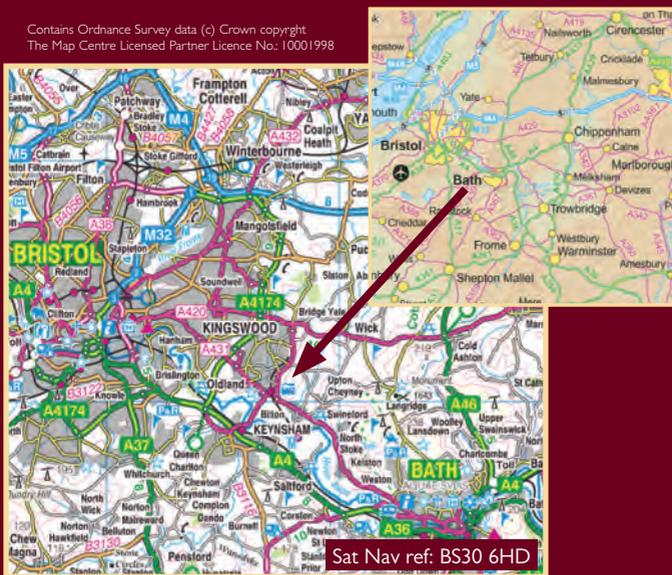


## HOW TO FIND US

The railway is easily accessible from the M4 (J18), Bristol or Bath city centres and is less than an hour from Gloucester, Swindon and Taunton.

Free car and coach parking is available at Bitton station. Coach drivers also receive free refreshment and travel on the train.



## HOW TO BOOK

Trains run Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from April to September (except first Saturday each month) plus Sundays in October and Tuesday – Thursday in school half term and summer holidays.

For more details and to book your visit call 0117 932 5538.

Our group prices (minimum 20 people) are as follows:

Children £5.50

Adults Free at a ratio of 1:6, thereafter £7.50

## SUGGESTED ITINERARY

Arrival: 10.15am Train Ride and themed activities: 10.45

Lunch: 12.15 Yard Tour: 1.15 Depart: 14.00

## CONTACT US

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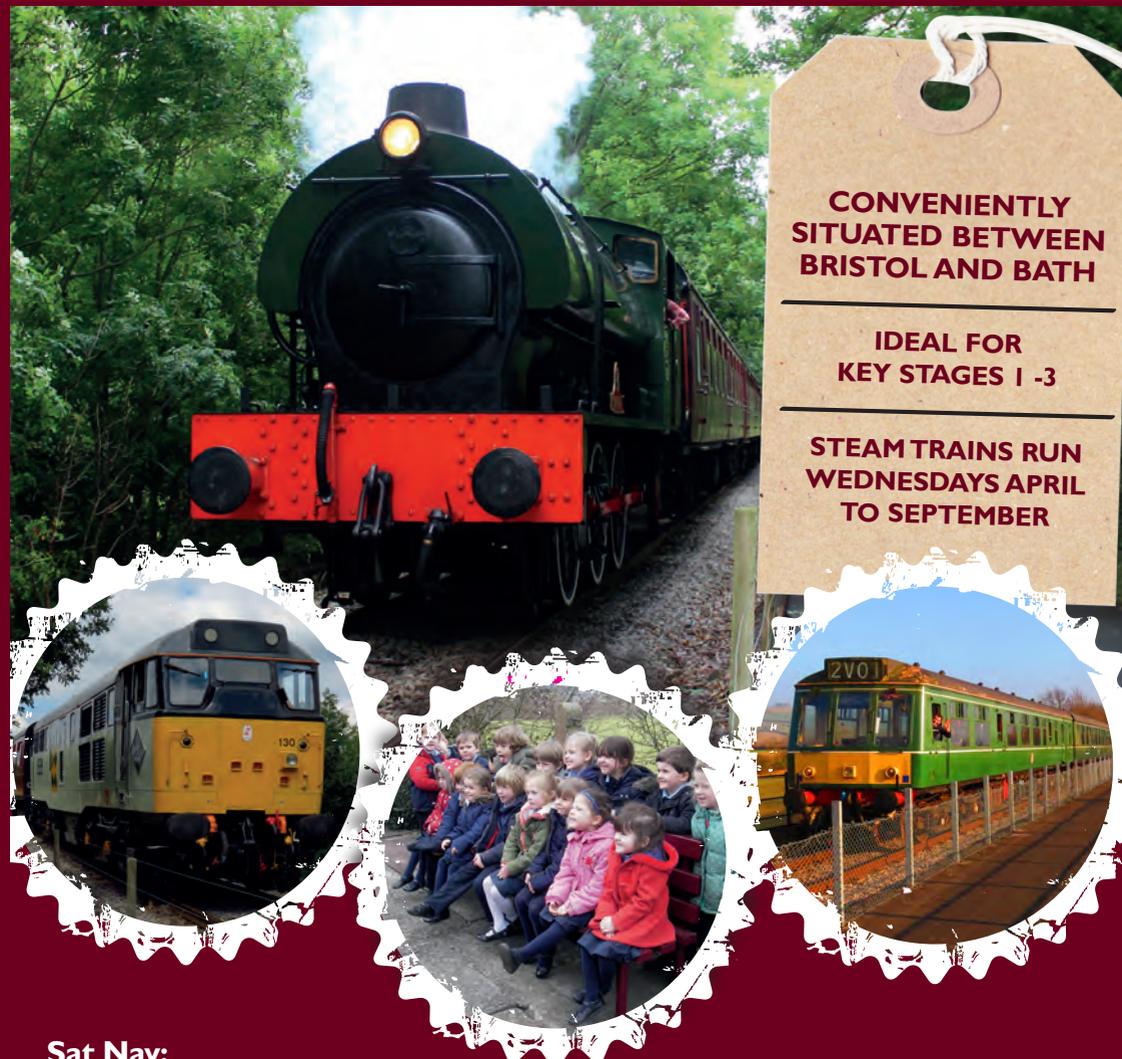
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## SCHOOL VISITS



CONVENIENTLY  
SITUATED BETWEEN  
BRISTOL AND BATH

IDEAL FOR  
KEY STAGES 1 -3

STEAM TRAINS RUN  
WEDNESDAYS APRIL  
TO SEPTEMBER

Sat Nav:  
BS30 6HD

[www.avonvalleyrailway.org](http://www.avonvalleyrailway.org)

## GET ALL STEAMED UP ON YOUR SCHOOL VISIT!



Bring your school group for a memorable day out at the Avon Valley Railway and discover more about our fascinating past. We're conveniently located midway between Bristol and Bath, easily accessible from the A431, the A4174 Bristol ring road and the M4. Our friendly volunteer team run steam or diesel trains 130 days a year from our beautifully restored Victorian station at Bitton including every Wednesday from April to the end of September. We offer a six mile round trip into the glorious countryside of the Avon Valley as well as themed activities on different topics as you travel the line. These are ideal for Key Stages 1 - 3 and groups can choose from;

- ▶ **Evacuation Experience** to find out more about life during World War II
- ▶ **Transport Through the Ages** to discover about different modes of transport through time
- ▶ **Through the Window** to show off their artistic skills

### WHAT TO SEE ON YOUR VISIT

- ▶ See our beautifully restored Victorian station at Bitton
- ▶ Take a ride in a heritage carriage behind one of our steam locomotives
- ▶ Enjoy our 'Evacuation Experience', 'Transport Through the Ages' or 'Through the Window' themed activities
- ▶ Pick up a railway-themed souvenir in our gift shop

### VISIT ON A WEDNESDAY... IT'S BETTER VALUE!

We run public trains on Wednesdays from April through to the end of September and if you visit on these days all you pay are the standard group visit train fares. This makes it a very cost-effective visit.

We are able to offer visits on other days of the week, however, there would be an additional charge. Each time we use a locomotive we have to pay the owner a fee which goes towards the upkeep of the locomotive and to pay for the huge cost of the overhaul every 10 years. Currently these fees stand at £250 for a diesel train or £750 for steam and would be in addition to our standard train fare costs.



**MORE TRAINS RUNNING IN 2017**  
Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday  
April to September  
(except the first Saturday of each month)  
PLUS:  
Sundays in October and Tuesday to Thursday  
during school summer and half term holidays

## THEMED ACTIVITIES & EXPERIENCES

All of our school visits can enjoy a tour of the station as well as the yard if operational restrictions permit.

### EVACUATION EXPERIENCE

Our most popular day giving the group the experience of what life was like for children who were evacuated under 'Operation Pied Piper'; the Government's wartime evacuation programme.

We encourage children and adults to dress up in clothes of the period to make the day as authentic as possible!

- ▶ Listen to first-hand experiences from one of our volunteers who was evacuated as a young child
- ▶ Find out why this happened and what bombing meant to large cities like Bristol and Bath
- ▶ Hear about how food was rationed and handle real and replica ration books
- ▶ Enjoy traditional games typical of the era
- ▶ Write a postcard 'home' whilst onboard the train

### TRANSPORT THROUGH THE AGES

- ▶ Enjoy the interactive presentation to find out more about transport in times gone by
- ▶ Take part in transport-related crafts whilst travelling the line

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Discover more about 'Transport Through the Ages' through an interactive presentation onboard one of our railway carriages.

### THROUGH THE WINDOW

Using the carriage windows as a natural picture frame, this session gives the opportunity for younger children to hone their drawing skills by focussing on what the group can see out of the window as they travel the line.

- ▶ Use the view from the carriage windows to draw things from the natural world
- ▶ Enjoy railway-themed crafts whilst travelling the line

### BESPOKE VISITS

We can also create a unique visit to coincide with any specific topic that your group is studying. Our volunteers are happy to discuss the options with you. Contact us for more details. We're also used to working with less-abled groups and provide ramped access onto the train so that everyone can enjoy the ride.