

Group Booking Form

Please fill in the form below and post it to us, with a £35 deposit for travel only, or £100 deposit for travel and catering to: Passenger Dept, Ecclesbourne Valley Railway, Wirksworth Station, Station Road, Wirksworth, Derbyshire, DE4 4FB. Cheques should be made payable to "Wyvernrail Plc". Please make yourself a photocopy of the form. Website: www.e-v-r.com

Group or Tour Name:

Your Contact Name:

Daytime Telephone Number:

Your E-Mail

Your Address and Postcode

Proposed Visit Date:

Expected Arrival and Departure Times:

Number of Persons:

I would like to book (select one)...

- Train only** Between (station) _____ & (station) _____ single/return
- Train with Tea/Coffee and Biscuits**
- Train with Afternoon Tea** **Train with light lunch**
- Train with full finger buffet**

Special Requirements: _____

Other visits: e.g. Wirksworth Heritage Centre etc _____

BRING YOUR GROUP TO VISIT THE

Ecclesbourne Valley Railway

IN THE DERBYSHIRE PEAK DISTRICT

Free car or coach parking for party visits to the railway is available at Wirksworth Station. Bring your party to the railway and Wirksworth: Groups can be accommodated any day of the week by prior arrangement: but please contact us to check availability of the date you are looking for.



Things to do in Wirksworth

Wirksworth is a fine old town in the Peak District, which is well known for its annual art festival, its interesting old buildings and its curious lanes and byways. There are a number of attractions in the town of interest to the coach party:

The Ecclesbourne Valley Railway, which is a popular local heritage railway re-opened by volunteers, operates trains from Wirksworth to Duffield. See website www.e-v-r.com

Wirksworth Heritage Centre, which looks at the "Story of Wirksworth", the long history of the town and the industries which sustained it. See website www.storyofwirksworth.co.uk

Wirksworth Factory Shop, which provides a range of clothing, ladies, gents & children's wear, shoes and textiles. See their website at: www.wirksworthfactoryshop.co.uk

The National Stone Centre, a little way from the town, tells the story of stone and looks at the geology of the area. See their website at: www.nationalstonecentre.org.uk

There are many interesting walking including those around the town and also along the High Peak Trail at Middleton Top and the Black Rocks picnic area. For more information see: www.derbyshire-peakdistrict.co.uk/middletontop.htm



Visiting the Ecclesbourne Valley Railway

Many groups visit the railway for a wonderfully scenic trip along the Ecclesbourne Valley or as part of a general visit to Wirksworth. The Ecclesbourne Valley Railway operates a Heritage Passenger Train service on its lines between Wirksworth and Duffield and Wirksworth and Ravenstor.

Visiting Coach tour organisers can, of course, put together their own programme based on Wirksworth's various attractions and others nearby. The Railway can offer groups a morning or afternoon visit comprised of the train trip to Duffield (or from Duffield to Wirksworth), and afternoon tea or a light lunch in our static first class Dining Car. The minimum group size that can be booked for this "Train and Tea" afternoon is 10 people and the maximum is 52 people. In addition to the Train and Tea afternoon, your group can, if you wish, add on an extra visit to your programme. The extra visits are to the National Stone Centre (using the train, this involves a bracing uphill walk and strong shoes are recommended, there is a small extra charge) or a visit to the Wirksworth Heritage Centre (the Heritage Centre has three floors connected by flights of stairs, there is a small extra charge) or a visit to historic St Mary's Church (this is the shortest walk, slightly uphill from the station, access is fairly level, and entry is free). Also, Wirksworth has a large Factory Shop not far from the station, and access is fairly level along North End).

Party leaders should note that Wirksworth, a fine old town, is hilly in parts. There are public and disabled toilets at Barmote Croft Car Park and also at the station. Extensive parking is available at Wirksworth station. Our trains are historic and access for wheelchairs is consequently limited, for this reason please let us know in advance so that special arrangements can be made for any guests in wheelchairs. If parties wish to start at Duffield, the group can be dropped off at Duffield Station which is adjacent to the A6 just north of Derby.



Prices

Wirksworth to Duffield and Ravenstor (the whole line) is £9.00 per person for groups

Pot of Tea/Coffee and biscuits is £2.95 per person.

Tea/Coffee, sandwich platter with cake is £6.95 per person.

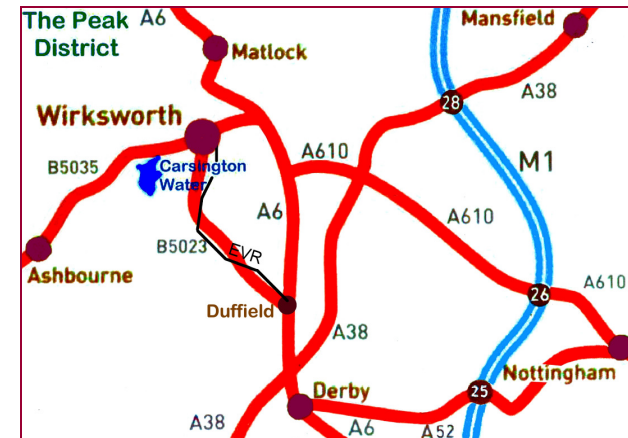
Afternoon Tea or Light Lunch of sandwich platter, cake and cream scones £9.95 per person.

Tea/Coffee, finger buffet and choice of gâteau is £12.95.

A minimum of three hours should be allowed for a whole line return trip and refreshments, with a further hour and a half for any add-on visits. A one way trip can be arranged if your

coach wishes to drop you off at Duffield and pick you up at Wirksworth (or the other way around), for example as part of a combined tour of the Railway and, say Carsington Water. The single group journey fare is £4.50. For the normal timetable see our website timetable page. If you wish a special train to be arranged (we can normally only fit this in on weekdays, as the weekend timetable uses all the available slots), please contact us to discuss your needs.

Advanced booking is essential. There is a booking form on the back page of this leaflet. For rambling parties there are many interesting local and long distance walks, and the High Peak Trail runs through the grounds of the National Stone Centre. Guided walks around the town and church can be arranged at a small additional charge by the Heritage Centre. Add-ons: National Stone Centre £1.80 per person (£1.20 for OAPs); Heritage Centre £3.00 per person (£2.00 for OAPs); Church free (donations welcome). Children are at OAP rates.



Terms and Conditions

Group or coach party reservations will be allocated on a first come first served basis, subject to availability. Please phone us initially to see if we have a date free for you. Once we have received your deposit we will write and confirm arrangements. Availability may change at short notice and the indication of space for a particular day or train shown, for example on our website, does not guarantee we will be able to accept your booking. We reserve the right to refuse any request for reasonable cause, such as other prior bookings, mechanical failure, availability of staff etc. If we are unable to provide the day you request, we will try to contact you using the telephone number you provide to offer you an alternative. The availability of the add-on visits is subject to the centres concerned also being able to provide them. Refunds cannot be made on the date of the event, or afterwards, unless Wyvernrail Plc failed to provide the service through its own fault. In the event of a failure by Wyvernrail Plc to provide a booked service which we agreed, we will offer you an alternative, subject to availability. If this is not possible we will make a full refund. Bookings should be made at least two weeks in advance in order to give us and the other providing centres time to bring in staff and other resources. Up to 40 people can be accommodated in the first class Dining Car. For parties between 40 and 52 people (the maximum number that we can deal with) the additional (up to) 12 persons would be accommodated in the adjacent Buffet Car.

