# **School Visits Pack The East Somerset Railway**

Bringing history to life...

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## **The Basics**

Cost per pupil: £5

Adult places: one free adult per 10 pupils. (larger groups by negotiation)

**Availability: Wednesdays only. April-October Half Term** 

Facilities: Free all day car-parking (free cuppa for drivers!)

- Accessible toilets - Cafe - Shop - Wet-weather provision

## **LEARNING OPTIONS**

A maximum of six options is recommended, depending on the length of visit

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<b>Themes</b> Popular themes to tie in your  curriculum planning	Additional Special Sessions A one-off session to include in your visit	<b>Site Attractions</b> Each attraction counts as one session
<b>Evacuees</b> Somerset's evacuee trains in WW2	<b>Victorians and Influenza</b> The case of Benjamin Parker	Miniature Railway
<b>Victorians</b> Impact of the Industrial Revolution	<b>Life in Shepton Prison</b> Isaac Perrett at His Majesty's Pleasure	Signal Box
<b>Brunel and the West Country</b> IKB and his impact across the region	<b>Railway Roles</b> What job would YOU do best?	Engine Shed
<b>Powder Kegs &amp; Protest</b> Shepton Mallet's troubled times	<b>Conservation in Africa</b> African themes of conservation	Sentinel Diesel Museum
Women & the Railways 130 years of surprising railway women	<b>Stationmaster's Trail</b> Hunt the Whistle and Name a Train	
<b>Transport through time</b> Turnpikes, canals and trains	<b>Handling Evidence</b> Touch, smell and enquiry skills	
Home Front & the Bristol Blitz  WW2 in Somerset		

## **Leaning Styles and Learning Spaces**

The majority of your visit will be outside; where you choose a classroom-style session, facilities and interactive activities.

Across the visit, varied learning styles are accommodated and the team champion the 'learning outside the classroom' ethos.



# Safeguarding and Group Size

The Education Team ensure that they are not alone with any individual pupil or in an isolated or enclosed space. The school must provide at least 1 member of staff per group. School behaviour policy is the responsibility of the school's representatives and the Education Team will not enforce any aspect of the school's behavioural policy. The pupil/teacher ratio should be 10/1 minimum please.

## **Staff Experience**

The majority of our Education Team are volunteers who have great experience as museum educators and/or teachers. All members of the team are dedicated to ensuring all visiting schools receive a high quality visit which enhances the learning experience of the pupils involved.

## Sample Schedule

Below is a sample schedule for a visit completed in 2021. We try our best to work with schools to create a day which works within the boundaries of the school day and what The East Somerset Railway can deliver.

roup	10am	1030- 1045am	11am	1130	1145	1210	1230- 1310	1315	1335	1355
1	Arrive, loos, into groups	Billeting	Train ride	Engine shed tour* 1	Engine shed tour: self- guided	Signal Box & Miniature railway	Lunch	Bristol Blitz	Hands-on artefacts	Regroup & depart
2		Billeting		Continue to Cranmore	Bristol Blitz	Engine shed tour		Hands-on artefacts	Signal box & miniature railway	
3		Billeting		Continue to Cranmore	Signal Box & Miniature railway*2	Hands-on artefacts		Engine Shed tour: self- guided	Bristol Blitz	
4		Billeting		Continue to Cranmore	Hands-on artefacts	Bristol Blitz		Signal Box & miniature railway	Engine Shed tour: self- guided	

## FAQs and Site Map

### Do teachers need to bring any resources?

No, and any individual resources used can be taken back to school. If 'Evacuees' is chosen, a list of pupil's first names and their groups is required in advance for us to complete ID cards and billeting forms.

#### Do we need to pay in advance?

No. The school will be invoiced, with payment terms of 28 days.

### Is the site fully accessible?

The journey from the main station to the engine shed takes about 10 minutes. The path is wide and accessible and the shed itself is navigable with care. Both platforms have ramp access. There is a disabled toilet but no facilities at the engine shed.

You have concerns about anyone's individual requirements please give us a ring to discuss these with you: 01749 880417

#### Can we take more than one train journey?

You are welcome to take as many journeys as you like. However more than one train ride will restrict the time available for other sessions and site visits.

#### Is a Risk Assessment available?

Absolutely. Please request one when sending in your booking form.

#### Can we add additional children at late notice?

Yes, if necessary. Please let us know as soon as possible so we can ensure we have a full set of resources.

