

Middleton Railway

The Railway is just 2 miles from the centre of Leeds. It was built as a colliery railway in 1758, requiring the first ever Railway Act of Parliament to set it up. Initially, carrying coals to the staithes near to the river Aire, the motive power was horses. However, in 1812 Middleton was the first railway in the world to successfully employ steam locomotives commercially. They were designed by the Middleton colliery engineer John Blenkinsop, and built by Matthew Murray at his Round Foundry in Holbeck, Leeds.

This year, 2010, the Railway celebrates 50 years of preservation, Middleton Railway being the first standard gauge railway to be operated entirely by volunteers, as it still is today.

The Railway runs from Moor Road Station to Park Halt on the northern edges of Middleton Park, containing one of the largest surviving tracts of ancient woodland. A network of paths allows easy exploration where evidence of the early mining can be found in the form of old Bell Pits.

The whole of the Moor Road site is a Museum and in 2005 the Heritage Lottery Fund contributed to the building of the Engine House and other facilities where some of the collection of Leeds built locomotives is housed.

The site is specially adapted for wheelchair access, as are the trains by way of a ramp. Parking for disabled visitors is near the entrance.

Dogs are welcome on a lead.

How to find us

*Please note we are in Hunslet,
NOT Middleton, Leeds.*

Into Leeds on the M621 from M1 & M62 East
Leave M621 at Jct. 5, follow signs for a few hundred yards

South out of Leeds on M621 & from M62 West
Leave M621 at Jct. 6, at end of slip road go left, and next left, second exit at mini roundabout, we are a few hundred yards on left.

By Bus and Rail

Bus routes & times constantly change, please contact Metro direct on 0113 245 7676 or <http://www.wymetro.com/BusTravel/>
Nearest stops are Dewsbury Road/Tunstall Road, or Beza Street/Tunstall Road,
Our post code is LS10 2JQ

Sat Nav

Postcode LS10 2JQ or Beza Street

For up-to-date information please visit :-

<http://www.middletonrailway.org.uk/>

or

Telephone our visitor hotline

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Middleton Railway Hunslet Leeds

**The world's oldest working railway
Established 1758**



Timetable 2010

SPECIAL EVENTS

Pricing & Timetables may vary.

Sunday 2nd & Monday 3rd May
Bluebell Walks in conjunction with Friends of Middleton Park. <http://www.fomp.co.uk/>

Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th May
Family Gala - Intensive Timetables

Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th June
50th Anniversary Gala of Middleton Railway becoming the first standard gauge railway to be run entirely by volunteers.

Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th July
Model Railway exhibition in the Engine House, See the models then ride on the real thing!

Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th September
Autumn Gala - Intensive Timetable.

Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st October
Ghost Trains - Dare you ride them!!

Santa Steam Specials run every weekend in December, plus, Christmas Eve day. Book early to avoid disappointment.

Train Fares

Adult Day Rover Ticket £4.50
Adult Single Journey Ticket £2.50*
Child Day Rover Ticket £2.50
Child Single Journey Ticket £1.50*
Family Day Rover Ticket £12.00 (2A+3C)
Children under 3 years of age travel FREE

*Moor Road to Park Halt or Park Halt to Moor Road.

OPERATING DAYS 2010

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☐ CLOSED

☐ SPECIAL EVENTS

- ☐ Diesel traction, first train 13.00, then every 40 minutes until 15:40 (16:20 between 28 March & 30 Oct.)
- ☐ Steam traction, first train 11:00, then every 40 minutes until 15:40 (16:20 between 28 March & 30 Oct.)
- ☐ Diesel hauled, first train 11:00, then every 40 minutes until 15:00.
- ☐ Santa Steam Specials, first train 11:00 then every 40 minutes until 15:40 (15:00 on 24 December)
Booking in advance is cheaper and advisable, Santa Hotline opens August 0845-680-1758

Admission to Engine House and Platform only:- Adult £2.00, Child £1.00, Family £5.00
Please note that during Special Events these tickets may not be available.