

## Enjoy a steam train ride and meet Santa at Apedale!

Your trip begins by checking-in at the railway shop, in the station adjacent to the Apedale Heritage Centre.

The station shop is well-stocked with railway-related books and gifts to suit all ages and pockets - ideal for that elusive last-minute present

During the 15-minute round trip, Santa will meet the train, and return to the Heritage Centre. Here, children will be able to meet Santa individually in his Grotto. Make sure your camera is ready to capture those magical Christmas memories! The experience lasts (typically) between 30 minutes and an hour.



## When do the trains run?

Trains run on:-

- December 13 & 14
- December 20 & 21

Trains will run at the following times:-

1000, 1100, 1200, 1330, 1430, 1530, 1630.

The 1200 train on December 13th ONLY will be a "quiet" train - we will turn off music, and the grotto will be more brightly lit than usual. This may be helpful for some children

We can carry two wheelchairs on each train; please contact us in advance if you need to use a wheelchair space so that we can ensure space is available.

Please note that we usually sell-out all tickets well in advance, so on the day tickets will be very limited, and may be unavailable.

What's in the price?

- Ride on the Steam Train for everybody.
- A hot drink for all adults (collect from the Heritage Centre cafe)
- Children meet Santa.
- Each child receives a quality gift from Santa.

Santa has gifts for children in the age groups birth - 1 year, 1-3 years, 3-8 years and 8 years plus. Older children who do not require a gift can travel as adults. Babes-in-arms travel free of charge if no present is required.

## How to book?

### *In person*

Come and see us at Apedale on any Saturday or Sunday until the end of October between 1100 and 1600. Further openings for in-person bookings will be confirmed on the website.

### *Online*

Please visit [www.avlr.org.uk](http://www.avlr.org.uk) for online bookings.

Advance Price:

Children - £13.00, Adults - £9.75

On the Day Price: (subject to space being on the trains)

Children - £15.00, Adults - £12.00

Arrival and check-in

Please park where signposted. You will be directed to the railway station, where you should check-in at least 20 minutes before your train is due to depart. You will be asked to confirm children in your party and their age groups - you should select the age group (for the gift) which you feel appropriate for your child.

You will be issued with your train ticket and a token for each child to hand to Santa. You may wish to check-in early and visit the Heritage Centre and enjoy the food and drink on offer in their cafe - but make sure you're back at the station in time for your train.

### Boarding the Train

Please arrive 20 minutes before your train is due to depart. Check-in at the station shop to collect your ticket before boarding the train. Don't forget to look for last minute gifts! We will always try to seat parties together, but cannot guarantee that as trains can get busy.

Please dress warmly - the coaches are unheated.

### Other attractions

Our partner organisation, the Apedale Heritage Centre offers a guided tour of the coal mine (age restrictions apply), a free-to-enter museum and cafe. Don't forget that every adult ticket includes a free hot drink, which should be claimed at the Heritage Centre cafe.

Alternatively, the country park offers ample opportunities for a walk.

### Any problems?

Should you have any problems on the day, please speak to one of our team. If you have booked for a child who is unable to attend, please let us know and we will ask Santa to supply an appropriate gift to send home for them.

In the event of late (or non) arrival:

- we reserve the right to re-allocate your seats.
- we will endeavour to seat you on a later train, subject to availability
- if we are unable to accomodate you on a later train, you will be offered the option to take a gift from Santa without the train ride.

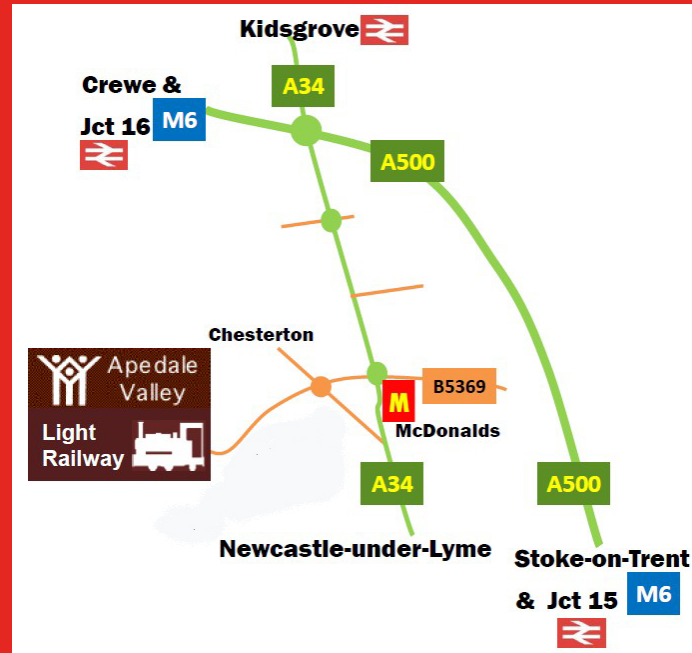
### Anything else?

Please note that all trains depart from our station adjacent to Apedale Heritage Centre. It is not possible to join Santa Trains at Apedale Road station.

Thank you, and we hope you enjoy your time with us.

### Where are we?

We are situated in Apedale Country Park, Staffordshire. Sat Nav users should use ST5 7LB, which will take you to Loomer Road industrial estate. Proceed along Loomer Road to the very end, and enter the Country Park. Continue to follow this road to the parking area adjacent to the Heritage Centre. For more information visit: [www.avlr.org.uk](http://www.avlr.org.uk)



### Enquiries

Please phone us on: 0845 094 1953 between 9am and 9pm.

*Calls to this number cost 7p per minute plus your network's access charge.*

Alternatively email us at:

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