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Enjoy A #Teddyfest Day Out In Cumbria This Easter

An atmospheric steam travel day out can be enjoyed by both children and their teddy bears this Easter, if families head to Cumbria's idyllic Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway (known as La'al Ratty) and brandish their bear!

The heritage railway's #Teddyfest event is a celebration of Britain's love of teddy bears and sees children travelling for free, if their teddy bear has come along for the day and they are accompanied by a full fare-paying adult.

Ted will have lots of things to spot on the wonderful seven-mile journey (14-miles return) between the coastal village of Ravenglass and the foot of England's highest mountains, where the station at Dalegarth can be found.

He and his owners should see a beautiful coastal plain with oystercatchers and other birds, a water wheel, an upturned boat, mighty Muncaster and Harter Fells, hidden valleys rich in ferns and mosses, Herdwick sheep and pebble-dashed cottages, as they travel along the track. Keen eyes may even spot a red squirrel and their feeding boxes.

At Dalegarth Station, there is a chance to explore a Beatrix Potter™ exhibition, which celebrates the author's 150th anniversary and her links to Eskdale. The exhibition opens just ahead of the Easter holidays and is a must for Beatrix Potter™ lovers.

There is also a 'Ratty on Sticks' line quiz, with prizes of HARIBO treats, and those arriving on Easter Saturday will also enjoy music and entertainment from The Bay Radio Roadshow, and get the chance to meet mascot, Bay Bear.

#Teddyfest runs between March 25 and April 10 and adults will pay £13.50 for a return fare. Children without a teddy will pay £6.75, or non-teddy-bearing families can buy a family ticket for £38 (for two adults and two children). Head to www.ravenglass-railway.co.uk for more information and to buy your tickets, or turn up and buy tickets on the day.

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