

SCHOOL VISITS TO THE COLNE VALLEY RAILWAY

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The Colne Valley Railway is now in its fifth decade of providing top-quality educational experiences for schools from London, the Home Counties and East Anglia.

In 2014 over 50 schools visited the site, many of which were repeat visits.

With the new National Curriculum, the Colne Valley Railway is ready to welcome your schools with an exciting approach to Learning Outside the Classroom.

Unlike many other sites we can offer:

- Sole use of our site during your visit. Unlike other locations we do not offer school visits on days that we are open to the public.
- A visit uniquely tailored to your requirements. Through our Pick and Mix approach we can provide a cross-curriculum offering that will meet the needs of your pupils.

Set Menu

All our visits include:

- A ride on a train (usually a 1960's diesel railcar)
- Signal box talk and demonstration
- View our large model railway.
- Mail by Rail
- Museum visit

We are pleased to continue to offer a fully configured visit around your chosen theme, at a fixed price.

Victorian – the coming of the railways, changes in your locality brought about by the building of railways.

Second World War – experience the life of an evacuee.

“View From A Train” – one of our most popular offerings for younger visitors, with a cross curriculum approach.

“Journey on a Train” – for KS2 pupils, this visit will explore all aspects of taking a journey on a train, from using timetables, purchasing tickets etc.

Railway Design – how aspects of the railway were designed to meet specific needs.

Pick 'n' Mix

This pick and mix approach allows you to select options from the following menu to enable your visit to be tailored to your requirements. Usually a visit will consist of four options, which allows adequate time for a lunch break:

- Train ride
- View from the signal box
- Tailored classroom session around your chosen curriculum themes

We can offer sessions involving:

- English
- Art & Design
- Geography
- Design & Technology
- Mathematics
- Science
- History
- Mail by Rail

- Ticket office visit
- Museum including handling session
- Power of the steam locomotive
- Miniature Railway ride (weather dependant)

Facilities:

- Classroom coach (seats 36 children)
- Video coach (seats 60 children)
- Ticket Office
- Letter box and Travelling Post Office carriages
- Museum
- Garden railway (running trains are dependent on the weather)
- Miniature railway (cannot operate in wet conditions)
- View a steam loco
- Mainline train ride (usually on our 1960's diesel railcar, including rides with the driver in the cab)
- Signal Box visit
- Model railway
- Large outside play and picnic area
- Woodland walk (late spring & summer only)
- Handling collection

Prices have been held at £5.50 per child (minimum charge £192.50 up to 35 children, additional children are charged at £4.50 per child).

Where we are: 7 miles north-east of Braintree

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