

Visit the railway

Planned by Isambard Kingdom Brunel as a branch line of the Bristol and Exeter Railway and opened in 1862, the West Somerset Railway is the longest standard gauge independent heritage railway in the UK.



Bring History to life

In addition to rides aboard our fantastic locomotives, the Gauge Museum at Bishops Lydeard offers educational sessions and loans boxes to suit a range of topics and Key Stages as well as museum trails to support teacher-led visits.



Museum Learning Sessions

Based on the 2014 National Curriculum, and using a range of real and replica objects, museum sessions offer an opportunity not only to explore our local and national history, but also provide links to the STEM subjects if desired.

Learning sessions are currently in the development stage, and we anticipate being able to offer a broader range as our education programme grows

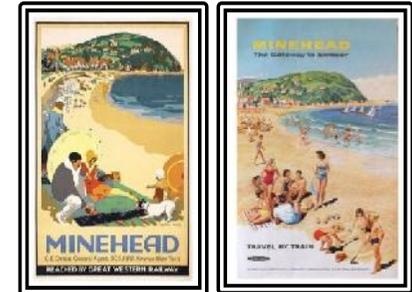
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Current Sessions include:

EYFS/KS1: 'A trip to the seaside'

Exploring and comparing how seaside holidays have changed over time with links to local history through the development of Minehead from small town to big attraction



KS1: 'Who was Isambard Kingdom Brunel?'

Exploring the life and achievements of Isambard Kingdom Brunel and the changes that his GWR and branch lines brought to our local area.

KS2: Victorian Britain: 'How did the railways change people's lives in our locality?'

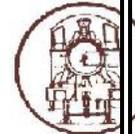
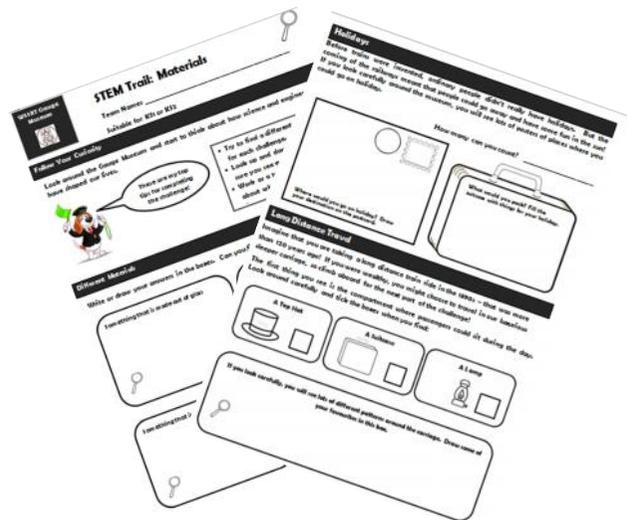
Exploring how the railways became a defining part of Britain's Industrial Revolution, changing people's lives throughout the Victorian period and establishing the framework of the modern world.

Teacher-Led Visits

If you wish to design your own visit to the Gauge Museum, our friendly volunteers are always willing to answer your questions!

Why not complement your visit with one of our museum trails.

In addition to our Family Trail, we also offer a range of STEM-themed scavenger hunts, which encourage children of all ages to explore our collections in greater depth.



Coming Soon!

Museum Loans Boxes

Do you want to bring history to life in your classroom?

The Gauge Museum is currently developing a range of real and replica objects to support creative and interactive learning in schools.

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