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train journeys in
the world...'*

The Telegraph

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under 16yrs
GO FREE



March to
November **2019**

Train times and information



Steaming through the beautiful Gwyrfai Valley...

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...

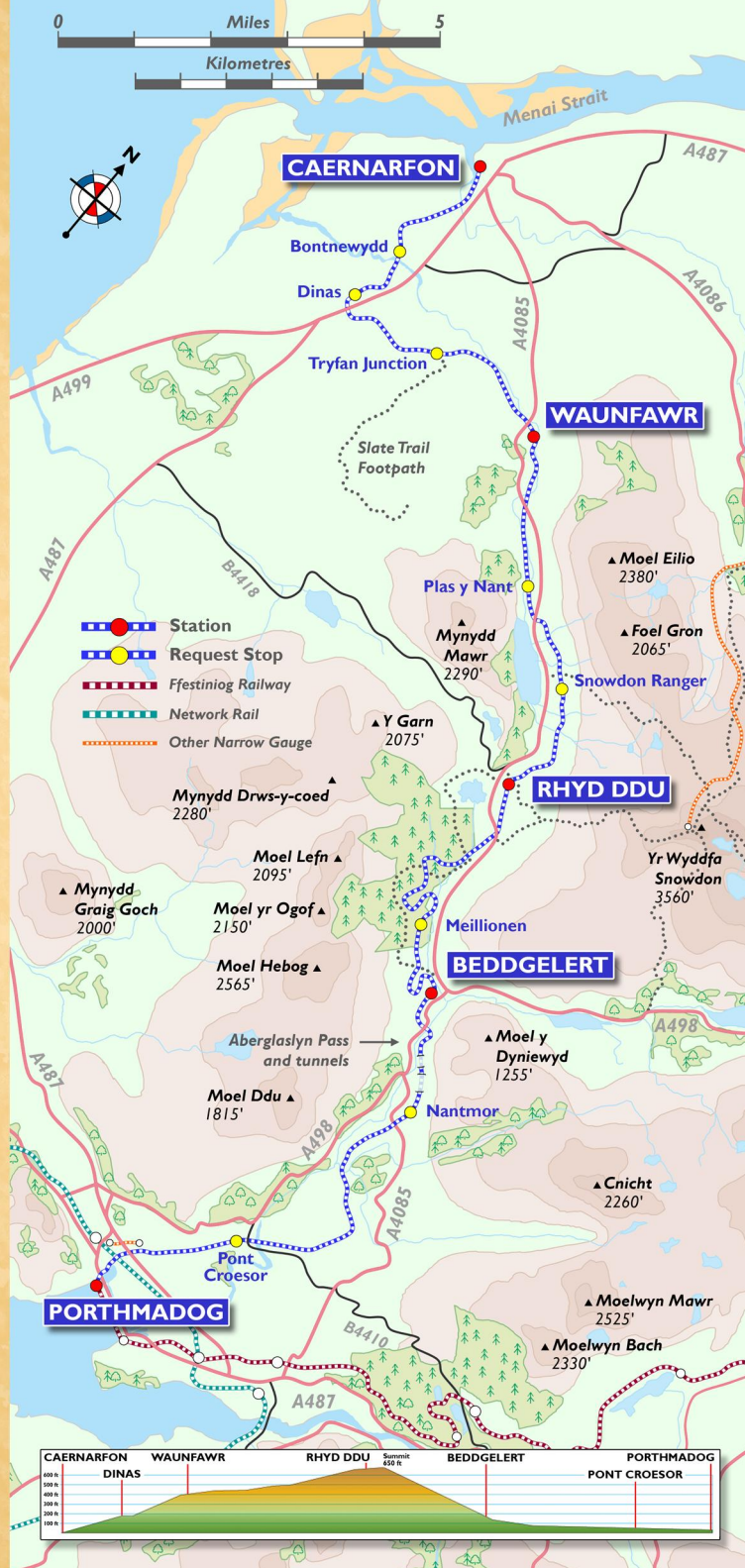
The Welsh Highland Railway is part of the Ffestiniog & Welsh Highland Railways - why not try both...!

The Ffestiniog Railway takes you on a 13½ mile journey from the harbour side in Porthmadog, through the Vale of Ffestiniog, to the slate-quarrying town of Blaenau Ffestiniog...

CAERNARFON'S NEW GATEWAY STATION



Our stunning new station building at Caernarfon is now open and welcoming visitors to this historic town. In addition to a Booking Office and Gift Shop, there is also an exhibition area and 'Caffi De Winton' café, with its superb view of the castle. All usual facilities are provided, plus a 'Changing Places' toilet.



How long does the journey last..?

"Around 2¼ 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, light refreshments and freshly cooked food, 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 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	Caernarfon	The Fort in Arfon
Bont *	Bridge	Dinas	Hill Fortress
Caer	Fort / Castle	Wauanfawr	Large Moor
Llyn	Lake	Cwellyn	Fish Trap Lake
Nant	Stream	Rhyd Ddu	Black Ford
Newydd	New	Beddgelert	Gelert's Grave
Plas	Hall / Mansion	Porthmadog	Madog's Port
Pont *	Bridge	Rheilffordd *	Railway
Porth	Port	Eryri	Snowdonia

* 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 Full Day-Out - Coast to Coast..!

Sit back, relax and unwind as we take you on a journey through the heart of Snowdonia.

Travelling between Caernarfon and Porthmadog, you will glide past magnificent scenic vistas, while savouring the romance of gleaming steam locomotives and comfortable carriages.

Caernarfon:

This medieval walled town and World Heritage Site is famous for its castle and narrow streets. Take a stroll along the Menai Straits, walk the battlements or relax in one of its many cafés.

Porthmadog:

An historic harbour town - bustling with shops and cafés. Enjoy stunning views from the Cob embankment, visit the Maritime Museum or grab a bite to eat at Spooner's restaurant.

Along the way...

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

Wauanfawr:

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...

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.

		1050	1415
Porthmadog	•		
Beddgelert	•	1130	1455
Rhyd Ddu	•	1200	1525
Waunfawr	•	1230	1550
Caernarfon	•	1310	1630
Caernarfon	1000	1420	•
Waunfawr	1030	1450	•
Rhyd Ddu	1100	1525	•
Beddgelert	1130	1555	•
Porthmadog	1215	1630	•

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Porthmadog	•	
Beddgelert	•	1025 1455
Rhyd Ddu	•	1100 1525
Waunfawr	•	1125 1555
Caernarfon	•	1205 1630
Caernarfon	1000	1420
Waunfawr	1030	1450
Rhyd Ddu	1100	1525
Beddgelert	1130	1550
Porthmadog	1215	1630

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.

8th JULY ONLY		
Porthmadog	•	0940 1415
Caernarfon	•	1205 1630
Caernarfon	1045	1420
Porthmadog	1305	1630

CAERNARFON FOOD FESTIVAL			
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Porthmadog	1115	1405
<i>Hafod y Llyn</i>	<i>1145</i>	<i>1435</i>
<i>Hafod y Llyn</i>	<i>1155</i>	<i>1445</i>
Porthmadog	1230	1520

..... **SPECIAL EVENTS**

RAIL-ALE FESTIVAL: 17, 18, 19 May
WHR : PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE: 21, 22, 23 June
JOURNEY INTO THE PAST: 4, 11, 18, 25 Aug 15 Sep
SANTA TRAINS: 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22 December
Please visit our website for further information and details of special event train services.

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21* 22* 23* 'WHR HERITAGE EVENT' with extra trains - see our website or phone 01766 516024 for more information.

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Winter services from 4th 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

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 CAERNARFON	TRAINS TO PORTHMADOG
Pont Croesor	Approx. 10 minutes after Porthmadog	Approx. 25 minutes after Beddgelert
Nantmor	Approx. 25 minutes after Porthmadog	Approx. 10 minutes after Beddgelert
Meillionen	Approx. 5 minutes after Beddgelert	Approx. 15 minutes after Rhyd Ddu
Snowdon Ranger	Approx. 10 minutes after Rhyd Ddu	Approx. 15 minutes after Waunfawr
Plas y Nant	Approx. 15 minutes after Rhyd Ddu	Approx. 10 minutes after Waunfawr
Tryfan Junction	Approx. 5 minutes after Waunfawr	Approx. 15 minutes after Caernarfon
Dinas	Approx. 15 minutes after Waunfawr	Approx. 10 minutes after Caernarfon
Bontnewydd	Approx. 20 minutes after Waunfawr	Approx. 5 minutes after Caernarfon

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 **£8** to **£12** 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..!

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**



Ticket to Ride..!

Prisiau Dwyffordd Oedolyn

Adult Return Fares

Round-trip from PORTHMADOG to ... or vice-versa	Caernarfon £41.50	Rhyd Ddu £27.40
	Waunfawr £34.10	Beddgelert £22.80

Round-trip from CAERNARFON to ... or vice-versa	Porthmadog £41.50	Rhyd Ddu £24.90
	Beddgelert £31.80	Waunfawr £13.80

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 **£40.30**
Caernarfon to Blaenau Ffestiniog (or vice-versa) - not available all-year round.
Check timetables carefully and use public transport to complete your journey.

Plant

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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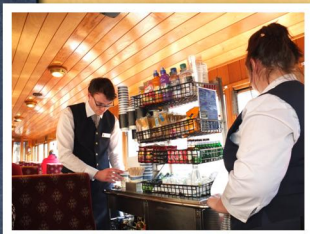
Accessibility

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**.



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...



Station Cafés...

Spoooner's Café-Bar at Harbour Station is the perfect place to visit for a quick snack, a leisurely meal or drinks from the real-ale bar. **New for 2019** - Caffi De Winton is located in our stunning station in Caernarfon. Enjoy a relaxing break with views of the famous castle and towards Anglesey.



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



Special Events...

Caernarfon Food Festival 11 May

We're running an extra train from Porthmadog, so you can make the most of this tasty little festival - now in its fourth year..!

Cwrw ar y Cledrau • Rail Ale Festival 17 - 19 May

Our annual beer festival at Dinas promises another lively weekend combining steam trains, music, real ales, ciders and tasty food...



Welsh Highland Railway: Past, Present & Future 21 - 23 June

Come and enjoy a special weekend featuring heritage trains steaming between Minffordd, Porthmadog and Beddgelert in addition to our regular services. Who knows - there might even be a surprise visitor or two..!



Journey into the Past * 4, 11, 18, 25 Aug and 15 Sep

Following the success of these trains last year, we are pleased to confirm their return in 2019. Enjoy a fascinating guided tour from Caernarfon to Rhyd Ddu in historic carriages, with stops for photographs along the way...

Sponsored by the
Welsh Highland Heritage Group.



Santa Trains * 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22 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...



One of the Great Little Trains of Wales

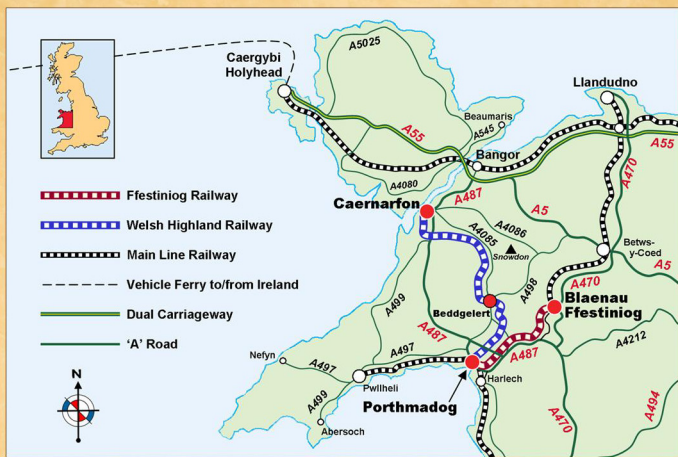
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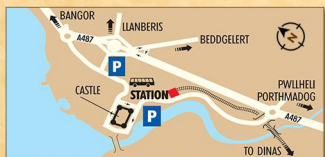
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CAERNARFON



PORTHMADOG



BY ROAD:

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.

'SAT-NAV' INFO	CAERNARFON	Station/Booking Office - Car Parks nearby	LL55 2PF
	PORTHMADOG	Drop-off point and Disabled Parking	LL49 9NF
	PORTHMADOG	Main Town 'Pay & Display' Car Park	LL49 9PG

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**