



## **MORE INFORMATION FOR GROUP ORGANISERS**

We are pleased to offer group visits tailored to suit most needs, ranging from reserved accommodation on normal service trains to special charter trains which could be used for:

- A visit to the railway possibly combined with a visit to other attractions around the Forest and Wye Valley.
- Celebration of a Special Occasion
- Corporate Hospitality or Team Building

**As a general rule, a 15% reduction is available on the usual ticket price for pre-booked parties of 15 or more fare paying passengers.**

We recommend starting your visit at Norchard, our main station, where there is a large free car park with plenty of space for coaches, toilets, free museum, well stocked gift shop and cafe. The full round trip takes approximately 1½ hours, travelling by steam train between Norchard, Lydney Junction and Parkend.

If your itinerary permits stop off the train in Lydney (for the park, lake or shops) or Parkend (for real ale, pub lunches and forest walks), returning on a later train.

Alternatively, shorter return or single trips can be made to fit in with whatever time you have available – we are happy to be flexible.

We can also put you in touch with an official Forest of Dean and Wye Valley Tour Guide if your visit is combined with a coach tour around the Forest of Dean and you feel this would be useful.

Details of our opening days and timetables can be found elsewhere on the website. Note that not all our trains are steam hauled. On some days we use our Heritage diesel railcar - with panoramic views, on-board commentary and buffet – see the timetables or check when you book.

**Please contact us in advance to discuss your requirements, prices and to ensure that space is available on the train that suits you. You can write, phone our general enquiry line 01594 845840 or send a message via the ‘contact us’ page of this site.**

## **GROUPS WITH DISABILITIES OR SPECIAL NEEDS**

We welcome groups including people with disabilities or special needs. In our experience – and we have years of it - the sight, sounds and smells of a steam railway are enjoyed by all our visitors! There is wheelchair access to our stations (including the shop and museum) and ramps available for access to our trains - which also have space for wheelchairs and helpers. Our staff are there to give you every assistance. There is designated parking for the disabled at Norchard and Parkend Stations and toilets for the disabled at Norchard, Lydney Junction and Parkend.

**Please discuss your requirements with us beforehand to make sure your group gets the maximum enjoyment from their visit.**

## **FOR THAT SPECIAL OCCASION**

We have many other options available if you would like something special:

- Charter the luxury saloon coach (maximum 22 passengers) attached to a normal service train. Light refreshments can be provided on board for a modest extra charge.
- Reserve seats on the luxury Royal Forester Dining Train for your group. This can either be on one of its scheduled services or attached to a normal service train.
- The Platelayers' Buffet at Norchard Station can provide pre-booked meals for groups.
- On some summer evenings Scenic Supper Tours are running using the Heritage Diesel Railcar with real ale and fish n' chips on board. There are also Diesel Dining trains where you can have a 2 course evening supper in the luxury of our dining train pulled by a heritage main line diesel. See Events page of the website.
- You can hire a whole train – or the whole railway - for a round trip, the day or half a day. Depending on the size of your group, it may not work out as expensive as you expect! Alternatively your group could join one of our Branch Line Experience Days and spend a never to be forgotten day running the Railway- see the web page for more details.

## **DEAN FOREST RAILWAY – THE FRIENDLY (& FLEXIBLE) FOREST LINE!!**

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