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Accessibility Guide

Tanfield Railway Tyne & Wear

Andrew's House Station, NE16 5ET

The Tanfield Railway is the World's oldest railway, originally built in 1725! Experience a journey in to the past with their beautifully restored Victorian carriages.



This information is intended as a guide for visitors who are joining us on one of our North East journeys. **We strongly encourage those with specific access needs to contact us at foxandedwards@gmail.com** so that we can make provisions for your journey to be as easy and enjoyable as possible.

Car Parking

There is a large free car park at the site entrance with a good surface.

Access to the Railway

Andrew's House Station is a few minutes walk down a reasonably-steep hill from the car park. The path is step-free, well surfaced and suitable for mobility scooters and wheelchairs. Visitors should be aware that there are no parking spaces directly adjacent to the platforms.

The Marley Hill sheds are down a hill in the opposite direction, also on a well surfaced path, however access is through a railway yard where visitors cross the tracks which is level but rather uneven.

Toilets

Fully accessible toilets and baby change are available at Andrew's House Station.

The Victorian coaches are not fitted with toilets.

Boarding & Disembarking the Train

Staff have ramps readily available to assist boarding the train.

On Board the Train

All of the railway's carriages are beautifully restored 1800s Victorian wooden coaches which provide a very different experience to most heritage railways. These coaches are authentic but may not necessarily provide high levels of comfort, sometimes with wooden bench seats rather than cushions.

Lighting is provided via battery on the coach ceiling as it was originally gas. There is no heating inside the train.

The railway has a specially converted wheelchair accessible compartment in one carriage. Please contact us to discuss availability.

After Your Journey

All of our journeys are return and therefore you will be back at the same station as you departed from. Visitors will need to come back up the hill from the platform to the car park on return.

Further Information

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any specific questions or requirements.

The railway host further information on their website at

<https://tanfield-railway.co.uk/access-and-facilities/>



Accessible compartment