

Ten miles of Heritage Railway in the Heart of England

Steam and Classic Diesel train services, Miniature Railways, Model Railways & Heritage Transport for all the family

Would you like to take control of one of our fantastic Heritage Steam or Diesel locomotives for 3 round trips (approx. 60 miles / 30 miles on shared experience) on the full length of our line?

NOW YOU CAN. Up to two people can spend a fun filled day with us here at the GCRN under expert instruction on one of our Steam or Diesel locomotives, light engine, for 3 full return trips on the line from Ruddington to Loughborough enjoying the picturesque South Nottinghamshire countryside along the way. An ideal present for a loved one or just for yourself. **Please contact: info@gcrn.co.uk for more information.**



Ruddington Fields



At Ruddington Fields our café serves a selection of hot and cold food and drinks. Our well stocked shop is also full of tempting things for all ages and pockets. Our hugely popular miniature railway provides rides for old and young between attractions at Ruddington, including Railway Workshops, Model Railway, Children's Play Area and Road Transport displays courtesy of Nottingham Area Bus Society.

About your Journey

Our on-train buffet car also serves a selection of snacks and hot and cold drinks for you to enjoy whilst you travel through the picturesque South Nottinghamshire countryside.

The journey from Ruddington to Rushcliffe Halt passes through Gotham Moor, with views across to Ratcliffe Power station and the ridge of hills between the Moor and the Trent valley.

After crossing Fairham brook, our line climbs towards the village of East Leake. Rushcliffe Halt station (named after the adjacent golf club), is at the edge of the village. Usually sleepy, the station really comes alive on gala days as all trains cross here on their way north and south.

East Leake (Rushcliffe Halt)



Leaving Rushcliffe Halt, the line continues to climb through the village of East Leake. The village sports good pubs and restaurants, along with village shops and a vibrant community. The former station here near the centre of the village is proposed for re-opening for passengers on-foot.

The cutting immediately north of the platform is a butterfly refuge, and the line continues its climb to a short tunnel marking the top of the ridge before continuing into the picturesque Soar Valley towards Loughborough.

As the line drops southwards towards Loughborough, it hugs the ridge forming the eastern side of the wide Soar Valley. From Barnstone Tunnel southwards, passengers can glimpse the town of Loughborough nestling in the valley, though the line makes a sweeping series of "S" curves as it drops in height, before bursting into the valley proper at Stanford-on-Soar, crossing the river on an impressive brick-arch viaduct. Passing the works of Brush (famous for building locomotives), our line ends on the north-easterly side of the town, adjacent to the Midland Mainline. With the dawn of a new era for the GCRN and GCR, including the bridge over the Midland Mainline which is scheduled to be installed in the coming months, your journey will soon continue into Loughborough Central Station and beyond. Watch out for news on our website at www.gcrn.co.uk



SPECIAL EVENTS 2016

PLEASE NOTE	SPECIAL EVENT PRICING / FARES AND TIMETABLES MAY APPLY.
Date	Event
March 27th & 28th	GCRN Fantastic Easter "Eggspress" Steam Specials Why not join us for the first Bank Holiday of 2016. Kids can meet the EASTER BUNNY on the train and receive a small chocolate gift.
April 24th	Road Transport Event Our Road Transport events start as always with a Springtime Road Transport Collection event on our site at Ruddington. Commercial Vehicles, buses and cars from yesteryear will be on display, trade stands offer the chance to purchase models and artefacts for your own collections and FREE Heritage Bus rides to local picturesque destinations will be available courtesy of Nottingham Area Bus Society. The miniature railway and train services are also part of this event offering a full range of activities for all members of the family. Admission Charge or Special Timetable may apply.
May 1st & 2nd	GCRN Edward the Bear Specials Why not join us for our first Edward the Bear event of 2016. Join Edward and his helpers on one of our fantastic steam services. Kids can meet Edward Bear on the train & receive a FREE goody bag including sweets and a drink. There will be much more to see and do including the Great GCRN Bear Hunt with prizes for the winners.
May 29th & 30th	GCRN Edward the Bear Specials Join Edward and his helpers on one of our fantastic steam services. Kids can meet Edward Bear on the train & receive a FREE goody bag including sweets and a drink. There will be much more to see and do including the Great GCRN Bear Hunt with prizes for the winners.
June 11th	Spring English Electric Running Day (Subject To Confirmation) Why not join us for a special intensive running day highlighting locomotives from our very own fleet of English Electric locomotives. This event runs with a special timetable.
July 2nd & 3rd	Summer Diesel Extravaganza (Subject To Confirmation) Our new summer diesel event provides the opportunity to sample our own diesel locomotive collection and guests together with the Summer Scenery and a landscape that gives a truly picturesque backdrop at this time of year. The Miniature railway collection includes prototypes and examples of locomotives that have escaped the preservationists of full-size types. This event runs with a special timetable.
July 17th	Nottingham Area Bus Society gathering & running day Our July heritage transport event will see a range of visiting buses and coaches complementing the resident collection, along with related sales stands for the avid enthusiast. Preserved vehicles will also be offering FREE rides to local picturesque destinations courtesy of the Nottingham Area Bus Society. Special Event pricing/fares apply.
July 30th & 31st	Model Rail Extravaganza Our superb annual model railway show continues to grow! A range of layouts, together with the opportunity to browse sales stands and traders to pick up a bargain, or perhaps treat yourself to a model missing from your collection. Come and see our own "Ruddington" layout which has featured in various magazines. The miniature railway will also be open and offering rides, so this event really offers visitors the chance to experience railway attractions from the very smallest scales right up to full-size! A great family day-out! We offer a range of ticket options that offer access to the exhibition alone, or including train travel on our Heritage Rail Services. Special Event pricing/fares apply.
August 14th	Stewart Classic Vehicle Register Summer Gathering Our annual gathering of classic cars from years gone by when driving was more of a pleasure than a necessity, showcasing everything from the more modern to the vintage. In conjunction with the Stewart Classic Vehicle Register. Trains will also be running on our heritage line. The miniature railway will also be open and offering rides, so this event really offers visitors the chance to experience a great family day-out!
August 28th & 29th	GCRN Edward the Bear Specials Why not join us for another chance to meet Edward the Bear and his helpers on one of our fantastic steam services. Kids can meet Edward Bear on the train & receive a FREE goody bag including sweets and a drink. You can also take part in the Great GCRN Bear Hunt with prizes for the winners and much more to see and do.
October 9th	Road Transport Event Our late-season Road Transport event features our collection of historic vehicles and guests, many with a local connection and free heritage bus rides to local picturesque destinations. Admission Charge or Special Timetable may apply.
October 22nd	Autumn Sulzer Running Day (Subject To Confirmation) Why not join us for a special intensive running day highlighting locomotives from our very own fleet of Sulzer locomotives. This event runs with a special timetable.
November 5th	GCRN Firework Spectacular Our annual Firework event has become extremely popular and feature and evening of high-octane entertainment for the family before, during & after the Fireworks show at Ruddington. Why not join us for a spectacular evening firework display with Licensed Real Ale Bar, funfair, sideshows, hot food, live music & sweet stalls. Admission Charge applies.
Saturdays & Sundays from November 26th to December 18th	Santa Specials Our "Santa" services have become one of our most popular features. Join a steam-hauled special service (pre-booking essential), through some of our best countryside, accompanied by Santa! Children receive an age-appropriate gift, confectionary and drink, while Adults receive seasonal refreshments. Santa provides an at-seat service at GCRN and provides a last chance for children to get their present requests in before the big day! See our special "Santa" leaflet for full details, fares and train times. Note: All our Santa services include non-Santa accommodation for passengers wishing to use our train services.
December 24th	GCRN Christmas Eve Santa Steam Specials An extra special last chance to join a steam-hauled special service (pre-booking essential), through some of our best countryside, accompanied by Santa! Children receive an age-appropriate gift, confectionary and drink, while Adults receive seasonal refreshments. Santa provides an at-seat service at GCRN and provides a last chance for children to get their present requests in before the big day! See our special "Santa" leaflet for full details, fares and train times. Note: All our Santa services include non-Santa accommodation for passengers wishing to use our train services.
December 27th, 28th & 29th	Winter Holiday Trains An opportunity to escape the house, the washing-up and yet another round of turkey sandwiches, our trains will be operating with both classic steam and diesel locomotives, enabling you to sample the Nottinghamshire countryside from the comfort of your train. Hopefully, the weather will co-operate and blanket the railway in fresh snow!! Both classic diesel and steam locomotives will haul services.

Supporting Charity Membership

We have an active and vibrant supporting membership, many of whom volunteer and help us operate our services. Members receive benefits such as discounted travel on non-gala days, plus a quarterly in-house magazine. **Check-out www.gcrn.co.uk for details.**

From Spring Trains, Summer Gala, Bonfire Night to our extremely popular "Santa Specials", why not enjoy 2016 with us! With lots to see and do at Ruddington, as well as a train ride through some of the county's most picturesque countryside, our aim is to provide a great value fun day out for all the family. Latest information and updates are available from our website www.gcrn.co.uk, and why not join our **facebook** Community to keep in-touch with all the latest information, offers and special events, or Twitter us @GcrNottingham