

FOOTPLATE RIDE

Ride the Footplate for an exhilarating 28 mile full round trip aboard a Steam Train.

Prices for this exciting experience are from £70.00 per person for a full round trip or from £35.00 per person for half the round trip.

Footplate Rides must be pre-booked and paid for in full, in advance. They are operated during Green and Yellow Services (*availability is extremely limited on the Pink service*).

Please call the Administration Office on 01797 362353 to make a booking.

The minimum age for a Footplate Ride on a Diesel train is 14 years and on a Steam train 16 years.



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FOOTPLATE RIDE GIFT VOUCHERS

Why not purchase a Footplate Ride as a gift for that special person in your life.

It is easy to arrange. Just call our administrations team on 01797 362353.

or visit www.rhdr.org.uk for more information.

- Taster Courses operate on selected dates in May and September, and Standard and Advances Courses only run when the Railway is not operating a public service, so normally in January, February, March and October, November.
- Driver Experience Courses are open to anyone who is over the age of 18 years and is physically fit. Please be advised that the participant will be driving in a relatively confined space.
- No previous experience is required to participate in our Standard Courses. Advanced Courses are open to anyone who has completed one of our Standard Courses in the past.
- The participant will require overalls or warm clothing, strong, enclosed shoes or boots (no trainers), heavy duty gloves, and preferably a coat or jacket.
- The Railway is not open to the General Public on our Driver Experience Course days. Therefore we are unable to accommodate requests from friends and family to travel on the train during the course. However, if you would like to join the participant for lunch or take photographs, we are happy to organise this for you.
- Participants who have particular dietary requirements must advise us in advance and our Café staff will be more than happy to accommodate you.
- We ask that all courses are paid for in full at the time of booking. We accept cheques, made payable to the Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway or payment can be made by telephone with a credit or debit card. You will then receive written confirmation of your booking.
- If you are purchasing a course as a surprise gift, don't worry, we go to all sorts of lengths to keep the secret! Just advise us at the time of booking.

A PDF copy of this leaflet is downloadable from our website.

For more information on Steam Driving Experience Courses

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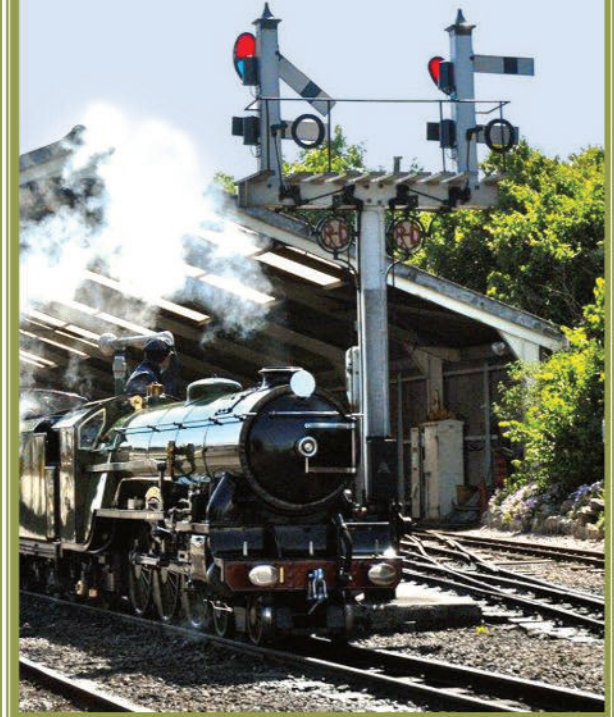
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THE DRIVE OF A LIFETIME!

STEAM DRIVING EXPERIENCE DAYS

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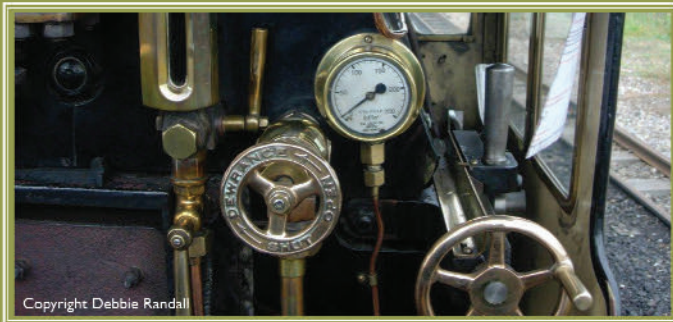
Experience the historic miniature trains
of the Romney Marsh for yourself!

EXHILARATING AND CHALLENGING

There is no doubt about it; you love our Driver Experience Courses.

They are terrific fun, great value for money and an unforgettable experience.

With repeat custom at all time high, don't delay, Book now by calling 01797 362353!



ABOUT THE COURSES

For the Standard and Advanced Courses the day starts at New Romney Station at approximately 08.30hrs, where a light breakfast and beverages will be available in the Heywood Buffet. Members of staff will join you and give you a short Safety Briefing. Then the Driver will introduce you to your locomotive and instruct you on how to carry out final preparations before the days work can begin i.e. Water and Coal checks. It is "hands on" so be prepared to get dirty!

Once the loco is ready, you are then out on the mainline. Those course members not on the engine will travel in a carriage accompanied by an experienced staff member who will be able to provide technical information etc.

Lunch is generally taken at New Romney Station (*this may vary on occasions*) and the course continues throughout the afternoon, until the final run brings the engine on shed.

Both courses conclude late afternoon with a well earned hot drink, a final discussion about the day and the presentation of certificates.

THE STANDARD COURSE

FROM £260.00 PER PERSON

This course has been designed to offer a choice of either the New Romney to Hythe section or the New Romney to Dungeness section with designated dates planned for each section.

There are 3 participants per course and each person should get at least 15 miles behind the regulator.

Whichever section of the line you choose; there is the same mileage behind the regulator but mastering each section is a challenge in itself.

With the 5 mile non-stop gallop between Dymchurch & Hythe it really tests the metal of each course member to keep the Fire and Water at the right levels on a long run. While the Level Crossings and different atmosphere on the Dungeness section tests the powers of observation and concentration as the train winds its way behind the houses and out on to the great shingle bank.

THE ADVANCED COURSE

FROM £390.00 PER PERSON

There are 2 participants per course and each person should get at least 28 miles behind the regulator.

If you buy both places on any one Advanced Course, you can choose which loco you drive for the day (*subject to availability.*)

MAXIMIZE YOUR DRIVING EXPERIENCE WITH A BESPOKE COURSE FOR ONE
FROM £780.00 PER PERSON

Some of our customers prefer to have a course all to themselves and that's fine by us. For courses with one participant, we are happy to arrange a more bespoke itinerary. Please call us for further information.

THE TASTER COURSE

FROM £170.00 PER PERSON

Providing fantastic value for money, our Taster Course makes an ideal gift for a family member or friend. Less strenuous than our full day courses, participants have the best of both worlds; ride the Footplate alongside the Driver from New Romney to Dungeness and then repeat the experience, taking charge of the controls.

Solely for one person, the afternoon also includes hands on preparation of the loco and a Lunch Voucher to spend in our café.

WHAT OUR CUSTOMERS HAVE SAID:

"Since I was a lad, I had always wanted to drive a Steam Train and now that I have, I'm hooked. I can't wait to come back and do the Advanced Course."

"I was bought an Open Voucher as a gift from my family and, to be honest, I wasn't sure how I would get on but it turned out to be the best present I had ever been given".

"I'm writing to say a big thank you to all at the RH&DR for the fantastic day I had last Saturday on the Driver Experience course. The day was a surprise Christmas gift from my wife last year and I have already said to her that if she's stuck for ideas this year, I would be more than happy to have this as a present again. The RH&DR is a great railway and long may it continue to bring pleasure to the thousands that travel on it every year".

"A challenging course but definitely the most fun I have had in years".



DRIVER EXPERIENCE GIFT VOUCHERS

This is an ideal gift for friends and family or for you.

Open Vouchers enable you to purchase a Driver Experience Course without committing to a specific date. Once you have your Voucher all you need to do is contact us and we will be able to provide you with available dates.

Vouchers are valid for 12 months.

Book today, simply call 01797 362353!