

WATERFORD & SUIR VALLEY RAILWAY

All aboard to Experience the Magic of Rail!



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THE MAGIC OF RAILS GOLDEN AGE HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO LIFE IN KILMEADAN, CO WATERFORD



A heritage narrow gauge railway follows 8.5 kilometres of the abandoned Waterford - Cork railway route, from the station at Kilmeadan in to Gracedieu Junction.

Experience the beauty of the Suir Valley from a partially open carriage as you take in the panoramic views of the river and rolling farmland of Waterford and across the river to County Kilkenny. This is an area rich in history and only accessible by train. The railway journey is an enjoyable experience for all ages.

The rolling stock includes a restored Simplex Locomotive, which had an arduous working life in the peat industry in the North of England

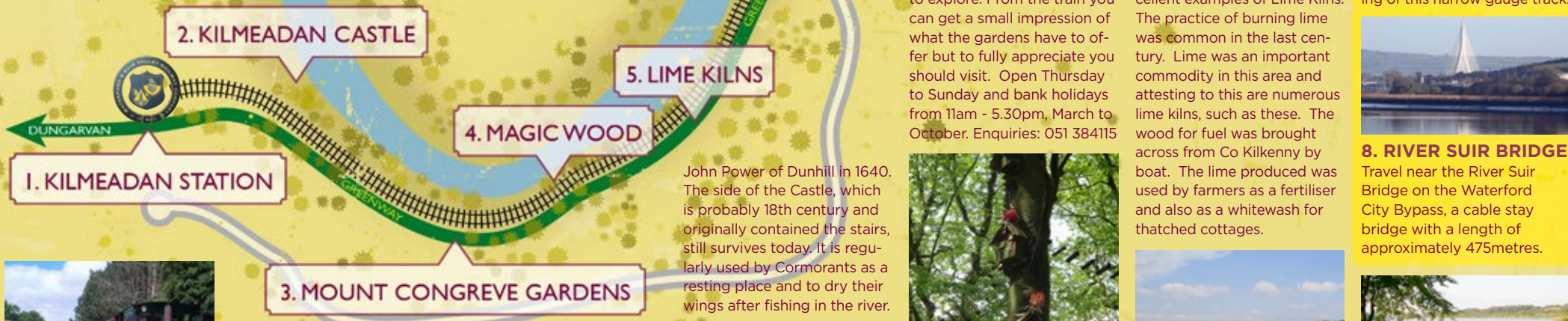
and Scotland. It was also used in excavating the Channel Tunnel. It now pulls two carriages travelling at 15km per hour. Other restored diesel engines are on display at the station.

A Mark 2 railway carriage serves as the ticket office and shop. Light refreshments can be purchased at the station. There are indoor and outdoor tables for picnics.

A large car park provides ample parking for coaches and cars. All facilities are wheelchair accessible.

The Waterford & Suir Valley Railway is a voluntary, community heritage project with charitable status reference CHY 13857.

WATERFORD GREENWAY
10km walkway and cycle path beside the railway from Bilberry to Kilmeadan Station, a further 36km on to Dungarvan following the abandoned railway track.



1. KILMEADAN STATION

Kilmeadan Station was a stop on the Waterford to Cork railway route. The line closed to passengers in 1967 and the station lay derelict. It was

restored and reopened in 2003. Today you can get your ticket in the carriage ticket office; have it checked by the conductor. The guard will blow the whistle and wave the green flag to let the driver know everyone is safely on board and it's time to begin this exciting journey.



2. KILMEADAN CASTLE

On the left side of the train you will see the ruins of a house. This was the site of Kilmeadan Castle, owned by



3. MOUNT CONGREVE GARDENS

One of the "great Gardens of the world" with over 70 acres

John Power of Dunhill in 1640. The side of the Castle, which is probably 18th century and originally contained the stairs, still survives today. It is regularly used by Cormorants as a resting place and to dry their wings after fishing in the river.



4. THE MAGIC WOOD

This is a magical glade where Fairies and Leprechauns live happily together. By day they come out to play and enjoy the sunshine and at night they curl up to sleep in their little houses. Sometimes they can be seen among the trees but you have to look carefully. Make a wish as you pass by.



5. LIME KILNS

As the train exits the Magic Wood, you will see some excellent examples of Lime Kilns. The practice of burning lime was common in the last century. Lime was an important commodity in this area and attesting to this are numerous lime kilns, such as these. The wood for fuel was brought across from Co Kilkenny by boat. The lime produced was used by farmers as a fertiliser and also as a whitewash for thatched cottages.



6. CARRIGANORE

Carriganore or 'Stone of Gold' on the banks of the River Suir where the merchants of Waterford buried a large quantity of treasure on the approach of Cromwell's army. Now site of the Waterford Institute of Technology (WIT).



8. RIVER SUIR BRIDGE

Travel near the River Suir Bridge on the Waterford City Bypass, a cable stay bridge with a length of approximately 475metres.



9. RETURN JOURNEY

Sit back, relax and take in the beauty of the magnificent River Suir and countryside of County Kilkenny, across the river. The plan is to extend to Waterford City and build a station in the City.

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SPECIAL EVENTS



EASTER BUNNY

SAT 15 - MON 17 APRIL

SAT: 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm

SUN: 12noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm

MON: 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm

Meet the Easter Bunny before your train trip



CHOO CHOO FUN DAYS

EVERY WED & SUN: JUNE, JULY & AUG

Enjoy family entertainment between train trips. Meet cartoon characters, enjoy magic shows or join in the Teddy Bears Picnic.

- Indoor & outdoor picnic tables available.
- Join our mailing lists for more details.
- Check our website or join us on Facebook for updates.



SPOOKY EXPRESS

SAT 28 OCT

Bookings taken for this scary event from 1 Sept.



SANTA EXPRESS

WEEKENDS IN DECEMBER

Enjoy a train trip to meet Santa, Mrs Claus and friends.

Bookings taken from 1 Sept.

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Travel Free for all scheduled trips and get
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Family €60 Single €35 Corporate €150

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2017 TRAIN SCHEDULE

APRIL & SEPT MAY-AUG

MON-SAT	11am to 3pm	11am to 4pm
SUN	12noon to 4pm	12noon to 5pm

Trains depart from Kilmeadan Station on the hour.
The round trip lasts 40min Sun to Fri and 50min on Sat.

MID-TERM BREAKS

OCT 29 - NOV 5 2017 • FEB 17-25 2018

Trains depart at 12noon 1pm & 2pm

TRAIN FARES

Adult	Child	Student & Golden Years
€8.50	€4	€7.50

FAMILY FARES

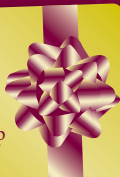
2 Adults +1 Child	2 Adults +2 Children	2 Adults +3 Children	2 Adults +4 Children
€20	€23	€26	€29

Special rates available for groups of over 20

While every care will be taken to ensure trains run as advertised the railway reserves the right to vary the published times with or without notice.

GIFT VOUCHER

Gift Vouchers for trips and friends membership are on sale in the shop



DIRECTIONS

Kilmeadan Village is 10km from Waterford City. Take the N25 towards Cork. At Carrick Road Roundabout take the last exit on to the R680.

From the Cork direction at Carrick Road Roundabout turn left on the R680. Kilmeadan Station is on the left. Sat Nav Co-Ordinates:
Lat: N52:14:48 Lon: W7:14:50

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