

RUGBY MODEL ENGINEERING SOCIETY & OPERATORS OF RAINSBROOK VALLEY RAILWAY

VISITORS INFORMATION

Rugby Model Engineers welcomes visiting locomotives, steam, battery electric and i/c engine powered but asks that visitors note the following rules and information in the interests of safety and convenience to the general public and other users.

We have a clubhouse with meeting room and basic kitchen facilities plus male and female loos. We also have space for some caravans and tents for camping but would need to know in advance if you intend to make use of this.

7 ¼" Ground level Track – current Length 5280ft/1760yd/1.6km/1 mile

A powered hydraulic lifting table with 2000kg capacity and 3500mm/11.4ft/137.8inch in length and a minimum loading height off the ground of 380mm/1.25ft/15inch is provided for safe on/off loading of locos and driving trucks.

The turntable in the steaming bay is 3440mm/11.2ft/135.4inch long

If a loco is too long for the turntable then it would need to be reversed off the transporting vehicle and onto the steaming bay on the through line to the main line.

Visitors must provide their own driving trucks.

All vehicles must be provided with adequate couplings suitable for the intended use and, ideally, safety chains between loco and driving truck if passenger hauling.

Signals must be observed when operational.

Locos must be equipped with steam whistles or horns as appropriate.

The maximum speed allowed is 6 mph and 4 mph in the station area.

Passengers must only be embarked and disembarked in the station areas.

Steam locomotive preparation and servicing for the 7 ¼" Ground Level Track

This must be carried out in the steaming bays.

Low voltage DC electricity is available in either 12 or 24 volts in the steaming bays area for steam blower operation.

There are compressed air supplies available on request in the steaming bays on a one by one basis if required.

An adequate supply of collected rain water is available in this area from the standpipe boxes and on the station platform.

Visitors are required to supply their own lubricating oils.

Steam locomotives must be fitted with smokebox spark arrestors.

All ash must only be disposed of into the trays in designated areas (steaming bays and station area).

Under no circumstances is ash to be discharged from locomotives in any other part of the track.

2 ½"/3 ½"/5" Raised Track – current Length 2400ft/800yd/731m/0.45mile

A hydraulic lifting table with 250 kg capacity and 1680mm/5.5ft/66.1inch in length and a minimum loading height off the ground of 178mm/0.6ft/7inch is provided for safe on/off loading of locos and driving trucks.

The turntable in the steaming bay is 2430mm/7.9ft/95.6inch long

The traverser onto the main running line is 2440mm/8ft/96inch long.

Visitors must provide their own driving trucks.

All vehicles must be provided with adequate couplings suitable for the intended use and retained pins between loco and driving truck.

Signals must be observed when operational.

Locos must be equipped with steam whistles or horns as appropriate.

The maximum speed allowed is 8 mph.

Passengers must only be embarked and disembarked in the station areas.

Steam locomotive preparation and servicing on the Raised Track

This must be carried out in the steaming bays.

High voltage 240 Volts AC electricity is available in the steaming bay area but NO DC low Voltage! You will need to supply your own battery power for steam blower operation.

There are NO compressed air supplies available in the steaming bays.

An adequate supply of collected rain water is available in this area from the standpipe boxes and on the station platform.

Visitors are required to supply their own lubricating oils.

Steam locomotives must be fitted with smokebox spark arrestors.

All ash must only be disposed of into the trays in designated areas (steaming bays and station area).

Under no circumstances is ash to be discharged from locomotives in any other part of the track.

Young drivers

Children under the age of 12 are **not** permitted to drive locomotives.

Children aged from 12 - 15 are permitted to drive locomotives carrying family members only under the supervision of an adult approved driver.

Children under the age of 16 are not permitted to drive trains carrying members of the public.

Battery electric loco preparation.

This may be undertaken in the steaming bays.

Petrol/diesel powered locomotives

Petrol/diesel refuelling is not permitted in the steaming bays if other steamers are in operation and only permitted in the designated areas.

Boiler Certification and Public Liability Insurance

For those who wish to bring a locomotive to run it is mandatory to have appropriate insurance, boiler certification and a club membership card for examination on arrival if required.

Public liability Insurance

Visitors intending to operate a locomotive must bring with them a certificate of Public Liability Insurance with cover for not less than £2M. For a member of a club or Society affiliated to the Northern Association of Model Engineers (NAME) or the Southern Federation of Model Engineering Societies (SFMES) such a certificate is available from their club free of charge.

If you are a member of a club or society which is not affiliated to either NAME, SFMES or the 7.1/4 Society and do not have appropriate Public Liability Cover this can be provided from a provider of your choice or look at the following web sites:

<http://walkermidgely.com/Home.asp>

<http://www.footmanjames.co.uk>

Boiler Certification for Steam Engines

To operate a steam powered model on our site, current hydraulic and steam certificates for the model concerned, issued in accordance with THE EXAMINATION & TESTING OF MINIATURE STEAM BOILERS by THE BRITISH MODEL ENGINEERING LIAISON MUST BE PRESENTED FOR INSPECTION.

If either the hydraulic or steam test certificate has not been issued by NAME or SFMES affiliated club or society an appropriate insurance certificate and club or society membership card must be produced.

Any other questions concerning the RMES Railway should be addressed to:

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