



GREAT CENTRAL RAILWAY
LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE

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Winner "Best Tourism Experience - East Midlands" 2007

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EASTER GIVEAWAY AT THE
GREAT CENTRAL

Mini eggs and family prizes galore for the holidays!

The Great Central Railway will be celebrating Easter with an Eggs-stravaganza. From Good Friday to Easter Monday children will get a free mini egg along with their ticket to ride.

There's also the chance to win prizes by entering an 'eggy' themed quiz.

"We've teamed up with Twycross Zoo this Easter," explained Lynn Hill, the award winning Leicestershire line's marketing assistant. **"We're running an quiz which will keep mums and dads puzzling along with our younger visitors. Answer all the questions and you'll be in with the chance of family tickets for the Zoo and also railway tickets to come back and visit us at the next Thomas the Tank Engine event in May."**

The railway is running trains throughout the holidays from the 21st of March to the 28th. There's no excuse not to take a trip out behind a vintage steam engine, or even better combine it with a stroll in the Leicestershire countryside to blow the winter

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Details about timetables and fares can be found at www.gcrailway.co.uk or by phoning the booking office on 01509 230726

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FURTHER INFORMATION:

Details on the above and all forthcoming events can be found on the Great Central Railway's extensive website: www.greatcentralrailway.com
Additional information can also be obtained from the Booking Office, Loughborough Central Station, (Daily 9.00 - 5.30) on 01509 230726

NOTES

Voted number 12 on the list of the 50 greatest railway journeys in the world the Great Central Railway is the UK's only double track, main line heritage railway. It's the only place in the world where full size steam engines can be seen passing each other – just as it was when steam ruled the rails. The preserved railway has been operating for over 30 years, and is manned by around 700 volunteers and a small team of permanent staff. Originally a main line from Sheffield to London, the 8 mile preserved section between Loughborough and Leicester is fully operational and the 4 stations reflect a different period of the railway's 109 year history.

Trains run every weekend of the year, bank holidays and daily in the summer. In addition, First Class Restaurant Car Services provide 4 or 6 course meals, whilst travelling between Loughborough and Leicester or childhood dreams can come true with a Drive a Train Experience. We also run a number of family events, including "Days Out with Thomas the Tank Engine", Bonfire Night and Santa Specials.

The railway has won a number of awards including "independent railway of the year", and a gold award for the East Midlands best visitor experience and is a quality assured visitor attraction as designated by Enjoy England.

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