

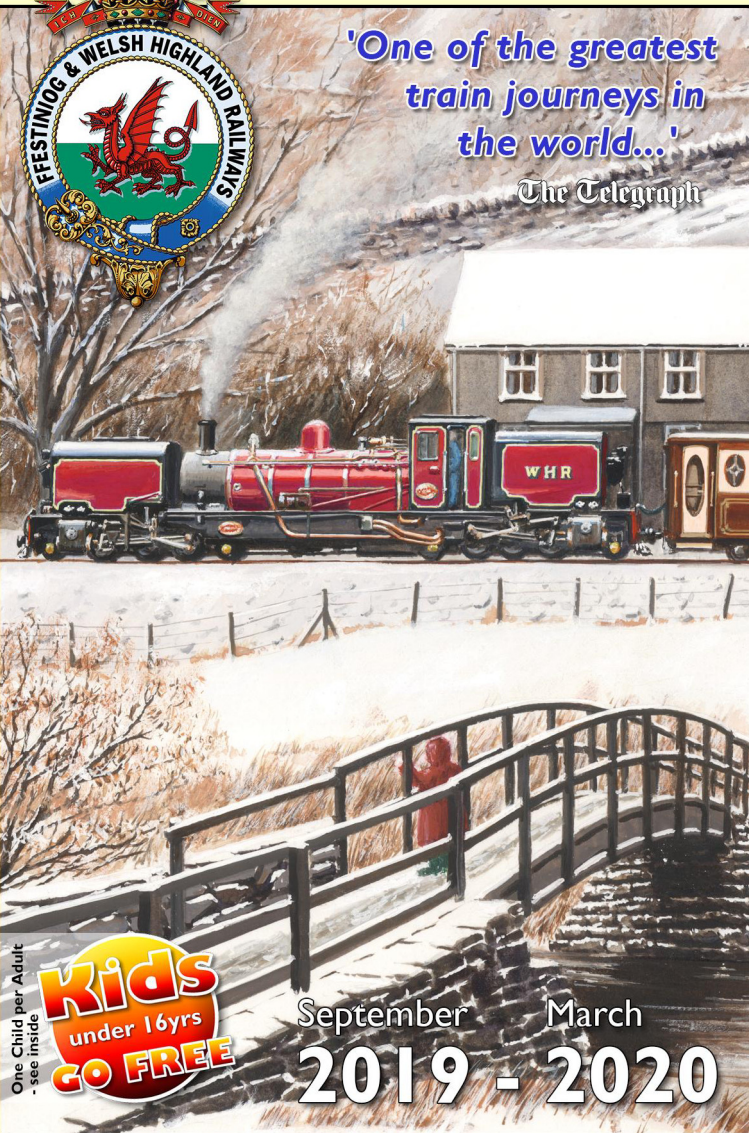
ENJOY A SCENIC DAY-OUT

# 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**

September - March

**2019 - 2020**

**Train times and information**



**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** is the world's oldest independent railway with almost 200 years of history, and takes you on a 13½ mile journey from the harbour in Porthmadog to the slate-quarrying town of Blaenau Ffestiniog...



**'Brilliant experience...'** *Waterlooman2017*



"What a fantastic day out this is, beautiful scenery, interesting trains, reasonable prices. Above all the staff, paid and volunteers, really go out of their way to make you feel you are welcome. Another feature is the cleanliness of the carriages, stations and facilities. They deserve to succeed..."

**'Fabulous day out...'** *Marc N*

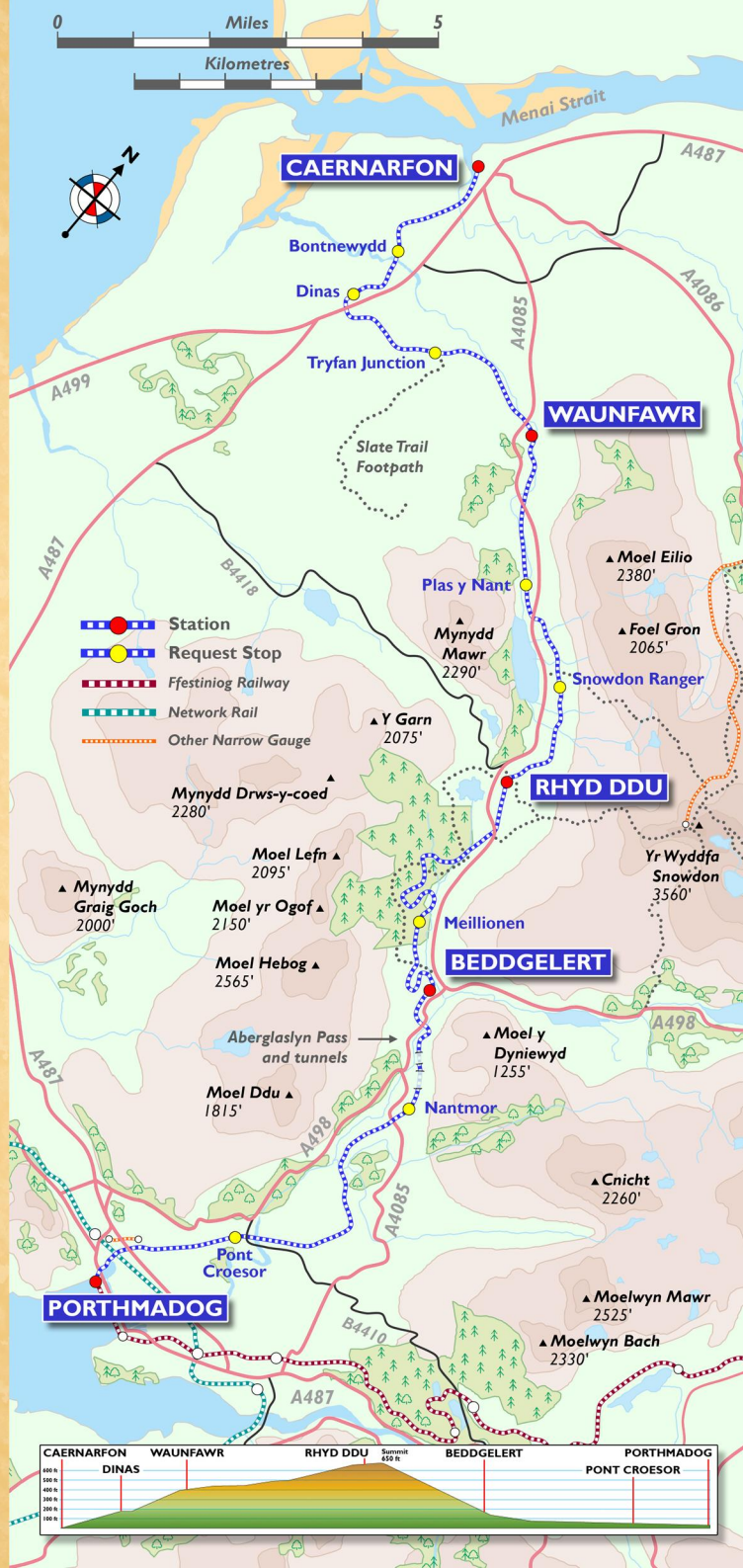


"Fantastic day out and great way to see ... around Snowdonia. Fabulous service on the train, providing a selection of lunches and drinks. Strongly recommend this for a day out..."

**'Much more fun than going by car...'** *tisi2010*



"My first trip on the Welsh Highland Railway. Wow...! Definitely the best way to see the "wilderness" aspect of North Wales, truly stunning scenery..."



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...



<b>Afon</b>	River	<b>Caernarfon</b>	The Fort in Arfon
<b>Bont</b> *	Bridge	<b>Dinas</b>	Hill Fortress
<b>Caer</b>	Fort / Castle	<b>Wauanfawr</b>	Large Moor
<b>Llyn</b>	Lake	<b>Cwellyn</b>	Fish Trap Lake
<b>Nant</b>	Stream	<b>Rhyd Ddu</b>	Black Ford
<b>Newydd</b>	New	<b>Beddgelert</b>	Gelert's Grave
<b>Plas</b>	Hall / Mansion	<b>Porthmadog</b>	Madog's Port
<b>Pont</b> *	Bridge	<b>Rheilffordd</b> *	Railway
<b>Porth</b>	Port	<b>Eryri</b>	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..!

# TRENAU SANTA TRAINS

7 • 8 • 14 • 15 • 21 • 22  
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.

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

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<b>1100</b>	<b>1400</b>	<b>1645</b>	•	
1130	1430	1715	•	
<b>1215</b>	<b>1515</b>	<b>1800</b>	•	

Trains will also call at a number of stops by request - full details at [festrail.co.uk/timetable-whr.htm](http://festrail.co.uk/timetable-whr.htm)

		0940	1415
<b>Porthmadog</b>	•	0940	1415
Beddgelert	•	1025	1455
Rhyd Ddu	•	1100	1525
Waunfawr	•	1125	1555
<b>Caernarfon</b>	•	1205	1630
<b>Caernarfon</b>	1000	1420	•
Waunfawr	1030	1450	•
Rhyd Ddu	1100	1525	•
Beddgelert	1130	1550	•
<b>Porthmadog</b>	1215	1630	•

Dates shown with a grey background indicate that trains will only be running on the Ffestiniog Railway. Please refer to the FR leaflet for times and details.

	1115	1415
<b>Porthmadog</b>	1115	1415
Hafod y Llyn	1145	1445
Hafod y Llyn	1155	1455
<b>Porthmadog</b>	1230	1530

\* **BROWN DATES:** We strongly recommend that these trains are **only** used for a round-trip from Harbour Station, Porthmadog due to there being extremely limited access at Hafod y Llyn.

	1015	1315
<b>Caernarfon</b>	1015	1315
Waunfawr	1045	1345
<b>Rhyd Ddu</b>	1115	1415
<b>Rhyd Ddu</b>	1130	1430
Waunfawr	1155	1455
<b>Caernarfon</b>	1230	1530

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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.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Journey Into The Past:** 15, 22 September    **Halloween Trains:** 30, 31 October

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

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

**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 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](http://www.festrail.co.uk)



## Ticket to Ride..!

### Prisiau Dwyffordd Oedolyn

### Adult Return Fares

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

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

### HAFOD Y LLYN RETURN

**£13.00**

- applies to trains running on the BROWN timetable dates:

A 10-mile round-trip on Welsh Highland Railway, through the Glaslyn Valley from Porthmadog to Hafod y Llyn and return.

**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**

### 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.

### Cŵn a Beiciau

### 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.

## 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**.



## Winter Treats...

Harbour Station is open daily (except Christmas Day) for a tasty snack or a delicious Xmas Dinner in Spooner's Café-Bar. Caffi De Winton, Caernarfon is open most days for a tasty treat. Buy gifts or Christmas presents from our shops - which also sell a handy range of gift vouchers.



## Station Cafés...

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



## 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](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 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](http://www.whrsoc.org.uk)



## Special Events...

### 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..!

Our Santa Trains run between Caernarfon and Rhyd Ddu, with two trains on each of the dates shown above. Santa and his elves pass through the train giving out presents to the children during the journey - with plenty of laughter and jokes on 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 keep your fingers crossed..!

**Please Note:** Tickets for Santa Trains must be booked in advance, so please check our website for further details.



## Coming in 2020...

### 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 Cledrau • Rail Ale Festival 5 - 7 June

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



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

Our popular enthusiasts event, which includes things of interest for all the family, will be making a welcome return in 2020.

*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...*



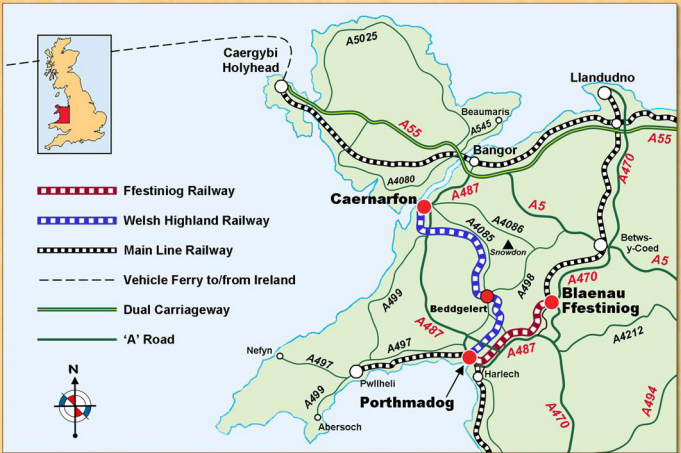
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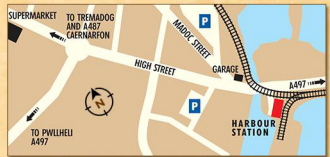
Gorsaf yr Harbwr • Harbour Station,  
Porthmadog, Gwynedd, LL49 9NF

See maps below [www.festrail.co.uk](http://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). 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

<b>CAERNARFON</b>	Station/Caffi De Winton - Car Parks nearby	<b>LL55 2PF</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:** 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](http://www.traveline-cymru.info)