



SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFER
For courses booked
between 1 November -
24 December 2013

Footplate Experience

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to drive a full size steam locomotive? Or do you know someone who has always dreamed of taking the controls of a historic locomotive? If so then a footplate experience course is just the ticket.

These courses offer a unique experience that allow its participants to get up close and personal with a steam locomotive. Experience the magic of a working steam locomotive as you climb aboard the footplate with our experienced crews.

Blow the whistle, shovel coal into the firebox, open the regulator and feel the power of steam as you become a train driver for the day, and pass through the beautiful and scenic Churnet Valley.

There is something to suit every level from the novice to experienced enthusiast.

Why not treat yourself or surprise someone you know with a day that will never be forgotten. These experiences are available as a gift voucher and if desired the participant can upgrade their gift voucher to the next level

Please note that the footplate courses take place during times when the railway is not carrying fare paying passengers.



Steam Course Details

New for 2013

Steam Footplate Ride: Churnet Valley Line

£125

Climb aboard the footplate of our historic steam locomotive for a ride through the beautiful Churnet Valley. Your footplate ride will cover 10 ½ miles and will last between 60-70 minutes.

New for 2013

Steam Footplate Ride Cauldon Lowe Line

£225

Climb aboard the footplate of our historic steam locomotive for a ride through the beautiful Churnet Valley. You will experience a steam locomotive working hard as you enter the Cauldon Lowe line with its tight curves and steep gradients ranging from 1 in 40 to 1 in 61 as you battle for 5 miles to the summit at Ipstones in the picturesque Staffordshire Moorlands. Your footplate ride will cover 26 miles and will last approximately 2 ½ hours.

Steam Engine

"Regulator" Course

£299

This course is ideal for beginners and lets participants take to the controls of a historic steam locomotive without carriages. Enjoy 12 miles of one on one tuition aboard our locomotive along the picturesque Churnet Valley.

Bring your friends and family along and make it a day to remember. There will be opportunities to take photographs to record your special day and as a memento you will be presented with a certificate and complementary polo shirt.

Steam Engine

"Top Link" Course

£499

This course offers the thrill of being in control of a historic steam locomotive coupled to a rake of carriages and recreates the halcyon days of steam travel. Climb aboard and under the guidance of our experienced crews you will experience what it was like to both drive and fire. You will cover 23 miles of which you will alternate between driving and firing one full round trip each. You will be on the footplate for between 2 ¼ and 3 hours giving you the opportunity to relive the days of when steam was king.

Bring up to 6 of your friends and family along and they can ride in the carriages whilst you are in charge of driving the train. There will also be opportunities to take photographs to ensure that your special day is one that you will always remember. In addition to your course you will receive a certificate as a memento along with a complementary polo shirt and membership of the North Staffordshire Railway Company (1978) Ltd (our supporting charity), which includes the "Knotty" magazine (published 3 times a year).

Steam Engine

"Top Link Plus"

Course £599

For an additional £100 with a "Top Link" Course you can have exclusive one on one tuition and drive for a full 23 miles along the Churnet Valley.



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Steam Engine

"Regulator" Course

In addition to the items mentioned you will also receive a complimentary family ticket* for use on the Churnet Valley line (worth £31). You will also receive a free gift card containing all the details of your course (additional administration fee of £2 applies, however this is included in the savings made when purchasing this course).

Steam Engine

"Top Link" Course

In addition to the items mentioned you will also receive a complimentary family ticket* for use on the Churnet Valley line and the Cauldon Lowe Branch (worth £55). You will also receive a free gift card containing all the details of your course (additional administration fee of £2 applies, however this is included in the savings made when purchasing this course).

* Complimentary ticket entitles 2 adults and 2 children to travel on the train for free. Tickets are valid for 12 months from the date of purchase.

To book a course call or email

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Steam Course Details continued

Steam Engine "Cauldon Lowe Branch" Course £900

This ultimate course offers the participant the chance to experience driving and firing a steam locomotive on some of the steepest gradients in preservation.

As well as the Churnet Valley line you will tackle the steeply graded Cauldon Lowe line which will see the locomotive working hard to conquer the tight curves and gradients ranging from 1 in 40 to 1 in 61 as you climb for 5 miles to the summit of the line at Ipstones. You will cover 41 miles and be on the footplate for approximately 6 hours. This course is a must for those wishing to experience the power of steam!

Course participants will alternate between driving and firing one full round trip each. Breakfast and lunch for the participants is included and additional meals can be purchased for guests (please specify at the time of booking).

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Diesel Course Details

Heritage Diesel Course £229

This course is ideal for beginners and lets participants take to the controls of a heritage diesel locomotive without carriages. Enjoy 12 miles of one on one tuition aboard our locomotive along the picturesque Churnet Valley.

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Diesel Multiple Unit Course £229

This course offers the thrill of being in control of a Diesel Multiple Unit. Climb into the cab and under the guidance of our experienced crew you will relive what it was like to drive one of these historic vehicles. You will cover 12 miles and receive one on one tuition as you pass through the picturesque Churnet Valley.

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