

2018 Timetables

Match the colour of the day to the colour of the timetable. No colour, no trains!

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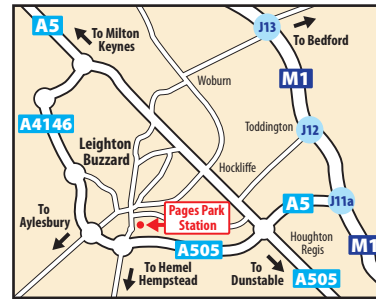
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For fee-free online advance booking, search **BUZZRAIL**, or visit www.buzzrail.co.uk

How to find us

Leighton Buzzard is an attractive Bedfordshire market town, some 40 miles (65km) north of London. The narrow-gauge railway station is at Page's Park, on the south side of the town.



By road

If you are tracking us on GPS, our postcode is LU7 4TG. From the A505/A4146 southern bypass, turn towards the town centre at the roundabout signed Narrow Gauge Railway, and follow the brown steam-train signs. Page's Park station is on the right, and all-weather parking is free of charge. From the M1, the new Junction 11A provides easy, fast access from London and its surroundings.

By public transport

Frequent trains operate to Leighton Buzzard main-line station from London Euston and Clapham Junction. From the north, there are direct services from Milton Keynes, Northampton, and stations to Birmingham.

Local bus D1 provides frequent connections from the main-line station, and other bus services in the town centre, to the Narrow Gauge Railway stop in Billington Road. This service does not run on Sundays and Bank Holidays.



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Steam Trains just minutes from the M1!

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STANDARD SERVICE

Page's Park	Depart	10.30	12.30	14.30
Stonehenge Works	Arrive	10.55	12.55	14.55
	Depart	11.25	13.25	15.25
Page's Park	Arrive	11.50	13.50	15.50

An additional service, departing Page's Park at 16.10 and returning at 17.20, will operate on Event days 11th & 25th March; 21st & 22nd July; and 7th October only.

ENHANCED SERVICE

Page's Park	Depart	10.30	11.30	12.30	13.30	14.30	15.30
Stonehenge Works	Arrive	10.55	11.55	12.55	13.55	14.55	15.55
Works	Depart	11.25	12.25	13.25	14.25	15.25	16.25
Page's Park	Arrive	11.50	12.50	13.50	14.50	15.50	16.50

On 2nd June, serving the Rail Ale Trail, there will be additional departures from Page's Park at 16.30 and 17.30. The 15.30 departure will not run on 29th October, due to poor light.

SPECIAL TIMETABLES

Special timetables will be in force on 8th July (Paw Patrol) and 15th & 16th September (Steam Gala). Full details, plus fee-free online booking, will be posted on the Buzzrail website.

CHRISTMAS: Our popular Christmas trains will operate again in December 2018. Details will be published during the summer.

FARES

Page's Park to Stonehenge Works & return	
Adult	£10.50
Senior (age 60 or over)	£9.00
Child (age 2 to 17)	£6.50
Child (under 2)	FREE

Groups of four or more paying passengers enjoy a 10% discount on the standard fares, as our equivalent of a family ticket. For the full list of fares, visit the Buzzrail website and social media.

These fares include a small donation, which allows us to claim Gift Aid from HM Revenue & Customs. This provides financial support for the work of our unpaid volunteers, and helps pay the bills. Fares without this donation are available on request.

Celebrating 50 years of narrow-gauge railway history - and Royal approval!

In the summer of 1968, a small group of volunteers began operating steam passenger trains over Leighton Buzzard's private narrow-gauge railway. Until then, it had carried only sand from the local quarries.

Half a century on, these same volunteers, and their successors, have turned a semi-derelict mineral railway into one of England's leading narrow-gauge working museums.

The impressive new building at our Page's Park terminal station is one of the latest improvements to be completed successfully.

For these achievements, we are honoured to have been presented with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in 2017.

What's different about the Leighton Buzzard Railway?

- Rails that are 2 feet apart, less than half the size of main-line tracks. That makes everything smaller, but definitely not a toy.
- Trains that go round sharp bends, climb steep hills, amble alongside roads, and thread through modern housing estates, plus level crossings that hold up the traffic! The round trip typically takes 80 minutes.
- One of the largest and most diverse collections of narrow-gauge locomotives on public display in England, as part of being an Accredited Museum.
- Free guided tours of the engine shed at Page's Park, getting up close to our collection of steam locomotives from all over the world.
- The Stonehenge Works Trail at our "country" terminus lets you discover the fascinating history of the railway's industrial past, and its links with the grim days of the First World War.
- If you have your smartphone on you when you visit, our free app will guide you around the station at Page's Park, and identify points of interest during the journey. Search for Heritage Railway Trails on the App Store or Google Play.

Bring a group

The Leighton Buzzard Railway is a destination with a difference for group outings of all types – from kids' birthdays to school trips and touring coach parties.



All pre-booked parties of nine people or more, travelling on public trains, receive free reserved seats, a named engine headboard, and a discounted fare. Also a free train ride and refreshments for coach drivers.

You can also hire exclusive private charter trains outside the public timetable, or book a VIP Footplate Experience for one or more people. Contact traffic.mgr@lbngrs.org.uk to discuss your requirements.

Eat, drink and shop

Page's Park station shop offers the best selection of Thomas books and toys for miles around, plus a good selection of other souvenir items.

Stonehenge Works has a Craft Shop, where you can browse through a fascinating collection of unique hand-crafted products, all made locally. It also sells light refreshments for your stopover.

And don't miss the newly refurbished 1940's themed Buzzrail Cafe at Page's Park station, for a great selection of meals and drinks.

A little extra help

Customers with disabilities have priority parking at Page's Park station, with unbroken ramp access through and on to their train. Accessible toilets are available at Page's Park. Advance booking by customers with disabilities will help us to help you.

For small children, changing facilities and high chairs are available. Buggies can be left in the Guard's compartment on the train, subject to available space. Well behaved pets are welcome – please don't leave them in the car on a hot day.

Come and join us!

For the last fifty years, the Leighton Buzzard Railway has been operated and managed by unpaid volunteers, who have transformed a semi-derelict railway into one of England's leading narrow-gauge working museums.

There are plenty of jobs that need doing – not all of which involve getting dirty. So come and join us, and help shape the next half-century!

Room hire

Our new community facilities at Page's Park are available for hire outside railway operating times.

Contact station@lbngrs.org.uk to discuss your requirements.

Visit on an EVENTS DAY...

2018 will see another programme of special events catering for a wide range of tastes and interests. Which would suit you?



- 4th March: 1st Passenger Train 50th Anniversary
- 11th March: Mothering Sunday
- 18th March: Volunteers & Local Community Day (Special Fares)
- 25th March: Senior Citizens Travel Free Day
- 1st & 2nd April: Meet the Easter Bunny. Plus RAF Centenary Train (1st April only)
- 6th & 7th May: Messy Kids' Day
- 27th & 28th May: Bring Teddy For A Train Ride
- 2nd & 3rd June: Buzzrail Ale Trail
- 17th June: Fathers' Day & World Whisky Festival
- 24th June: Vintage Vehicles Rally
- 1st July: 1st Steam Passenger Train 50th Anniversary
- 8th July: See Chase from PAW Patrol at intervals
- 21st & 22nd July: Steam, Comic & Culture Festival
- 28th July: Canal Festival
- 5th August: Model Railway Show
- 1st & 2nd September: 1940s Weekend
- 9th September: Bedfordshire Walking Week
- 15th & 16th September: Autumn Steam Gala
- 30th September: Sand & Motorcycles Day
- 7th October: Grandparents Travel Free on their National Day
- 21st October: Bug Party
- 28th October: Halloween
- 11th November: Armistice Day 1918-2018

Fares and timetables will differ for some events. Visit the Buzzrail website for fee-free online booking. Also for more information on the content of the events, when this becomes available for publication.

It is advisable to consult our website or social media in advance, especially if you are travelling from a distance.

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