



Amerton Railway

Amerton Railway Summer Steam Gala - 24 & 25 June 2017 – Visitor Information

- 1) Locomotives & Services – Five locomotives will be in steam Bagnall “*Isabel*” and Hunslet “*Jennie*” both based at Amerton, visiting from the Statfold Barn Railway will be Peckett “*Liassic*” and Avonside “*Marchlyn*” and in another stop on her “Centenary Tour” will be Kerr Stuart “*Diana*”. Some of the Amerton Railway fleet of diesels may also be in use during the day, including on the industrial railway. An intensive service of steam hauled passenger and freight trains will run on both days from 11:00am to 5:00pm.
- 2) Yard, Workshop, Loco Shed & Waterhouses Signal Box – The Amerton Railway Yard will be open for viewing of loco preparation each day from 8:00am – access will be via the main pedestrian access to the railway from the Amerton Farm car park. The yard will remain open, subject to restrictions during loco movements, during the day. Accompanied tours of the workshops, loco shed and restored Waterhouses (ex – NSR/Leek & Manifold Railway) Signal Box will be available on both days.
- 3) Trackside Access – regular visitors to the Amerton Steam Gala will know that a special feature of the event is the free access allowed to the land within the railway, providing excellent viewing, photographic and video opportunities subject only to a few common-sense rules - the results from many visitors can be widely found on the internet. If you intend to make use of this facility please note that the land is in active use for sheep grazing, is uneven and in places very wet & soft underfoot. Well behaved dogs may be taken into the fields but must be kept on a lead at all times. Drones may not be used.
- 4) Other Activities – a 16mm narrow gauge live steam layout will be present, a variety of steam engine models, an extensive railway second-hand book stall and, we hope, some visiting road steam.
- 5) Fares & Charges – there will be no general admission charge to the Gala or Trackside Access, although donations are always welcome! Train Fares will be :- Single Journey Tickets:- Adult £3.00/Child £2.00: Day Tickets, giving unlimited journeys on passenger trains (subject to availability):- Adult £8/Child £4 per day.
- 6) Catering & Refreshments - outlets in the immediately adjoining Amerton Farm visitor attraction provide a full range of drinks, snacks and meals, including breakfasts (<http://www.amertonfarm.co.uk/tea-room/>), the Amerton Bakery, within the Amerton Farm courtyard also sells pies, pasties & cakes.
- 7) Family Activities – there are a range of things to do at Amerton on-site and locally for those who may not wish to spend all of their time at the Railway (!) Amerton Farm visitor centre has several attractions, including the Play Barn for children (see <http://www.amertonfarm.co.uk> for availability). The nearby village of Weston (1½ miles) is holding its Open Gardens event on both days of the Steam Gala weekend, with vintage cars at the Village Hall on Sunday.
- 8) Getting to Amerton – by far the best way to get to Amerton is by road. The Railway is situated on the A518, postcode ST18 0LA, signed with brown tourist signs from nearby junctions. Public transport options are limited to the D&G 841 bus service running on Saturday only. The nearest bus stop is Stowe-by-Chartley, which will entail about a mile walk to Amerton along busy roads without footpaths. (See http://www.dgbus.co.uk/assets/841%2c841a_2015-09-06.pdf).

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