



PINEWOOD (WOKINGHAM) MINIATURE RAILWAY

BIRTHDAY PARTY INFORMATION - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Pinewood (Wokingham) Miniature Railway is a ground level 5" and 7 ¼" gauge passenger carrying miniature railway in the grounds of Pinewood Leisure Centre (RG40 3AQ) www.pinewoodactivities.org.uk. The railway is owned, operated and maintained entirely by volunteers. We are pleased to offer a limited number of 'Birthday Party' events - when the railway and its trains are run just for you and your guests!

For more information about the Railway please see our website – www.pinewoodrailway.co.uk

Please contact our Birthday Party coordinator to book - email party@pinewoodrailway.co.uk or phone 07930 848 441.

What does the railway offer during a 'Birthday Party'?

- Exclusive use of the railway for a two hour period, with unlimited free rides during that time.

When can the railway be booked?

- 11am – 1pm, on the 'third Sunday in the month' from March to October.

How many people can be invited?

- A maximum of around 20 children, and sufficient parents and guardians to look after them (typically 10 dependent on age ranges).
- Parents and guardians are actively encouraged to ride with the children, and will be required to do so with younger or smaller children for everyone's comfort and safety.

What happens during the party?

- Timings can be tailored to the wishes of the organiser, the following indicative timings works well.
 - 10.30 am - party organisers arrive and set up;
 - 11.00 am - guests arrive, introductory talk given to all attendees by a member of the Society;
 - 11.05 am - train rides begin;
 - 12.10 pm - break for food and cake;
 - 12.40 pm - train rides continue;
 - 1.00 pm - train rides conclude and the party finishes.

What does the railway provide?

- Passenger trains and staff. We seek to provide a minimum of two trains, normally hauled by a combination of steam and diesel or electric outline locomotives, to provide variety and choice.
- 'Train Driver' photo opportunity for the birthday boy or girl (with parents and or siblings as requested).
- Picnic tables (typically located in the gazebo), a separate table for storage, hot and cold water, limited fridge space.
- A 6m x 3m gazebo for some weather protection.
- Power for small appliances (eg music player).
- We can provide teas & coffees if requested in advance.

What do party organisers need to provide?

- Food and drink, decorations, party bags, and anything else to make your party special.

What if the weather isn't great?

- The railway is an outdoor venue and we recommend guests dress accordingly.
- The gazebo and station canopy provide some, limited, protection from the elements. Trains will run if it rains, although operations in more extreme weather conditions are subject to review on the day or earlier if forecast.

Is catering available?

- Unfortunately the railway cannot provide full catering facilities or services.
- There is an independent Bar & Café on site, which also offers function room hire. Further information can be found on their website <http://www.pinewoodbarandcafe.co.uk>. Email info@pinewoodbarandcafe.co.uk or phone 01344 778543

How do I book or find out more information regarding birthday parties at the railway?

- Contact our Birthday Party Coordinator Andy Cross by email party@pinewoodrailway.co.uk or phone 07930 848 441.