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# Family Highlights at Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway 2019

## March-December 2019

Starting in March, **Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway** will host a wealth of family-friendly activities, including themed meet & greets, fancy dress events, craft and learning activities all against the spectacular setting of the Western Lake District, Cumbria. The small railway provided inspiration for the creator of Thomas the Tank engine W.Awdry. It's known locally as L'al Ratty and continues to win the hearts of young and old with its charming steam trains and big views of the landscape.



There will be two different themed meet & greet events this year featuring characters from popular children's TV shows **PJ Masks** (23-24 Mar) and **Paw Patrol** (6-7 Oct). At both these events children will have the chance to meet their favourite character and take a ride on the small steam trains.

**Teddies Go Free** returns for the Easter Holidays. Children with a teddy bear travel for free when accompanied by an adult with a Calling All Stations Pass. Grab some food from the café and enjoy a teddy bear picnic or follow the teddy trail and explore the onsite Museum.

**Young Engineers Day Out With Peter's Railway** (15-16 June) is perfect for young train enthusiasts and children who enjoy learning how things work. Go behind the scenes at Ravenglass with the author of Peter's Railway as your guide. Then head into the Museum to listen to a Peter's Railway story; each child will receive a book signed by the author himself.

Create your own fairytale and take part in free crafts and pick up a free unicorn trail as part of **Magical Station Gardens** (25 May - 2 Jun). Children are encouraged to dress up as their favourite mythical creature, fairy, elf, gnome or troll.

**The National Trust Activity Days** (24 - 25 Jul) return to Dalegarth Station for hands on fun; find out how to build a den, create a drystone wall, learn about species and their habitats plus lots more. This event is a free to attend and part of scheduled service.

**Kids Free Fridays** are back (26 Jul-30 Aug). Kids aged under 16 years old can travel for free every Friday during the July & August Summer School holiday when accompanied by an adult with a valid Calling All Stations Pass

A brand new event **Wild Wild West Lakes** (8 Aug) which will see the whole of the line transformed into a railroad with cowboys, Sheriffs and outlaws a plenty, plus themed food and activities. Fancy dress is encouraged and children in fancy dress who are accompanied by an adult with a valid Calling All Stations Pass will travel for free.

For older children the **Truly Terrifying Ghost Trains** (25-26 Oct) are back, and this year will be scarier than ever! Travel the line in darkness and see if you can make it back to Ravenglass without screaming on the haunted train track.

For more information and ticket prices and terms and conditions go online at [www.ravenglass-railway.co.uk/events](http://www.ravenglass-railway.co.uk/events)



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- Teddies Go Free at the 'Ullswater Steamers' and sister attraction Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway 30 March – 22 April
- Hands-on exhibits at Railway Museum at Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway

### **Event Listings 2019**

**23 & 24 March**

**PJ MASKS AT RAVENGLASS & ESKDALE RAILWAY**

- **Time:** 9:25, 10:25, 10:45, 11:25, 11:45, 12:25, 12:45 or 13:25
- **Price:** £16.50 per adult, £12.00 per child [under one year FREE] on the gate, Online advance £15.50 adult, £11.50 child
- **Link:** <https://ravenglass-railway.co.uk/events/event.php?id=147>

Get ready as PJ Masks Heroes Vs Villains take over the Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway! Hero, Catboy and Villain, Luna Girl will be appearing together at intervals on each day.

Book your ticket online and save\* or just turn up on the day and purchase at the Ravenglass ticket office. Outward journey is from Ravenglass on an allocated time slot, please choose this upon booking. Return seating from Dalegarth Station on a first come first serve basis. Ticket includes all day travel on the Railway, meet & greet, entertainment with Stu-Di-Doo and a voucher to return to the Railway in the 2019 season. Enhanced event train service will be running this weekend. Dogs not permitted.

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### **30 March – 22 April TEDDIES GO FREE**

- **Time:** All journeys
- **Price:** All children with a teddy (aged under 16 years) free when accompanied by an adult with a Calling All Stations ticket £15.50 adult, Online advance £13.50
- **Link:** <https://ravenglass-railway.co.uk/events/event.php?id=148>

Join in the fun this Easter and bring those teddies because #TeddyFest is back! All children with a teddy bear travel for free when accompanied by an adult with a Calling All Stations ticket. Grab some food from the café and enjoy a teddy bear picnic or follow the teddy trail and explore the onsite Museum.

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### **25 May - 2 June MAGICAL STATION GARDENS**

- **Time:** All journeys
- **Price:** All children (aged under 16 years) free when accompanied by an adult with a Calling All Stations ticket £15.50 adult, Online advance £13.50
- **Link:** <https://ravenglass-railway.co.uk/events/event.php?id=148>

Explore our magical station gardens and become part of the fairytale. Pick up a free unicorn trail and take part in some magical crafts. Free child entry when dressed up and accompanied by a full paying adult. #findthefairies.

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### **15 & 16 June YOUNG ENGINEERS DAY OUT WITH PETER'S RAILWAY**

- **Time:** 10:00 or 12:30
- **Price:** £16.00 per adult, £9.50 per Child (5-15yrs)
- **Link:** <https://ravenglass-railway.co.uk/events/event.php?id=157>

An exclusive day out on the Railway for all young engine enthusiasts. Go behind the scenes at Ravenglass and find out how engines work with the author of Peter's Railway as your guide. Then head into the Museum, where you will be read a Peter's Railway story; each child will receive a book signed by the author himself! You will also receive a complimentary ticket for a return steam journey which can either be taken on the same day or any time in the 2019 season.

Dogs not permitted. Please note: this event is not suitable for children under 5 years old due to the engineer's workshop part of the event. Minimum of 1 adult per 2 children.

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**24 - 25 July                      NATIONAL TRUST ACTIVITY DAYS**

- **Time:** Various
- **Price:** Free
- **Link:** <https://ravenglass-railway.co.uk/events/event.php?id=158>

The National Trust returns to Dalegarth Station for hands on fun; find out how to build a den, create a drystone wall, learn about species and their habitats plus lots more! This event is free and part of our scheduled service.

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**26 July, 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 August                      KIDS FREE FRIDAYS**

- **Time:** Various
- **Price:** Free for a child under 16 accompanied by an adult with a valid Calling All Stations ticket £15.50 / £13.50 online.
- **Link:** <https://ravenglass-railway.co.uk/events/event.php?id=160>

Kids Free Fridays are back for the summer. Kids aged under 16 years old can travel for free every Friday during the July & August School holiday. Each child must be accompanied by an adult with a valid Calling All Stations ticket to qualify for FREE entry.

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**8 August                      WILD WILD WEST LAKES**

- **Time:** Various
- **Prices:** Adult £15.50, online £13.50. Child (5-15yrs) £11.50, £8.10 online
- **Link:** <https://ravenglass-railway.co.uk/events/event.php?id=161>

Yee-haw and buckle up. The Wild Wild West is coming to the Lake District. Join in themed activities and become a true cowboy. Children in fancy dress and accompanied by an adult with a valid Calling All Stations ticket, travel with us for FREE on this day.

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**5 & 6 October                      PAW PATROL AT RAVENGLASS & ESKDALE RAILWAY**

Join in the fun as Chase and Marshall from Paw Patrol return to the Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway. The heroic pups will be making personal appearances at intervals on each day. Ticket includes all day travel on the Railway, meet & greet, entertainment at both Ravenglass & Dalegarth stations and a voucher to return to the Railway in the 2020 season.

- **Time slots:** 9:25, 10:25, 10:45, 11:25, 11:45, 12:25, 12:45 or 13:25
  - **Price:** On the day £16.50 per adult & £12.00 per child. Online £15.50 adult & £11.50 child (children under one year FREE)
  - **Link:** <https://ravenglass-railway.co.uk/events/event.php?id=162>
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**25 & 26 October                      TRULY TERRIFYING GHOST TRAINS**

Are you looking for a real scare?! Back for 2019 and scarier than ever be prepared to scream on our truly terrifying Ghost Train! Travel the line in darkness and see if you can make it back to Ravenglass safely as you encounter lots of surprises on our haunted train

tracks. The ticket includes a return train trip and of course lots of terrifying scares on the way back to Ravenglass.

*Please note*, this train is designed to scare and we recommend that younger children travel on our normal service trains instead. Strobe lighting will be used at this event. Not recommended for children under 10.

- **Time:** Transport train departs Ravenglass at 18:00, ghost train leaves Dalegarth at 19:15
  - **Price:** £16.00 per adult, £9.00 per child
  - **Link:** <https://ravenglass-railway.co.uk/events/event.php?id=163>
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**Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway** is a family-owned business operating a heritage, narrow gauge steam railway on the Western Coast of the Lake District. The railway is surrounded by stunning views and walks and is based in Ravenglass, the only coastal village in the Lake District National Park. The business's awards include a Silver Green Tourism award, Coach Tourism's 2015 Heritage Railway award, Cumbria Tourism's 2015 Large Visitor Attraction of the Year award among many others. In 2019 the railway celebrates the 125th Birthday of River Irt train and launch of brand new luxury Observation carriage.

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