

SENSORY DISCOVERY BOX - all abilities

Teacher's Notes: The Sensory Discovery Box is designed to aid your group's learning and understanding of travelling by train and how times have changed. Our learning session uses hands on activities, opportunities to handle railway artefacts and role play to enable learning and discovery in a flexible and relaxed environment. The Sensory Box is full of objects to be discovered including pieces of rail, squares of chair fabric, engine plates and much, much more. The session can be paired with an up-close look in the yard or an art activity for the whole group to enjoy.



Our Education Department staff are happy to adapt the sensory session to your group's specific needs.



Duration & Timings: The round trip train service to Alton departs from Alresford Station at 11 am. The led sessions will take place during a 2 hour stop over at Ropley Station. The learning sessions allow you time to explore and have lunch. Return to Alresford is at 14:35. Alternative itineraries can be arranged. Available May – end September.

Activities: The Sensory Box will give your group an opportunity to see, feel and smell objects from around the railway in our sensory session that will enhance your group's overall experience of visiting the line. There are samples of patterned seat fabric to touch and smell, pieces of rail to hold, nuts and bolts to feel and much more. Your group is encouraged to engage with the objects through handling and discussion.



Combine the session with either:

Yard Tour: Take your group to have an up-close look at our steam locomotives in the yard. As a group, we will appreciate how big the wheels are, how an engine is classified using the number of wheels it has and how a steam engine works.

Or

Art Activity: Using our engine rubbing boards, your group will create their own locomotive rubbings using coloured crayons and you will be able to take the artwork away to proudly display at school. All materials are provided.

Cross Curricular Links: Technology, Art & Design, History, Maths, Literacy.

To Book: Please contact the Education Office for availability. Your date can be reserved with a £50 deposit.

Tailor made sessions: All our education sessions can be tailored to your curriculum and individual needs of your group. Our session is designed to be as relaxed and flexible as possible. Please contact us to discuss your requirements.

Accessibility: Please contact the Education Office if your group requires the wheelchair adapted carriage. Ramps and steps are also available for anyone that requires a helping hand into the carriage. There are disabled toilets available at the stations.

Prices: A Railway Explorer visit, including education sessions and travel - £9 / student; accompanying adults 1 free / 10 students, others £14. One-to-one carers travel for free.

Extras: Goodie Bags, franked postcards to post and Watercress Line badges are available to order for your group.

Students requiring additional support: If you have students that require additional resources, differentiation or practical assistance please let us know and we will be happy to adapt your session to make it accessible to your whole group. Large print and 'Easy Read' copies of all text are available on request.



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