued to be relatively prosperous apart from a brief dip during a trade recession between 1840 and 1844. The railway arrived in Llanymynech in 1860.

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Soon afterwards, the Secretary of State suggested that a note should be added to the Shropshire County structure plan indicating that the line of the canal should be protected but the lowering of the bridge went ahead. For information about the line click on link below: [The Cambrian Railways](#) A group of small railways which later became the Cambrian Railways 1859 Llanidloes and Newtown. The first dividend of 2.

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