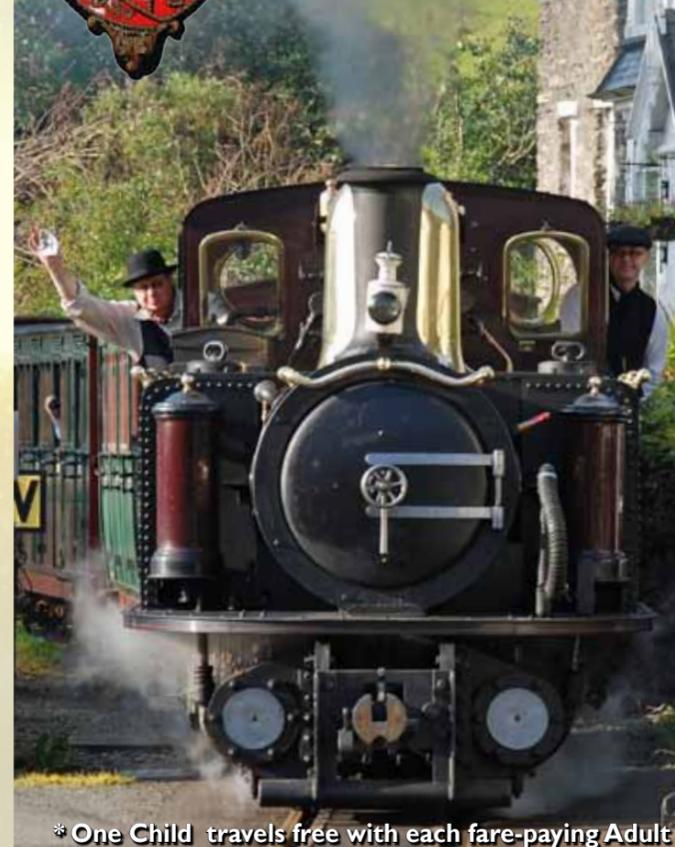


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FFESTINIOG
RAILWAY



A magical combination of spectacular landscape and historic railway



*One Child travels free with each fare-paying Adult

2012



One of the Great Little Trains of Wales



Santa Specials*
15th, 16th, 22nd, 23rd December
Join us for a traditional Victorian family Christmas. Carol singing on the platform, Santa on the train, presents for the kids and seasonal refreshments for adults.

Guest Driver Packages*
We are pleased to announce a limited number of dates on which our guest driver package is available. Prices start at £325 for a slate shunt, £750 for a main line drive. Telephone **01766 516024** for details & availability.

Private Trains & Functions
Contact us on **01766 516024** for details of our wedding, private charter, special functions and corporate events. We offer a bespoke service to help you to plan your day.

Classic Ffestiniog
5th October – 7th October
Vintage trains, period costumes, extra trains and plenty to see and do. Details available from our website

Halloween trains*
27th, 28th, 29th October
Don your ghoulish costumes and join our witches and spooks for an evening of fiendish fun and tasty treats. Travel on the Halloween special to Tan y Bwlch station for supper, competitions and games.

**Advanced Booking Only*



Make the most of our special sunset fares on this service or use your day rover ticket.
Tuesdays – Bangers & Mash, freshly cooked & served at your seat.
Wednesdays – Chip Shop Trip, delivered fresh to the train from the friendly fish & chip shop in Blaenau Ffestiniog.

Summer Jazz Specials*
7th June, and 9th, 16th, 23rd August
Tan y Bwlch station is the venue for an evening of live entertainment in the company of well known favourites, Dr Jazz. A tasty BBQ meal and licensed bar make it a great evening out. Come and have a dance or just sit and enjoy the music, 'Al-fresco' or in the marquee, depending on the weather.

Food on the Move* departs 1820 every Tues/Wed in the red timetable service.
Bookings open up to 1400 on the day of travel.



SPECIAL EVENTS & MORE...
Ffestiniog to Ffestiniog
5th May – 7th May
See separate panel and visit our website for more details.

Food on the Move* departs 1820 every Tues/Wed in the red timetable service.
Bookings open up to 1400 on the day of travel.



GIFTS AND SOUVENIRS
We have souvenir shops at Porthmadog, Tan y Bwlch and Blaenau Ffestiniog with a wide range of railway items and gifts to suit all ages and interests. Many of these are exclusive to the Ffestiniog Railway. Our shops are open on every day that the trains are running.

You can phone us on **01766 516034** if you would like to check if we have a particular item in stock. You can also shop 'online' from anywhere in the world, by visiting our web shop at www.festshop.co.uk.

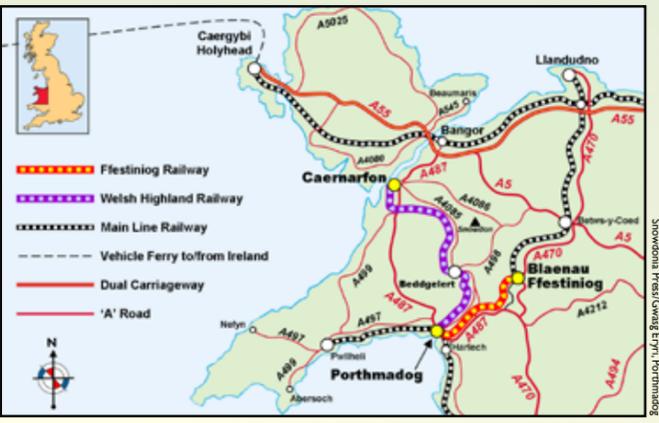


contact our catering staff on **01766 516032**. Our CAMRA award winning Spooner's bar, proudly serving traditional cask ales, often from local micro breweries, is also open from 0900 daily.

ON-TRAIN REFRESHMENTS
You can enjoy light refreshments in the modern corridor carriages on the train, brought to your seat by one of our friendly stewards who will come and take your order then deliver it to your table. There are hot and cold drinks plus wine, spirits and a selection of locally brewed beers and cider; plus cakes, confectionery and biscuits.



SPOONER'S CAFÉ & BAR
HARBOUR STATION, PORTHMADOG
From cooked breakfasts, freshly made sandwiches and hot snacks, through to our very popular evening grill concept menu; including locally reared Welsh Black beef steaks. We strive to use local produce wherever possible; therefore our menus are subject to seasonal variations. Spooner's café is proud to offer a wide selection of food and drinks for all the family. (a "take away" service is available for those of you that would like to enjoy your meal on the train) Party and corporate bookings are welcome-please



BY ROAD:
See the maps above for details of the main roads into the area and the position of local car parks and stations.
Car parking charges have been reduced in Porthmadog. Please use the main town car park which is 200 yards from Harbour Station. Follow the signs from the main road. This now costs £3.50 for a full day. There are a small number of disabled spaces and a handy 'drop off' point at Harbour Station.

'SAT NAV' INFORMATION	STATION	PARKING	POST CODE
	BLAENAU FFESTINIOG	'Pay & Display' Car Park by Queen's Hotel	LL41 3ES
	MINFFORDD	Limited Parking	LL48 6HF
	PORTHMADOG	Drop-off point and Disabled Parking	LL49 9NF
	PORTHMADOG	Main Town 'Pay & Display' Car Park	LL49 9PG

PLEASE NOTE: Whilst improvement work is going on in the centre of Blaenau Ffestiniog, the main car park opposite the Queen's Hotel will be free of charge. This is expected to last until the end of July.
Why not leave your car behind and make use of the excellent public transport in the area? There are combined Rail/Bus tickets available, some of which also give discounts on the Ffestiniog Railway.

BY TRAIN:
From the North - Use trains on the Chester - Holyhead mainline, then change at Llandudno Junction for a train along the Conwy Valley branch line to our joint station in Blaenau Ffestiniog.
From the Midlands - Use trains, via Shrewsbury and Machynlleth, for the Cambrian Coast line. Alight at either Minffordd (2 minutes walk) or Porthmadog (15 minutes walk).
Both services are run by Arriva Trains Wales. Through tickets available from mainline stations.

BY BUS:
Porthmadog is well served by bus and coach services which stop in the main street near the station. Blaenau Ffestiniog station is also on several bus routes.
For further information on local bus and train services in Wales - contact Public Transport Information Cymru on **0871 200 22 33** or visit www.traveline.org.uk or the Bws Gwynedd website www.gwynedd.gov.uk/bwsgwynedd.

For further information on coach services contact National Express on **0870 580 8080**.
The Ffestiniog Railway is operated by
FFESTINIOG & WELSH HIGHLAND RAILWAYS
Harbour Station, Porthmadog, Gwynedd, LL49 9NF
Phone: 01766 516024
Email: enquiries@festrail.co.uk Website: www.festrail.co.uk



TANY BWLCH CAFÉ AND WALKS
Make the most of your day and stop off at Tan y Bwlch station, nestling in a small wooded valley in the heart of the National Park. Our licensed café – open during the daily train service – offers a tempting selection of light refreshments and hot snacks. You can sit inside or on the outdoor terrace and there is a super play area for the under-sevens to keep them amused while you enjoy your lunch. The café is also available for parties, weddings and private functions.
Please phone **01766 516024** for details.



A gateway from the station leads directly onto the Coed Llyn Mair Nature Reserve. There is a nature trail down to Llyn Mair (Mary's Lake) which is surrounded by a network of paths and tracks through the woods. Some of the tracks are unsurfaced and there are rustic steps to negotiate but you don't have to go far to appreciate this special woodland. If you are feeling more adventurous, this is excellent walking country with forests, hills and mountains. Leaflets and books are available from the café.
Enjoy your visit!



ACCESSIBILITY
We have some carriages with extra wide doors which means that we can accommodate a standard size and weight wheelchair on most trains. Access to the carriages is by portable ramp. Our major stations have ramped access routes and specially adapted toilets. Please phone us in advance so we can give you detailed advice and reserve you a space on the train.
Our access statement is available on our website or from our booking offices. Please note: Guide/Assistance dogs travel free.



SUPPORT THE RAILWAY:
If you are fascinated by the railway and would like to become more involved or just learn more of what goes on behind the scenes, then why not become a member of the Ffestiniog Railway Society.
Benefits include an illustrated quarterly magazine and travel privileges on the FR, the WHR and also on the Talylyn Railway. The Society exists to promote volunteer work (and projects) on the railway and can also help with accommodation at its own hostel. Anyone can become a member.



Instant Membership packs are available from the railway's shops at Porthmadog or Blaenau Ffestiniog - with various types of membership available to suit personal requirements and circumstances.
You can find further information about the Society and its activities - as well as join 'online' - using the Society's own website at www.ffestiniograilway.org.uk Alternatively, contact the Registrar by post at FRS, 4 Penny Meadow, Capel St Mary, Ipswich, IP9 2UU - or send an email to registrar@ffestiniograilway.org.uk



OUR VOLUNTEERS come from all walks of life and from all around the globe. They help us by doing vital jobs necessary to keep the railway running efficiently. They work as individuals or as part of a group. Most, but not all, are FR Society members.
If you would like to find out about working on the Railway - using a skill you already have, or one that we can teach you - then please get in touch with Tricia Doyle, who is our Volunteer Coordinator.
Phone Tricia on **01766 516035** or send an email to tricia.doyle@festrail.co.uk

Welcome to the Ffestiniog Railway

Home of the unique Double Fairlie locomotives



The Ffestiniog Experience - Something for all the family!

Our historic steam locomotives run along a 13½ mile narrow-gauge railway built almost 180 years ago to carry slate from quarries at Blaenau Ffestiniog to the harbour at Porthmadog. Today, our many thousands of visitors are able to experience the journey as they relax and enjoy the spectacular scenery while travelling through the magnificent Snowdonia National Park in comfortable carriages equipped with modern facilities. There is plenty on offer around the railway, no matter how long your stay - ranging from a quick visit to our gift shop, café or bar, through to a full day out. A round trip takes less than three hours, with shorter journeys also available. Why not make the most of your day by stopping off along the way to explore the local villages, go for a walk or spend a relaxing hour or so at Tan y Bwlch, our halfway station (see separate panel overleaf).

Blaenau Ffestiniog - Moving Forward

Thirty years ago, Ffestiniog trains steamed back into Blaenau Ffestiniog for the first time in preservation. A new station was built to accommodate both Ffestiniog & Conwy Valley line services. In 2012, a £4.5m regeneration scheme is in progress to bring back to life this central hub of the town. So please bear with us and give a little extra time to catch your train as the work is predominantly in the station area. Come and watch the work and visit the town. All the shops are still open and there are some exciting cycling and velorail attractions opening during the year.



Ffestiniog to Ffestiniog 5th May - 7th May

May 2012 is the 30th anniversary of the reopening of the line back to Blaenau Ffestiniog and so we are basing our spring event there and working with our friends in the town. There will be stalls, footplate rides, exhibitions and unusual train formations - all that you would expect from a Ffestiniog event. Our colleagues from the Conwy Valley Line will be joining us as we celebrate this significant milestone for both lines. Visit our website for more details.

21st April Ras y Moelwyn fell run
28th/29th July 'Gwyl y Glaw' annual town festival

And now for something completely different... The Welsh Highland Railway

It may be thirty years since we completed the rebuilding of the Ffestiniog but we haven't been resting on our laurels - we have been rebuilding the Welsh Highland Railway and, this year for the first time, our sister line will be running all its main services the full 25 miles between Caernarfon and Porthmadog, through the stunning scenery of Northern Snowdonia. Harbour station in Porthmadog is now home to both railways and this opens up a host of new travel opportunities. And by using the local bus and rail services, there is even greater choice with circular trips and shorter journeys available. The mighty Beyer Garratt locomotives are the most powerful at this gauge; the carriages are modern and airy, with a refreshment trolley service and a kitchen car serving hot and cold snacks on most trains. The scenery is bigger too as the train steams through the famous Aberglaslyn Pass and across the slopes of Snowdon. Its northern terminus is the historic walled town of Caernarfon. Rover tickets are available to cover both railways and it is possible to sample a little of both in one day. Please consult the Welsh Highland timetable for more details of services and fares.



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SPECIAL EVENTS are indicated by dates with a black border. Please see local posters/leaflets - or visit our website - for details of extra trains in service and/or activities taking place around the railway.

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PLEASE NOTE: Steam locomotives are used throughout the year and the smoke from these engines adds to the heritage ambience of this historic railway. Please take care when close to locomotives, especially when trains are leaving the stations. The Ffestiniog Railway Company will not be held liable for any soiling of, or damage to, clothing or any other property. Every effort will be made to maintain the services shown. However, the Company reserves the right to cancel, alter or suspend any train without notice and accepts no liability for any loss, inconvenience or delay thereby caused.

Times shown in **RED** indicate where trains pass each other at stations. Passengers can transfer from one train to another by crossing the platform - providing the option of a shorter or longer journey, as applicable.

SPRING & AUTUMN SPECIALS			
Porthmadog	1100	1415	
Beddgelert	1145	1500	
Beddgelert	1230	1530	
Porthmadog	1320	1615	

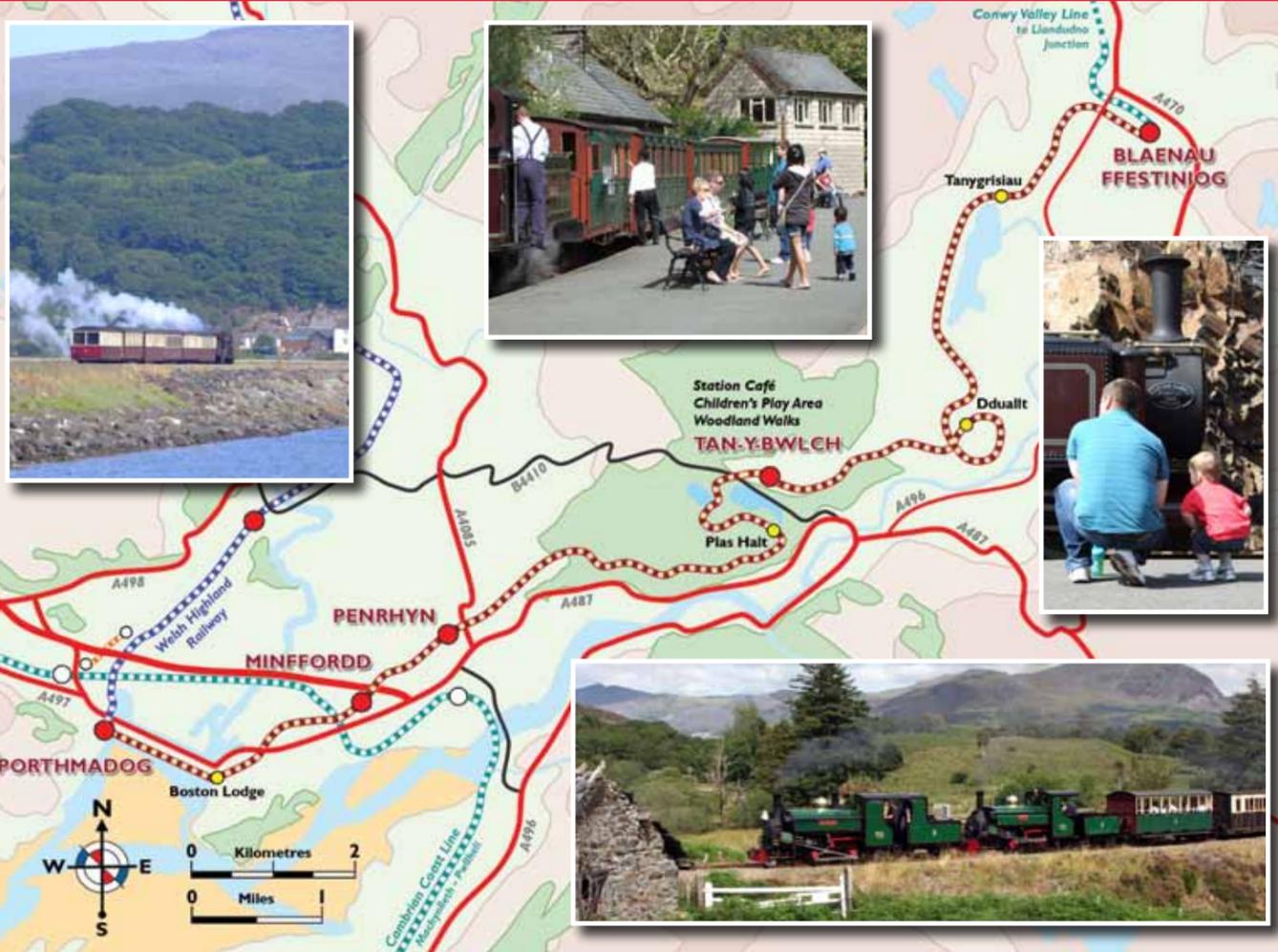
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Porthmadog	1015	1335	1015	1140	1335	1600
Minffordd	1025	1345	1025	1150	1345	1610
Tan y Bwlch	1050	1410	1050	1220	1410	1640
Blaenau Ff.	1130	1447	1130	1300	1447	1720
Blaenau Ff.	1150	1510	1150	1340	1510	1740
Tan y Bwlch	1220	1540	1220	1410	1540	1810
Minffordd	1245	1605	1245	1440	1610	1835
Porthmadog	1300	1620	1300	1455	1620	1850

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Porthmadog	1015	1055	1140	1335	1425	1600
Minffordd	1025	1105	1150	1345	1440	1610
Tan y Bwlch	1050	1130	1220	1410	1500	1640
Blaenau Ff.	1130	1205	1300	1447	1535	1720
Blaenau Ff.	1150	1240	1340	1510	1610	1740
Tan y Bwlch	1220	1310	1410	1540	1640	1810
Minffordd	1245	1345	1440	1610	1710	1835
Porthmadog	1300	1400	1455	1620	1725	1850

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Tan y Bwlch	1050	1130	1220	1410	1500	1640
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Tan y Bwlch	1220	1310	1410	1540	1640	1810
Minffordd	1245	1345	1440	1610	1710	1835
Porthmadog	1300	1400	1455	1620	1725	1850

TRAINS ALSO CALL AT THE FOLLOWING BY REQUEST		
Please notify the Guard or signal the Driver.		
	Trains to Blaenau Ffestiniog	Trains to Porthmadog
Boston Lodge	APR. 5 minutes after Porthmadog	APR. 5 minutes after Minffordd
Penrhyn	APR. 5 minutes after Minffordd	APR. 15 minutes after Tan y Bwlch
Plas Halt	APR. 15 minutes after Minffordd	APR. 5 minutes after Tan y Bwlch
Dduallt	APR. 10 minutes after Tan y Bwlch	APR. 15 minutes after Blaenau Ffestiniog
Tanygrisiau	APR. 20 minutes after Tan y Bwlch	APR. 5 minutes after Blaenau Ffestiniog

Phone 01766 516024 or visit www.festrail.co.uk for more information



PRINCIPAL FARES:	Adult	Concession (see note)
'ROUND TRIP' DAY TICKET <i>Travel on any train during the day of issue.</i>	£19.60	£17.65
'TANY BWLCH RETURN' <i>Travel to / from Tan y Bwlch only.</i>	Porthmadog - TYB: £11.80 Blaenau Ffestiniog - TYB: £10.80	£10.65 £9.75
'SUNSET SPECIAL' - 1820 train only. <i>Valid for one round-trip to Blaenau Ffestiniog.</i>	£16.60	£14.95
'SPRING & AUTUMN GOLD' <i>Valid for one round-trip to Beddgelert.</i>	£18.00	£16.20

CHILDREN: All under three year-olds travel FREE
One Child (3-15 years old) travels FREE per Adult
Additional children travel half-fare

FIRST CLASS TRAVEL:
Treat yourself to a ride in one of our luxurious Observation Carriages, or a First Class compartment, for **£5.00** one-way, or **£10.00** return.

FIRST CLASS SEAT RESERVATIONS:
Available on most journeys (from Porthmadog only) at **50p** per seat. You can book by phone - or in person at Porthmadog Booking Office - up until the day before travel.

DOGS AND BICYCLES:
Flat Fare of **£2.50** applies. Guide/Assistance dogs travel free. Dogs are not permitted in First Class areas of the train. Limited accommodation for bicycles - please check with Booking Office before travelling.

GROUP BOOKINGS:
Reduced fares for parties of 20 or more - phone for details.