

Visit Guidance Notes for Self-led Visit to the 'The Watercress Line'

Our uniformed staff will be happy to help if you have any problems or questions, please ask.

At Alresford

- Book in your numbers at the ticket window in the booking hall, in the station entrance.
- If your group need a toilet break before joining the train, please use the facilities in the Old Goods Shed building at the bridge end of the platform. (Through the main entrance and turn right). There is also plenty of space at that end of the platform if you wish to sit and have a snack break.
- If you have time please feel free to explore the station, you can visit the 'Cattle Dock' (outside the station entrance) or get a better view of the station's geography from the bridge or the opposite platform.
- If our driver invites some of your group into the engine's cab, please ensure that a member of your staff is in the cab with them at all times. *(This is completely at the discretion of the driver and often cannot happen due to operational requirements / time / the size of your group etc.)*
- Your carriage will be marked as **reserved** for your group; we would suggest you board at the train at least 15 minutes before your departure time.

At Alton

- You may wish to hop off the train when it reaches the end of the line, then see the locomotive swap ends. The engine will then travel down the outside track to switch tracks, listen out for the points changing and filling up with water from the water tower before it couples back onto the front end of the carriages ready to depart.
- To watch this happen, please assemble at the end of the platform along the fence line. Be wary of other visitors who may also be watching this take place.

On the Train

- There are toilets at the end of each carriage. Please make sure they are not used when the train is in any station.

At Ropley

- Toilet Facilities: there are limited toilets in the station.
The main toilet facilities are at the back of the picnic area. We share these facilities with the neighbouring private holiday site. Please leave them as you would wish to find them.
N.B. There are shower cubicles in the toilet areas, please supervise your group!
- The Carriage Restoration Viewing Gallery will be open to the public. The Education Room / Viewing Gallery can be used for self led activities if not booked by another group. Please leave the room tidy after use.

- If the weather is poor you may use the waiting rooms and benches under the canopies for picnics, please leave these areas clean and tidy for our other visitors. The station staff can provide bin bags for any rubbish.
- To take a circular tour of the site, follow these Restoration Route way markers.



- DO NOT ENTER the yard if you find either the footpath entrance is chained off or the vehicle barrier to the yard area is down. A good view of the yard can still be obtained from the foot path from the Kings Cross Bridge and from the picnic area.
- In the yard, do not let children walk along the rails, touch the locomotives or stray onto the tracks. This is a working area so please be very cautious.
- Don't miss seeing the afternoon train arrive, fill up with water and then depart. The best view is from the picnic area opposite the signal box.

Your coach or minibus will be collecting you from our Visitor Car Park and not from the station forecourt.

We would suggest you assemble at the far end of the picnic area rather than in the car park itself.

Ropley Station Map for Self-led Visits

Private Camp Site

Access to Toilets only

