



## Green timetable full day out itinerary idea

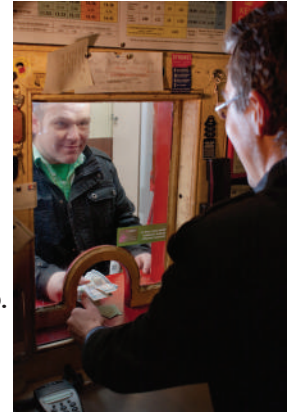
**Make the most of your time with us with this itinerary idea, follow it in this order or at your own pace and make your own itinerary. There's a handy checklist on the back so you don't miss a thing!**

**10am** Arrive, park in free car park & buy all day train & Museum ticket from authentic **Booking Office** at Bo'ness Station. EH51 9AQ.

**10.30am** Watch the engine being coupled up to the coaches then take your seat on the **steam train**. The **Guard** will be with you shortly so make yourself comfortable.



**10.45am** **Steam train** leaves Bo'ness, enjoy the views of the scenery & use On Either Side map. Visit the **On Train Buffet** & stay on train to Manuel.



Alight at **Manuel** & be amongst the first to step on to the **new platform**. See us move the locomotive from the front to the back of the train for the return journey & **meet the driver** on the footplate to get that all important photo memory.

There's a great view of the Edinburgh to Glasgow mainline to **wave to the driver and passengers** of the trains as they speed past. Listen for the Guard's whistle then get back on the train for your relaxing, nostalgic return journey, train travel the way it used to be!

**11.25am** All aboard for the journey back to Bo'ness. Why not try a **different coach** this time? We have three different types which are normally found on the 'branch set' which are the coaches of the train you are sat on today.

All built around the 1960s, there is the Tourist Standard Open coach (TSO) which has seating bays of four around a table, much like those of the most modern standard class coaches of today but with more comfortable springy seats! How about the Buffet Coach or Restaurant Miniature Buffet (RMB), make sure you enjoy a refreshment while you are there! Or you might like to sit in a compartment in our corridor coach which provides the perfect space for a family and has its own sliding door. Which one is your favourite?

**11.49am** arrive back in Bo'ness, some of our **locomotives need to take water** so look out for the water column at the East end of the platform. There's a **picnic area** right opposite if you want to enjoy your lunch or a takeaway from the **Station Buffet**.

Away from the platform there are other grassy areas by the Model Railway and picnic benches where there is space to let off steam! If the weather is not so good you are welcome to sit under the canopy at Bo'ness Station platform or enjoy food in the Station Buffet which is through the souvenir-filled **Gift Shop**.

Visit the **Model Railway** (open weekends & bank holidays) and **Museum of Scottish Railways** accessed via our new **Visitor Trail** which takes in a lot of the railway yard and will give you a great insight in to what goes on behind the scenes.

The Museum is full of historic locos & other railway items, family favourites include **changing the signals**, **sorting letters in the Travelling Post Office** and **climbing on the locos**.



Spotting fun on the new Visitor Trail to the Museum

Return to the station via the **footbridge**, you can get some great photos from there.

**1.45pm** Head back to the platform at Bo'ness for the final train of the day.

**2.10pm** Board this train, which type of **coach** will you travel in this time; an open coach, a buffet coach or a compartment coach? (see over)



**2.27pm** Alight at **Birkhill Station** and have a look around the station buildings. Maybe take a quick stroll up to see the water of the ancient Avon Gorge behind the station past the outer buildings of the former fireclay mine. You need to be back on the platform at Birkhill at **2.56pm** to re-join the train back to Bo'ness.

**3.07pm** for fresh air and exercise alight at **Kinneil Halt** and enjoy a stroll along the scenic foreshore on the banks of the Firth of Forth through the local Nature Reserve, it should take no more than 15 minutes. (tip: use train toilet and buffet before alighting at Kinneil Halt!) For those who prefer a more leisurely pace, stay aboard the train and enjoy the views as you head back to Bo'ness Station.



**3.14pm** Train arrives at Bo'ness, alight and head for home after a **great day out!**

## Your checklist, have you experienced everything?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> travelled on steam trains and                | <input type="checkbox"/> noticed the Guard blowing his whistle and waving his flag   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> heritage diesels                             | <input type="checkbox"/> met the train driver  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> seen the Model Railway                       | <input type="checkbox"/> waved to the passengers on the mainline                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> walked the Visitor Trail                     | <input type="checkbox"/> travelled in more than one type of coach                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> been to Birkhill Station                     | <input type="checkbox"/> had a bite to eat in the Station Buffet                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> found the Booking Office                     | <input type="checkbox"/> got a souvenir in the Gift Shop                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> used free car park                           | <input type="checkbox"/> crossed the metal footbridge                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> rested or let off steam in the picnic areas  | <input type="checkbox"/> heard the bell as the train arrives                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> set foot on the new Manuel Platform          | <input type="checkbox"/> watched the loco being coupled and uncoupled to its coaches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> explored Kinneil Halt & nature reserve       | <input type="checkbox"/> had your ticket clipped by the Guard                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> seen a loco taking water                     | <input type="checkbox"/> enjoyed a great day out                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> changed the signals in the Museum            | <input type="checkbox"/> brought back some lovely old memories                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sorted letters in the Travelling Post Office |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> climbed aboard a loco in the Museum          |  |

