

## 'Driver for a Fiver' Days

Driver for a Fiver gives visitors the chance to get at the controls of one of the museum's historic diesel locomotives for an additional fee of just £5. Under the supervision of one of our drivers, participants can take a Rolls Royce powered loco for a trip down the line and back to the platform. This is offered on a first come first served basis, participants must be over 16 years of age and be able to enter and leave the locomotive unaided. Dates for 2025 are on the following Sundays :

**Sunday 27th April, 11th May, 15th June, 13th July, 10th August, 7th September, 5th October**



## General opening hours :

**Non - railway operating Open Days for viewing only - Tuesdays and Thursdays** 17th April until 16th October 10am-4pm and **Sundays** 10am-4pm on 3rd & 17th August

## RbR Admission rates 2025

### Operational Steam/Diesel days : 10am – 4pm

Adult	£10
Child	£6
Family	£25 (Two adults + up to 3 children)

### "Diesel Driver for a Fiver" Days 10am - 4pm

Adult	£6 + optional £5 to drive a diesel
Child	£4
Family	£15 (Two adults + up to 3 children)

"Diesel Driver for a Fiver" participants must be over 16 years old and be able to enter and leave the diesel unaided . Subject to availability.

### Non-operational Thursdays viewing days 10am – 4pm

Our Sundew café will be **open**

Adult	£6
Child	£4
Family	£15 (Two adults + up to 3 children)

### Non-operational Tuesday viewing days : 10am – 4pm

Our Sundew café will **NOT** be open

Admission is free, but a donation is suggested

## Museum Open Days In 2025

### Railway Operating Days 10am – 4pm

**20th April Easter Sunday** - Easter Bunny Hunt & Take a brake van trip along our line

**21st April Easter Bank Holiday Monday** - Take a brake van trip along our line and Cement Quarry Railway Day marking the 20th anniversary of the closure of last standard gauge quarry railway in the UK at Barrington Cement Plant , Cambridgeshire

**Sunday 27th April** - Diesel Driver For a Fiver \*

**Sunday 4th May** - Take a brake van trip along our line

**Monday 5th May Bank Holiday** - Take a brake van trip along our line and Ironstone Quarry Railway Day.

**Thursday 8th May** - 80th anniversary of VE Day

**Sunday 11th May** - Diesel Driver For a Fiver \*

**Sunday 25th May** - Take a brake van trip along our line

**Monday 26th May, Spring Bank Holiday** - Take a brake van trip along our line and Ironstone Quarry Railway Day

**Sunday June 15th** - Father's Day – Diesel Driver For a Fiver \*

**Sunday 29th June** - Take a brake van trip along our line and Ironstone Quarry Railway Day

**Sunday 13th July** - Diesel Driver For a Fiver \*

**Sunday 27th July** - Take a brake van trip along our line

**Sunday 10th August** - Diesel Driver For a Fiver \*

**Friday 15th August** - 80th Anniversary of VJ Day

**Sunday August 24th, August Bank Holiday** - Take a brake van trip along our line

**Monday August 25th, August Bank Holiday** - Take a brake van trip along our line and Ironstone Quarry Railway Day. FEPOW loco SINGAPORE on liberation day 80th anniversary display

**Sunday 7th September** - Diesel Driver For a Fiver \*

**Sunday 21st September** - Take a brake van trip along our line and Oxfordshire Ironstone Quarry Railway Day

**Sunday 5th October** - Diesel Driver For a Fiver\*

**Sunday 19th October - Seasons Finale** - Take a brake van trip along our line and Ironstone Quarry Railway Day.

*Please note that the museum reserves the right to modify its planned events for 2025 having due regard to any government advice on mitigation measures required to minimise public health risks in the UK*



The Living Ironstone Museum  
**COTTESMORE**

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Visitor Guide  
**2025**



**NEW EXHIBITION - Barrington - 20th anniversary of closure of the last quarry railway in the UK**



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# THINGS TO SEE AND DO AT ROCKS BY RAIL

3 MANY EXAMPLES OF STEAM AND DIESEL LOCOMOTIVES IN VARIOUS STAGES OF RESTORATION. SEE ENGINES BEING PREPARED FOR DUTY

2 RIDE THE RAILS ON A CHOICE OF HISTORIC QUARRY LOCOMOTIVES, OR DRIVE A LOCO FOR £5 ON CERTAIN DAYS!

4 SEE THE EARTH MOVING MACHINES AND TRAINS AT WORK ON QUARRY DAYS

1 TICKETS AND SUNDEW CAFE WITH INFORMATION BOARDS, MODELS AND DIORAMAS

5 VISIT OUR QUARRY VIEWING AREA AND STEP INSIDE A DRIVING CAB FROM THIS GIGANTIC RECORD-BREAKING EXCAVATOR

7 HOW MANY WOODLAND CREATURES AND PLANTS CAN YOU SPOT AS YOU WALK DOWN THE TRAIL NEXT TO THE LINE?

6 SEE LOCOMOTIVES AND OTHER ROLLING STOCK UNDERGOING RESTORATION AND REPAIR IN A GENUINE IRONSTONE RAILWAY WORKSHOP THAT STOOD AT WOOLSTHORPE

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