

BURE VALLEY RAILWAY

Address	Aylsham Station, Norwich Road, Aylsham, Norfolk, NR11 6BW
Telephone No.	(01263) 733858
Year Formed	1989
Opened	10 th July 1990
Location of Line	Between Aylsham and Wroxham in North Norfolk
Length of Line	9 miles
No. of steam Loco's	5
No. of other Loco's	3
Approx. No. of Visitors PA	127,000
Gauge	15 inches
Web site	www.bvrw.co.uk
e-mail	info@bvrw.co.uk

GENERAL INFORMATION

Nearest Mainline Station	Wroxham (adjacent)
Nearest Bus Station	Aylsham (bus passes station)
Car Parking	Free car parking at Aylsham and Wroxham Stations
Coach Parking	Free car parking at Aylsham and Wroxham Stations
Souvenir Shop (s)	Yes at both stations (Aylsham is open daily and includes a large Model Railway shop)
Food & Drink	Yes (also a restaurant at Aylsham which is open daily)

SPECIAL INFORMATION

Boat trains connect at Wroxham with a 1½ hour cruise on the Norfolk Broads. Steam Locomotive Experience courses are available through out the year (Except July and August.) Some carriages have special facilities to carry up to four wheelchairs each.

General Description:

The Bure Valley Railway is Norfolk's longest fifteen-inch gauge steam railway and operates between the old market town of Aylsham and Wroxham, the "Capital of the Norfolk Broads". It was built on the track bed of part of the former Great Eastern Railway and the nine mile line runs through the picturesque Bure Valley countryside, following the meandering river through meadowland and ancient pastures, stopping occasionally at small country villages. A foot and cycle path also runs alongside the track, giving the option of walking or cycling in one direction and catching the train back!

The purpose built headquarters of the line is situated in Aylsham. The buildings were erected in 1989 to a traditional railway design and house a large souvenir and model railway shop, the Whistlestop Café and a tourist information centre. The Whistlestop Café can seat up to 80 people and can provide everything from a cup of tea to a full meal. A specially priced 2-course group menu is also available. The railway's workshops are also based at Aylsham and are often open to the public.

The entire railway is on a single level, providing easy access for wheelchair passengers. All trains have special wheelchair accessible coaches which allow wheelchair and able bodied passengers to travel together. All coaches are fully enclosed and upholstered, with heating during the winter months.

Ample free parking with dedicated spaces for coaches is available at both Aylsham and Wroxham stations.

Trains operate on a daily basis from the beginning of April to the end of October with special events throughout the year. The railway also offers a very popular boat train which gives the opportunity for a journey by steam followed by a cruise on the Norfolk Broads.

OPERATING INFORMATION

Opening Times	The station at Aylsham is open daily (Except Christmas and Boxing day) Trains run from 09:25 to 18:15 during the high season Santa Specials run on dates in December - Phone for further details
Steam Working	Daily from 19 th – 27 th February, Weekends in March. Daily from 2 nd April to 30 th October, Daily from 27 th Dec. – 2 nd January, 2012 Most trains are Steam Hauled

Special Events (2011)

- Teddy Bear Express — 19-27 February,
Free travel to children who bring their teddy bear to greet our mascot bear. (When accompanied by another fare paying adult.)
- Volunteers Open Day — 6 March,
Take a behind look at the railway, includes a chance to drive an engine
- Mothers VIP Day — 3 April,
A special train package for mums (Booking required.)
- Easter Eggspress — 22-25 April,
Free Easter egg for every child when accompanied by a fare paying adult.
- Undercover Bear — 30 April – 2 May,
See all the railway's own engines and coaches in action.
- Everything Goes — 28-30 May,
See all the railway's own engines and coaches in action.
- Fathers VIP Day — 19 June,
A special train package for dads (Booking required.)
- Travel Back in Time — 9-10 July,
To celebrate the railways 21st Birthday, travel at the same fares charged when the railway opened in 1990.
- Steam Gala — 24-25 September,
- Spooky Epress — 22-30 October,
Join our railway bear for a week of spooky fun!
- Santa Specials — 3, 4, 10, 11, 17 - 24 December
(advanced booking essential);
- Mince Pie Specials — 27 December 2011 to 2 January 2012

Prices

Adult & Seniors return	£12.00	(Single £8.00)
Child Return	£6.50	(Single £5.00)
Family Return	£32.00	(2 adults + 2 Children)

Party discounts are available for groups of 20 or more if booked in advanced

Detailed Directions by Car:

From Norwich: Aylsham station is midway between Norwich and Cromer on the A140 - Follow the Aylsham town centre signs. Wroxham station is adjacent to the Wroxham British Rail station - take the A1151 from Norwich;

From Kings Lynn: take the A148 and B1354 to reach Aylsham.

For Satellite Navigation users: Aylsham station is NR11 6BW and Wroxham is NR12 8UU

G.P.S. Co-ordinates

	Lat. (North)	Long (East)
Aylsham Station	52°47.439	1°15.502
Wroxham Station (BVR)	52°42.994	1°24.624