

Operating Dates 2011

Note: Train rides are included in the admission price to Murton Park. Current prices (2011) are:

Adults: £6.00

Concessions: £5.00

Children: £4.00 (under 3s are free)

Family: £16.00 (two adults and two children)

Special prices apply for the Santa Specials.

April: **2(A)**, **3(A)**, 10(B), 17(B), 24(A), 25(A)

May: 1(A), 2(A), 8(B), 15(B), 22(B), 29(A), 30(A)

June: 5(B), 12(B), **18(S)**, **19(S)**, 26(B)

July: 3(B), 10(B), 17(B), 24(B), 31(B)

August: 7(B), 14(B), 21(B), **28(A)**, **29(A)**

September: 4(B), 11(B), 18(B), 25(B)

December: **Santa Specials: 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 22, 23.**

Letter codes (A) and (B) denote timetables A and B. (S) is a special timetable – please see our website for further information.

Dates in **red bold** denote special events:

2nd/3rd April: Murton Park Grand Re-opening

18th/19th June: Fathers' Day Transport Rally

28th/29th August: Bank Holiday Special

Dates in December: Santa Specials – pre-booking NOT necessary!

Timetable A

Departures from Murton Park station at:

10.30, 11.00, 11.30, 12.00, 13.15, 13.45, 14.15, 14.45, 15.15, 15.45 and 16.15.

Timetable B

Departures from Murton Park station at:

10.30, 11.15, 12.00, 13.15, 14.00, 14.45, 15.30 and 16.15

All departures are subject to change.

How to Find Us

The DVLR is located at **Murton Park**, on the eastern side of York and close to the A64 York bypass. Follow the brown tourism signs marked '**YORKSHIRE MUSEUM OF FARMING**'



From the Leeds or Scarborough directions, follow the A64 York bypass, and the brown tourism signs for the Yorkshire Museum of Farming. The A64 junction is close to the 'Grimston Bar' Park and Ride terminal. Exit the A64 at this junction and follow the signs for the **A166** road to **BRIDLINGTON**. As soon as you are on the A166, take the first left (**MURTON LANE**) which is about 500 yards from the roundabout on the A64. Continue down Murton Lane for a further 500 Yards and Murton Park is located on the left hand side of the road, opposite 'Clanceys' scrap yard. There is a free car park at the Murton Park site.
Sat. Nav. postcode: YO19 5UF

Public Transport:

Murton is served by East Yorkshire Motor Services route 747 – York (Railway Station) – Pocklington (EYMS Depot). Timetable information from www.eyms.co.uk

Contact Us

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Murton Park, York

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The Past...

YORK (LAYERTHORPE) OSBALDWICK MURTON LANE

The Derwent Valley Light Railway (DVLR) was opened officially on 19th July 1913 by Lady Deramore. The line was borne out of the Light Railways Act of 1896, which permitted local authorities to build and fund private railways. As such, the DVLR remained independent until closure, escaping grouping in 1923 and nationalisation in 1948.

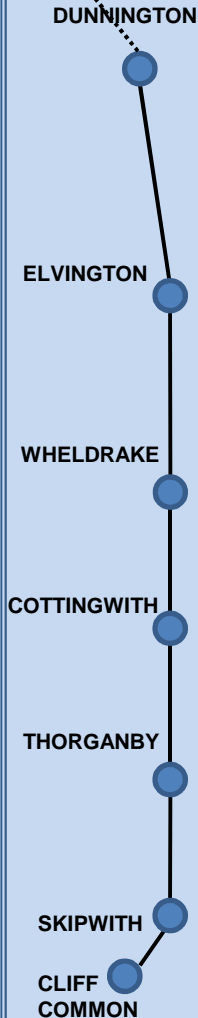
The original line ran for 16 miles from York (Layerthorpe) on the eastern side of the historic city and served a number of rural villages along the Derwent Valley down to Cliff Common near Selby.

Due to a decrease in numbers, passenger services ended in 1926 but freight services continued until final closure in 1981. The line was reduced in length gradually, the final open section being from Layerthorpe to Dunnington.

A number of enthusiast trains were operated by the DVLR during the late 1970s and early 1980s in conjunction with the National Railway Museum. Currently, the only remaining section of the line is that based at Murton Park.



The DVLR's ex-SE&CR brake van and BR(E) ex-NER class J25 seen in the 1950s
Photo: R. N. Redman



...The Present...

In the early 1990s, the surviving trackbed was donated to the Yorkshire Museum of Farming. Since then, the single track, half-mile line has been developed into a fully operational railway with signalling, a run-round loop, platform and station building, the latter being an original DVLR structure formerly at Wheldrake. The station building now houses the Society shop, along with numerous artefacts that chart the line's history.



The operation of passenger trains began again in 1993 and trains now operate every Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday from April until the end of September. The railway is run and maintained by a group of volunteers so what you see before you is the result of over 20 years' hard work.



Photo: V. Middlebrough

A run round-loop at the Osbaldwick end of the line was constructed during the Autumn/Winter of 2009/10 and is now operational.

...and the Future...

The DVLR is a unique railway in a number of respects and it is important to guarantee its existence for the enjoyment of future generations. As well as the day-to-day running and maintenance of the rolling stock and infrastructure, there are a number of projects being undertaken to continue improving the site.

The railway is also keen to promote its existence and is in the process of planning a number of appearances at exhibitions and shows. For more information, please contact us via our website or at the address overleaf.

Join the Society

The DVLRs plays a very active role in the upkeep and operation of the railway. Becoming a member of the Society keeps you in touch with all the latest news and developments and also opens up the opportunity to become a volunteer and stand on the committee. As a member, you'll also receive a copy of the quarterly DVLR News.



For more information on joining the DVLRs, please send a stamped, addressed envelope to:

Christine Bailey
DVLRs Membership Secretary
22 Bright Street
York
North Yorkshire
YO26 4XS

Membership forms are also available from Murton Park station during running days or can be downloaded from our website:

www.dvlr.org.uk

Engine Shed Appeal

The DVLRs is raising funds currently for the construction of an engine shed that will allow our locomotives, carriages and wagons to be maintained and restored under cover. This facility will also allow us to house visiting locomotives for future special events.

All donations will be gratefully received, no matter how small. For more information, or to make a donation, please contact our Chairman via the address overleaf.