EVERY STOP IS A START...

YOUR TICKET TO ADVENTURE

Timetables & Information 2019

www.eastlancsrailway.org.uk
History and hopes come together as grandparents and grandchildren alike delight in steam powered adventures on the East Lancashire Railway!

From our immaculately preserved steam and diesel engines and cosy compartment carriages to our perfect postcard stations and scenic vistas, the railway has everything you need for your next grand day out.

So, what are you waiting for? All aboard!
The East Lancashire Railway has been a central part of the local community since the heady days of the Industrial Revolution back in 1846, when its stations first opened to connect Bury with the nationwide network, transporting goods, workers and holidaymakers!

It was connections like this that helped to make the North West of England a hub of ingenuity and enterprise in the 19th century, linking the area’s cotton mills and factories. Beyond its manufacturing prowess the area also produced some of this period’s greatest Britons including industrialist, entrepreneur and eventual Prime Minister Sir Robert Peel, as well as Emmeline Pankhurst, leader of Britain’s Suffragette movement. On your trip you will see this legacy everywhere, from the remaining mill buildings to the many statues, monuments and museums.

With this progress came the eventual decline of steam railways as the main method of transportation and the line was closed in 1966. The story did not end there, thanks mainly to the effort of a small group of committed enthusiasts, the line was re-opened as a tourist attraction in 1987 and is now one of the most popular in the North West, bringing in around 200,000 visitors each year.

Now you can be part of our story...

For a greater insight into the East Lancashire Railway be sure to purchase a souvenir Guide Book from Bury Bolton Street Station Gift Shop.
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Winding for twelve miles through captivating countryside and traditional towns and villages, the railway has seven different stops, each with its own unique offering. Our manned stations are well equipped and there are countless treasures and experiences waiting to be discovered, from world famous markets to wonderful walks.

RAMSBOTTOM

Regularly regarded as one of the best places to live in Britain, Ramsbottom is a flourishing Victorian mill town that boasts a wealth of independent shops and award-winning restaurants and pubs.

TOP TIP: In need of some retail therapy? Peruse the shops on Bridge Street and Bolton Street.

BURRS COUNTRY PARK

Hop off the train and hop into nature at our most recent addition to the line with 36 hectares of countryside, a café and a pub to explore.

TOP TIP: Make a stop at our latest stop and explore the Green Flag rated park’s wildlife and walks.

BURY

A lively town packed with cultural attractions such as The Fusilier Museum, Bury Art Museum and The Met Theatre as well as an impressive retail offering.

TOP TIP: No visit to Bury is complete without popping into the world famous Bury Market with its near 400 stalls!

KEY 📷 Photo opportunities ⚽ Great walks 🚅 Toilets 🍽 Shops ☕ Cafés 🍷 Pubs 🏛 Attractions & museums
RAWTENSTALL
The northernmost terminus is a must to explore with its cobblestone paving, original shop fronts and award-winning cultural venue, The Whitaker.

**TOP TIP** Wet your whistle from the wide selection of pubs, including microbrewery Northern Whisper and the railway’s very own Buffer Stops! The town is even home to Britain’s oldest original temperance bar!

IRWELL VALE
The railway’s most rural outpost that epitomises a ‘Christmas Card Village’ with its traditional stone cottages and backdrop of rolling hills.

**TOP TIP** Celebrate local heritage and landscapes by taking to the miles of walking routes on the doorstep and immersing yourself in the stunning scenery.

SUMMERSEAT
This quaint village has become a destination in its own right and boasts pretty scenery, renowned pubs and even a garden centre.

**TOP TIP** Amble through the village to The Footballers Inn and The Hamers Arms for some well-deserved refreshments.

HEYWOOD
An old factory town with a fascinating industrial history, some of which can still be seen today, from the Victorian mills to the original Manchester & Leeds Goods Warehouse opposite the station platform.

**TOP TIP** On the outskirts is the picturesque Queen’s Park, well worth a wander.

Our facilities

1. **BUFFER STOPS BAR**
   This cosy CAMRA award-winning pub, located at Rawtenstall Station, is well known for its fine cask ales and ciders. Not to mention having one of the area’s best beer gardens - the platform!

2. **RAWTENSTALL CAFÉ & SHOP**
   Pick up a quick drink or snack from this converted carriage at Rawtenstall Station.

3. **CASTLECROFT CAFÉ**
   Next to Bury Transport Museum, the café is open on special event days and provides hot sandwiches, snacks and drinks.

4. **GIFT SHOP**
   From pocket money treats and trinkets, to books and DVDs, there’s something for everyone at our one-stop-shop at Bury Bolton Street Station.

5. **THE BUFFET**
   Located on Platform 3/4 at Bury Bolton Street Station, the traditional buffet serves sandwiches, light bites and cakes, as well as hot or cold drinks, that can be enjoyed inside or on-the-go.

6. **THE TRACKSIDE**
   This five star Cask Marque rated pub based at Bury Bolton Street Station is a drink lover’s dream with its range of real ales, ciders and perries, as well as hearty, home-cooked Lancashire food. Children’s menu available.

7. **BURY TRANSPORT MUSEUM**
   Housed in the remarkably restored Castlecroft Goods Warehouse, just across the road from Bury Bolton Street Station, the museum celebrates the North West’s transport past with its array of vintage vehicles and interactive exhibits.
It’s all fun & trains...

DRIVE A TRAIN
The hiss of steam, the warmth of the fire and the powerful roar of a diesel engine; no video or photograph can ever fully capture the thrill and sense of satisfaction of being a train driver in the way our Drive a Train experiences can! Whether you dream of steam or are a diesel devotee, our experiences will see you get hands-on operating a locomotive and provide you with a peek behind the scenes of a bustling heritage railway.

LUXURY DINING
Imagine this: A red carpet welcome guiding you to your opulent Orient Express style carriage - your home for the next few hours - you settle down for a silver service meal provided with the finest local ingredients as your train steams sedately through picturesque Pennine Lancashire... bliss! Indulge with a luxury Dining with Distinction experience from a five course fine dining affair to a quintessentially British Afternoon Tea and everything in between. Book at www.diningwithdistinction.co.uk.

RAIL ALE TRAIL
For lovers of ale and anecdotes, the railway’s Rail Ale Trails are expert led, steam train powered tours around the Irwell Valley’s best bars and pubs. Taking place on selected dates throughout the year, participants will get to explore the region’s rich history and listen to fascinating folk tales, all whilst supping some of the finest local ales that Lancashire has ever produced!

LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL GIFT?
Surprise your loved one, friends or family with a Rail Ale Trail Tour, Luxury Dining Train, Footplate Experience or Photography Course. Visit www.eastlancsrailway.org.uk or call 0333 320 2830 for more information and to buy vouchers.
KIDS’ CLUB
Join the cool cubs club alongside the railway’s very own Buffers the Cat! Kids’ Club members will get regular newsletters as well as access to some exclusive offers; you may even get to meet Buffers himself! Join now at www.eastlancsrailway.org.uk

PHOTOGRAPHY COURSES
Looking to learn, improve or simply get the most out of your hobby? Whether an amateur shutterbug or experienced veteran, the expert led, full day courses allow you to brush up on techniques, enjoy on-location photography in the pretty Irwell Valley and go behind the scenes to areas normally closed to the public.

WEDDINGS & FUNCTIONS
Whether you are after the romance of steam or simply a beautiful and unique vintage venue, the East Lancashire Railway has a selection of spaces guaranteed to impress at your next social or professional get-together. From the grandeur of a 1920s dining train to the arresting atmosphere of our Bury Transport Museum, the railway has an array of options that can be tailored for friendly reunions, business meetings and even weddings! Catering options are flexible to suit your individual requirements.

Support us
Since its founding in the late 1960s, the East Lancashire Railway has been battling to keep the flame of Britain’s unique industrial heritage alight. We rely on the support of both our volunteers and visitors to keep us on track!

• DONATE
Help preserve the line and make a donation.

• FUNDRAISE
Become an East Lancashire Railway ambassador and wave the flag for our fundraising projects.

• VOLUNTEER
Join the ELR family! From guarding trains to gardening, there’s a role for you.

Please visit www.preservationforgenerations.co.uk to donate or get involved!

For more information on how we can make your special occasion even more special, please contact us at customer.services@eastlancsrailway.co.uk.
The East Lancashire Railway is back with another jam packed calendar of events. From our revered regulars, ‘1940s Weekend’ and ‘Santa Specials’ to the roar-some new ‘Dinky Dino Adventure’ and tailored Theme Days, there really is something for every age and interest! So be sure to have your diary at the ready...

- **Whisky Chaser** 1 January
- **Sulzer Theme Day** 16 February*
- **Wizard Academy** 21 February**
- **Residents’ Weekend** 2-3 March
- **Spring Steam Gala** 8-10 March*
- **Wizard Academy** 11 April**
- **Dinky Dino Adventure** 18 April**
- **Classic Bike Rally** 21 April
- **Day Out with Thomas** 4-6 May*
- **Wizard Academy** 30 May**
- **Collectors’ Fair & Vintage Vehicle Gathering** 15-16 June
- **Race the Train** 23 June
- **Food, Drink & Music Festival** 28-30 June

**Summer Diesel Spectacular** 4-6 July*
An event that is sure to occupy pride of place in every diesel fan’s annual calendar, seeing popular home fleet locomotives and special guest engines take to the rails for an intensive all diesel timetable.

1940s Weekend 25-27 May*
Take a steam train trip back in time to Britain’s finest hour and be sure to pack your best dress and your dancing shoes for this glamorous vintage event.

- **Wizard Academy** 25 July**
- **Wizard Academy** 1 August**
• **Day Out with Thomas** 3–4 August*
• **Princess Academy** 8 August**
• **Wizard Academy** 15 August**

**Sci-Fi on the Sidings** 17–18 August*
Alien invaders and adventurous heroes emerge from the screens and pages of your favourite films, comics and books for a weekend of intergalactic, planetary fun!

• **Dinky Dino Adventure** 22 August**
• **Wizard Academy** 29 August**
• **1960s Weekend** 7–8 September
• **Classic Car Rally** 8 September
• **English Electric Theme Day** 21 September*
• **Day Out with Thomas** 5–6 October*

**Autumn Steam Gala** 18–20 October*

*A truly spellbinding event!

• **Halloween Ghost Trains** 31 October & 1–2 November**
• **Scenic Railcar Day** 9 November*
• **Lancashire Weekend** 23–24 November
• **Santa Specials** 30 November, 1, 7–8, 14–15, 19–24 December**
• **Mince Pie Specials** 26–29 December

*Tickets can be booked online. **Tickets must be booked in advance.

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**LOCAL EVENTS**

Let the train take the strain and get involved in these exciting events right on our doorstep! From the brilliantly bizarre Black Pudding Throwing Championships to the fantastic local markets, save the hassle of parking and travel in comfort and style with us!

• **Rawtenstall Clog Market**
  First Sunday of the month
• **Rawtenstall Farmers Market**
  Last Sunday of the month
• **Rally in the Valley**
  7–9 June
• **World Gravy Wrestling Championships** 26 August
• **Black Pudding Throwing Championships** 8 September

*A legendary local event!
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**Freedom of the Line**
- Our best value tickets which include **unlimited travel** all day (excludes special events).
- Family: £42.00 (2 adults & 3 children)
- Adult: £16.00
- Child: £10.00 (under 5s free)
- Concession: £14.50

**Other Fares**
- Single and return fares between Heywood, Bury, Ramsbottom and Rawtenstall are available (excludes special events).
- Return tickets range from Adult: £9.00–12.50 Child: £6.00–8.00 Concession: £8.50–11.50

**Resident’s Permit**
- Great discounts for residents of the boroughs of Bury, Rochdale and Rossendale.
- Freedom of the Line: £10.00
- Full Line Return: Adult: £7.00 Child/concession: £5.00

**Special Events Rover Tickets**
- Special tickets are available on special event days and may replace other ticket types.

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Child fares apply from ages 5 to 17 and accompanied children aged under 5 travel free of charge (except on special events).

Concessionary fares are available to all holders of UK concessionary passes and ELRPS members. One essential carer may travel free when accompanying a disabled person. Dogs are allowed to travel on the railway at no extra charge, however must be kept on a lead at all times. Details of other fares are available on request. Payment may be made by cash or most credit/debit cards. Conditions of Carriage apply. Visit eastlancsrailway.org.uk for further information.

While every effort is made to adhere to the published timetables, the company reserves the right to make changes without prior notice. E&OE.

Choose your train

**PINK SPECIAL EVENTS TIMETABLE**
See flyers or website for event details.

**OTHER EVENTS TIMETABLE**
Boxed dates indicate that an event is taking place. Standard services will run. Please see website.

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**Key**
S: Normally a steam hauled service
D: Normally a diesel operated service
DMU: Normally a diesel multiple unit
a: Arrival times for terminating service
n: Does not stop in January, November and December
*A charge of £20 is made to issue a Residents’ Permit valid for three years. A passport sized photograph is required along with official proof of address.
**Diesel services will be run with DMUs from 26 October – 24 November.
+On sale for Day Out for Thomas™, 1940s Weekend, Sci-Fi on the Sidings and Steam and Diesel events.

Child fares apply from ages 5 to 17 and accompanied children aged under 5 travel free of charge (except on special events). Concessionary fares are available to all holders of UK concessionary passes and ELRPS members. One essential carer may travel free when accompanying a disabled person. Dogs are allowed to travel on the railway at no extra charge, however must be kept on a lead at all times. Details of other fares are available on request. Payment may be made by cash or most credit/debit cards. Conditions of Carriage apply. Visit eastlancsrailway.org.uk for further information. While every effort is made to adhere to the published timetables, the company reserves the right to make changes without prior notice. E&OE.
**LOCATION**
The East Lancashire Railway is easily accessible with major road links nearby. Bury Interchange provides both bus and tram services throughout Greater Manchester with the city centre just a 30 minute journey via Metrolink. For times visit [www.tfgm.com](http://www.tfgm.com) or call 0871 200 2233.

**PARKING**
Parking is available at all stations. Spaces at Bury are limited and subject to charges. Heywood is just over a mile from M62 J19 and has a large free car park. Limited parking is available at Burrs Country Park, Summerseat and Irwell Vale.

**SAT-NAV**
If using a sat-nav please use the postcodes below:
- Bury: BL9 0EY
- Heywood: OL10 1LX*
- Irwell Vale: BL0 0QG
- Rawtenstall: BB4 6AG
- Summerseat: BL9 5QY
- Burrs Country Park: BL8 1DA

**ACCESSIBILITY**
The East Lancashire Railway welcomes customers of all abilities. All stations and Bury Transport Museum are fully accessible for visitors in wheelchairs. Please note that the museum is cobbled. Disabled toilets are at all manned stations. A dedicated wheelchair accessible carriage is available on selected services. Steps and a wheelchair ramp are carried on all standard services. Assistance dogs are welcome. A full Accessibility Statement can be viewed online. For further information and to tailor your visit please contact us in advance.

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