

BLAENAVON'S HERITAGE RAILWAY



GROUP & EDUCATIONAL VISITS 2020

Creating a legacy for future generations to enjoy.



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About Us:

Thinking of bringing a group along for a visit to Blaenavon's Heritage Railway?

We are a small volunteer-run preserved railway operating steam and heritage diesel trains through the beautiful UNESCO-listed Blaenavon Industrial Landscape. Located close to the A465 with ample free car and coach parking, we offer the ideal venue for group and educational visit!

Trains run on weekends and bank holidays between April and September, along with selected Wednesdays during the summer. We also operate an exciting programme of special events throughout the year, including our popular Halloween Ghost Trains and Steam Santa Specials.

Founded in 1983, we are the highest standard gauge railway in Wales! Our line dates back to the mid-1860s, and is today lovingly run and maintained by approximately 100 dedicated volunteers.

Our four stations, **Furnace Sidings** (main station), **Big Pit Halt**, **Whistle Inn Halt** and **Blaenavon High Level** make ideal bases for exploring the area and its many attractions.



What to see:

Travel through the beautiful landscape behind our steam or heritage diesel locomotives.

Savour the atmosphere onboard our lovely restored carriages, including the vintage train set on selected running days.

At Furnace Sidings enjoy a wide selection of refreshments in The Fireman's Shovel tea-room and buy that perfect souvenir or gift at Eric's Emporium.

Alight at one of our four stations to visit one of the nearby attractions, including the Big Pit National Coal Museum and World Heritage Centre.

Go for a walk alongside the track on the Pontypool to Blaenavon Cycle Route.

For more details, visit - www.sustrans.org.uk

Explore the other attractions in Blaenavon!

To find out more, visit www.visitblaenavon.co.uk

DISCOUNTED GROUP RATES:

Our discounted rates apply on **standard** running days only. Other rates will apply during **special events**, such as our Annual Steam Gala and Transport Rally.

POA for group bookings for special events and school visit bookings.

10+ visitors - **10% off** standard ticket prices

20+ visitors - **15% off** standard ticket prices

30+ visitors - **20% off** standard ticket prices

Our group rate tickets are valid for one round trip and are valid for running days only.

Coach drivers will receive free train travel upon proof of company ID.

CREAM TEAS

Minimum of 10 persons.

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from £3.95 pp

Includes two scones, pot of jam, pot of clotted cream and a mug of tea or coffee.

CATERING

Minimum of 10 persons.

KIDS LUNCH BOXES

from £3.50 pp

FINGER BUFFET (KIDS/ADULTS)

from £4.95 pp

Lunch Boxes: Include half a sandwich, packet of crisps a chocolate bar and a carton of drink.

Finger Buffet: Our buffets can be tailored to your requirements.

Please email: catering@pbrrly.co.uk if you have any special dietary requirements.

GROUP TICKETS

	10+ Visitors	20+ Visitors	30+ Visitors
ADULT	£8.10	£7.65	£7.20
CONCESSIONS	£7.20	£6.80	£6.40
CHILDREN	£4.50	£4.25	£4.00
STUDENTS	£7.20	£6.80	£6.40

DOGS, BIKES & UNDER 3s GO FREE!

ONE FREE ADULT CARER PER FULL FARE PAYING DISABLED CHILD/ADULT.

CHARTER A TRAIN

ONE DAY TRAIN CHARTER £900 + VAT

HIRE A TRAIN CARRIAGE

HALF A DAY (up to 30 passengers) £200.00




FULL DAY (up to 30 passengers) £300.00

Hire an entire train carriage for you and your guests! Exclusive use for 30 guests, with additional passengers charged at the rates stated above.
Perfect for a birthday party!

Did you know that you can also charter a whole train for one day from **£900 + VAT?** This includes the exclusive use of up to three carriages seating 120 passengers.
Perfect for large tour groups!

We offer a range of reasonably priced options for your group to enjoy, including cream teas, kids' lunch boxes and finger buffets.
A perfect addition to your trip!

* A full day refers to 10:30am till 4:30pm (six hours), with half a day referring to any three hours between these times. Terms and conditions apply. Advertised rates are correct at the time of publishing (February 2020). We reserve the right to alter these rates at anytime without prior notice.

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Educational Visits:

NEW for 2020.

Our educational visits offer a unique way to learn about the rich industrial heritage of South Wales!

Suitable for those between the Foundational Phase and Key Stage 2, each visit includes a return journey through the industrial heritage landscape to all four of our stations. The crew will also provide talks about the line, its relation to the area's history, and our locomotives. A truly fun and engaging way to learn about history and engineering!

One adult travels free for every ten paying students, with additional adults charged at the child ticket price. Further access to both our onsite shop and tea-room (for both catered and self-catered lunches) can be arranged at the time of booking.

Please note that all educational visits require at least four weeks' notice to ensure volunteer availability. Please contact us to discuss your requirements and to find out more about our **POA educational booking rates**.

Did you know?

Our beautiful heritage railway is run and maintained by around one hundred dedicated volunteers from across Britain.

Pictured:

Linda Lewis

Linda has been a volunteer for over five years!

During that time she has qualified as both a Guard and Station Master.

Linda also manages the volunteer roster for the entire railway!

All our volunteers will do everything they can to ensure that your group has a memorable visit!





Eating & Shopping The Fireman's Shovel & Eric's Emporium

Don't forget to visit **The Fireman's Shovel** tea-room for light refreshments, hot drinks and treats. Cream teas are also available, with groups enjoying a discount if pre-ordered!
Visit our website to see the full menu.

Vegan, dairy free and gluten free options are available. Please let us know if you have any other special dietary requirements before visiting. We will always do our best to accommodate your requirements.



WELL BEHAVED DOGS ARE WELCOME!

Email: catering@pbrly.co.uk

Our onsite gift shop named after the late **Eric Edwards**, who faithfully manned the store for many years. We stock an extensive range of souvenirs, toys and books; perfect to commemorate your visit or shop for gifts!

Don't forget to make a visit to **The Railway Shop** at 33 Broad Street, Blaenavon, Torfaen, NP4 9NF

WE ACCEPT CARD PAYMENTS THROUGHOUT THE RAILWAY



Station Facilities



WAITING ROOM



FREE CAR PARK



TICKET OFFICE



PICNIC AREA



TOILETS



TEA ROOM



DISABLED TOILETS



ERIC'S EMPORIUM



BABY CHANGING



PUBLIC HOUSE
near Whistle Inn Halt.

Visit Blaenavon

Blaenavon's Heritage Railway is set within the UNSECO-listed Blaenavon Industrial Landscape World Heritage Site, and our four stations make ideal bases to explore the area and its many attractions!

FURNACE SIDINGS: Garn Lakes and the Coity Tip Trail.

BIG PIT HALT: Big Pit National Coal Museum and Rhymney Brewery visitor centre.

BLAENAVON HIGH LEVEL: Town centre attractions (including the World Heritage Centre and Blaenavon Ironworks) and the Pontypool to Blaenavon Cycle Route.

WHISTLE INN HALT: Whistle Inn public house and Garn Lakes.

Combining your visit

A round trip on the railway lasts approximately one hour, and we highly recommend combining your visit with that to another one of the local attractions in the area.

Big Pit Mining Museum
museum.wales

Blaenavon Ironworks
cadw.gov.wales

World Heritage Centre
www.visitblaenavon.co.uk

Rhymney Brewery
www.rhymneybreweryltd.com



Visit - **www.visitblaenavon.co.uk**
for more information on what
Blaenavon's Industrial Landscape offers!

HOW TO BOOK A VISIT

1. Check our running days on **PAGE 2** of this guide.
2. Choose your preferred visit date*
3. Email us at **bookings@pbrly.co.uk** stating your visit date and time, total number of passengers, and any extra services such as catering.
Please make us aware of any allergens and dietary requirements when booking catering.
4. Await confirmation of booking and invoice.
5. Enjoy your visit to our beautiful railway!

* Please contact us if you'd like to book a visit on an unadvertised date.

FINDING US

We are just off the **B4248** at Garn-Yr-Erw between Blaenavon & Brynmawr, close to the **A465**.
Look out for the brown and white train signs as you get closer to the railway.

Please use postcode **NP4 9AX** for sat nav.

Arriving by public transport? See our website for details.

FREE CAR & COACH PARKING IS AVAILABLE

at Furnace Sidings Station (NP4 9AX)

To discuss your requirements and to make a booking,
speak to one of our friendly volunteers or email us at:

bookings@pbrly.co.uk

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