



Welcome...

....to the Bo'ness and Kinneil Railway.

We hope you enjoy your visit and would like to try some of the activities in this leaflet.

Bo'ness Station

Your journey to Birkhill or Manuel begins at Bo'ness Station. The old station building was brought all the way from Wormit in Fife and rebuilt here at Bo'ness.

The locomotive

If you have time before your train leaves, walk along the platform to the front of the train and look at the locomotive that will take you on your journey.

The name or number of the locomotive is

The journey

Listen for the guard blowing his whistle. That means you are ready to begin your journey! The first part of the line is along the shore of the Firth of Forth. Can you see the hills of Fife across the water?

When you have passed the dock, look out for the stone sculptures to the right of the train.

Listen for toots from the engine's whistle to warn people on the level crossings that a train is coming.

The train slows down as it passes through Kinneil Halt. Did you see the sign with "Kinneil Halt" written on it?

After the short tunnel, the line turns inland and starts a long climb through woodlands.

Can you hear the engine working hard as it climbs the hill?

Look out for a small waterfall on the left of the train.

Look through the window on the right of the train. Can you see how high the train has climbed?

When you come out of the woods and pass fields and pasture, you will soon be at Birkhill Station. Some passengers may wish to get off the train to walk through the Birkhill Woodlands and meadows, so the train will stop here for a few minutes to let them off.

Your journey continues through countryside and along a viaduct over the Avon Gorge. See how high up you are!

Soon you will be at Manuel your journey's end. You can get off the train and watch the locomotive "running round" the train ready for the return journey to Bo'ness. Perhaps you might spot the guard moving the tail-lamp to the rear of the train or be able to speak to the driver and fireman on the footplate of the engine.

You can also see trains passing by on the main line between Edinburgh and Glasgow. Give the passengers on those trains a wave!

Try this wordsearch on the return journey:

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guard
station
platform
Bo'ness
Birkhill
Manuel
signal
wagon
tender
train
coach
coal

When you get home, colour in the picture on the cover of this leaflet to remind you of some of the things you have seen on your visit.

The Museum of Scottish Railways

Back at Bo'ness, in the Museum of Scottish Railways, you can see more engines, carriages and wagons, and find out how railways changed the lives of families in the past.

You can get in FREE if you go with an adult.



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