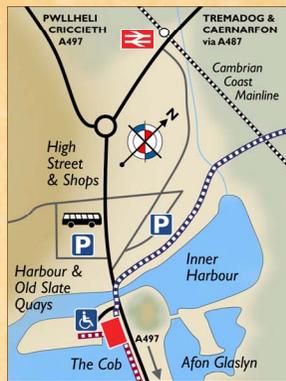
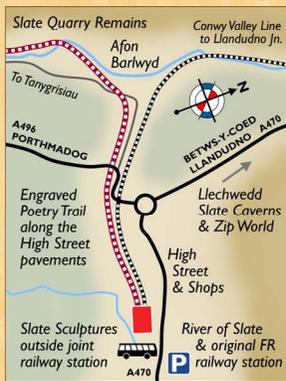


**BLAENAU FFESTINIOG**

**PORTHMADOG**



**BY ROAD:**

See maps above for details of the main roads into the area and the position of the nearest car parks to our principal stations.

In Blaenau Ffestiniog, please use the main town car parks adjacent to - and across the road from - the Central Station and the Gwesty 'Ty Gorsaf' Hotel. In Porthmadog, please use the main town car park which is just 200 yards from Harbour Station - follow signs from the main road. A small number of disabled parking spaces and a handy 'drop-off' point are available at Harbour Station.

'SAT-NAV' INFO	BLAENAU FFESTINIOG	Central 'Pay & Display' Car Park	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

**BY TRAIN:**

**Via the North Wales Coast** - 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 the centre of Blaenau Ffestiniog.

**Through Mid Wales** - Use trains, via Shrewsbury / Machynlleth, for the Cambrian Coast line. Alight at either Minffordd (2mins walk) or Porthmadog (15mins walk).

• Through tickets are 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.

**Why not leave your car behind and use the area's excellent public transport?** There are many combined Rail / Bus tickets, some of which give discounts on the Ffestiniog Railway. For further information on local bus and train services in Wales - contact Traveline Cymru on 0871 200 22 33 or visit [www.traveline-cymru.info](http://www.traveline-cymru.info) or the Bws Gwynedd website on [www.gwynedd.gov.uk/bwsgwynedd](http://www.gwynedd.gov.uk/bwsgwynedd).

For further information on coach services - contact National Express by phone on 08717 818 178 or visit their website [www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com).

Gweithredir Rheilffordd Ffestiniog gan -  
The Ffestiniog Railway is operated by -  
**FFESTINIOG & WELSH HIGHLAND RAILWAYS**  
Gorsaf yr Harbwr • Harbour Station  
Porthmadog, Gwynedd LL49 9NF  
01766 516024 enquiries@ffwhr.com

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FFESTINIOG  
RAILWAY**



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spectacular landscape  
and historic railway



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Train times and information

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Crossing the Cob embankment - the start of your journey to Blaenau Ffestiniog...



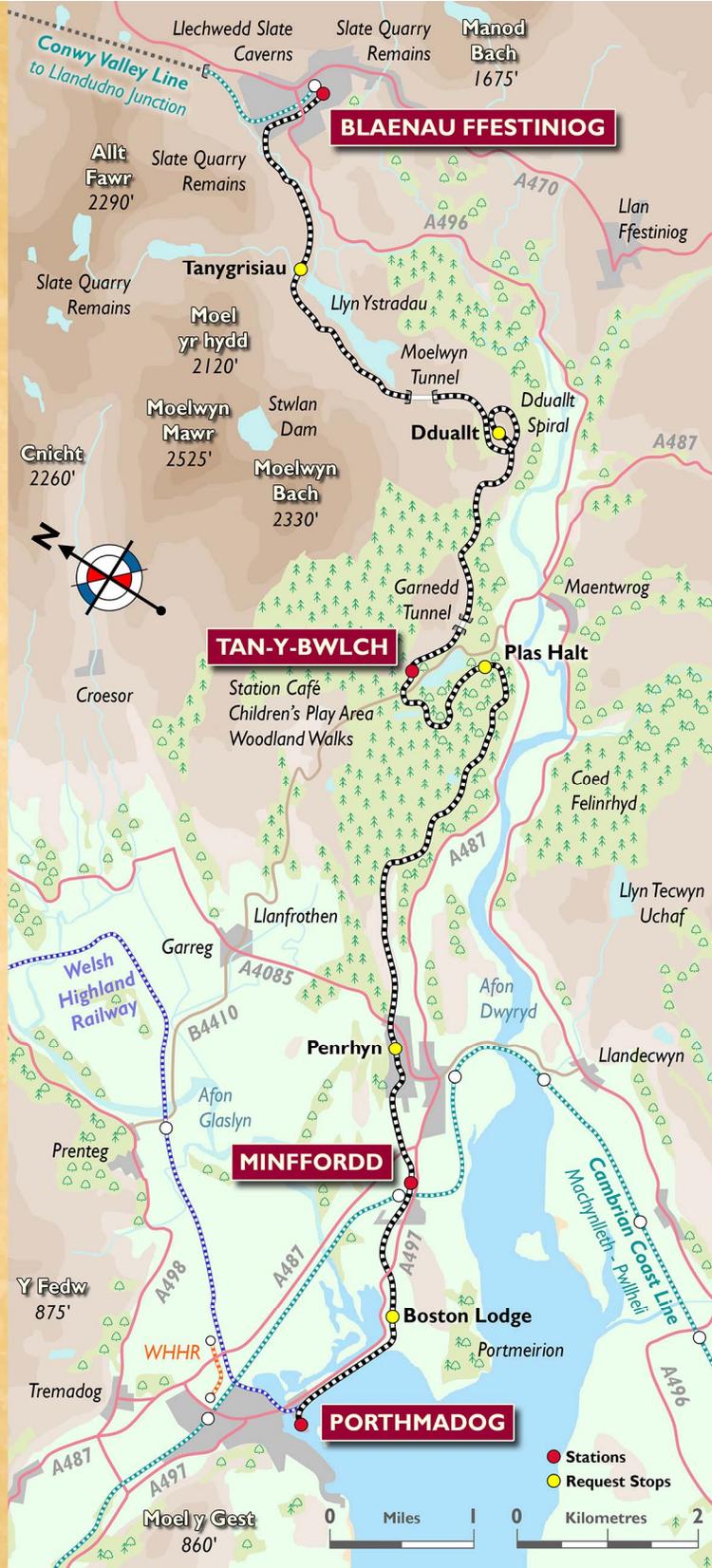
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## WELCOME TO THE FFESTINIOG RAILWAY

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### A legendary railway...

The two-foot gauge Ffestiniog Railway opened in 1836 - carrying slate from the quarries at Blaenau Ffestiniog to the newly-built port of Porthmadog, where it was loaded into ships and exported all over the world. Long trains of heavy slate wagons rolled downhill by gravity, with horses pulling the empty wagons back up into the mountains.

Steam locomotives began to replace horses from 1863. Remarkably, two of those original engines - '**Prince**' and '**Palmerston**' - are still working more than 150 years later. The slate industry thrived and larger locomotives were soon required, leading to the birth of our legendary and unforgettable 'push me - pull you' Double-Fairlies with a chimney at each end. '**Merddin Emrys**' (named after the Welsh wizard, Merlin...) was built in our workshops way back in 1879 and is still in regular service today.

The Ffestiniog Railway continues a tradition of innovation with our iconic flagship, **Observation Carriage No.150** - introduced last year as part of our new train - giving a standard of comfort many larger railways strive to attain.

### History everywhere you look...

We lovingly restore our old locomotives and rolling stock, but continue to build new ones - so nowadays you ride in modern, comfortable carriages with a refreshment service, but may still see some of the ornate bogie carriages that were built for the sight-seeing visitors of Victorian times. At special events, you can even ride in small four-wheeled carriages that took men and boys to work in the quarries.

In Porthmadog, the old Goods Shed at Harbour Station has been transformed and is now home to **Spooner's** - our popular café/bar - decorated with historical signs, drawings, photographs and railwayana for you to peruse as you enjoy a tasty meal or drink your favourite tipple.

### And then of course, there's the view...!

Our trains take you on a scenic 13½ mile journey from the coast through the beautiful Snowdonia National Park, climbing over 700 feet up into the mountains. There are views out to sea and over to the mountains as the train crosses the Cob embankment, before turning inland and starting to climb. Pastures give way to trees as you steam through the Vale of Ffestiniog; passing ancient woodlands, streams, lakes and waterfalls to reach Blaenau Ffestiniog, where dramatic slate tips rise high above terraced rows of cottages forming the 'Town that roofed the World'...

How long does the journey last...?

*"Around 1¼ hours from one end of the line to the other. You can travel back on the same train or - if you have time to spare - you can leave the train at one of our stations, do some exploring and travel back on a later train..."*

What times do the trains run...?

*"Look at the calendar on the centre pages. Trains run on the dates shown - how many depends on the time of year. Pick a date you want to travel on, then match the background colour of that date to the timetable of the same colour on the right of the page..."*

How much does a train ride cost...?

*"We have a wide range of fares depending upon the journey you want to make. Our most popular fares are shown in this leaflet - just look on the page that follows the timetable centre-spread..."*

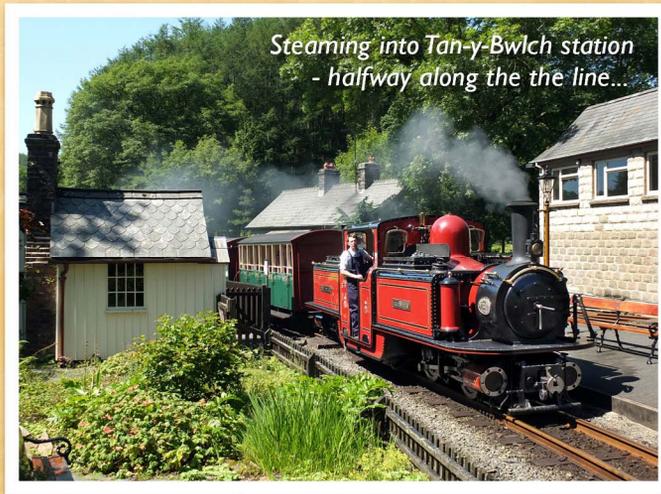
*Our Booking Office staff will be happy to give more information about our fares and the full range of tickets available - such as shorter journeys, one-way trips and special events..."*

Are there any toilets on the trains...?

*"All of our corridor-connected coaches have access to an on-train toilet if required - please ask our staff for directions..."*

Can we bring our dog with us...?

*"Yes, for a standard fare of £3 - but not in the First Class sections of the train..." Note: Guide/Assistance Dogs travel free, without restriction.*



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**Porthmadog**

Minffordd

Tan-y-Bwlch

Blaenau Ff.

Blaenau Ff.

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Minffordd

Porthmadog

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\* The 1805 train does not run on dates shown with an asterisk

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Winter services from 6th November were still under consideration at the time of printing. Updated timetables will be issued later in the year - in print and on our website... [www.festrail.co.uk](http://www.festrail.co.uk)

## TRAINS ALSO CALL AT THE FOLLOWING STOPS BY REQUEST:

Please tell the Guard where you are travelling to before getting on the train or give a clear signal to the engine driver as the train approaches you.



REQUEST STOP	TRAINS TO BLAENAU FF.	TRAINS TO PORTHMADOG
Boston Lodge	Approx. 5 minutes after Porthmadog	Approx. 5 minutes after Minffordd
Penrhyn	Approx. 5 minutes after Minffordd	Approx. 15 minutes after Tan-y-Bwlch
Plas Halt	Approx. 15 minutes after Minffordd	Approx. 5 minutes after Tan-y-Bwlch
Dduallt	Approx. 10 minutes after Tan-y-Bwlch	Approx. 15 minutes after Blaenau Ff.
Tanygrisiau	Approx. 20 minutes after Tan-y-Bwlch	Approx. 5 minutes after Blaenau Ff.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**QUIRKS & CURIOSITIES II** 28, 29, 30 April, 1 May    **VICTORIAN WEEKEND** 6, 7, 8 October  
**HALLOWEEN TRAINS** 26, 27, 28 October    **SANTA TRAINS** 9, 10, 16, 17, 22, 23 December

Please visit our website for further information on amended timetables and details of extra trains that will be running during special events.

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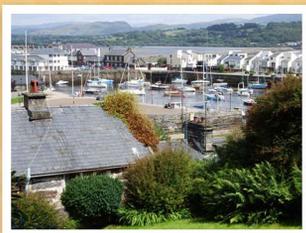
Steam locomotives are used throughout the year and the smoke from these engines adds to the heritage ambience of this historic railway. Please take care when close to the locomotives, especially when trains are leaving the stations.

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.

## Places to stop and explore awhile...

Whether at the start, the finish or in the middle of your journey, there's always somewhere worth exploring.



**Porthmadog** is rich in maritime history and was once a great seaport. It thrives today as a busy tourist centre and a hub for the local community. Our station is located beside the picturesque harbour - filled with pleasure craft nowadays rather than the three-masted schooners of old. The former slate wharves are a popular area to walk round, catch crabs from - or as a place in which to simply relax and watch the world go by. The Maritime Museum can also be found by the harbour and is a fascinating place to visit. A short stroll away, the bustling High Street with its wide choice of shops, pavement cafés, restaurants and pubs is also worth exploring.



**Blaenau Ffestiniog** - known as 'The Town that Roofed the World' - is the inland terminus of the Ffestiniog Railway. Nestling in a natural amphitheatre, surrounded on all sides by steep sided mountains and dramatic remains of the slate quarrying industry, the town has a unique and compelling beauty. The centrally located station is shared with trains that run along the scenic Conwy Valley line - to and from Betws-y-Coed, Llandudno and the North Wales Coast... Don't miss the opportunity to have a look around the town and discover its impressive slate sculptures, poetry band trail and selection of privately run shops, cafés and pubs.



## Take time out - or be energetic...

Make the most of your day - visit a local attraction, walk in the mountains or relax over afternoon tea in a secluded wooded valley.



### Tan-y-Bwlch Café and Walks

Nestling in a small wooded valley in the heart of the National Park, Tan-y-Bwlch station is a great place to break your journey and get out into the fresh air.

Our licensed café - open during the daily train service - offers a tempting selection of freshly made

hot snacks and light refreshments. Relax inside or eat 'al fresco' on the outdoor terrace. Younger children can be kept amused in the play area beside the café while you enjoy a cuppa. During school holidays there are often family-focused activities taking place here, such as children's entertainment, so please check locally for details.

The café is also available for parties, weddings and other functions by prior request - please phone **01766 516024** for details.

A gateway from the station car park lets you directly into the Coed Llyn Mair Nature Reserve, through which a nature trail leads down to the grassy meadow beside the sparkling Llyn Mair (*Mary's Lake*).



A network of paths winds through the surrounding woods - some of which are un-surfaced, with rustic steps to negotiate, but you don't have to go far to appreciate this special woodland.

The more energetic can carry on along some of the many paths that lead up into the mountains - or

follow the railway through the beautiful Vale of Ffestiniog. There are many wayside halts you can walk to and then continue your journey.

For those who are really energetic... Blaenau Ffestiniog is becoming as well-known for extreme sports as it is for slate quarrying - with zip wires and underground trampolines, downhill biking and kayaking among the many activities now available. Llechwedd Slate Caverns combine history and adventure to make a great day out for the whole family. The Antur Stiniog information centre, just across the road from Blaenau Ffestiniog station is a good place to find out what is going on in the town - or visit [www.blaenauffestiniog.org](http://www.blaenauffestiniog.org)



## First or Third Class..?

Our modern carriages are something we are justly proud of - as you can see below. Most of these are Third Class - with large windows, comfortable seats, handy 'at your seat' buffet service and access to the on-train toilets - but each train also includes a First Class carriage with mid-height 'tub' chairs and side tables in an observation area, and tall wing-back chairs at tables in the saloon section. On busy days you may also find some beautifully restored Victorian carriages - with separate First and Third Class compartments - added to the train.



**Third Class** seat reservations are not available, but tickets may be purchased in advance for the train of your choice. Advance tickets can be booked online or by phone - see below.

**First Class** seats may be booked and reserved (subject to availability) right up to departure time at either Porthmadog or Blaenau Ffestiniog Booking Office. However, as these carriages are very popular, **advanced booking** is strongly advised to obtain seats on the train of your choice.

Travelling in one of our luxurious First Class carriages or compartments is available for an additional charge - the supplement for travel in a single direction is **£7** per person...

Please note that, on our trains from Blaenau Ffestiniog to Porthmadog, the Observation carriage will be at the front of the train - and therefore directly behind the engine..!

## Advance Booking...

You can book Third Class, 'Early Bird' and 'Sunset Special' tickets - as well as many event tickets - online or by phone with our main Booking Office. A booking fee of 50p per person applies for all tickets sent by post...

 [www.festrail.co.uk](http://www.festrail.co.uk)  **01766 516024**

First Class tickets - please phone our friendly Booking Office so they can help to organise your day. Extra options are also available to enhance special occasions. **Please note that online booking for First Class seats is not currently available due to the bespoke nature of our carriages.**

## Pay on the Day...

There are many benefits to booking your tickets in advance - but, if you prefer, it is still possible to buy your tickets at the railway on the day you wish to ride the train... although we strongly recommend advance booking of First Class seats.

## Ticket to Ride..!

Popular Return Fares:

### 'DAY TICKET'

*The choice is yours - travel all the way and back again or ride trains as much as you like on the date of issue..!*

Adult    Concession  
(see note)

**£24.00    £21.60**

### 'HALF-WAY RETURN'

Travel to or from Tan-y-Bwlch only... Porthmadog - T-y-B: **£15.50    £14.00**  
Blaenau Ff. - T-y-B: **£13.30    £12.00**

**'EARLY BIRD' • 'SUNSET SPECIAL'** (see below) **£20.40    £18.40**

**CONCESSION FARES:** Over-65s, Registered Disabled and Full-Time Students

**OTHER FARES** are available for intermediate stations **and** for one-way journeys

**Please arrive at the Booking Office no later than 30 minutes before departure time. Fares correct at time of going to press**

**'EARLY BIRD'**: Make the most of your day, and also save money, by getting a good start riding on the 'Early Bird'. Catch the **08:40\*** from Porthmadog or the **10:10** from Blaenau Ffestiniog - an ideal way of getting out for a day walking in the mountains or of having more time to explore towns, coast or country during your visit.

**\* Continental Breakfast**, served at your seat, available on the **08:40** for only **£5.00** if booked in advance - online or with the booking office.

**Please note** - The return portion of 'Early Bird' tickets cannot be used for travel on any trains departing between **11:00** and **12:00**...

**'SUNSET SPECIAL'**: Don't waste the long summer evenings - take a scenic trip on the **18:05** train to Blaenau Ffestiniog. An optional hot supper is served during the journey - this must be pre-booked through Porthmadog booking office, in person or by phone...

**'SNOWDONIA SINGLE'** - a day on the rails... **£36.00    £32.00**

*This one-way ticket may be used to travel the length of the Ffestiniog & Welsh Highland Railways between Caernarfon and Blaenau Ffestiniog - or vice versa. Can be used in conjunction with other rail and bus rovers to give circular trips.*

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## Children

**Child fares apply to under-16s. ALL under three year-olds travel FREE.**

**One Child (3-15 years old) travels FREE per Adult.**

**Additional children travel for approximately half-fare.**

## Cŵn a Beiciau

## Dogs and Bicycles

Flat fare of **£3.00** per dog or bicycle - Guide/Assistance dogs travel free.

*Dogs are not permitted in First Class areas, except for Guide/Assistance dogs.*

There is limited space for bicycles on board our trains. Please check with the Booking Office before travelling - **01766 516024** - to confirm availability.

## Hygyrchedd

## Accessibility

We have several accessible carriages with extra-wide doors, so we can accommodate a standard size and weight wheelchair on most of our trains. A portable ramp provides access to these carriages. Steps are also available.

Our major stations have ramped access routes and specially adapted toilets.

**Please phone us in advance of your visit, so we can give you detailed advice and reserve you a space on the train.**

Our Access Statement is available from our website or Booking Offices.

## Special Events and Family Fun..!

### Bank Holiday Extras

At Easter and Spring Bank Holiday, there'll be family activities such as footplate rides, crafts and stories; many based on the 'Visit Wales' theme of legends. For information on all bank holiday extras, check our website or follow us on Facebook.

### 'The Snowdonian'

8 April

This annual fundraising day is a golden opportunity to travel the full length of both railways and learn about future plans. For more details and booking, visit [www.phase5.org.uk](http://www.phase5.org.uk)  
NB: this cannot be booked through our Booking Offices.



### Quirks & Curiosities II

28 April - 1 May

Back by popular request, 'QnC II' gives you a chance to see some of the more wacky and unusual 2ft gauge rail vehicles - with plenty to entertain families, as well as the enthusiasts..! Many of the exhibits will be pottering around in Minffordd Yard, while our historic workshops at Boston Lodge will also be open - with informative talks and tours of the site on the Sunday. A Grand Cavalcade rounds off the event on Monday afternoon - so come and enjoy the 'lighter, brighter' side of narrow-gauge railways and leave with a smile on your face..! Further information and event tickets are available online.

### North Wales Festival of Gardens

27 May - 11 June

We are delighted to be a part of this festival, as we are very proud of our floral displays and gardens that bring so much pleasure to passengers - and the volunteers who tend them. We will be working closely with historic Plas Tan y Bwlch country house and gardens throughout the event, including the formal festival launch with TV broadcaster Peter Gibbs. This takes place on the evening of 27<sup>th</sup> May and tickets for the event are strictly limited. For further information on the festival and launch, visit [www.gardensofnorthwales.co.uk](http://www.gardensofnorthwales.co.uk)

### Summer of Fun

24 July - 28 August

Footplate rides, children's entertainers, Food on the Move trains and lots more during the main summer holiday period. Something extra every day to add to your family's enjoyment of a visit to the Ffestiniog & Welsh Highland Railways.

### Jazz in the Park

3, 10, 17 August

Join our popular band of talented musicians, 'Dr Jazz', who are returning for another season of fun evenings filled with foot-tapping jazz and tasty barbeque at Tan-y-Bwlch station. You can even enjoy a dance under a star filled, moonlit sky..! This is a partly outdoor event, so please dress accordingly.

### Rock 'n' Roll @ Tan-y-Bwlch

24 August

Put your sneakers on, throw away your inhibitions and get set to dance, as the 'Del Sharrons' return to entertain us with lively music from the 1950s and '60s, accompanied by drinks and tasty barbecue.

### Ras y Cob

17 September

The Ffestiniog Railway shares the Cob - a mile long embankment - with the road into Porthmadog. Now here's your chance to race over during a day of fun-runs for all ages and abilities. Trains take the runners to the other side for the start of each race, while stalls and music in town add to the day. [www.ras-y-cob.co.uk](http://www.ras-y-cob.co.uk)

### Trailffest

23 September

A cross-country half-marathon run beside the line from Tanygrisiau to Porthmadog. A train follows closely, so that family and friends can offer support and cheer on the competitors. [www.trailffest.co.uk](http://www.trailffest.co.uk)

### Victorian Weekend

6 - 8 October

The Ffestiniog Railway is often described as 'history on the move'. We have been running passenger trains since Victorian times and many of our older vehicles have been lovingly preserved - so what better way to show them off than to have a weekend dedicated to that wonderful era..? However, it's important to remember that this event isn't just about trains, or even just the railway. Porthmadog is a Victorian town, built to serve the areas slate industry - just like the railway - so this event includes the local community with decorated shops, stalls, fairground rides and period characters. Come along, explore the town and ride the trains; join in the fun and dress up in Victorian costume or simply take photos and soak up the nostalgia..



### Halloween Trains \*

26, 27, 28 October

Dare you take the ghostly train to the little station in the big, dark woods..? Don your ghoulish costumes and join our witches and spooks for an evening of fiendish fun and tasty treats. Take a train ride on the Halloween special to Tan-y-Bwlch for a hot supper and an evening of crazy capers, competitions and sc-sc-scary surprises..!

### Victorian Santa Trains \*

9, 10, 16, 17, 22, 23 December

Join us for a traditional Victorian-style family Christmas - complete with Santa handing out presents to all the children during a festive steam train ride along the line from Porthmadog, Carol Singers on the platform, and not forgetting sherry and mince pies for the adults.

\* Advance booking is required for these trains.



Remember to 'Like' and 'Follow' us on **Facebook** for the latest information about all our events and what's going on around the railway. We'd love to see your pictures as well - so why not 'Share' them with us at [facebook.com/festrail](https://www.facebook.com/festrail)



### GIFTS AND SOUVENIRS

We have souvenir shops at Porthmadog, Tan-y-Bwlch and Blaenau Ffestiniog stations. A wide range of railway related items and gifts are available to suit all ages and interests.

Many of the items in our shops are produced exclusively for the Ffestiniog & Welsh Highland Railways.

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](http://www.festshop.co.uk)



### GROUP TRAVEL and SPECIAL FUNCTIONS

Pre-booked groups of twenty or more are welcome on the Ffestiniog Railway, but it is advisable to book well in advance for this popular service. Most groups do a one-way trip and there are a number of different journey options.

Further information on facilities, travel and catering packages, itinerary suggestions etc. is available in our Group Travel brochure, which can be downloaded from our website.

We also offer bespoke wedding day, private charter trains and corporate services - please phone us on **01766 516024**. We will ensure a unique occasion - tailor-made to suit you..!



### SPOONER'S CAFÉ-BAR & GRILL HARBOUR STATION, PORTHMADOG

If you're looking for a friendly, relaxed atmosphere, Spooner's Café Bar & Grill is the perfect place for a quick snack, a delicious meal or somewhere to relax with friends over a pint at the end of the day.

Spooner's is open daily (except for Christmas Day) with food served from **09:00** till **21:00** - making it ideal for breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea or evening meals. A takeaway service is also available if required. *Please note: our kitchen is not open every evening during winter months.*

Whenever possible we use fresh local produce, including delicious steaks from Welsh Black Cattle from a farm just a few miles away.

Spooner's new outdoor terrace is the perfect place to while away sunny days with food and a refreshing drink while the trains pass by.

Our CAMRA award-winning bar is open from **11:00** till **23:00** every day (**22:30** Sundays) and offers eight real-ales on tap, so an eclectic selection of national and local brews is always guaranteed. A wide range of wines and spirits, including speciality gins, is also available.

Spooner's Café-Bar & Grill is a great venue for groups and parties - enquiries and bookings can be made by phone on **01766 516032**.

### ON-TRAIN REFRESHMENTS

During your journey with us, enjoy our on-train refreshment service provided at your seat by our friendly stewards...

All you need to do is sit back and enjoy the scenery, as our buffet stewards come to you. Make your selection from a wide range of hot and cold drinks, beer, wines and spirits, plus a variety of snacks and the steward will bring it to your table.

We also cater for pre-booked groups<sup>†</sup>, allowing you and your party to enjoy a taste of yesteryear's luxury train travel complete with morning coffee and cakes, lunches or afternoon tea - served with style by our stewards at your seat.

<sup>†</sup> Please phone our main Booking Office - **01766 516024** - for more information and to discuss your Group Catering requirements.



### COME AND JOIN US

Our volunteers come from all walks of life, and all around the globe. They help us by doing many important jobs that keep the railway running efficiently and its stations looking their best for our visitors. They can work either as individuals or as part of a team project. Many, but not all, are also members of the railway's supporting group - the Ffestiniog Railway Society.

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.

You can contact Tricia by phone on **01766 516035** or, alternatively, you can send an email to her at [volunteer@ffwhr.com](mailto:volunteer@ffwhr.com)



### SUPPORT THE RAILWAY

If you would like to become more involved, learn about what goes on behind the scenes - or even help raise funds for vital projects - then why not become a member of the Ffestiniog Railway Society.

Not only will you be helping the Society support the operation and maintenance of the oldest independent railway in the world, but you also receive an illustrated quarterly magazine and travel privileges on the FR, the Welsh Highland Railway and the Tallylyn Railway.

You can find further information about the Society, its local groups and many activities - as well as join 'online' - by visiting the Society's own website at [www.ffestiniograilway.org.uk](http://www.ffestiniograilway.org.uk)