

SCENIC TRIPS BY STEAM

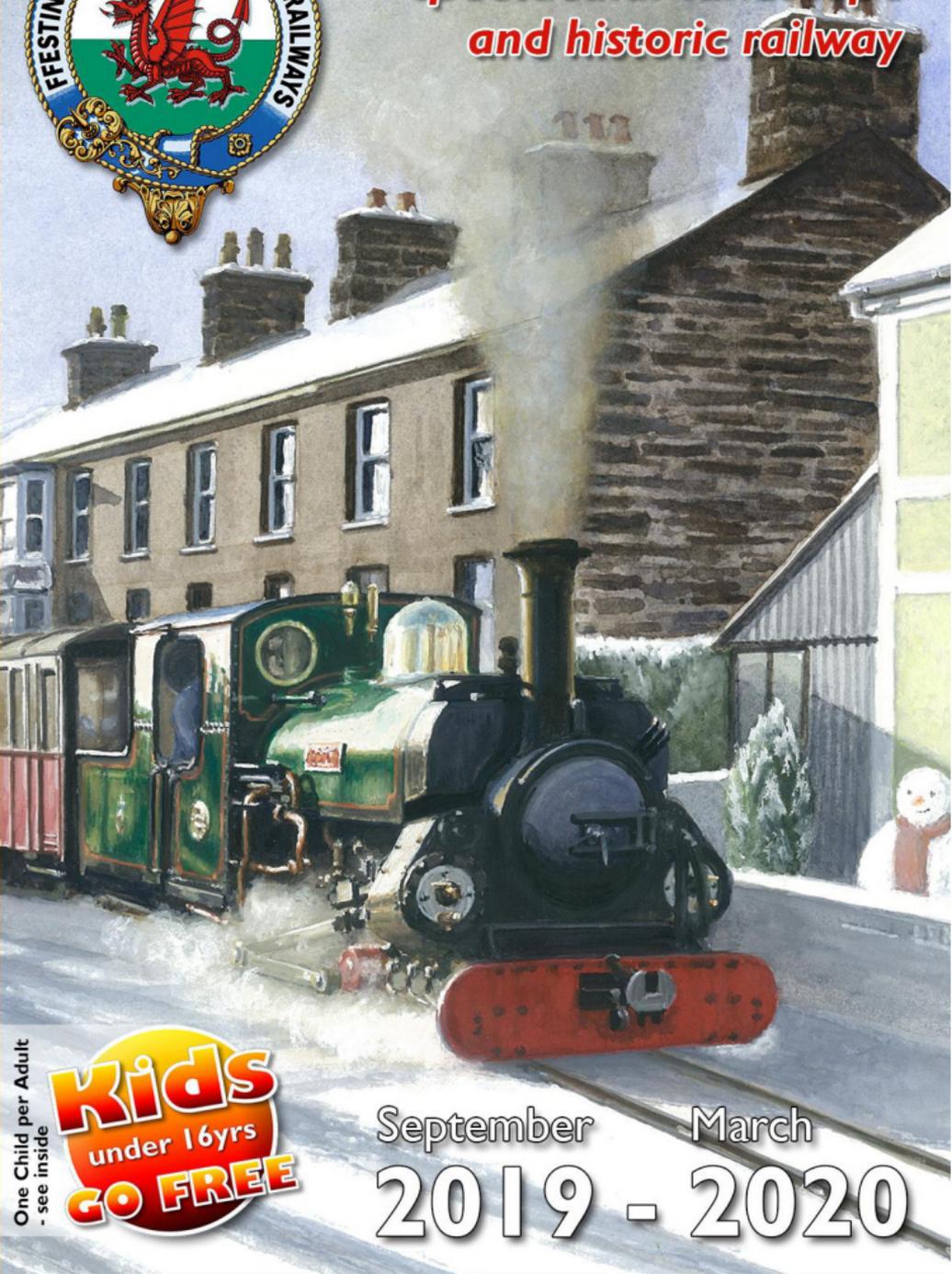
RHEILFFORDD

FFESTINIOG

RAILWAY



*A magical combination of  
spectacular landscape  
and historic railway*



One Child per Adult  
- see inside

**Kids**  
under 16yrs  
**GO FREE**

September

March

2019 - 2020

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...



'Fabulous scenic journey...' *Blondie2969* ○○○○○

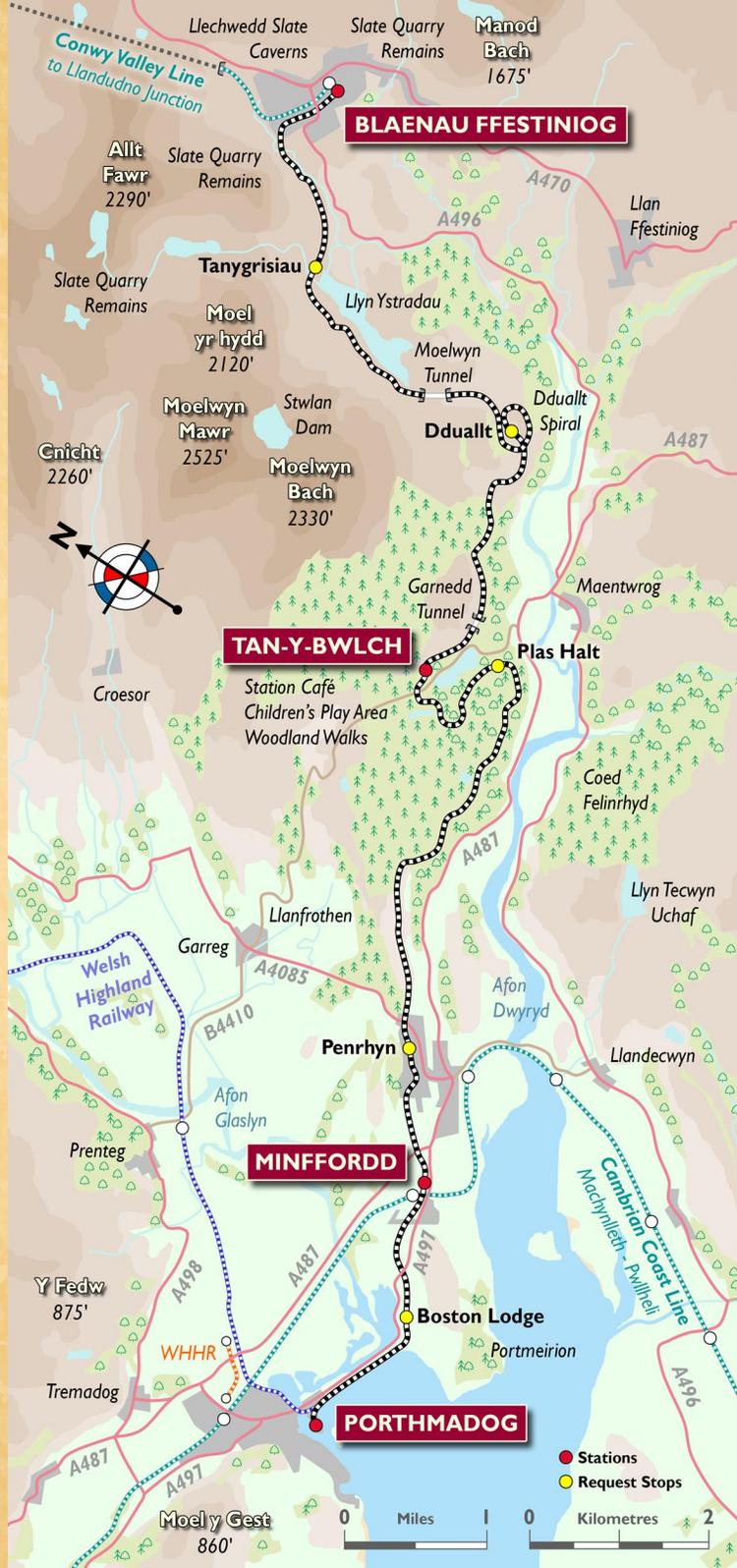
"Travelled from Blaenau Ffestiniog to Porthmadog on this great little steam train. Amazing scenery, ancient woodlands, waterfalls and mountains, so much to enjoy..."

'A great way to see God's country..' *Marc H* ○○○○○

"The scenery - WOW..! Lakes, mountains, farms, quaint villages - they all presented themselves to us as the steam train chugged on its way, as it has done for more years than any of us care to remember - if only our modern day commuter trains were as enjoyable..!"

'Wonderful train ride...' *Rubbert* ○○○○○

"Everything is in immaculate condition and super clean. Staff and service excellent. Train ride - superb. Views - delightful. Very glad we did this. This is something we must never lose - help to keep it supported, it's great fun..."



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..!

# TRENAU SANTA TRAINS

7 • 8 • 14 • 15 • 21 • 22 • 23  
RHAGFYR • DECEMBER



MAE SIÔN CORN YN DDWY IEITHOG !  
SANTA SPEAKS ENGLISH AND WELSH !

Match the colour of the date in the calendar grids [opposite] to the same colour timetable panel below...

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.

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

	Porthmadog	
Porthmadog	1005	1335
Minffordd	1015	1345
Tan-y-Bwlch	1045	1410
Blaenau Ff.	1120	1445
Blaenau Ff.	1135	1505
Tan-y-Bwlch	1205	1535
Minffordd	1230	1600
Porthmadog	1245	1615

**BROWN DATES** - We recommend these trains **only** be joined in Porthmadog, due to the limited access at Pont Croesor and 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 again.

	Porthmadog	
Porthmadog	1115	1415
Hafod y Llyn	1145	1445
Hafod y Llyn	1155	1455
Porthmadog	1230	1530

**FEBRUARY HALF-TERM** - 15<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> February (inclusive)

Two trains a day in each direction between Porthmadog and Caernarfon. Check the Welsh Highland Railway timetable closely when planning your visit. Return trip to Caernarfon **1050** Return trips to Beddgelert **1050** or **1415**

**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
<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**

**Victorian Weekend:** 4, 5, 6 October      **Halloween Trains:** 30, 31 October

**Santa Trains:** 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 23 December

Please visit our website for further information on our special event train services.

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RHAGFYR DECEMBER						
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**RED DATES = SANTA TRAINS**

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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.

**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.





## Winter Treats...

Although we're not running trains as often as we do during the main season, Harbour Station is open daily (except for Christmas Day). Enjoy a tasty snack or a delicious Xmas Dinner in Spooner's Café. Buy treats or Christmas presents from the shop - which also sells a handy range of gift vouchers.



## Station Cafés...

Open daily, from early till late, Spooner's at Harbour Station is the perfect place to visit for a quick snack, a leisurely meal or drinks from the real-ale bar. The Tea Room at Tan-y-Bwlch is perfect for walkers and families, but please check before visiting as, in winter, it isn't open daily.



## 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)



## Santa Trains...

7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 23  
December

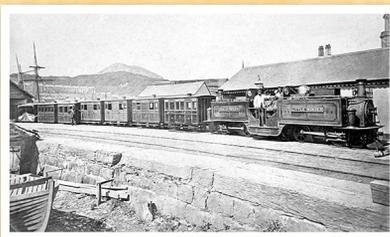
Join Santa and his elves on our traditional festive trains - with a present for every child, plus sherry and mince pie for adults..!

Our Santa Trains run between Porthmadog and Beddgelert, with two trains on each of the dates shown above. These trains are fun for adults and children alike. Santa and his elves pass through the train giving out presents to the children during the journey - with plenty of laughter and jokes along the way..! Halfway through the journey, there's time to stretch your legs and take photographs with Santa and his helpers. We can't promise snow on the ground, but we're keeping our fingers crossed..! **Please Note:** Tickets for Santa Trains must be booked in advance, so please check our website for further details.

## Coming in 2020...



'Little Wonder' - in 1871 - on Creuau Bank (Tan-y-Bwlch) and at Harbour Station.



One hundred and fifty years ago, a pioneering engineer was proudly showing his innovative locomotive design to eminent figures from Britain's railways, including the Duke of Sutherland, and foreign emissaries from many countries, including Russia. The engineer was Robert Francis Fairlie, the locomotive was the 'Little Wonder'.

This locomotive ran a series of trials between September 1869 and July 1870 and was shown to be capable of hauling trains more than twice as heavy as the railway's original engines built by George England.

## Fairlie Spectacular... 19-21 June

A special weekend celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Fairlie trials - the successful outcome of which inspired the building of narrow gauge railways in difficult terrain around the world.

## Victorian Vintage Weekend... 9-11 October

Information on both events will be posted online, as plans are finalised.



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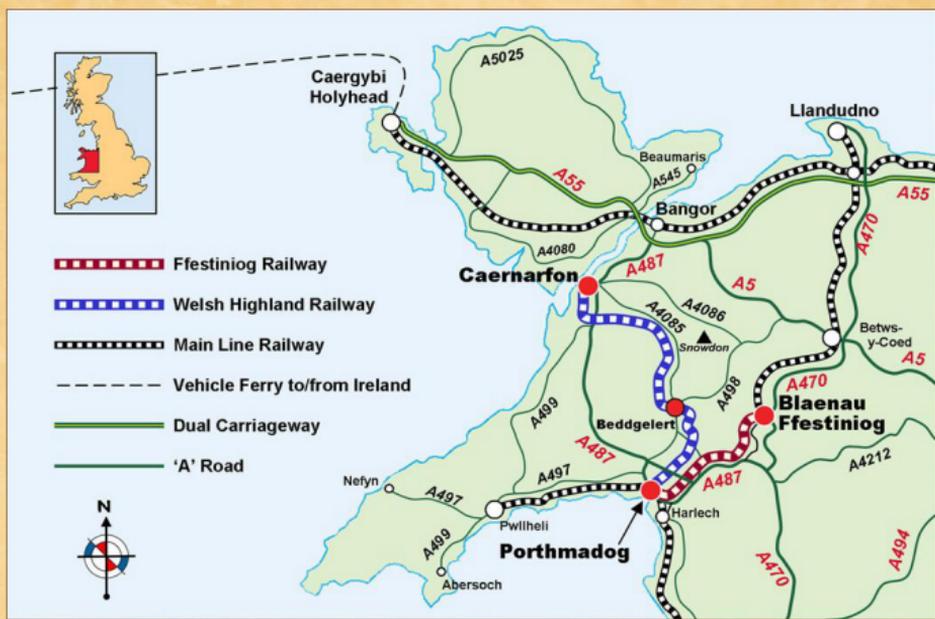
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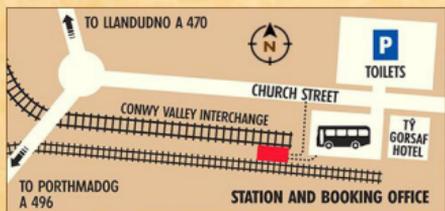
Gorsaf yr Harbwr • Harbour Station,  
Porthmadog, Gwynedd, LL49 9NF

01766 516024

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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](http://www.traveline-cymru.info)