

GEOGRAPHY RAIL TRAIL

The aim of this activity is to help students to understand the processes that give rise to key physical and human geographical features. They may also collect, analyse and communicate with a range of data gathered through experience of fieldwork that deepens their understanding of geographical processes.

During the visit, students will study the geographical features of the River Irwell between Rawtenstall and Irwel Vale. The two mile stretch of river illustrates perfectly the effects of erosion and deposition, including how an ox-bow lake can be formed, the effect of flooding and land use along the valley.

Practical activities can be included by arrangement.

Transport is provided by a steam-hauled train, please note that the East Lancashire Railway reserves the right to change to a diesel service on short notice.



>> BOOKING

To make a booking please contact the Passenger Manager at the East Lancashire Railway on 0161 764 7790. Office hours are 10.00 to 16.00, Monday to Friday.

>> AGE/KEY STAGE

This programme is suitable for upper Key Stage 2, Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4.

>> DATES

Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from Easter to July and also in September.

>> COST

£9.00 per pupil, payable on the day of travel, receipt given. No deposit required, no charge for accompanying staff.

School Visits Programme - **Geography Rail Trail**



>> **WHATS INCLUDED**

Introductory presentation to the day's activity.

Return trip from Bury to Rawtenstall on a heritage steam train.

Course delivered by a guide.

Worksheets and handouts as appropriate.

Reference material for teaching staff.

Guided walks along the River Irwell from Rawtenstall to Irwell Vale.

Risk assessment and safety talk.

Optional visit to Bury Transport Museum.

Optional shop visit.

>> **WHAT TO BRING**

Walking boots or strong trainers.

Warm clothing and waterproofs.

Long trousers are recommended.

Packed lunch and drink.

Notebook and writing materials if required.

>> **TRIP TIMETABLE**

09.30 - 10.00: arrive Bury Bolton Street

09.30 - 10.45: introductory presentation or visit to Bury Transport Museum

10.45 - 11.00: transfer to Bolton Street Station

11.05: train departs to Rawtenstall

11.35: arrival at Rawtenstall, toilet visit.

11.45: begin riverside walk (lunch break by arrangement and allowing for weather conditions).

13.45: arrive Irwell Vale

14.02: train departs for Bury

14.25: arrive Bury, optional shop visit

14.30: depart for school.