

EAST LANCASHIRE RAILWAY SCI-FI ON THE SIDINGS

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MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU ON THE SIDINGS



- Sci-Fi on the Sidings takes place at the East Lancashire Railway on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th August.
- Lose yourself in a world of fantasy and sci-fi, joining characters from favourites like Star Wars and Doctor Who and posing with props from Jurassic World, Ghostbusters and more.
- Book online now to save 10% and enjoy all of the attractions and activities along with unlimited travel on steam and diesel trains.

Calling all those who feel the force, who boldly go and who want to believe – Sci-Fi on the Sidings is back at East Lancashire Railway.

Push back the final frontier and go where no steam railway has gone before for a fun filled weekend celebrating science fiction at the heritage railway.

Taking visitors on a trip down memory lane with your favourite characters from the world of sci-fi, the two-day event promises to excite both children and adults alike.

Spot characters, props and displays from Star Wars, Jurassic World and Doctor Who at locations along the East Lancashire Railway's Irwell Valley route.

Just 30 minutes from Manchester City Centre by tram, sci-fi lovers will be transported to their favourite scenes from the 80s classic E.T and the time bending hit show Doctor Who at Bury Bolton Street Station. Bury Transport Museum will be transformed into every Star Wars fans' dream - playing host to Luke Skywalker's Landspeeder, Death Star Walls, a Wampa cave, Ewok scene, R2D2 and C3P0.

If that wasn't already enough, head to Ramsbottom and sit in a Jurassic World Gyrosphere, or go bust some ghosts at Rawtenstall as you take in the might of a giant Stay Puft Man and ogle the Ecto 1, you can even take a selfie with your favourite superhero statue.

Tickets start from £9.45 per child and £15.30 per adult, including all of the attractions and activities listed above, as well as unlimited travel on steam and diesel trains. Book online now and save 10%

For more information and to book advance tickets visit: <http://www.eastlancsrailway.org.uk/events-activities/2019/8/sci-fi-on-the-sidings.aspx>

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Information to Editors

The award-winning East Lancashire Railway is the gateway to the beautiful Irwell Valley. The 12-mile route starts in the historic market town of Bury and winds through picturesque countryside and traditional villages to Heywood and Rawtenstall.

A living, breathing steam railway experience, it is operated by a team of more than 750 enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers, who celebrate the passion and romance of heritage train travel.

The railway is one of the North West's most popular tourist attractions, welcoming more than 200,000 visitors each year with plenty to do in rain or shine.