



Steam into half-term with new adventures on Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway

[Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway](#) is steaming into the half-term school holidays with the launch of private carriage hire and new picnic options for passengers on the famous heritage railway line, along with new family-friendly activities at the free [Ravenglass Railway Museum](#).

Latest changes to government restrictions mean that it's now possible for two small household groups - or social bubbles using the 'Rule of Six' – to reunite with family and friends for private rail journeys taking in the coastline and Lake District fells between Ravenglass and Dalegarth.

Passengers can enjoy the panoramic views in a luxury Observation Carriage named 'Joan' (for up to eight people) or a first-class saloon carriage (suitable for up to ten people). Resplendent in a livery of red with padded bench seating and more head room, the newly refurbished Joan offers increased space and comfort for passengers – perfect for a socially distanced get together.



Picnic lunches are now also available to pre-order and collect on the day of travel, with the 'Fellbites' café at Dalegarth also fully reopen for sit in and table ordering.

Meanwhile, visitors have some added family fun to look forward to at the Ravenglass Railway Museum, which has introduced new activity boxes and games to keep the kids occupied – thanks to a Rapid Reopening Grant received from Arts Council England.

The grant has also enabled the registered charity to add a permanent reception desk for its Museum Attendant, as well as additional cleaning measures to ensure it is fully COVID-safe.

The Museum has an impressive collection of more than 3,000 artefacts to explore, chronicling the railway's history since the 1870s. That's in addition to a photographic archive of 25,000 images.

[Take an interactive journey of Ravenglass Railway Museum here.](#)

Rachel Bell, Head of Marketing & Development at Lake District Estates, says, *"It's fantastic to be back giving families the days out they've been craving over the past few months. In a year filled with lockdowns, there have been very limited options for passengers to jump on board our new luxury Observation Carriage. But that's now changing, and we're thrilled to be welcoming small private groups of friends and families to make the most of this unique socially distanced experience."*



"At the same time, we're making the Ravenglass Railway Museum more interactive and family-friendly than ever before, with new activity boxes, games and even 'smell' boxes evoking bygone days of steam travel – all of which we can rotate and quarantine to reassure parents around COVID-safety. With free entry, it really is well worth a look for all ages."

See Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway's ['welcome back video'](#) and pre-book online at: www.ravenglass-railway.co.uk

Ravenglass Railway Museum's two interactive games 'Steam' and 'Tracks' can also be downloaded from www.ravenglassrailwaymuseum.co.uk at home for free.

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