

**‘Barge safari’ is wonderful and free day out**

Shropshire Wildlife Trust is offering people with disabilities the chance to cruise the meres and mosses of North Shropshire on Saturday 16 May, absolutely free.

A ‘barge safari’ will set off from Lyneal, near Ellesmere, at 10.00am and head to Morris Bridge on Whixall Moss, with binoculars supplied for everyone on board. Return will be by 1.00pm.

The Wildlife Trust has hired the Shropshire Lad barge from the Lyneal Trust. It has a ramp and hydraulic lift – and wheelchair users are able to access all parts of the Lad.

The Lad has been designed to take wheelchairs up to a maximum width of 26” – the standard size for wheelchairs. More information is available at the Lyneal Trust website: <http://www.lyneal-trust.org.uk/>

A bird expert may be on hand to point out and help identify birds spotted along the way, but in any event Luke Neal, the Meres and Mosses Community Officer, will be on board to explain about this internationally important landscape, the work being done to protect it and the special species that can be found there.

Participants on the trip will also be shown the Meres and Mosses all-ability trail at Whixall with disabled parking which allows visitors of all abilities to return to enjoy the mosses.

Places are free for this wonderful trip, but booking is essential. Telephone Luke Neal at 01743 284275 or email [Luken@shropshirewildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:Luken@shropshirewildlifetrust.org.uk)