

# South Devon Railway STEAM TRAINS



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2023 Guide and Time Table



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## WELCOME

Taking a journey back in time on our 11km line, along the valley of the Dart, through some of Devon's most beautiful countryside, rich in wildlife, will be only a part of your day with us.

So come and discover the award winning South Devon Railway, the friendly destination that beautifully mixes heritage with stunning scenery, amazing wildlife and a day out for all the family, whatever the weather.

 Faire un voyage dans le temps sur notre ligne de 11 km, le long de la vallée du Dart, à travers certaines des plus belles campagnes du Devon, riche en faune, ne sera qu'une partie de votre journée avec nous.

Alors venez découvrir le chemin de fer primé du sud du Devon, la destination conviviale qui mélange magnifiquement patrimoine avec des paysages époustouflants, une faune incroyable et une journée pour toute la famille, quel que soit le temps.

 Eine Zeitreise auf unserer 11 km langen Strecke entlang des Tals des Darts durch einige der schönsten Landschaften von Devon, reich an Wildtieren, wird nur ein Teil Ihres Tages mit uns sein.

Kommen Sie also und entdecken Sie die preisgekrönte South Devon Railway, das freundliche Reiseziel, das Erbe auf wunderbare Weise mit atemberaubender Landschaft, erstaunlicher Tierwelt und einem Tagesausflug für die ganze Familie bei jedem Wetter verbindet.

 Een reis terug in de tijd maken op onze 11 km lange lijn, langs de vallei van de Dart, door enkele van de mooiste landschappen van Devon, rijk aan dieren in het wild, zal slechts een deel van uw dag bij ons zijn.

Dus kom en ontdek de bekroonde South Devon Railway, de vriendelijke bestemming die ergoed prachtig combineert met een prachtig landschap, geweldige dieren in het wild en een dagje uit voor het hele gezin, ongeacht het weer.

 Hacer un viaje en el tiempo en nuestra línea de 11 km, a lo largo del valle de Dart, a través de algunos de los paisajes más hermosos de Devon, ricos en vida silvestre, será solo una parte de su día con nosotros.

Así que venga y descubra el galardonado Ferrocarril del Sur de Devon, el destino amigable que combina maravillosamente el patrimonio con un paisaje deslumbrante, una vida salvaje increíble y un día para toda la familia, sin importar el clima.

 Podróż w czasie na naszej 11-kilometrowej linii wzdłuż doliny Dart, przez jedne z najpiękniejszych obszarów Devon, bogate w dziką przyrodę, będzie tylko częścią Twojego dnia.

Więc przyjdź i odkryj nagradzaną South Devon Railway, przyjazne miejsce, które pięknie łączy dziedzictwo z oszałamiającą scenérią, niesamowitą przyrodą i całodniową wycieczką dla całej rodziny, niezależnie od pogody.

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SOUTH DEVON RAILWAY

Buckfast Abbey



### BUCKFASTLEIGH

- Museum exhibits, featuring *Tiny*, the sole surviving loco from Brunel's broad gauge
- Attractive gardens
- Gift & Model shop
- Café, operated by Birdie's Kitchen
- Bridge View Kiosk
- Model railway
- Miniature railway\*
- Garden railway\*
- Workshop viewing gallery
- Riverside walk and picnic area
- Dartmoor Otters & Buckfast Butterflies
- Free car parking
- Local bus services stop at end of the station drive (except Sunday), c. 100m walk



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- Unspoilt wayside station, featured in films and TV
- Riverside walks

### STAVERTON



### TOTNES RIVERSIDE

- Totnes Rare Breeds Farm and coffee shop†
- Historic station buildings, rescued from all over the West Country
- Footpaths to Totnes town, c. 1000m
- Footpath to main line station, c. 450m
- Bob the Bus bus services to Totnes town, c. 1000m
- Walk to Totnes Castle, c. 1000m
- Bicycle rack
- Bus and train services to Totnes main line station



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\*Selected days and weather permitting (see website for dates).  
†Subject to availability.

## TIME TABLE 2023

We strive to run our trains on time and, to help us, we ask passengers to please arrive at our stations at least 15 minutes before departure times. **Thank you.**

Trains run from 25th March to 29th October. Except on event days, trains depart at the times shown below. On peak days during school holidays, additional train services run. See our website for more details.

### Time table

		a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
<b>Buckfastleigh</b>	depart	10.30	12.10	2.15	3.45
<b>Staverton</b>	depart	10.45	12.25	2.30	4.00
<b>Totnes Riverside</b>	arrive	11.00	12.40	2.45	4.15
<b>Totnes Riverside</b>	depart	11.20	1.00	3.00	4.30
<b>Staverton</b>	depart	11.33	1.13	3.13	4.43
<b>Buckfastleigh</b>	arrive	11.50	1.30	3.30	5.00

The Polar Express™ runs in November and December. See our website or separate leaflet for details and dates, and to book tickets.



**All our trains are steam hauled**, except when diesel locos are rostered in the event of non-availability of steam locos, at some of our special events and on additional peak school holiday services.



**DISABLED VISITORS:** Nearly all our trains have facilities for disabled visitors with access from all stations.

**Fares:** Please see our website or visit our booking offices for fares. To reserve seats in advance, please book online.

**Under threes:** Travel free except on certain special event days.

**Schools, Parties and Groups:** Special discounts apply for groups. Call us in advance, see our separate leaflet or visit our website.

**Coach parties welcome:** The SDR is an ideal destination for coach parties or even as a stop off point for a tea or coffee break. Call us or see our website for booking details.

**Dogs:** Dogs are very welcome at a nominal charge and we ask that they are kept off the seats. Only assistance dogs can travel on dining trains.

There is no smoking in any SDR train or station.

Every effort will be made to provide the services advertised. However, the company reserves the right to alter services, facilities and dates of operation without notice and accepts no liability for any loss, inconvenience or delay caused. Except at stations, entry to railway land is prohibited.

**Sunday lunch and afternoon tea trains:** These run on selected Sundays. For dates and to book your place, please go to our website.

**Drive-A-Train:** Your chance to drive a steam or diesel locomotive.

For dates and to book, please go to our website.

Thanks to our photographers Roy Smallpage, Mick Medley, Sarah Anne Harvey and Jack Boskett.

## EVENTS IN 2023

For more details and additional events, see our website and our separate events leaflet.

**Winter Steam Open Days**  
February 11th, 12th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 18th, 19th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 25th & 26th

While we are working on winter track maintenance and renewal, the site at Buckfastleigh is open where you'll find a loco in steam, steam train rides, gardens, museum, signal box and workshop viewing gallery open, cream teas and heritage rolling stock on display.

**Mother's Day**  
March 19th

Treat mum to a delicious cream tea on board a steam train on her special day. Trains running all day. Please book online through our website.

**Easter Family Fun Weekend**  
April 7th – 10th

Bring the family for an Easter Egg Hunt, children's activities, entertainers and loads to do for the whole family. Steam trains running all day.

**Family Fun Weekend**  
April 29th, 30th and May 1st

Your ticket includes as many return journeys as you like plus entry to neighbouring attractions<sup>1</sup>, including Dartmoor Otters & Buckfast Butterflies at no extra cost. Plus family entertainment too.

<sup>1</sup>Subject to availability



**Spring Rails & Ales**  
May 26th – 29th

Real ales, ciders, craft beers and food at Staverton station. Steam and heritage diesel trains into the evening. DJ and music. Access by SDR trains from Buckfastleigh and Totnes only.

**Back to the 1940s**  
July 1st – 2nd

Take a step back to the 1940s and enjoy the fashion, music and vehicles of the era. Sales stands with vintage items and clothing. Vintage civilian and military vehicles. Trains all day. Come along dressed for the event!

**Summer Rails & Ales**  
August 25th – 28th

Real ales, ciders, craft beers and food at Staverton station. Steam and heritage diesel trains into the evening. DJ and music. Access by SDR trains from Buckfastleigh and Totnes only.

**Family Fun Weekend**  
September 23rd – 24th

Your ticket includes as many return journeys as you like plus entry to neighbouring attractions<sup>1</sup>, including Dartmoor Otters & Buckfast Butterflies at no extra cost. Plus family entertainment too.

**The Polar Express™**  
November and December

The Polar Express™ will be back again for another magical Christmas Experience unlike any other. To reserve your places for this sensational event, pre-book through our website. Organised by PNP Events.

**New Year Festive Trains**  
December 26th – January 1st 2024

Come and enjoy a relaxing post-Christmas steam train ride along the valley of the river Dart with friends and family. A great time to experience the scenery!

**Take the train to Totnes and Bob the Bus into the town**

A Bob the Bus low floor accessible bus runs to and from the town centre (Market Square) from the bus stop at Totnes main line station on Mondays to Fridays, except Bank Holidays.

**South Devon Railway Gifts & Models** at Buckfastleigh station carries a great range of gifts and souvenirs. It is also one of the West Country's top model railway shops, stocking many of the leading brands.

**Birdie's Kitchen** café at Buckfastleigh station serves hot and cold meals, snacks, drinks and ice creams.

**The Bridge View kiosk** is open weekends and school holidays when trains are running and serves snacks, drinks and ice creams.

— THE —  
**SOUTH DEVON LIMITED**  
— RESTAURANT CAR —

Relax and enjoy a delicious freshly cooked meal, served at your seats as the train glides along the valley of the River Dart on the South Devon Limited.

See the website for details.

**DRIVE A TRAIN**

The ultimate footplate experience. An unforgettable gift or treat yourself to the thrill of driving and firing a real GWR steam locomotive or heritage BR diesel engine. Join the crew as they prepare the loco then spend the day travelling up and down the line as you learn about the controls from the experts. A day like no other. Call us or go online for dates and to book.

## HOW TO FIND US

If you're coming to us by car, our large free car park is at Buckfastleigh. Alternatively come by train to Totnes, or bus to Totnes or Buckfastleigh. Cycles are welcome: there is a cycle rack at Totnes Riverside.



**By Car** – Buckfastleigh is midway between Exeter and Plymouth on the A38. Leave at the Dart Bridge junction and follow the brown signs. Sat nav: TQ11 0DZ. There is free parking and we are close to Buckfast Abbey. Our station at Totnes Riverside is an approx. 450m walk from Totnes main line station, where there is pay and display car parking. Please follow the signs. Footpaths link our station to Totnes town centre and its car parks.



**By train** – [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)  
Nearest station is Totnes, approx. 450m by footpath from our station. Please follow the signs. GWR and Cross Country Trains main line services run to Totnes from local stations, Cornwall, London, Bristol, the Midlands and the North.

**By bus** – [www.travelinesw.com](http://www.travelinesw.com)

**Tallyho 164**  
Totnes > Kingsbridge > Salcombe

**Stagecoach South West 7**  
Exeter > Newton Abbot > Totnes

**Stagecoach South West X38**  
Exeter > Ashburton > Buckfastleigh > Ivybridge > Plymouth

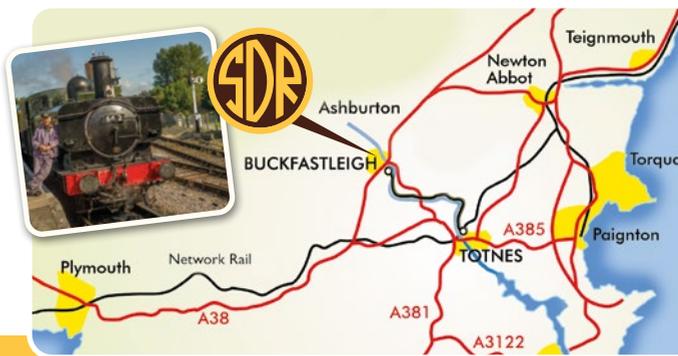
**Stagecoach South West 88**  
Newton Abbot > Ashburton > Buckfastleigh > Totnes (Mon – Sat)

**Stagecoach South West 92**  
Totnes > Harbertonford > Blackawton Leisure Park > Dartmouth (Mon – Sat)

**Stagecoach South West Gold**  
Paignton > Totnes > Plymouth

**Bob the Bus**

**Totnes Circular** 'Hail & Ride' services, linking the railway station with the town (Mon – Fri) [www.bobthebus.org.uk](http://www.bobthebus.org.uk)  
Bus services are subject to change. Please check before travelling.



**The Railway Station, Buckfastleigh, Devon TQ11 0DZ**  
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