

Index No. <b>22</b>	<b>Waterway &amp; Location</b> Wrylie & Essington Canal ~ Brownhills – C&RT Service Center		Grade <b>3c</b>
<b>Latitude:</b> - N 52.64622°		<b>Longitude:</b> - W 001.93516°	<b>OS Grid:</b> - SK0448405389
<b>Nearest place:</b> - Brownhills		<b>C&amp;RT Region:</b> - West Midlands	
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<b>Ramp Description:</b> - Grade: - <b>3c</b> Compiled by DMS ~ August 2016			
Slipway Type: - Good concrete slipway entirely dug into the bank, angled straight across the water and finishing level with the bank. The slipway is protected by two normally unlocked steel posts which need to be lifted from their locating sockets. (Left photo below)			
Access: - Private, property of the C&RT and available any time during daylight hours by prior arrangement, but avoid weekends and Wednesday evenings when the adjacent canoe club may be using it. Please phone or send email to book.			
Useable width: - 6.5 Mts			
Length of the slope above the water: - 5 Mts.			
Drop to the water: - 40 cm.			
Therefore gradient above the water: - 1:13			
Length of the slope below the water: - 7 Mts concrete plus 1 Mtr hardcore & chippings = 8 Mts.			
Depth at the end of the underwater slope: - 50 cm at the end of the concrete, then dropping another 10cm.			
Therefore underwater gradient: - 1:13			
Length of any level bed after the slope: - Unknown.			
What's at the end of the concrete: - 10cm drop onto a firm canal bed that continues the slipway slope, possibly hardcore & chippings as it will support at least two tons.			
<b>Other Site Details:</b> -			
Quality & surface of vehicle manoeuvring area: - Compacted gravel, grit & sand of good quality.			
Amount of trailer manoeuvring space: - Very challenging for large trailers as parked vehicles restrict the available space. I had a difficult reverse with tight turns onto the main road.			
Quality & type of crew boarding facility: - On the left of the slipway is an excellent wide platform on the bank used by boats stopping for services. There is also a rough grass bank on the right of the slipway. (Center photo)			
Height above the water: - 40 cm.			
Distance for carrying portable boats: - You can unload your boat and lower it straight onto the water on the slipway.			
Notes: - This slipway is shallow, and not really intended for launching large trailboats so you will certainly need waders. When launching I had to reverse at speed and jam the brakes on when the mudguards reached the required depth so the boat slid off the trailer. When retrieving I had to wade to the end of the trailer and lift the boat slightly and pull it the first meter onto the trailer to get the winch strap attached. However it was a very easy winch thereafter. (Have a look for yourself on Google maps – Street view and satellite view)			

**Directions & Parking:** - Post code for SatNav: - [WS8 6DZ ~ Urban location.](#)

Address: - [Royal Sutton Coldfield Canoe Club, Silver Street, Brownhills, Birmingham.](#)

Parking location - vehicle: - [Small car park by slipway.](#) (Right photo)

Parking spaces available for: - [Three or four cars.](#)

Parking for trailer: - [One large trailer may also be parked attached to your car.](#) A couple of dinghy trailers may be parked alongside cars at the same time.

Parking security: - [Open and unsupervised public space in clear view of anyone passing, with a normally open barrier lockable with a watermate key.](#)

Wheel clamps, or other trailer securings are: - [Strongly recommended if you have any.](#)

Parking period limits: - [Unlimited.](#)

### **Suitable Boats: -**

Adequate for: - [Residential shorter cabin boats, up to about 22ft.](#) (Unsuitable for larger boats)

Excellent for: - [Canoes, dinghies, small inflatables, other portable boats with paddles; and portable RIB's, heavy dinghies, and other low height boats with engines.](#)

**Local Facilities on-site:** - [Toilets, Rubbish disposal, Elsan disposal, Water tap & Showers.](#)

**Nearby:** - [Supermarket, Petrol, Bus stops on the high street, also the usual high street shops and pubs with food,](#)

### **Charges: -**

Boating licence: - [You will need a C&RT licence to use the canal.](#) A variety of these are available from: - [www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/boating/licensing](http://www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/boating/licensing). (Some canoeists may have an alternative permit.)

Slipping cost each way: - [Free.](#)

Group & individual canoe launching each way: - [Free.](#)

Vehicle & trailer parking: - [Free.](#)

### **Navigational Hazards:-**

[Can be very weedy.](#)

The date of the pricing above & photo/s below is: - [August 2016.](#)



*From the bank*



*From the water*



*Parking*