

EAST LANCASHIRE RAILWAY

EVERY STOP IS A START...



YOUR TICKET TO ADVENTURE

Timetables & Information 2022



www.eastlancsrailway.org.uk



Here at the East Lancashire Railway, we believe that the journey is just as important as your eventual destination.

Taking a trip on one of our heritage trains is like taking a trip into the past and having a 12-mile-long adventure, creating new memories to share with those closest to you, no matter their age.

From discovering the East Lancashire Railway's role in building Britain and the details of our 170-year legacy, to walking in the footsteps of industrial pioneers and enjoying new experiences to reminisce over in the years to come.

Let our quaint and characterful stations and lovely Lancastrian landscapes inspire you, say hello to the dedicated and passionate people who make us who we are and get up close with our shining steam and diesel engines. Every stop is a start!

Travel back in time!

The East Lancashire Railway has been part of the local community for centuries. Founded during the hurly and burly of the Industrial Revolution in 1846, the ELR started out as a vital connection between Bury and the country's vast network of goods, workers and even holidaymakers.

The railway kicked this part of the North-West into high gear and the Irwell Valley quickly became an area of thriving ingenuity and enterprise. Aside from its entrepreneurial flair, the region was also known for turning out a number of the country's greatest Brits, including Prime Minister and founder of the modern Police force Sir Robert Peel, and the revolutionary leader of the Suffragette movement Emmeline Pankhurst. Lancashire wears its heritage proudly, and you will see it all around you during your visit.

Sadly, the rush of technological progress was something of a double-edged sword. The automobile soon became the transportation of choice which led to the decline of steam trains and the railway's eventual closure in 1966. This however was not the end, but in fact the beginning of a whole new adventure. Thanks to a group of dedicated volunteers the line opened its doors as a tourist attraction and, since 1987, has become one of the most popular in the region.



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Nestled deep in the heart of the Irwell Valley, the railway's 12-mile line meanders through picturesque Pennine panoramas and traditional towns and villages, stopping off at seven unique stations, each offering something a little different. Every station is equipped with all the amenities you need for a great day out, and there are plenty of other experiences to sample on our doorstep, from unbeatable retail to brilliant bars and pubs.

IRWELL VALE

A rural treat complete with rolling hills and adorable stone cottages.

TOP TIP Strap on those hiking boots and become immersed in the Valley's incredible vistas, why not explore the Irwell Sculpture Trail?

BURRS COUNTRY PARK

Go exploring from our newest station where you have 336 hectares of countryside to roam, as well as a café and pub to stay refreshed.

TOP TIP Consider staying at the Caravan and Motorhome Club Site, ideally located next to the station.



Burrs Country Park

BURY

The heart of the ELR, this Dickensian town is a hub of fantastic attractions. Take in a show at The Met Theatre, soak in the ambience of Bury Art Museum or learn about the town's history of heroism at The Fusilier Museum.

TOP TIP Don't miss Bury Market, voted Britain's Favourite Market at the Great British Market Awards in 2019.

RAWTENSTALL 1 2



Rawtenstall

IRWELL VALE



Irwell Vale

RAMSBOTTOM



Summerseat

SUMMERSEAT



BURRS COUNTRY PARK



BURY 3 4 5 6 7



KEY Photo opportunities Great walks Toilets
 Shops Cafés Pubs Attractions & museums

RAWTENSTALL

Explore the cobbled streets and pretty shop fronts of this perfectly preserved slice of Victorian Britain. The family can even quench their thirst at Britain's oldest original temperance bar, Fitzpatricks.

TOP TIP Indulge your artsy side with a visit to the award winning Whitaker art gallery and museum.

RAMSBOTTOM

Considered one of the top ten places to live in the North-West, Ramsbottom epitomises the industrial mill town of the 19th Century, as well as boasting a bustling high street full of classy boutiques, award-winning restaurants, and cosy pubs.

TOP TIP

Ramsbottom is an excellent place for a self-guided Rail Ale Trail, just be sure to schedule in a stop at the Irwell Works Brewery.



SUMMERSEAT

This time capsule of a village is home to a selection of well loved pubs, a garden centre and even a nature reserve!

TOP TIP There's nothing more relaxing than nature, which is why the Garden Centre is the ideal place to refresh and unwind.

HEYWOOD

The town of Heywood wears its heritage proudly! Visitors can still take in the Victorian Mills and the original Manchester & Leeds Goods Warehouse.

TOP TIP Let your feet carry you to the outskirts of Heywood to see the beautiful Queens Park.



HEYWOOD



Our facilities

1 BUFFER STOPS BAR

An award-winning pub cosily ensconced in a railway waiting room, the bar serves a wide array of fine cask ales and ciders and offers the best beer garden in Rawtenstall – the Platform!

2 RAWTENSTALL CAFÉ & SHOP

The terminus tuck stop where you can terminate your hunger, this converted carriage offers a host of drinks and snacks.

3 CASTLECROFT CAFÉ

Visitors to Bury Transport Museum can't go far wrong stopping by this little café, open on special event days and providing hot sandwiches, snacks and drinks.

4 GIFT SHOP

From pocket money souvenirs to an Emporium of pre-owned railway books, the Bury Bolton Street Gift Shop is a treasure trove of novelty knick-knacks.

5 THE BUFFET

Our Buffet is located on Platform 3/4 at Bury Bolton Street, serving snacks, sandwiches, and cakes. It's also an ideal place to stop for a hot drink to enjoy on your journey.

6 THE TRACKSIDE

This five-star Cask Marque rated pub, based at Bury Bolton Street Station, is a must for ale aficionados, hosting no fewer than ten real ales, as well as a selection of ciders and perries.

7 BURY TRANSPORT MUSEUM

This revitalised Goods Warehouse is perfectly situated just across the road from Bury Bolton Street Station. Celebrate the North West's transport heritage with an exciting collection of interactive exhibits and original artefacts.

Adventures for All!



LUXURY DINING

Feel like your life could use a bit more glamour? Our Dining with Distinction experiences might be just what you're looking for. Be welcomed like the movie-star you always dreamed of being with a red carpet reception as you board your Orient Express style carriage to enjoy a silver service meal sourced with local ingredients. The menus range from five course feasts to brilliantly British Afternoon Teas, Murder Mystery Nights and more. Book at www.eastlancsrailway.org.uk.



DRIVE A TRAIN

If you're looking for the ultimate railway experience then you will want to enjoy your journey on the East Lancashire Railway from the footplate of a locomotive. Our Drive a Train experiences are just the ticket, pull on some overalls and climb into the cab before getting hands on, operating one of our magnificent machines – a heritage steam or diesel engine. Each experience includes lunch and lets you go behind the scenes of the railway too!

RAIL ALE TRAIL

Are you an aficionado of awesome ales? You will want to join one of our guided Rail Ale Trails then! A Blue or Green Badge Tour Guide will whisk you away on a voyage of discovery through the Irwell Valley's best bars and pubs, where you will sample the region's rich history as you sample its finest beers.

LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL GIFT?

Surprise your loved one, friends or family with a Rail Ale Trail, luxury Dining Train, Drive a Train Experience or Photography Course.

Please visit our website or call **0333 320 2830** for more information and to buy vouchers.





— PHOTOGRAPHY COURSES —

Do you want to step up your photography skills, or are you looking to squeeze more fun out of your hobby? Whether you're a seasoned shutterbug or you're just starting out on the road to being a snap happy superstar our Photography Courses will have something for you. Enjoy expert tuition, on-location photography and even a trip behind the scenes to get up close with the engines.



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. Now more than ever 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 ELR 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.

Visit www.eastlancsrailway.org.uk to donate or get involved!

— WEDDINGS & FUNCTIONS —

Whether you are hankering for the romance of steam or just looking for a beautiful and unique vintage venue, the ELR has a selection of spaces guaranteed to impress at your next social or professional get-together. From the glamour and grandeur of a 1950s Dining Train to the inimitable atmosphere of the Bury Transport Museum.

The ELR has a range of unique options, each of which can be tailored for friendly reunions, business meetings and even weddings! Flexible catering options are also available to suit your individual requirements.

For more information on how we can make your special day please shoot us a message at events@eastlancsrailway.co.uk.

2022 EVENTS



Join the East Lancashire Railway for another year of events. Enjoy favourites like the 'Santa Specials', 'Halloween Ghost Trains' and a visit from Thomas the Tank Engine.

• Winter Diesel Gala 12 February*



Spring Steam Gala 25-27 February*

The ELR's Spring Steam bonanza makes a triumphant return in 2022. Join our home fleet for regular steam only services.



Day Out with Thomas 30 April, 1-2 May**

Calling all little engineers! Join Thomas for a train ride unlike any other. Ride behind the little blue engine, meet Sir Topham Hatt, enjoy balloon modellers and much more.

*Tickets can be booked online.

**Tickets must be booked in advance.

• 1940s Weekend 3-5 June*

• Summer Diesel Gala 30 Jun, 1-2 July*

- **Autumn Diesel Gala** 16–17 September*
- **Day Out With Thomas** 6–7 Aug, 1–2 October**
- **Autumn Steam Gala** 14–16 October*

Halloween Ghost Train 27–30 October**

It's a steam spook spectacular. Step on board the Ghost Train with the ELR's monster squad and get set for a scare!

- **Fright at the Museum** 27–29 October**
- **DMU Weekend** 12–13 November*

Santa Specials 26–27 November, 3–4, 10–11, 17–18, 21–24 December**

Start the seasonal celebrations with a steam train through our winter wonderland. Meet Father Christmas and take home a gift at the North West's festive family favourite!

- **Mince Pie Special** 26–27 December
- **Whisky Chaser** 1 January 2023



From wacky wizards and pesky pirates to dynamic dinosaurs and delightful dragons, our Children's Adventures make for a fantastic Family Day Out.

- **Wizard Adventure**
16 Feb, 6 Apr, 13 Apr, 1 Jun
- **Dino Adventure**
17 Feb, 7 Apr, 14 Apr, 2 Jun

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

TIMETABLES &

1 Choose your day

JANUARY

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2 Choose your ticket

Full Line Return

Travel along the whole line with your family!

Family: **£51.00**

Adult: **£19.50** Child: **£12.00**

(valid for one full line return journey)

Day Rover

Our best value tickets which include unlimited travel all day (excludes special events).

Family: **£56.00**

Adult: **£21.50** Child: **£13.00**

(under 3s free)

Other Fares

Single and return fares between Heywood, Bury, Ramsbottom and Rawtenstall are available (excludes special events).

Resident's Permit*

Great discounts for residents of the boroughs of Bury, Rochdale and Rossendale.

Day Rover: **£13.00**

Full Line Return: Adult: **£9.50**

Child: **£6.50**

Special Events Rover Tickets+

Special tickets are available on special event days and may replace other tickets – visit website for details.

NOVEMBER

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SAVE with our **FAMILY TICKET!**

3 Choose your train

BLUE TIMETABLE**

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Heywood	dep	-	-	09:45	11:30	12:15	14:30	15:15	16:50
Bury Bolton St	dep	-	09:15	10:05	11:55	13:00	14:50	15:40	17:03 _a
Burrs CP	dep	-	09:20	10:10	12:00	13:05	14:55	15:45	-
Summerseat	dep	-	09:25	10:15	12:05	13:10	15:00	15:50	-
Ramsbottom	dep	-	09:33	10:30	12:20	13:20	15:10	16:00	-
Irwell Vale	dep	-	09:40	10:37	12:27	13:27	15:17	16:07	-
Rawtenstall	arr	-	09:48	10:45	12:35	13:35	15:25	16:15	-
Rawtenstall	dep	-	10:10	11:05	13:00	13:55	15:45	16:30	-
Irwell Vale	dep	-	10:17	11:12	13:07	14:02	15:54	16:37 _n	-
Ramsbottom	dep	-	10:30	11:25	13:25	14:20	16:02	16:47	-
Summerseat	dep	-	10:35	11:30	13:30	14:25	16:07	16:52	-
Burrs CP	dep	-	10:40	11:35	13:35	14:30	16:12	16:57 _n	-
Bury Bolton St	dep	09:15	10:55	11:45	13:55	14:45	16:20	17:01 _a	-
Heywood	arr	09:28	11:08	11:58	14:08	14:58	16:33	-	-

ORANGE TIMETABLE

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Heywood	dep	-	-	11:23	12:15	14:45	15:33	17:05
Bury Bolton St	dep	09:15	10:05	11:50	13:15	15:05	16:04	17:18
Burrs CP	dep	09:20	10:10	11:55	13:20	15:10	16:08	-
Summerseat	dep	09:25	10:15	12:00	13:25	15:15	16:13	-
Ramsbottom	dep	09:33	10:30	12:10	13:35	15:25	16:21	-
Irwell Vale	dep	09:40	10:37	12:17	13:42	15:32	16:28	-
Rawtenstall	arr	09:48	10:45	12:30	13:50	15:40	16:36	-
Rawtenstall	dep	10:10	11:05	13:15	14:10	16:00	16:55	-
Irwell Vale	dep	10:17	11:12	13:22	14:17	16:07	17:03	-
Ramsbottom	dep	10:32	11:25	13:40	14:35	16:20	17:12	-
Summerseat	dep	10:37	11:30	13:45	14:40	16:25	17:17	-
Burrs CP	dep	10:42	11:35	13:50	14:45	16:30	17:21	-
Bury Bolton St	dep	10:50	11:45	14:10	15:00	16:38	17:25	-
Heywood	arr	11:03	11:58	14:23	15:13	16:51	-	-

GREEN TIMETABLE

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Bury Bolton St	dep	10:30	13:00	15:00
Burrs CP	dep	10:35	13:05	15:05
Summerseat	dep	10:40	13:10	15:10
Ramsbottom	dep	10:50	13:20	15:20
Irwell Vale	dep	10:57	13:27	15:27
Rawtenstall	arr	11:05	13:35	15:35
Rawtenstall	dep	11:25	14:00	15:55
Irwell Vale	dep	11:32	14:07	16:02 _n
Ramsbottom	dep	11:45	14:20	16:12
Summerseat	dep	11:50	14:25	16:17
Burrs CP	dep	11:55	14:30	16:22 _n
Bury Bolton St	arr	11:59	14:34	16:26

Key

S: Normally a steam hauled service

D: Normally a diesel operated service

DMU: Normally a diesel railcar

a: Arrival times for terminating service

n: Does not stop in January, November and December

*A charge of £22 is made to issue a Residents Permit valid for two years. A passport sized photograph is required along with official proof of address.

+On sale for Day Out With Thomas, Flying Scotsman and steam and diesel events, as well as others - see website.

Child fares apply from ages 3-17 and accompanied children under 3 travel free of charge (exc. Special events).

ELRPS members can travel at discounted rates. One essential carer may travel free when accompanying a disabled person. Dogs must be kept on the lead at all time. Details of other fares are available upon request. Payment may be made by cash or most credit/debit cards. Conditions of Carriage apply. Visit www.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.

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SPECIAL EVENT TIMETABLE

See flyers or website for event details.

SANTA SPECIAL TIMETABLE

Boxed dates indicate that an event is taking place. **Standard fares will apply.** See website.

YOUR VISIT

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 or call **0161 244 1000**.

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** • Ramsbottom: **BL0 9AL**
- Heywood: **OL10 1DW/OL10 2DJ** • Rawtenstall: **BB4 6AG**
- Irwell Vale: **BL0 0GG** • Summerseat: **BL9 5PZ**
- 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 staffed 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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