

SCENIC TRIPS BY STEAM

RHEILFFORDD

FFESTINIOG

RAILWAY



*A magical combination of
spectacular landscape
and historic railway*

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FFESTINIOG & WELSH HIGHLAND RAILWAYS

**ONLINE
BOOKING**
or buy your ticket on the day
you choose to travel...



One Child per Adult
- see inside

Kids
under 16yrs
GO FREE

September

March

2018 - 2019

Train times and information



A Victorian Weekend special steams through glorious autumn scenery...

The Ffestiniog Railway - the UK's leading narrow gauge line - built to carry slates to the sea, takes you on a dramatic journey through the stunning scenery of the Snowdonia National Park..!

Steeped in history, the 13½-mile journey winds its way from the harbour town of Porthmadog, past amazing valley views, cascading waterfalls, ancient woodlands and mountain peaks to reach the slate-quarrying town of Blaenau Ffestiniog.

The Ffestiniog Railway is part of the Ffestiniog & Welsh Highland Railways - why not try both..!

The Welsh Highland Railway - listed as one of the greatest train journeys in the world - runs for 25 miles between Porthmadog and the medieval town of Caernarfon, crossing the foothills of Snowdon along the way...



'Brilliant experience...' Waterlooman2017 ★★★★★

"What a fantastic day out this is, beautiful scenery, interesting trains, reasonable prices. Above all, staff - paid and volunteer - really go out of their way to make you feel you welcome..."

'I just love the Ffestiniog Railway..!' Sue2468 ★★★★★

"We travelled to Blaenau in the observation carriage - what a treat watching the narrow gauge line disappear behind us and enjoying the panoramic views as the train twists and turns up the valley. I have been travelling on this railway for over 40 years and still enjoy the journey..."

'Brilliant day out...' ClaireVF ★★★★★

"A really good value day out as you can get on and off along the way. The drivers are very friendly and go out of their way to show the children how the train works. Good drink service and food offered. Highly recommended..."



How long does the journey last..?

"Around 1 ¼ 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..."

Is there food available on the train..?

"Yes, a range of light refreshments, hot and cold drinks, together with a selection of beers, wine and spirits, are available - served at your seat by our friendly stewards..."

Can we bring our dog with us..?

"Yes, for a standard fare of £3 - but not in First Class areas of the train ... and please keep them off seats and tables."

Note: All Assistance Dogs travel free - in any section of the train.

Are there any toilets on the trains..?

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

A sense of place... The railway is proud to run through the heartland of Wales. '**Croeso Cynnes Cymraeg**' means a '**Warm Welsh Welcome**' - and you can be assured of this on the Ffestiniog Railway. Many of the staff and volunteers speak Welsh as their first language and you are bound to hear it on the train, as well as see it in the names of places you pass. This panel gives a translation of some of those connected to our railways...



Porthmadog	Madog's Port	Bleiddiau	Wolves
Minffordd	Edge of the Road	Coch *	Red
Penrhyn	Headland	Coed	Wood
Tan y Bwlch	Under the Pass	Croeso i	Welcome to
Dduallt	Black Hill	Llyn	Lake
Tanygrisiau	Under the Steps	Plas	Hall / Mansion
Blaenau	Highland	Porth	Port
Ffestiniog	Stronghold	Rhiw	Slope / Bank
Rheilffordd *	Railway	Traeth	Beach

* At times the first letter of Welsh words changes to make saying things easier - so '**Coch**' can become '**Goch**', as in '**Rhiw Goch**'. In Welsh '**Rh**' is just one letter, so if you see a phrase like this - '**Croeso i Reilffordd Ffestiniog**' - it has been spelt correctly..!



Take time out - or be energetic...

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

Travelling between Porthmadog and Blaenau Ffestiniog, you will climb through verdant valleys and ancient woodland, passing lakes, waterfalls and mountains whilst savouring the romance of gleaming steam locomotives and comfortable carriages...

Porthmadog:

An historic harbour town - explore its busy quayside, shops and cafés. Walk along the Cob embankment with its stunning mountain views, visit the town's Maritime Museum or grab a bite to eat at Spooner's restaurant.

Tan-y-Bwlch Café & Walks:

Nestled in the heart of the National Park, halfway along the railway, our picturesque station is home to a popular licensed café, which serves a selection of homemade cakes, snacks and light refreshments.

Great for families, with lovely woodland views and a play area, this station also provides access to a variety of walks suitable for a range of ages and abilities.

Blaenau Ffestiniog:

Known as 'the town that roofed the world' - wander through its streets to see slate sculptures, historic buildings and visit the local shops, cafés and pubs.

Feeling active..? You could fly through the air at Zip World, ride mountain bike trails or head underground to Bounce Below or Llechwedd Slate Caverns.

See our website for further inspiration and more walks...

MEDI SEPTEMBER

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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.

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RHAGFYR DECEMBER

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*** SANTA TRAINS**

Porthmadog
Minfordd
Tan-y-Bwlch
Blaenau Ff.
Blaenau Ff.
Tan-y-Bwlch
Minfordd
Porthmadog

	1005	1125	1335	1550
Minfordd	1015	1135	1345	1600
Tan-y-Bwlch	1045	1205	1410	1630
Blaenau Ff.	1120	1240	1445	1700
Blaenau Ff.	1135	1340	1505	1720
Tan-y-Bwlch	1205	1410	1535	1750
Minfordd	1230	1435	1600	1815
Porthmadog	1245	1450	1615	1830

	0840	1005	1125	1335	1550
Minfordd	0850	1015	1135	1345	1600
Tan-y-Bwlch	0915	1045	1205	1410	1630
Blaenau Ff.	0950	1120	1240	1445	1700
Blaenau Ff.	1010	1135	1340	1505	1720
Tan-y-Bwlch	1045	1205	1410	1535	1750
Minfordd	1110	1230	1435	1600	1815
Porthmadog	1125	1245	1450	1615	1830

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Porthmadog
Minfordd
Tan-y-Bwlch
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Minfordd
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Blaenau Ff.	1135	1505
Tan-y-Bwlch	1205	1535
Minfordd	1230	1600
Porthmadog	1245	1615

WINTER TRAIN SERVICES:
This winter we are continuing with our ongoing programme of investment in Ffestiniog Railway infrastructure with further maintenance and renewal work planned, so our train services have been arranged to offer alternative journeys.
♦ Trains on the Brown and Dark Blue timetables (shown below) will start from Porthmadog, but will be running along the Welsh Highland Railway and not on the Ffestiniog Railway.
*** FR SANTA TRAINS** will run from Porthmadog to Beddgelert and return.

MAWRTH MARCH

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ADVERSE WEATHER:
In the event of heavy snowfall or icy conditions our train services may not be able to run exactly as shown on the timetables. Please check with our Booking Office staff - by phoning **01766 516024** before travelling to the railway.

BROWN DATES - We recommend these trains **only** be joined from Porthmadog, due to limited access at Hafod y Llyn. Enjoy a scenic ten mile round-trip along the Welsh Highland Railway, through the wide Glaslyn Valley to Hafod y Llyn and back to Harbour Station.

Porthmadog
Hafod y Llyn
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Porthmadog

	1115	1405
Hafod y Llyn	1145	1435
Hafod y Llyn	1155	1445
Porthmadog	1230	1520

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Beddgelert
Beddgelert
Nantmor †
Pont Croesor †
Porthmadog

	1115	1420
Pont Croesor †	1125	1430
Nantmor †	1140	1455
Beddgelert	1155	1500
Beddgelert	1225	1530
Nantmor †	1235	1540
Pont Croesor †	1250	1555
Porthmadog	1305	1610

† Trains stop here by Request ONLY

Daily Services resume 30th March

Trains between **PORTHMADOG** and **BLAENAU FFESTINIOG** will also call at any of 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 Minfordd
Penrhyn	Approx. 5 minutes after Minfordd	Approx. 15 minutes after Tan-y-Bwlch
Plas Halt	Approx. 15 minutes after Minfordd	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

VICTORIAN WEEKEND 5 - 7 October

HALLOWEEN TRAINS 25, 26, 27 October **SANTA TRAINS** 8, 9, 15, 16, 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.

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 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.

First or Third Class..?

Our modern carriages have large windows and comfortable seats, a handy 'at your seat' buffet service and access to the on-train toilets. Each train also includes a First Class carriage.



Third Class tickets may be purchased in advance for the train of your choice, either online or by phone - see below.

First Class seats may be booked and reserved (subject to availability) up to departure time at either Porthmadog or Blaenau Ffestiniog Booking Office. However, these carriages are very popular, so **advance booking** is strongly advised.

An additional charge of **£7** per person is made for First Class travel in a single direction - so the supplement for a return journey in a First Class carriage would be **£14** 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...

Tickets for our comfortable Third Class carriages - as well as tickets for many of our events - can be bought online or by phone with our main Booking Office. A fee of 50p per person applies for all tickets sent by post...



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.**

Group Travel and Special Functions...

Groups are welcome, but organisers should book in advance to avoid any disappointment. Various journey options are available, with group rates for parties of twenty or more.

We also offer bespoke wedding day, private charter trains and corporate services.

For more information on facilities, travel, catering and prices please phone our Group Travel staff on **01766 516024**.

Ticket to Ride..!

A one-way trip on the Ffestiniog Railway takes just over an hour with a return trip taking about 2½ hours. You can make more of your visit by stopping at one of the stations on the way to explore the area (see pages 6 & 7). A 'Day Ticket' gives you the chance to hop on and off trains as much as you like. Shorter journeys are available to our half way station at Tan-y-Bwlch - around 35 minutes each way.

Please check our timetables carefully when planning a visit - especially during the winter months, a period when journey options are more limited while we undertake essential maintenance and renewal work.

Prisiau Dwyffordd Oedolyn

Adult Return Fares

'DAY TICKET' - travel all the way along the line and back again or ride the trains as many times as possible on the date of issue..! **£25.00**

'HALF-WAY RETURN' Porthmadog - Tan-y-Bwlch **£16.10**
Blaenau Ffestiniog - Tan-y-Bwlch **£13.90**

'PORTHMADOG - BEDDGELERT RETURN' **£21.90**
- applies to trains running on the **DARK BLUE** timetable dates

A 16-mile round trip on the Welsh Highland Railway, through the beautiful Glaslyn Valley and spectacular Aberglaslyn Pass - with the option of a half-hour or an extended 3½ hour break in Beddgelert or, if travelling from Beddgelert, a 1¼ hour break in Porthmadog.

'HAFOD Y LLYN RETURN' **£13.00**
- applies to trains running on the **BROWN** timetable dates:

A 10-mile round-trip on Welsh Highland Railway, from Porthmadog to Hafod y Llyn and return through the Glaslyn Valley.

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

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Children

Child fares apply to under-16yrs. Adult fares apply from 16th birthday.

ALL Children less than 3 years old - FREE

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

Additional children travel for approximately half-fare.

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Dogs and Bicycles

Flat fare of **£3.00** for dog or bicycle. All Assistance Dogs travel free. (Dogs are not permitted in First Class - except for Assistance Dogs.)

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

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Accessibility

We have several accessible carriages with extra-wide doors, so we can accommodate a standard size/weight wheelchair on most of our trains.

Access to these carriages is by means of a portable ramp.

Our major stations have ramped access 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 online and from our Booking Offices.





On-Train Catering...

Enjoy a tasty treat during your journey. Choose from the wide range of hot and cold drinks, snacks and confectionery available from our refreshments service - brought to your table by our buffet stewards. A selection of beers, wines and spirits are also available on our trains...



Spooner's...

Open seven days a week, from early till late, Spooner's Café-Bar at Harbour Station is the perfect place to visit for a quick snack, a leisurely meal or drinks from the award-winning bar - indoors or outside on the patio, with its stunning views of the mountains. www.spoonerspub.co.uk



Gifts & Souvenirs...

We have souvenir shops at our main stations in Porthmadog and Blaenau Ffestiniog. A wide range of railway related items - as well as general gifts and souvenirs - are available to suit all ages. You can also shop 'online' from anywhere in the world, here at www.festshop.co.uk



Come and join us...

Many of the people working on the railway are volunteers - who come from all walks of life and all around the globe to keep the trains running for our visitors.

If you would like to become part of the F&WHR team, you can find more information at festrail.co.uk/volunteer.htm

Another way you could get more closely involved is by joining the railway's support group - the Ffestiniog Railway Society. Members receive a quarterly illustrated magazine and travel privileges. Further information about the Society - its local groups, activities, projects and social events - is available on their website at www.ffestiniograilway.org.uk



Special Events...

Victorian Weekend 5 - 7 October

Living history - with authentic trains and costumed characters. Come and take photos, dress up or just enjoy the atmosphere...

Halloween Train * 25, 26, 27 October

Ride our ghoulish train to the little station in the dark woods. for a hot and tasty supper, plus fiendish fun and crazy capers..!



Victorian Santa Trains * 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23 December

Join Santa and his elves on our traditional festive trains - running from Porthmadog to Beddgelert, through the Aberglaslyn Pass - with a present for every child, plus sherry and mince pie for adults..!



* Advance Booking required for travel on these special trains.

Visit our website for further details of our Special Events...



Try out our Winter Train Services...

Winter is coming - and with it a change in the frequency of our train services. This is a period when we carry out essential work to keep our tracks and trains in the best possible condition - but we're also aware that holidays and day trips take place throughout the year.

So, we have planned a number of alternative journeys along the Welsh Highland Railway to Hafod y Llyn or Beddgelert, as well as re-opening the line up to Blaenau Ffestiniog for Christmas week. All our carriages have heating, so come and enjoy a winter train ride into Snowdonia...



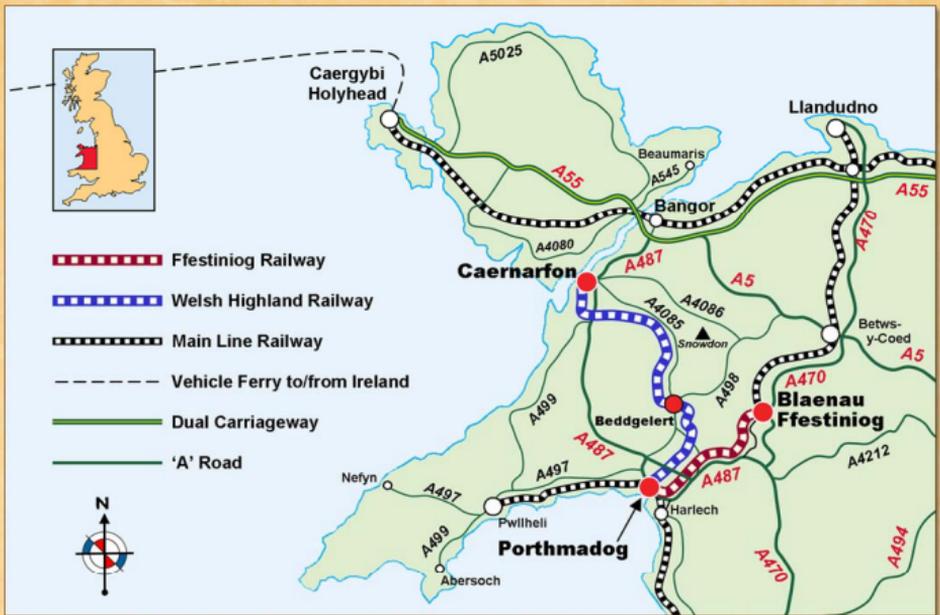
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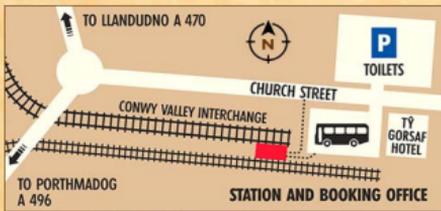
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BLAENAU FFESTINIOG



PORTHMADOG



BY ROAD:

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 North Wales Coast: Use trains on the Chester - Holyhead mainline, then change at Llandudno Junction for a train along the Conwy Valley line to Blaenau Ffestiniog.

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

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.

PLEASE NOTE:

For further information on local bus and train services in Wales - contact Traveline Cymru on **0871 200 22 33** or visit their website **www.traveline-cymru.info**