ENJOY A SCENIC DAY-OUT

RHEILFFORDD ERYRI
WELSH HIGHLAND RAILWAY

‘One of the greatest train journeys in the world...’
The Telegraph

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Train times and information
The Welsh Highland Railway - which has been listed as one of the greatest train journeys in the world - runs for 25 miles through the amazing scenery of the Snowdonia National Park...

Travel from the shadows of Caernarfon Castle, up and over the foothills of Snowdon and past the picture postcard village of Beddgelert, then through the stunning Aberglaslyn Pass - which has been described as the most beautiful view in Britain - and on to Porthmadog...

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

The Ffestiniog Railway is the world’s oldest independent railway with almost 200 years of history, and takes you on a 13½ mile journey from the harbour in Porthmadog to the slate-quarrying town of Blaenau Ffestiniog...

tripadvisor

'Brilliant experience...' Waterlooman2017

"What a fantastic day out this is, beautiful scenery, interesting trains, reasonable prices. Above all the staff, paid and volunteers, really go out of their way to make you feel you are welcome. Another feature is the cleanliness of the carriages, stations and facilities. They deserve to succeed..."

'Fabulous day out...' Marc N

"Fantastic day out and great way to see ... around Snowdonia. Fabulous service on the train, providing a selection of lunches and drinks. Strongly recommend this for a day out..."

'Much more fun than going by car...' tisi2010

"My first trip on the Welsh Highland Railway. Wow..! Definitely the best way to see the "wilderness" aspect of North Wales, truly stunning scenery..."
At times the first letter of Welsh words changes to make saying things easier - so 'Pont' can become 'Bont', as in Bontnewydd.

In Welsh 'Rh' is just one letter - so when, for example, you see the phrase 'Croeso i Reilffordd Eryri' it is spelt correctly!}

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 Welsh Highland 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 the railway...

Afon River
Bont * Bridge
Caer Fort / Castle
Llyn Lake
Nant Stream
Newydd New
Plas Hall / Mansion
Pont * Bridge
Porth Port
Caernarfon The Fort in Arfon
Dinas Hill Fortress
Waunfawr Large Moor
Cwellyn Fish Trap Lake
Rhyd Ddu Black Ford
Beddgelert Gellert's Grave
Porthmadog Madog's Port
Rheilffordd Railway
Eryri Snowdonia

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Along the way...
Fancy a shorter journey? If so, there are lots of places to explore along the line.

Waunfawr:
This small village is a favourite for walks - or for visiting the local brewpub by the station.

Rhyd Ddu:
Feeling active? One of the best paths up Snowdon starts here. If not... Take a short stroll to the nearby pub or local tea room.

Beddgelert:
A picture postcard village with stone-built dwellings, inns and hotels, surrounded by the finest scenery and a variety of walks.

Pont Croesor:
Stop off here for the Glaslyn Wildlife and Osprey Centre.

See our website for further inspiration and more walks...
CAERNARFON STATION:

While we work on a new station building, our Booking Office and Gift Shop have been moved to alternative premises - located just a short distance further along St Helen’s Road, next to Travis Perkins Builders Merchants.

Trains will still use the original station, but with pedestrian access available from the far end of the platform, close to the new Booking Office.

Parking - a limited number of Disabled spaces are available beside our new premises. There is a small car park next to Gwynedd Tyres, while the large Slate Quay car park is just a few minutes walk away, close to the castle.

Winter services from 5th 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

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First or Third Class..?

Our modern Third Class carriages are something we are justly proud of - as you can see below - with large windows, comfortable seats, an ‘at your seat’ buffet service and access to the on-train toilets...

There are a large number of seats on all of our trains. However, for peace of mind, why not book in advance for the departure of your choice - see bottom of page...

First Class travel in one of our luxurious Pullman carriages is available for an additional charge, which is based on the length of your journey. The supplement for travel in a single direction ranges from £7 to £11 per person...

First Class seats may be booked and reserved (subject to availability) right up to departure time at either Porthmadog or Caernarfon Booking Office. However, as these carriages are very popular, advance booking is strongly advised to obtain seats on the train of your choice. Please phone our friendly Booking Office staff on 01766 516024 to complete your booking and help you organise your day. Please note that online booking for First Class seats is not currently available due to the bespoke nature of our carriages.

♦ Please be aware that on trains starting from Porthmadog the Observation area will be at the front of the train - and therefore directly behind the engine..!

Ticket to Ride..!

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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

Snowdonia Single - ride the length of the F&WHR **£37.00**

Caernarfon to Blaenau Ffestiniog (or vice-versa) - not available all-year round.
Check timetables carefully and use public transport to complete your journey.

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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.

Group Travel and Special Functions...

Groups are welcome, but should book in advance to avoid disappointment. With a wide variety of journey options available and group rates for parties of twenty or more, book your place now.

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

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

Online Booking...

Don’t forget that Third Class seats - as well as some Special Event tickets - can be booked online at www.festrail.co.uk
**Special Events...**

**Caernarfon Food Festival**  
12 May  
We’re running an extra train from Porthmadog, so you can make the most of this tasty little festival - now in its third year!

**Cwrw ar y Cledrau**  
• Rail Ale Festival  
18 – 20 May  
Our annual beer festival at Dinas promises another lively weekend combining steam trains, music, real ales, ciders and tasty food...

**Journey into the Past ***  
5, 12, 19, 26 August  
Travel from Dinas to Rhyd Ddu in historic carriages, with an on-board guide... **Sponsored by the Welsh Highland Heritage Group.**

**Super-Power Weekend**  
14 - 16 September  
Come and help us celebrate our 21st birthday at our annual gala weekend - full of interest for families and enthusiasts alike...

**Halloween Train ***  
31 October  
Ride our ghoulish train for an evening of spooky fun and tasty treats at the Snowdonia Park Brewpub in Waunfawr...

**Santa Trains ***  
8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23 December  
Join Santa and his band of elves on our festive trains... There’s a present for every child, with 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...

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**On-Train Catering...**

Enjoy tasty food at your seat during the journey - brought to your table by our buffet stewards. Choose drinks and snacks from our trolley service - or order freshly-prepared hot food from the on-board kitchen. You can also enjoy drinks from our range of beers, wines and spirits...

**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 Caernarfon. 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, using our web shop  
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 to get more closely involved is by joining the railway’s support group - the Cymdeithas Rheilffordd Eryri • Welsh Highland Railway Society. Members receive a quarterly illustrated magazine and travel privileges. Further information about the Society - its local groups, activities, projects and social events - can be found online at www.whrsoc.org.uk
Caernarfon Station is on St Helen’s Road (follow the brown tourism signs through the town). See Page 6 for further details on station location and parking information.

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.

By Train:
Via North Wales Coast: The nearest mainline station is Bangor - served by trains from Crewe, Manchester and London - with a regular bus service to Caernarfon town centre.

Through Mid Wales: Use trains, via Shrewsbury and Machynlleth, for the Cambrian Coast line. Alight at Porthmadog and Harbour Station is around a 15 minute walk away.

By Bus:
From Caernarfon’s main bus stops, walk towards the castle. Turn left down the hill in front of the castle, then left again. See Page 6 for further details on station location.

Porthmadog’s main bus stops are on the High Street, around 300 yards from the station.

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