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FFESTINIOG

RAILWAY



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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**

March to  
November **2018**

**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* ○○○○○

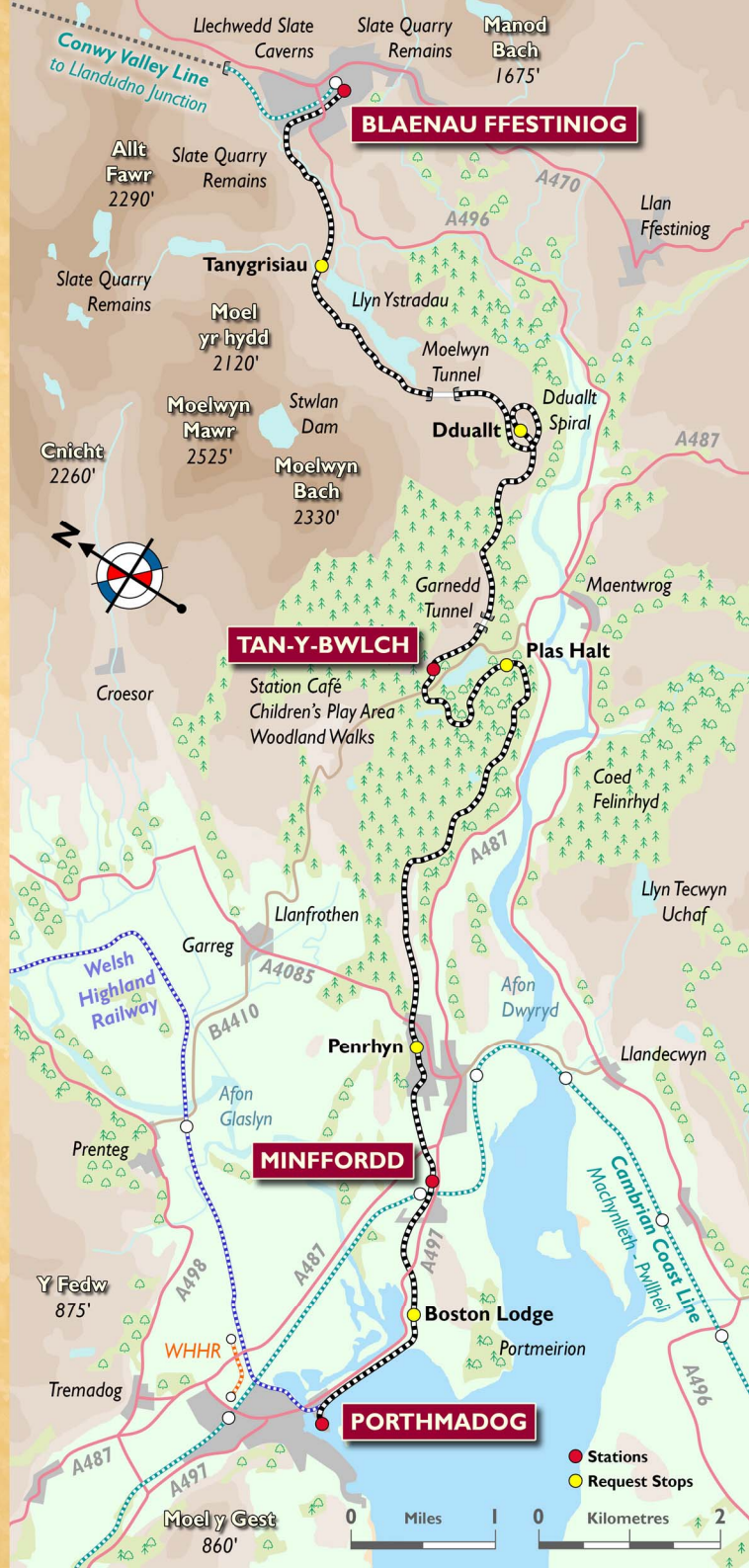
"What a fantastic day out this is, beautiful scenery, interesting trains, reasonable prices. Above all, staff - paid and volunteer - really go out of their way to make you feel you welcome..."

'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...



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

**MAWRTH MARCH**

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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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**MEDI SEPTEMBER**

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**TACHWEDD NOVEMBER**

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*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](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
<b>Boston Lodge</b>	Approx. 5 minutes after Porthmadog	Approx. 5 minutes after Minffordd
<b>Penrhyn</b>	Approx. 5 minutes after Minffordd	Approx. 15 minutes after Tan-y-Bwlch
<b>Plas Halt</b>	Approx. 15 minutes after Minffordd	Approx. 5 minutes after Tan-y-Bwlch
<b>Dduallt</b>	Approx. 10 minutes after Tan-y-Bwlch	Approx. 15 minutes after Blaenau Ff.
<b>Tanygrisiau</b>	Approx. 20 minutes after Tan-y-Bwlch	Approx. 5 minutes after Blaenau Ff.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

'HUNSLET 125' BIRTHDAY BASH 22 - 24 June      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.

**Porthmadog**

Minffordd

Tan-y-Bwlch

Blaenau Ff.

Blaenau Ff.

Tan-y-Bwlch

Minffordd

Porthmadog

1005	1125	1335	1550
1015	1135	1345	1600
1045	1205	1410	1630
1120	1240	1445	1700
1135	1340	1505	1720
1205	1410	1535	1750
1230	1435	1600	1815
1245	1450	1615	1830

0840	1005	1125	1335	1550
0850	1015	1135	1345	1600
0915	1045	1205	1410	1630
0950	1120	1240	1445	1700
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1045	1205	1410	1535	1750
1110	1230	1435	1600	1815
1125	1245	1450	1615	1830

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'HUNSLET 125' event with many extra trains - visit website or phone 01766 516024 for more information.

**Porthmadog**

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1205	1245	1410	1605	1630	1750
1230	1310	1435	1625	1655	1815
1245	1325	1450	1640	1715	1830

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

**Porthmadog**

Minffordd

Tan-y-Bwlch

Blaenau Ff.

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Tan-y-Bwlch

Minffordd

Porthmadog

0840	1005	1040	1155	1335	1430	1550	1805
0850	1015	1050	1205	1345	1435	1600	1815
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1125	1245	1325	1450	1640	1715	1830	2050

**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...

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



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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..!

**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**

**'EARLY BIRD' • 'SUNSET SPECIAL'** (see the notes below) **£21.30**

**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** - ride the length of the F&WHR **£37.00**  
Blaenau Ffestiniog to Caernarfon (or vice-versa) - not available all-year round.  
Check timetables carefully and use public transport to complete your journey.

## Plant

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.

## Children

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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.

## Hygyrchedd

## 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...



## Spoooner'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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.ffestiniograilway.org.uk)



## Special Events...

### 'Hunslet 125' Birthday Bash 22 - 24 June

Our Penrhyn Ladies 'Blanche' and 'Linda' are 125yrs old this year...! Come and join the celebrations - there'll be lots to interest families and enthusiasts alike...



### Jazz in the Park \* 2, 9, 16 August

'Dr Jazz' are back for another season of fun-filled evenings, with foot-tapping jazz and a tasty BBQ, at Tan-y-Bwlch station...



### Rock 'n' Roll @ Tan-y-Bwlch \* 23 August

Dance the night away as the 'Del Sharrons' return, playing great music from the 1950s and '60s, accompanied by a tasty BBQ...



### 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 - 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...



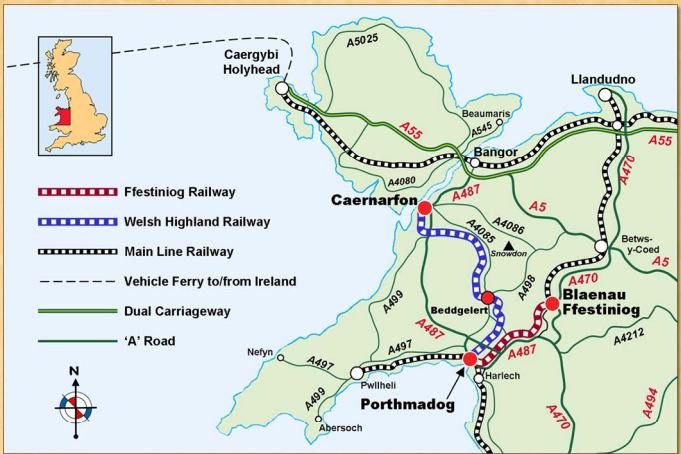
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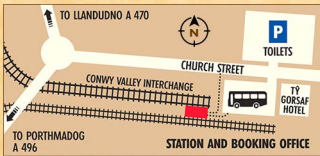
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## BLAENAU FFESTINIOG



## 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.

<b>'SAT-NAV' INFO</b>	<b>BLAENAU FFESTINIOG</b>	Central 'Pay & Display' Car Park	<b>LL41 3ES</b>
	<b>MINFFORDD</b>	Limited Parking	<b>LL48 6HF</b>
	<b>PORTHMADOG</b>	Drop-off point and Disabled Parking	<b>LL49 9NF</b>
	<b>PORTHMADOG</b>	Main Town 'Pay & Display' Car Park	<b>LL49 9PG</b>

### 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**