

Top Travel Tips - Factfile

EVERY JOURNEY ENDS WITH A MEMORY



KIDDERMINSTER - The starting point for most of our visitors as it is near to the Midland motorway links and is connected by main roads from a number of major cities and towns. Kidderminster mainline railway station is adjacent to our station.

At the station you will find a large restaurant, a gift-shop and our aptly named 'King & Castle' public house. Also at the station you can visit Kidderminster Railway Museum [admission free] and adjacent is the Coalyard Miniature Railway [small charge, not all dates].

Just a 10 minute walk from the station is Kidderminster Museum of the Carpet [additional charge]. Head out of the station and turn left down Comberton Hill. Look out for Morrison's Supermarket and you are there! Allow 2 hours for a visit. For model railway enthusiasts the well-stocked 'Footplate' model shop is on the left as you walk down Comberton Hill.

The return journey to the station is a strenuous uphill walk. Station parking costs £4.00 per day. Buy your exit token at the station.



Total approximate journey time (one way) - 70 minutes.

BEWDLEY - Right on the banks of the River Severn, Bewdley is a great place to visit with its Georgian architecture and quaint streets and alleyways. Bewdley Museum with its café is well worth a visit [admission free]. Adjacent to the café is an entrance to the Jubilee Gardens, Bewdley's best kept secret! A street market takes place on certain Sundays. The staff at the station will tell you more.

There are a number of eateries in the town especially along the north and south quays. From the quays you can walk along the river right out into the Worcestershire countryside.

Bewdley town centre is a 10 minute walk with some uphill slopes on the return. Station parking costs £4.00 per day, pay and display.



ARLEY - You are right out in the Worcestershire countryside at Arley. It is a great place for a picnic both on and off the station. A short walk down the lane will bring you to the River Severn where you can feed the ducks and you may be lucky enough to spot a Kingfisher!

Over the footbridge, turn left for your walk into this small village. Through the village you will come to the entrance to Arley Arboretum which you may wish to visit [additional charge]. Allow at least 2 hours for a visit. No station parking.



HIGHLEY for THE ENGINE HOUSE - Our exciting Visitor Centre is a short, easy walk from Highley station. It is a great all-weather venue with a collection of interesting exhibitions including full-size steam locomotives, a royal carriage and other fascinating railway vehicles. Admission is FREE with a Kidderminster - Bridgnorth *Freedom of the Line* return ticket otherwise pay at the door.

The Visitor Centre is suitable for the less able and includes a well-stocked gift-shop and a restaurant with stunning views across the Severn Valley from the first floor outdoor balcony [lift available]. There is a picnic area and play area for the children. Allow a minimum of two hours for your visit. Parking is very limited at the station and at the Visitor Centre.



HAMPTON LOADE - If you just want to get away from it all, this is the place for you! Bring a picnic which you can eat at the station, or you may prefer to wander down to the River Severn which is only a short walk away. A miniature live steam railway operates here at weekends. Unfortunately the historic current propelled foot ferry no longer operates here. No station parking.



BRIDGNORTH - At the station there is a gift-shop and the very popular *Railwayman's Arms* public house. Our new café is now open on platform 1 and is well worth a visit. From the footbridge it is possible to view some of the locomotive fleet at rest in the works yard. Casual visits to the locomotive works are not permitted for safety reasons.

The town itself is a great place for a visit with its High and Low Towns, separated by a sandstone cliff and connected by the steepest and oldest inland funicular cliff railway in England. The cliff railway is a must for a ride [additional charge]. The Town Hall is worth a visit as are the two churches - St Marys and St Leonards.

This working town has a range of eateries to suit every taste and pocket. There are a good selection of shops including a number of independent retailers. Market day is on Saturday.

Bridgnorth's paths and alleyways are great to explore but may be difficult for the less able. Parking at the station has been extended recently and costs £4.00 per day, pay and display.

