



**GREAT CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE

**PRESS INFORMATION**

*Winner "Best Tourism Experience - East Midlands" 2007*

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**RAILWAY LAUNCHES**  
**'WALKS FROM THE LINE GUIDE'**

**10 walks to bring railway and countryside closer together**

**Brand new in the shop at the Great Central Railway is a full colour, easy to read "Walks from the Line Guide". The booklet has ten walks of varying lengths complete with colour maps so even novice ramblers can find their way around.**

**"The guide has been written by one of our volunteers," explained marketing assistant Lynn Hill, "and we think it will be very popular. There are point to point walks between our stations so it's easy to combine a trip on the train with a return leg under steam power! There are also circular walks so anyone who would like a day out exploring Charnwood and Leicestershire is bound to be inspired."**

The book is ring bound so the pages can be folded back, making it a durable guide which is easy to refer to 'en route' – not that the walks are particularly difficult...

"You won't need to be a hardened explorer to use the booklet explained Lynn, it's good fun and designed to get people switched on to discovering the countryside around the Great Central."

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The guide went on sale last week and costs just £2.99.

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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](http://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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