

# Special Events

**30<sup>th</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Easter Weekend**  
 Four days of steam from Good Friday until Easter Monday with free plant potting (whilst stocks last) on Good Friday and an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday.

**6–7<sup>th</sup> May – Jack the Station Cat & Edward Bear Weekend**  
 Expect fun and antics with everyone's favourite railway cat and the Railway's own bear!

**27–28<sup>th</sup> May – Teddy Bears Picnic**  
 Two days of teddy bear fun!  
 Children with a teddy bear and adult travel free – bring a picnic or buy a kids snack at Kemsley Down!

**30<sup>th</sup> May – Half Term Holiday**  
 Looking for something to do midweek during half term?  
 Come along and spend the afternoon with us!

**7–8<sup>th</sup> July – Steam & Beer Weekend**  
 Steam trains, real ales, ciders, food, live music (Saturday) and entertainment (Sunday) all you could possibly want!  
 Trains from 11am until late on Saturday and 11am–5pm on Sunday (special fares apply).

**26–27<sup>th</sup> August – Ivor the Engine Weekend**  
 Everyone's favourite little Welsh engine returns to Kemsley Down for some bank holiday live action fun.

**29<sup>th</sup>–30<sup>th</sup> September – End of Season Gala Weekend**  
 Let's play trains over the last weekend of the season. There will be a mix of passenger and freight trains hauled by steam or diesel locomotives.

**Santa Specials**  
 A great Christmas treat – come and meet Santa at Kemsley Down! Special fares apply – children under 16 receive a gift from Santa whilst everyone else gets seasonal refreshments.  
 Special fares apply, booking essential.

# Finding the Railway

## By Road – for sat. nav. use ME10 2XD

From the M2 (J5) or M20 (J7), follow A249 towards Sheerness and take the second Sittingbourne exit, at Bobbing, then follow signs for B2006 and Town Centre. At B2006 Mill Way roundabout you will have Milton Regis Viaduct in front of you, turn right and follow the brown heritage signs to Sittingbourne Viaduct station (within Sittingbourne Retail Park).  
**Please note that Milton Regis (Asda) Halt remains closed until further notice, due to vandalism.**  
 There is no road access to Kemsley Down station, however, there is pedestrian access to/from the Saxon Shore Way footpath (except during Steam & Beer and Santa Specials).



**Motorists** - follow the coloured routes to Sittingbourne Retail Park then follow the grey route to the car park then walk to the entrance via The Wall.  
**Pedestrians** - from Sittingbourne National Rail Station should follow the **pale blue route** (cross the road at the zebra crossing towards Morrisons, then at the traffic lights towards McDonald's).

## By Rail – National Rail Enquiries: 03457 484950

Sittingbourne National Rail station is well served by classic and High Speed services operated by Southeastern from London Victoria, St. Pancras International, the Medway Towns, Kent Coast and Sheerness. Sittingbourne Viaduct station is just a few minutes walk away, within Sittingbourne Retail Park.

## By Bus – Traveline Bus Enquiries: 0871 2002233

Local buses serve Sittingbourne National Rail station and the Forum Shopping Centre. Sittingbourne Viaduct station is a short walk from these locations. The closest bus stop is at Morrisons, Mill Way.

## SKLR Passenger Information: 01795 424899

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# Sittingbourne's Steam Railway 2018 Timetable



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MARCH						
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Visit our website for details of Footplate Experience days, membership and much more – [www.sklr.net](http://www.sklr.net)

The footplate crews pose with their locos (Leader, Melior and Superb) during the End of Season Gala Weekend 2017

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 Jack the Station Cat appears thanks to Alan Cliff,  
 Ivor the Engine appears thanks to Small Films Ltd., Peter Firmin & Coolabi and our Captain Jack Sparrow lookalike is Terry Austin – [www.thelosttreasure.co.uk](http://www.thelosttreasure.co.uk)

Times at:	11am-4pm	Normal Timetable: 1-4pm			
Sittingbourne Viaduct	11:00 12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	16:00
Kemsley Down	11:15 12:15	13:15	14:15	15:15	16:15
Kemsley Down	11:35 12:35	13:35	14:35	15:35	16:45
Sittingbourne Viaduct	11:50 12:50	13:50	14:50	15:50	17:00
See website for details of:	Special Timetable	Santa Specials			
Please arrive at least 5 minutes before departure to prevent delay to trains as you will need to buy your tickets prior to departure					

Fares	Single	Return	Rover
Adult	£4.00	£7.00	£10.00
Concession	TBA	£6.00	TBA
Child (aged 3-15)	£2.50	£3.00	£6.00
Family	-	£19.00	-
Special fares apply for Steam & Beer and Santa Specials events			

From arriving at Sittingbourne Viaduct station and its Marvellous Mural through to the trip over the century-old, kilometre-long, Milton Regis Viaduct and through Milton Creek Country Park to Britain's biggest paper mill at Kemsley Down, a journey on Sittingbourne's Steam Railway is quite unique!

The Railway operates over the southern half of the former paper mill industrial railway system using original steam locomotives and rolling stock.

The narrow (2ft 6in) gauge steam locomotives Leader, Melior and Superb will take turns to operate trains throughout the season.

The journey takes 15 minutes in both directions so a round trip can take as little as an hour. Kemsley Down is the main base for the Railway and here you will find the engine shed, sidings, small exhibits museum,

Footplate Café, shop, picnic areas and award winning wildlife garden. Feel free to stay for a while and catch a later train home to enjoy the facilities.

We aim to be an affordable, family-friendly day out that also caters for railway enthusiasts, local and industrial historians.

The Railway is run entirely by volunteers and we are always looking for more help, not just with the operation of the Railway but also the maintenance and upkeep of the entire two-mile site.

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