



Amerton Railway

Amerton Railway Summer Steam Gala – 30 June & 1 July 2018 – Visitor Information

- 1) Locomotives & Services – Four locomotives are planned to be in steam:- Kerr Stuart's "*Diana*" and, for the first time in preservation "*Lorna Doone*", both based at Amerton. Visiting from the Statfold Barn Railway will be Hunslet "*Sybil Mary*" and Hudswell Clarke "*GP 39*". An intensive service of steam hauled passenger and freight trains will run on both days from 11:00am to 5:00pm. Some of the Amerton Railway fleet of diesels may also be in use on the industrial railway during the day. Bagnall "*Isabel*" and Hunslet "Wren class" "*Jennie*" will not be in steam as they are both stripped down for major boiler examinations and re-tubing, they will however make interesting viewing in dismantled condition on the workshop tours.
- 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 – previous 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 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. There is no shelter in the fields in the event of rain. Well behaved dogs may be taken into the fields but must be kept on a short lead at all times. Drones may not be used.
- 4) Other Activities – a variety of steam engine & other models, an extensive railway second-hand book stall and, we hope, some visiting road steam, will be present.
- 5) Fares & Charges – there will be no general admission charge to the Gala or for 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/food-drink-treats/>).
- 7) Family Activities – there are a range of things to do at Amerton on-site 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 information).
- 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_2018-04-01.pdf)

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