

Visit programme examples for school visits to the Watercress Line

Please find below examples of visit itineraries of school visits to the Watercress Line. We ask that you start and finish your visit with us at our Ropley station site due to there being ample parking space for coaches and minibuses. The top car park is fully accessible from the A31.

If visiting on a two train service day (such as weekends) there is greater flexibility within the programme of your visit to do several train trips depending on where you start and finish and what times you start and finish your visit and journeys.

Group of 30 pupils plus teachers and additional adults:

10.30am	Arrival at Ropley station top car park. Welcomes and introductions by the education team
10.30am – 11.00am	Visit toilets and drop bags in the up waiting room
11.15am	Catch the train to Alton
11.40am	Train arrives at Alton, if time allows hop off and see the engine swap ends
12noon	Train departs Alton for Ropley
12.25pm	Train arrives at Ropley Get off the train
12.25pm – 1.15pm	Lunch break in orchard area or learning centre
1.15pm	Learning workshop session in viewing gallery and station spaces

Groups of 30-60 pupils plus teachers and additional adults:

Time	Group 1	Group 2
10.30am	Arrival Welcomes and introductions Met in top car park by education team	
10.30am	Group visit toilets, drop bags in waiting room	Group drop bags in waiting room and gather to wave other group goodbye from top area
11.15am	Catch train to Alton	Workshop session in learning centre

12.25pm	Train arrives back at Ropley	Workshop finishes – make way to lunch areas, collect bags etc
12.25pm – 1.00pm	Lunch break – everyone to visit toilets before afternoon sessions start	
1.00pm	Group waves group 2 goodbye	Group board train to Alton
1.15pm	Workshop session in learning centre	
2.25pm		Train arrives back at Ropley
2.30pm onwards	Visit toilets, collect bags and depart from top car park	