



Pinewood Miniature Railway Society Limited

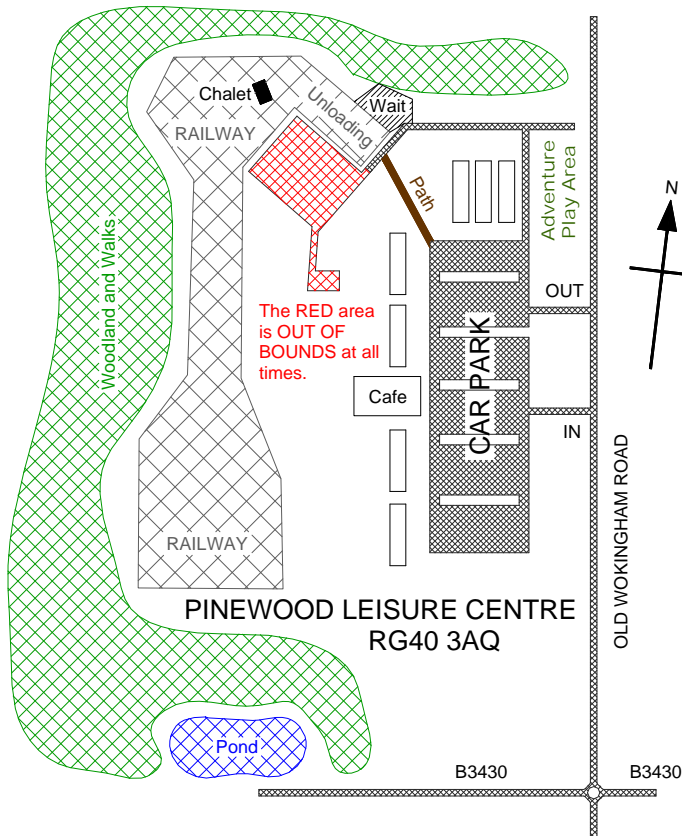
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Information for visiting locomotive owners

Welcome to Pinewood (Wokingham) Miniature Railway Society. Please read these notes before arrival and contact the Secretary if you have any queries. Email: secretary@pinewoodrailway.co.uk

Our website www.pinewoodrailway.co.uk provides additional information.



FACILITIES

Pinewood has a dual gauge (5" and 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ " gauge) ground level track running for approximately half a mile through woodland.

We have a lifting table to help with the unloading of locos from vehicles/trailers, leading to number of raised steaming bays and ground level sidings around the main turntable.

Most of the raised steaming bays have a 12V dc supply available for operating electric steam raising blowers, tap water is available in the yard and station platforms from hoses.

Some 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ " gauge passenger coaches are available for use by arrangement on the day.

Picnic tables are available in the station area and our 'chalet' has basic kitchen facilities including a fridge, kettle, and hand washing facilities.

Toilets are located adjacent to our site.

The leisure centre has a cafe alongside the main car park. It also has a children's adventure play area and areas of woodland, accessible from various points around the site.

REQUIREMENTS

- All wheelsets to meet the normal published standards for the respective 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ " or 5" gauge rolling stock.
- We are insured through the Southern Federation of Model Engineering Societies' Club & Society Insurance Scheme, arranged by Walker Midgley. Please read the 'Insurance' section of this information sheet and provide copies of the relevant documentation on the day. Please be aware that failure to provide the required information will mean you will be unable to unload your loco on the day.

ON ARRIVAL

Please drive to the area marked 'wait' on the drawing above, taking care not to block the access road. Please do not trespass into the area marked in RED as it is a motorcycle training area (this applies even if there is no visible activity in the area at the time).

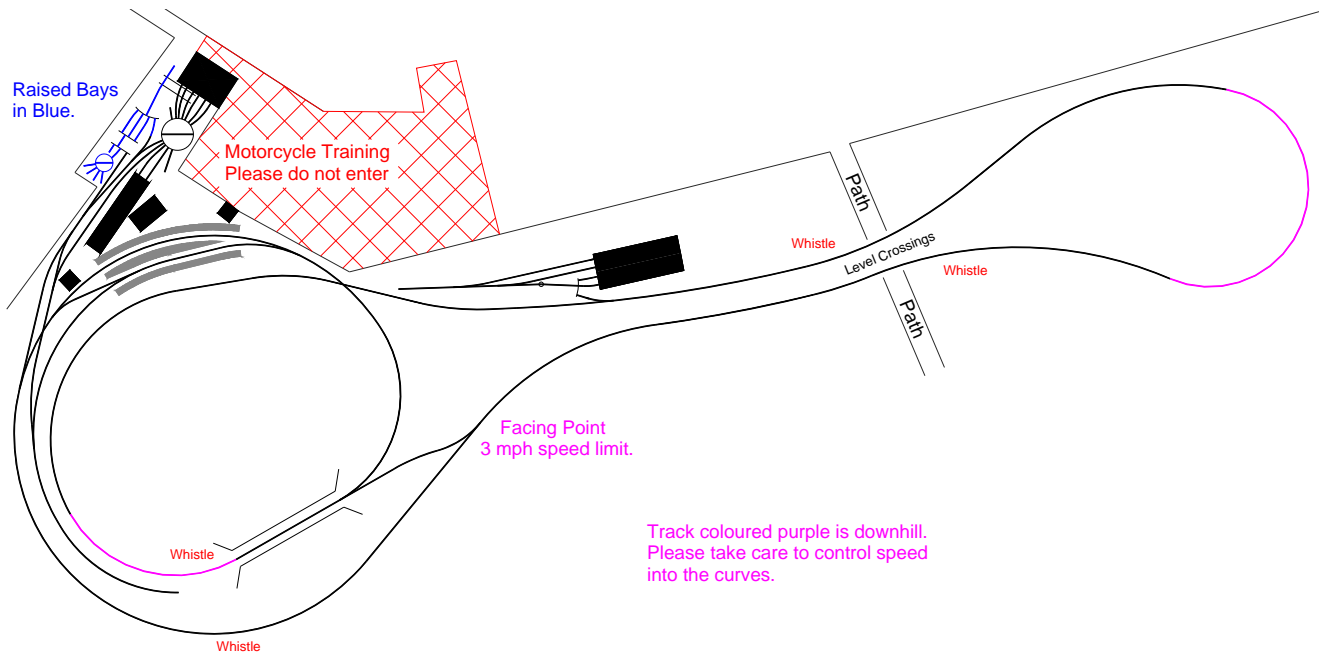
If you are accompanying a loco in a separate vehicle, please park in the main car park. The entrance gate to the railway is at the end of the path indicated on the drawing above.

Please go to the 'chalet', walking through the yard area, to book in. It is a condition of entry to the railway for insurance purposes that the name of every member of your party is entered clearly in our visitors book.

Once you have signed in we will then explain how you may bring your car to the unloading area to offload your loco, driving truck, and anything else you require.

After unloading please park your car in the main car park again to keep the roadways clear for other users and emergency vehicle access. Note that there is a one way system in operation in the car park.

TRACK



The railway is fully signalled using colour light signals, please take care to obey any in service. The Officer In Charge will advise you of the situation on arrival.

LEAVING THE YARD

Please reverse out of the yard area - use the raised or ground level turntables as required. Please take care when exiting the yard to use the track closest to the signal box and stop at the signal until the signaller gives you permission to reverse out into the head shunt. A signal will then give you permission to head into the station.

MAIN CIRCUIT

Just after the exit from the station the line arrives at a diamond crossover and trains coming from your right on the main line will be given priority. You will then proceed around an inner loop, where a bypass line comes in from your left, before crossing a viaduct. Please sound your horn or whistle as you pass the whistle sign. The track then turns back past the station to the diamond crossing after which you head out on the main loop.

At two points on the main loop you will traverse a level crossing with the white gates closed across a path. Please use your horn or whistle as you approach the crossing to warn any walkers of your approach. As you return after the second passage of the level crossing you should slow to about 3 mph as you approach a facing point. Please sound your horn or whistle as you pass another whistle sign before rounding a right hand curve on the approach to the station yard entry and the platforms again. Please take care to observe other locomotive movements in this area.

The track has several gentle gradients, with the steepest climb just after the first pass of the level crossing. If pulling carriages / loads please take care to control your speed into the downhill curves. As a guide we normally operate our passenger trains with maximum speeds not exceeding 7 mph, and 4 mph through the major curves.

RETURNING TO THE YARD (to take a break or at the end of the day)

If you wish to leave the track or stop for a while then please use your horn or whistle just before the point leading to the yard to announce your presence to the signaller and give a clear hand signal so that he may set the road into the yard area for you. Please do not use the station platforms as a loco parking area, this can lead to blocking of the running lines.

INSURANCE

Pinewood Miniature Railway Society Limited (hereafter PMRS) is insured through the Southern Federation of Model Engineering Societies' Club & Society Insurance Scheme, arranged by Walker Midgley Insurance Brokers & Underwritten by Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance plc. Please read the following extracts from our Public Liability policy wording and present the relevant paperwork upon your arrival on site.

VISITORS

Liability for death or injury to third parties and for loss or damage to third party property arising out of visiting locomotives, boats or other models and/or locomotives, boats or other models not under PMRS custody or control is included and is subject to the owners/drivers of visiting locomotives, boats or other models and/or locomotives, boats or other models not under PMRS custody or control providing evidence, before being allowed to steam, sail, run and/or exhibit of:-

- a) If applicable, a current boiler test certificate issued by the Northern Association of Model Engineers, the Southern Federation of Model Engineering Societies, the 7¼" Gauge Society or following a test confirming with the Examination and Testing of Miniature Steam Boilers (New Edition 2006) and any subsequent revisions or by an authorised body;
- b) a current public liability insurance policy covering your model and which, if applicable, includes cover for:
 - i) carrying members of the public as passengers,
 - ii) injury or damage caused by sparks and ashes,
 - iii) boiler explosion.

EXCESS LAYER COVER

Where the limit of indemnity under this section is higher than the limit of indemnity provided by the public liability insurance carried by a visitor PMRS policy will provide indemnity for the difference in limit between the visitor's policy and PMRS policy always providing the visitor has produced satisfactory evidence of a current and valid policy including evidence of the limit of indemnity provided by that policy.

GUIDANCE NOTE – DRIVERS WITH MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Persons are acceptable as drivers unless they have a medical condition which would normally preclude them from holding a driving licence. This does not mean they have to have had a driving licence but just that the medical condition they have would preclude them from holding a driving licence were they to apply for one.

USE (MODEL LOCOMOTIVES UP TO 2FT GAUGE)

Drivers age 16 or over may carry passengers either gratuitously or fare paying provided the driver receives no remuneration either monetary or in kind other than reasonable out of pocket expenses and/or supply of fuel.

Drivers under the age of 16 may not carry as passengers members of the public whether gratuitously or fare paying but may carry as passengers fellow PMRS members and/or members of another bonafide model engineering club or society and/or members of their own family providing the driver under age 16 is supervised by a responsible and competent driver age 16 or over and all reasonable precautions are taken.

RECOMMENDATION – HSG216

Owners and operators of any miniature railway and or any miniature railway locomotives and or rolling stock of 350mm gauge or less are recommended to follow the Health & Safety Executive guidelines as published in HSG216 – Passenger carrying Miniature Railways Guidance on safe practice.

SAFETY

It is strongly recommended that spark arresters are fitted to chimneys, that handholds are fitted to passenger carrying trailers/rolling stock and that non-slip paint is used on any non-upholstered passenger seating.

FURTHER INFORMATION

A copy of the full insurance schedule is available for inspection on request – please contact PMRS's Secretary.

Name of Insured: Pinewood Miniature Railway Society Ltd

Insurer: Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance plc

Policy No: 917X278409/S555