

ENJOY A SCENIC DAY-OUT

RHEILFFORDD ERYRI WELSH HIGHLAND RAILWAY



*'One of the greatest
train journeys in
the world...'*

The Telegraph



One Child per Adult
- see inside

Kids
under 16yrs
GO FREE

March to
November **2020**

Train times and information

Beyer-Garratt No. 138 climbs past Clogwyn-y-gwin farm



Photo: Phil Waterfield

The Welsh Highland Railway - which has now 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...

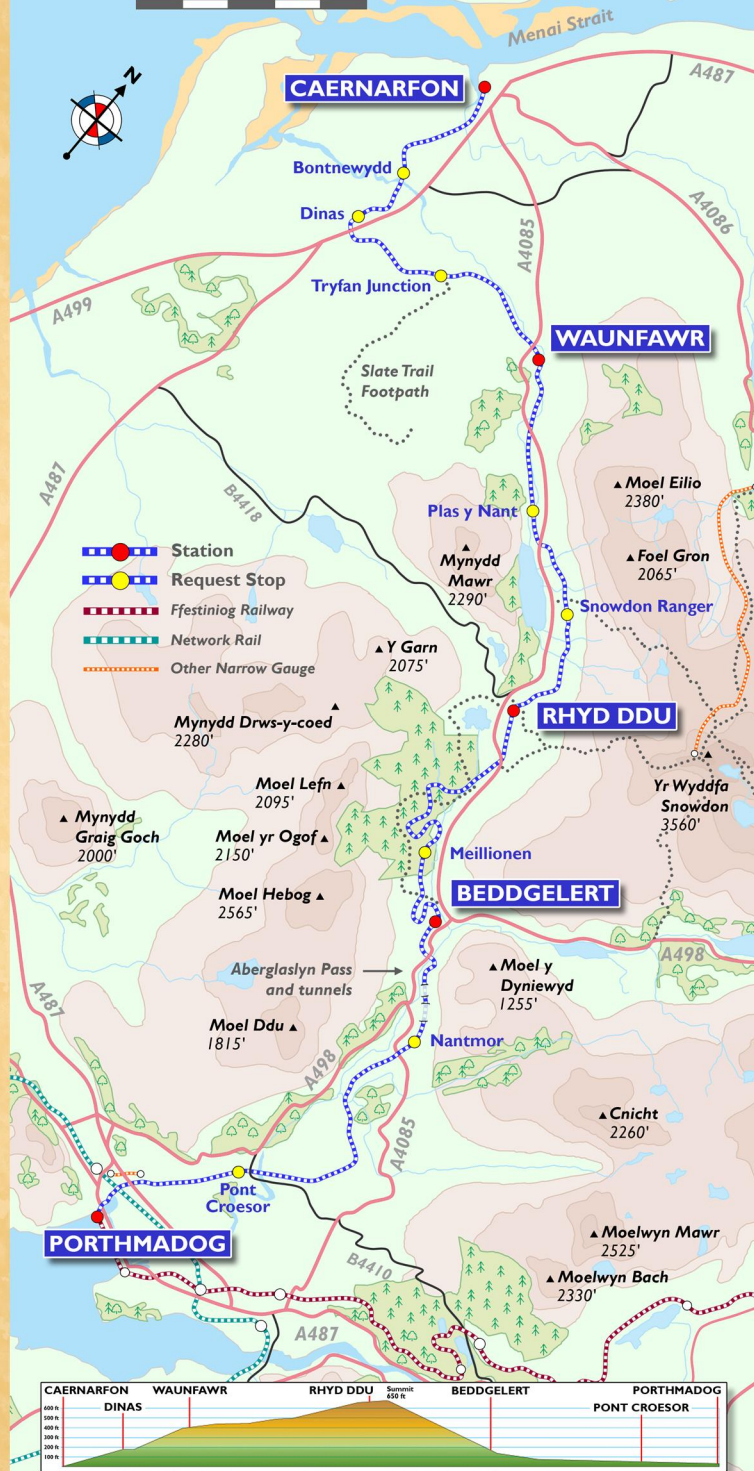
The Ffestiniog & Welsh Highland Railways operate two spectacular railways in Snowdonia - why not try both!..!

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...

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 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

Tickets for First Class travel can also be booked online - or you can phone our Booking Office on **01766 516024**, so our friendly staff can help you organise your visit or discuss further options to enhance a special occasion.

A £1.00 booking fee applies when tickets are sent by post.



Ticket to Ride..!

Prisiau Dwyffordd Oedolyn

Adult Return Fares

Round-trip from PORTHMADOG to ... or vice-versa	Caernarfon £43.00	Rhyd Ddu £28.40
	Waunfawr £35.30	Beddgelert £23.60

Round-trip from CAERNARFON to ... or vice-versa	Porthmadog £43.00	Rhyd Ddu £25.80
	Beddgelert £32.90	Waunfawr £14.30

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

SNOWDONIA SINGLE - ride the length of the F&WHR **£41.65**
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.

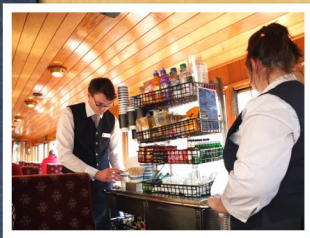
Our Access Statement is available online and from our Booking Offices.

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**.



'At-your-Seat' Service

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...



Caffi De Winton's Lounge

Station Cafés...

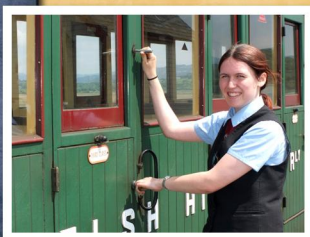
- Caffi De Winton in our stunning station at Caernarfon is ideal for a relaxing break, with views of the castle and towards Anglesey.
- Spooner's Café-Bar in Harbour Station, Porthmadog is a perfect place to visit for a quick snack, linger over a leisurely meal or enjoy drinks from the real-ale bar



Caernarfon Station Shop

Gifts & Souvenirs...

We have souvenir shops at our main stations in Caernarfon and Porthmadog. 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



Volunteer Guard

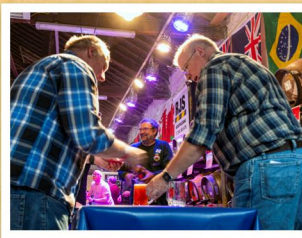
Come and join us...

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 discover more information at

www.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



Cwrw ar y Cleddrau • Rail-Ale

Special Events...

Caernarfon Food Festival 9 May

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

Cwrw ar y Cleddrau • Rail Ale Festival 5 - 7 June

Our 'not to be missed' annual beer festival at Dinas has moved to the first weekend in June this year, but will continue the now traditional, vibrant mix of steam trains, live music, real ales, ciders and tasty food...



'Journey into the Past' trains

Journey into the Past* 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 August

Enjoy a fascinating guided tour from Caernarfon to Rhyd Ddu in historic carriages - with stops for photographs, refreshments and a picnic along the way...

Sponsored by the
Welsh Highland Heritage Group.



Super-Power(ful) locomotive

Welsh Highland Railway: 'Super-Power 2020' 11 - 13 September

Our popular enthusiasts' event makes a welcome return for 2020. The event, which includes things of interest for all the family, will be based around the northern end of the railway...



Members of Team Santa

Santa Trains* Various dates in 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..!

Further details of our
Special Events will be
available online - from
our website and our
Facebook page - with
information being added
as details are finalised...

* Advance Booking required for travel on these special trains.

Dates for Santa Trains will be published as soon as possible.



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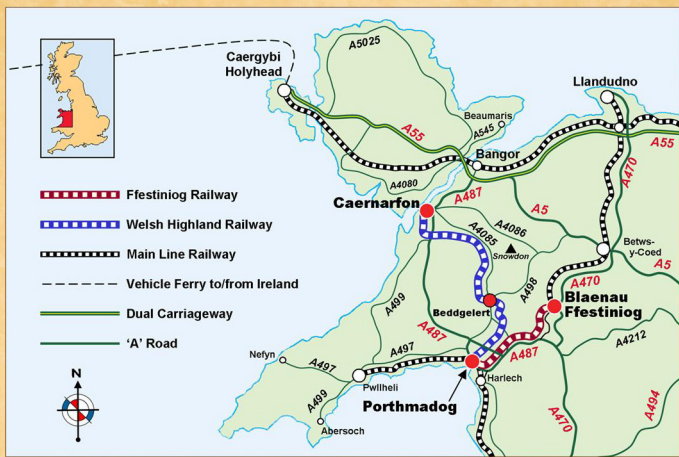


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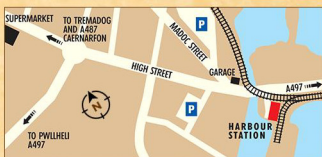
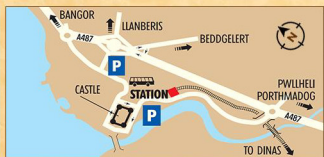
Gorsaf yr Harbwr • Harbour Station,
Porthmadog, Gwynedd, LL49 9NF

See maps below www.festrail.co.uk



CAERNARFON: 01286 677018

PORTHMADOG: 01766 516024



BY ROAD:

Caernarfon Station is on **St Helen's Road** (follow the brown tourism signs through the town). The nearest car park is located just across the road at the Slate Quay.

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/Caffi De Winton - 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