

A little railway... with a big story to tell

The Leighton Buzzard Railway is one of the last survivors of the thousands of narrow-gauge lines that served factories, mines and quarries across the country - and also one of the oldest, with over 90 continuous years of operation to its name.

Living History

Built in 1919, with materials surplus from the First World War battlefield supply lines, it carried sand from the quarries in the hills outside Leighton Buzzard. Rescued from near-closure in 1968 by a group of volunteers, it has become a popular tourist attraction, and one of England's top narrow-gauge working museums.

All of our locomotives have their own stories to tell. From the heart of heavy industry to the heat of colonial plantation railways, from the destruction of the First World War battlefields to the construction of the Channel Tunnel—they have been there, and more. Our collection is one of the biggest and most diverse of its kind in the country.



Relaxation

With its gentle pace, sharp curves, steep gradients, level crossings and roadside running, the Leighton Buzzard Railway offers today's travellers a unique and relaxing experience, and a living reminder of times gone by. Plus some great views towards the Chiltern Hills, in the final mile.

Your adventure starts at Page's Park station, where you can buy tickets for your trip, find souvenirs in the shop, have something to eat or drink in the station buffet, and get your ticket clipped by the Guard. Alongside is a large public park, with children's play area and sporting facilities—ideal for turning your train ride into a full day out!

Exploration

At Stonehenge Works station, out in the rolling Bedfordshire countryside, while your engine runs round the train you can explore part of our museum collection of locomotives, rolling stock and quarry machinery. Look out for the dates of working displays on the website. And you can take a look inside the Craft Shop, which also serves light refreshments, or spend a little time discovering the local country footpaths.



Children are given a free Rail Trail information and activity sheet, to help them discover all the interesting features along the line, and to take home as a souvenir.

Make this the year you discover the stories the Leighton Buzzard Railway can tell!

Bring a party

The Leighton Buzzard Railway is an ideal choice for group outings, whether for a family birthday or anniversary, a school or playgroup trip, an office or club outing, or a coach party. On Wednesdays in June and July, we operate a special timetable, to fit in with the school and playgroup day.



All pre-booked parties of 10 people or more are given free reserved seats, plus a generous fare discount. And refreshments can be ordered in the station buffet, for a memorable addition to your visit. Ask for our special leaflets, for full details and a booking form.

A little extra help

Customers with limited mobility have priority parking at Page's Park station, and there are full facilities for wheelchair users, including a special toilet in the Dobbers building, and accommodation with the rest of their party in adaptable coaches. Advance notification is appreciated. We are committed to helping all customers with special requirements enjoy their visit—just ask!

For families with small children, nappy-changing facilities and high chairs are available in Dobbers buffet at Page's Park station. Prams and buggies can be accommodated in the Guard's compartment, for your convenience while travelling. We also welcome well behaved dogs, for whom a bowl of water is usually available.



Come and join us!

The Leighton Buzzard Railway is a non-profit organisation, operated and managed by the volunteer members of the Leighton Buzzard Narrow Gauge Railway Society. If you would like to help run this unique piece of working history, please ask for our Membership leaflet.

2011 Special Events

13th March: Comic Relief. Fun & fundraising ahead of the popular National Telethon.

3rd April: Mothering Sunday. A free gift for all Mums, to add to the memorable train ride.

14th & 15th May: The Great Coffee Pot Fest. Join us as we attempt the World record for the number of vertical-boilered locomotives on public display in the same place! Full-size & scale model "coffee pots", including our own 'Chaloner', will be hard at work all weekend.

19th June: Fathers' Day. Treat Dad to a nostalgic trip on a steam train, and a free locomotive footplate ride.

26th June: Vintage Vehicles Rally. We fill the park with our spectacular annual gathering of old or unusual road vehicles.

10th July: Sand & Motorcycles. A gathering of motorcycles old & new, recalling the former role of 2-wheeled transport in the local sand quarry industry.

14th August: Stonehenge Works Craft Fair. Following its successful debut in 2010, the fascinating Craft Shop at Stonehenge Works station hosts an array of stands and demonstrations. Add in a ride on our historic steam train, and you have an ideal family day out!

10th-11th September: Tropical Steam-Up. Don't miss our all-action gala weekend, with intensive train service, lots of engine changes and double-heading. Celebrating the special locomotive birthdays of "Elf" (75 years) and "Rishra" (90 years) - both of which were built for service in hot countries - we highlight the role of narrow-gauge railways in the tropics.

30th October: Halloween Haunting. Dress in your spookiest clothes for our annual party on board our specially decorated trains.

December: Steam at Christmas. A festive steam train ride, with a visit to Santa if you come before the big day. Full details will be published on our website in August.

Driver for a Fiver: A 15-minute familiarisation session with one of our historic steam locos, including a supervised drive in the shed yard.

2011 dates: 27th March; 24th April; 10th July & 23rd October.



2011 Timetables

Match the colour of the day to the to the colour-coded timetables below.
NO COLOUR - NO TRAINS!

Standard Service

Page's Park DEP	10.40	12.20	14.00	15.40
Stonehenge Works ARR	11.05	12.45	14.25	16.05
Stonehenge Works DEP	11.25	13.05	14.45	16.25
Page's Park ARR	11.50	13.30	15.10	16.50

Trains will be diesel-hauled on March 13th, 20th & 27th, and October 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 26th. At least one steam locomotive will be scheduled for all other dates, subject to availability.

Enhanced Service

Page's Park DEP	10.40	11.30	12.20	13.10	14.00	14.50	15.40*
Stonehenge Works ARR	11.05	11.55	12.45	13.35	14.25	15.15	16.05
Stonehenge Works DEP	11.25	12.15	13.05	13.55	14.45	15.35	16.25
Page's Park ARR	11.50	12.40	13.30	14.20	15.10	16.00	16.50

*15.40 train does not run on 30th October. Round trip journey time: 1hr 10mins.

Tickets are issued subject to the Railway's published terms and conditions. While it is intended to operate as advertised, all service, events and fares may be altered due to prevailing circumstances, with or without notice. We accept Mastercard, Maestro, Visa and Visa Delta cards.

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The railway is a non-profit organisation, operated and managed by unpaid volunteers, and funded principally by the proceeds of the train service.

Intensive Service

Page's Park departures for Stonehenge Works every 35 minutes from 10.40 to 16.30. An intensive service with rapid turnarounds, to allow as many locos as possible to be used during the Steam-Up weekend. Round-trip journey time: 55mins, or return from Stonehenge Works on a later service.

Termtime Specials

A special timetable to fit in with the needs of schools and playgroups - but note the early finish. Page's Park departures for Stonehenge Works at 10.30, 12.00, 13.30. Round trip journey time: 1hr 10mins

Christmas Crackers

Christmas and steam trains were made for one another, so come and enjoy the experience! Final details will be published on our website in August. Page's Park departures for Leeton at 10.40, 11.20, 12.00, 12.40, 13.40, 14.20, 15.00. Round trip journey time: 25mins

How to find us

Leighton Buzzard is some 40 miles (65km) north of central London, and within easy reach of most places in the northern Home Counties and southern Midlands. The M1 motorway and A5 main road are just minutes away. The main-line railway from London Euston, the Grand Union Canal, and National Cycle Route 6, all run through the town.



By Road

From the town centre, head south towards Hemel Hempstead, following the brown steam train signs, and turn from Billington Road into our entrance alongside the public park.

If you come from the A505/A4146 southern bypass, turn north towards Leighton Buzzard at the roundabout signed "Narrow Gauge Railway". Continue straight ahead through traffic lights and two further roundabouts, following the brown steam train signs. Turn right from Billington Road into our entrance alongside the public park.

Customer parking is free of charge, but we do ask for prior notification of coaches. Cycle stands are provided at Page's Park station.

By Rail

For service information, call 08457 48 49 50. Leighton Buzzard main-line station is on the other side of the town, approximately 2 miles (3km) away. Local bus service D1 runs regularly to and from Page's Park, except on Sundays and Bank Holidays. London Midland operate regular trains to and from London Euston, Watford Junction, Hemel Hempstead, Milton Keynes and Northampton, and on to Birmingham and Crewe. Southern trains run to and from East Croydon and Clapham Junction, giving good connections with places south of London.

By Bus

For service information, call 0870 608 2608. Arriva route D1 runs regularly to Page's Park from the town centre, Grand Union Canal and main-line station, except on Sundays and Bank Holidays. On these days, take service 70, alighting at Morrison's supermarket for a short walk along Billington Road. This route also serves Luton and Dunstable.



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