

The Middleton Railway

The Railway is just two miles from the centre of Leeds.

It was built as a colliery railway in 1758

requiring the first ever Railway Act of Parliament in order to build it. Initially, carrying coals to staithes near to the River Aire, the motive power was horses. However, on the 24th June 1812 Middleton became 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. Today the Railway runs from Moor Road Station to Park Halt on the northern edges of Middleton Park, where evidence of early mining can be found in the form of old Bell Pits.



Our building and trains are fully accessible, with disabled parking spaces adjacent to the building entrance. Baby change facilities are available.



We welcome dogs on a lead.

Educational visits are available most of the year.

Please enquire via email for more information

education@middletonrailway.org.uk

The Railway is operated entirely by **volunteers** and welcomes new recruits. There are always vacancies for a whole range of jobs including the following:

- operating the trains
 - working in the shop and booking office
 - restoring and servicing the locomotives, coaches and wagons
 - maintaining the track and stations
 - maintaining the Trust's gardens and floral displays
- If you are interested, please enquire at the shop.

Middleton Railway Trust Ltd

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Hunslet, Leeds LS10 2JQ

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Registered Charity 230387

How to find us

By Car:

Sat Nav SE 305 310,

Post Code LS10 2JQ or Beza Street.

Junction 5 off the M621 and follow the signs

Please Note: Our Museum and Station at Moor Road are located in Hunslet, Not Middleton.

By Bus:

From Corn Exchange in Centre of Leeds, Nos. 12, 13 or 13 A to Middleton. Alight at junction of Belle Isle Road and Moor Road, cross to Moor Road and walk down the road for 10 minutes, the Railway will be on your left.

Check www.wymetro.com/bustravel/ for latest travel information.

For up to date information please visit :

www.middletonrailway.org.uk

telephone our visitor hotline **0793 177 8843**

(weekdays 09.30 to 17.30) or on running days call

0113 271 0320



Whilst every effort will be made to provide the advertised services, The Middleton Railway Trust Ltd reserves the right to amend or cancel any service without prior notice and accepts no liability whatsoever for any inconvenience loss or disappointment caused including travel expenses. Prices correct at time of printing



LEEDS

VISIT THE WORLD'S OLDEST WORKING RAILWAY

Visitor guide and timetable 2020

Established 1758, Steam Since 1812

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Operating Days

APRIL						
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31	& 1st November					

DECEMBER						
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		& 1st Jan New Year's Day				

DISCOUNTS
AVAILABLE WITH
LEEDS/BREEZE
CARDS*



Standard Timetable Fares

Day Rover Tickets are valid on all trains on day of purchase

Day Rover: Adult £7.00, Child (aged 3 to 15 incl.) £3

Family Day Rover: £18.00

(2 Adults & up to 3 Children)

Single Journey: Adult £3.50, Child £1.50

(Moor Road to Park Halt or

Park Halt to Moor Road)

Children under 3 and dogs travel free

*Discounts not available during special ticketed events.

CHILD ANNUAL
PASS AVAILABLE
FOR £7.50 WHICH
GIVES CHILDREN
FREE ENTRY FOR
A YEAR

NOT INCLUDING
SANTA SPECIALS

☐ Site closed
 ☐ Steam service
 ☐ Diesel service
 ☐ Heritage diesel
 ☐ Special event
 ☐ Santa

Standard Timetable - may not apply to some special events and 1 st January								WX
Moor Road Dep.	11.00	11.40	12.20	13.00	14.00	14.40	15.20	16.00
Park Halt Arr.	11.08	11.48	12.28	13.08	14.08	14.48	15.28	16.08
Park Halt Dep.	11.15	11.55	12.35	13.15	14.15	14.55	15.35	16.15
Moor Road Arr.	11.25	12.05	12.45	13.25	14.25	15.05	15.45	16.25
WX - Does not run on Wednesdays								
The Moor Road Site opens at 10.00 and closes at 16.45 or 16.05 for WX days								

Follow us on Facebook or visit our website for further details on special running days. www.middletonrailway.org.uk

KIDS 4 A QUID
WEDNESDAYS
DURING SCHOOL
HOLIDAYS

Birthday Parties

Why not hire a coach for your party?

The party coach is specially reserved and decorated for your exclusive use. Your children can enjoy their party with their friends whilst the train travels between Moor Road and Park Halt stations on our normal passenger service.

Leave the train at Park Halt if you like and explore the Ancient Woodlands of Middleton Park, returning to the train when you wish. (within 2 hours of first boarding the train)



You are welcome to bring your own food for consumption on the train or at Park Halt

Hot and cold drinks and confectionery are available at the Moor Road shop.

If you wish we can provide food for your party, supplied by Megabites of Rothwell, from £6 per head. Please ask for further details.

Prices from £70



Special Events 2020



4th April

Community and Volunteer Day

Come and discover what we do and how to get involved, an event for all the community

11th, 12th & 13th April

Easter Bank Holiday

Free chocolate for children



8th May

VE day

Special WWII themed walk in Middleton Park with fundraising for Help for Heroes



9th - 10th May

Teddy Bears Special

Bring your teddies to see the bluebells
Children with a teddy travel free



20th - 21st June

Diamond Jubilee

Join us as we celebrate 60 years of volunteer run trains - Visiting locomotive and vintage carriage planned.



Saturday 27th June 5 pm to 7 pm.

Concert

A recital of soprano arias and harpsichord music in the Engine House
by Jenny Leadbeater and Simon Lindley.



4th - 5th July

Steampunk Market

Trade fair, authors and fashion
A great event for all ages



11th - 12th July

Model Railway Exhibition

See the models amongst the real things



A TASTE OF
2020
YORKSHIRE

1st & 2nd August

A Taste of Yorkshire

A celebration of Yorkshire food, music and ale.
Includes evening running



Date to be confirmed

Leeds Classic Bus Runday

Classic buses linking up local museums

The Site

Discover the history of locomotive building in Leeds from 1812 to 1995.



Climb onto the footplate and learn the controls of a steam locomotive

Examine the inside of a boiler and learn how it works.



Explore our collection of historic patterns used to make new castings for old, missing and broken parts.



The Site

See our collection of industrial locomotives built in Leeds and beyond.



Watch the engine run round (change ends) at Park Halt and Moor Road after each trip.
Watch the crew undertake their duties, caring for the locomotive and preparing it for your journey ahead.



Relax in our cafe with a hot drink and a sandwich, have a go operating the model train and let the children have fun in the play area.





12th - 13th September

Heritage Open Days

Conducted tours explaining the significance of exhibits in the Trust's collection. Vintage steam will work on both days

19th - 20th September

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Conducted tours explaining the significance of exhibits in the Trust's collection. Vintage diesels will work on both days.



26th - 27th September

Star Rails

Sci-Fi Style event with displays and costumes

10th - 11th October

Autumn Gala

Intensive programme of working with several engines, steam and diesel, in traffic.



December

Santa Specials

Advance online booking starts in August

1st January 2021

Mince Pie Special

See in the New year with a free mince pie and a ride on the Middleton Railway.



Footplate passes available on selected dates throughout the year check our website for details

Heritage Diesel Days

2nd May, 6th June,
5th September
and 3rd October

A chance to see our older Diesel Locomotives in action



**Pricing will vary for all events and may change without notice
Please see website for latest information**



Why not take a walk in Middleton Park?

Middleton Park one of the hidden treasures of Leeds with ancient woodlands, four marked trails, children's playground, BMX track, cafe and visitor centre. Check out the Friends of Middleton Park's extensive programme for events happening in the park.

www.fomp.co.uk

For Visitor Centre, Cafe and Toilet Opening Hours see Middleton Park Website

