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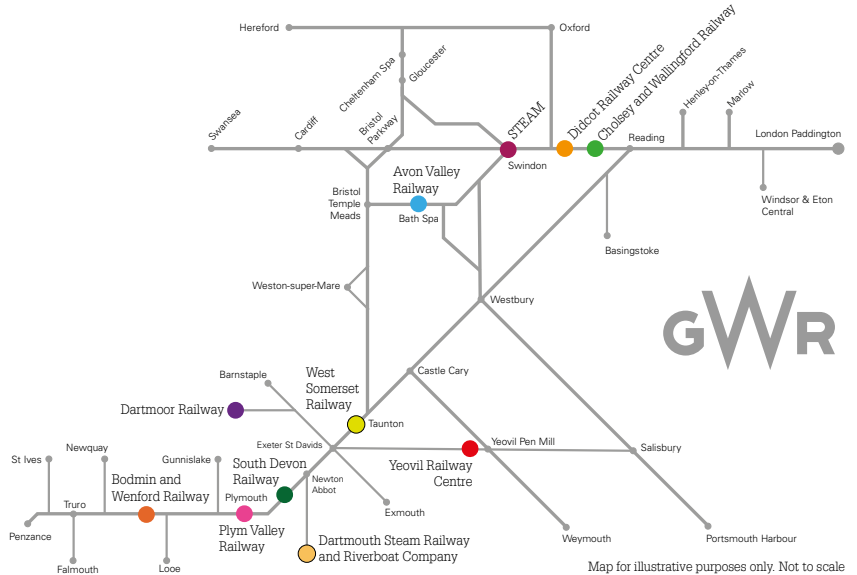
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# Heritage Rail

There are numerous heritage railways to visit which are close to the GWR network.

This guide shows just how easy it is to travel with GWR to these attractions.

You can save money with combined rail and bus travel tickets. Just ask for a 'through ticket.'

A few heritage railways also allow you to combine rail, bus and admission onto their trains.

To buy train tickets:

- go to **GWR.com**
- call **03457 000 125\***
- visit your local staffed station

Many of the heritage railways contained in this guide require a bus journey to reach them.

Traveline provides bus and coach service information on their website at **traveline.info**

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# Bodmin and Wenford Railway

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Cornwall's only standard gauge railway operated by steam and diesel locomotives. A 13-mile return journey takes you through some of Cornwall's finest countryside.

Bodmin General is the middle stop on the line. From there, it is a 15-minute walk to the town centre with its shops, cafés and other delights.

The railway is open on most dates from March to October, as well as selected dates in February and November, and over the Christmas and New Year holiday period.

GWR have combined with this heritage railway to offer you an all-inclusive travel ticket that can be used from most GWR stations. Just ask for a 'through ticket.'

Bodmin and Wenford trains leave from platform 3 at Bodmin Parkway.

**[bodminrailway.co.uk](http://bodminrailway.co.uk)**

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Image: Bodmin and Wenford Railway

**Bodmin and Wenford Railway**

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# Plym Valley Railway

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The Plym Valley Railway runs on part of the former Plymouth to Yelverton railway. Steam and diesel trains take you on a journey through ancient woodland alongside the River Plym.

There is a shop and small railway museum at Marsh Mills station. Visitors can view the railway's rolling stock from the yard viewing area.

Trains run most Sundays and some Saturdays between March and December.

Travel with GWR to Plymouth.

It is a 10-minute walk from the station to Plymouth city centre. Take bus routes 21 or 21A (Spark) to Coypool Rd.

Leave the bus at the McDonalds restaurant.  
Plym Valley Railway is a short walk from the main road.

Combined rail and bus tickets are available. Just ask for a PlusBus ticket.

**[plymrail.co.uk](http://plymrail.co.uk)**

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Image: Plym Valley Railway

**Plym Valley Railway**

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# South Devon Railway

The South Devon Railway runs alongside the River Dart between Buckfastleigh and Totnes.

The South Devon Railway Museum can be found in the former goods shed at Buckfastleigh station, featuring a wide range of artefacts, including photographs, posters and timetables. Track and signalling history is explained with several interactive exhibits.

There are numerous other attractions at Buckfastleigh, including a buffet, railway shop and model railway. Open every day from April to October.

Travel with GWR to Totnes.

South Devon Railway's Littlehempston station is a short walk from Totnes station.

GWR have combined with this heritage railway to offer you an all-inclusive travel ticket that can be used from most GWR stations. Just ask for a 'through ticket.'

**[southdevonrailway.co.uk](https://southdevonrailway.co.uk)**

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South Devon Railway

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# Dartmouth Steam Railway and Riverboat Company

The Dartmouth Steam Railway operates steam trains from Paignton to Kingswear.

Travel seven miles along the spectacular Torbay coast to Churston, and through the wooded slopes of the Dart Valley to Kingswear, opposite Dartmouth.

The company also operates boat trips on the River Dart. They offer boat, train and 'Round Robin' tickets which combine a trip on the railway with the crossing to Dartmouth, or a boat trip on the River Dart.

Open daily from June to September. Trains also run Easter, Bank Holidays and selected dates throughout the year. Santa Specials run in December. Please see their website for further details.

Travel with GWR to Paignton.

The Dartmouth Steam Railway platforms are adjacent to Paignton station.

**[dartmouthrailriver.co.uk](http://dartmouthrailriver.co.uk)**

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**Dartmouth Steam Railway and Riverboat Company**

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# Dartmoor Railway

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The Dartmoor Railway runs between Meldon Quarry, Okehampton and Sampford Courtenay on the edge of Dartmoor National Park. Special event days, train charters and educational trips are also available.

The railway provides car free access to Dartmoor, ideal for walkers and cyclists. At Okehampton there is a well stocked station buffet and a model railway shop. There is also a buffet coach at Meldon (opening hours vary).

Travel with GWR to Exeter St Davids.

On summer Sundays GWR operate train services direct from Exeter to Okehampton. For further details including a timetable and sample prices, pick up a leaflet from a staffed station in the area.

The Dartmoor Railway is directly opposite the platform where GWR trains arrive.

**[dartmoorrailway.com](http://dartmoorrailway.com)**

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Dartmoor Railway

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# West Somerset Railway

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The West Somerset Railway is one of the longest heritage railways in the country, running for nearly 20 miles between Bishops Lydeard (near Taunton) to Minehead, travelling along the lower reaches of the Quantock Hills, before emerging on the Somerset coast at Watchet.

At Watchet you can hop off the train and visit the classic boat museum, or refuel in one of the local cafés or pubs.

Washford boasts the Somerset and Dorset Railway Trust Museum which is dedicated to preserving and promoting the history of the Somerset and Dorset Railway.

Services operate most days between April and October.

Travel with GWR to Taunton.

On Mondays to Saturdays, Buses of Somerset service 28 runs every 30 minutes from Taunton station to the West Somerset Railway at Bishops Lydeard.

On Sundays and Bank Holidays the bus runs approximately every 90 minutes.

**[west-somerset-railway.co.uk](http://west-somerset-railway.co.uk)**  
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**West Somerset Railway**

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# Yeovil Railway Centre

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This railway museum features a GWR transfer shed built in the 1860's, which has now been converted to a fascinating visitor centre. It is the last remaining shed of its type on its original site.

The centre also has a Southern Region turntable and a 15,000-gallon water tower. These have been restored to working order for the servicing of steam locomotives. Mainline steam excursions to Exeter or Weymouth often call here for locomotives to be turned and serviced.

Yeovil Railway Centre holds regular events including Train Days where steam train rides are operated.

The museum hosts frequent additional attractions such as shed tours, model railways, art exhibitions and a miniature railway.

The railway museum is a 25-minute bus journey from Yeovil Pen Mill railway station, or a short walk from Yeovil Junction station, which is on the South Western Railway route between Salisbury and Exeter.

**[yeovilrailway.freeservers.com](http://yeovilrailway.freeservers.com)**  
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Image: Yeovil Railway Centre

Yeovil Railway Centre

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# Avon Valley Railway

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The Avon Valley Railway is located at Bitton, between Bristol and Bath, offering a nostalgic journey along the river valley.

Leave the train at Avon Riverside station and enjoy riverside walks, picnic areas and nearby pubs. On certain days you can combine your steam train journey with a 40-minute river cruise on the River Avon.

Steam trains operate Sundays and Bank Holidays from Easter to October, Wednesdays in July, and Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in the school holidays. Diesel trains operate on Saturdays in August and September.

Travel with GWR to Bath Spa.

It is a 25-minute bus journey to the Avon Valley Railway.

On Mondays to Saturdays, routes 19 and 37 run half hourly from Bath Bus Station, which is just outside GWR Bath Spa railway station.

Or travel with GWR to Keynsham and take a route 17 bus, on an all-inclusive PlusBus ticket.

**[avonvalleyrailway.org](http://avonvalleyrailway.org)**

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Image: Avon Valley Railway

**Avon Valley Railway**

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# STEAM - Museum of the Great Western Railway

Housed in a restored Grade II listed railway building, STEAM tells the story of the men and women who built, operated and worked the Great Western Railway.

Through the pioneering vision and genius of Isambard Kingdom Brunel, the railway network became the most respected and advanced in the world.

The story is brought to life with archive film, stories of ex-railway workers, several locomotives and many hands-on interactive exhibits.

Open seven days a week except for Christmas Day.

Travel with GWR to Swindon.

STEAM is a short walk from the railway station.

**[steam-museum.org.uk](http://steam-museum.org.uk)**

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Image: STEAM – Locomotive on loan from the National Railway Museum

**STEAM - Museum of the Great Western Railway**

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# Didcot Railway Centre

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Didcot Railway Centre showcases the golden age of the Great Western Railway featuring a collection of over 20 steam locomotives, many housed in the old engine shed. You can also view an interesting collection of passenger coaches and freight wagons.

Travel in 1930's carriages behind a Great Western steam engine and experience the atmosphere of a sleepy rural branch line.

Journey back in time on Brunel's broad-gauge 'Fire Fly,' a replica of the original locomotive built in 1840.

There is also an interactive Science Learning & Railways exhibition. The centre is open every weekend and during most school holidays.

The Didcot Railway Centre is adjacent to Didcot Parkway GWR mainline station.

Travel with GWR and qualify for our 2-for-1 entry discount. Visit **GWR.com** for further details.

**[didcotrailwaycentre.org.uk](http://didcotrailwaycentre.org.uk)**

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Didcot Railway Centre

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# Cholsey and Wallingford Railway

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The two-and-a-half mile railway linking Cholsey and the historic market town of Wallingford is operated by both diesel and steam locomotives.

At Wallingford you can visit the museum and souvenir shop. Food and drink are available from the Trackside Café and Wallingford town centre is just a short walk from the railway.

Trains run on selected weekends throughout the year.

Travel with GWR to Cholsey. The Cholsey and Wallingford Railway platform is adjacent to the mainline platforms.

GWR have combined with this heritage railway to offer you an all-inclusive travel ticket that can be used from most stations in the Thames Valley. Just ask for a 'through ticket' to the Cholsey and Wallingford Railway.

For the price of your ticket you get one day's unlimited travel on the Cholsey and Wallingford Railway.

**[cholsey-wallingford-railway.com](http://cholsey-wallingford-railway.com)**

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**Cholsey and Wallingford Railway**

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# GWR - The future of rail

The Heritage Railways featured in this guide are easily accessible from our GWR network.

Our new Intercity Express Trains (IET) signal a landmark step change in train travel, delivering more seats per train, at seat food and drink, increased legroom and improved air conditioning.

Enjoy a nostalgic trip back in time and a fantastic day out with GWR. Jump on one of our brand new trains and also experience the future of rail, arriving in comfort and style.

Combined rail and bus tickets are available from most GWR stations. Just ask for a 'through ticket.' Entrance and travel on some of these Heritage Railways can also be added to your ticket.

For further details visit **[gwr.com](https://www.gwr.com)**



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