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Groulle Glen Railway & Sea Lion Rocks Tea Rooms

The Line that goes Uphill to the Sea



125th Anniversary Year 2021

TIMETABLE & INFORMATION



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A Manx Registered Charity operated entirely by volunteers.

2021 Timetable

Calendar codes

- GREEN** Sundays: May-September – 11am to 4:30pm
- RED** Wednesdays: (In Conjunction with the Manx Electric Railway service from Douglas when operational) – 16th June-25th August – 7pm to 9pm
- PURPLE** Easter Bunny Trains & FREE Easter Egg Hunt**: Easter Sunday & Monday – 4th, 5th April – 10am to 4:30pm
- BLUE** SPECIAL EVENTS*: 11am to 4:30pm (Unless otherwise stated: See Special Events for full details.)
- YELLOW** Christmas Services**: Santa Trains – 10am to 3pm
Mince Pie Trains – 11am to 3pm

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FARES PLEASE NOTE: Special fares apply on Special Events days marked with * on Special Events page. The last passenger train on operating days may be operated by our Battery Electric Locomotive Polar Bear.

Return Fares (Return Fares are valid for travel all day)
ADULT: £4.50 CHILD: £2 DOGS: 50p

Single Fares ADULT: £2.50 CHILD: £1.50
Isle of Man Transport Go Cards accepted on all services
May – September.

**Special Fares apply for Easter & Christmas Special Event Tickets with ONLINE PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED at: www.ggr.org.uk
Christmas Services tickets available from September 2021.



Welcome...

...to the Groudle Glen Railway, affectionately known as "The Line that goes Uphill to the Sea" This unique line was built in 1896 by Richard Maltby Broadbent as part of the new Groudle Glen pleasure grounds.

It ran as a tourist attraction until the early 1960's when it fell into disrepair, and during the 1970's the line was scrapped and the rolling stock sold. The line was saved from total extinction by a band of enthusiastic volunteers in 1982, reopening to passengers in 1986.

Today the line is a registered Manx charity, still run entirely by an enthusiastic group of volunteers that provides a fun, nostalgic day out for all ages, whilst restoring and maintaining an important piece of Manx railway history for this generation and many more to follow.



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VOLUNTEER!
Join our team of volunteers and do something rewarding!

More than just a Railway...

Feeling peckish? - The Sea Lion Rocks Terminus Tea Rooms offer a wide range of refreshments including hot and cold drinks, sandwiches, cakes and snacks which can either be enjoyed inside our tea rooms or outside on the cliff top patio taking in the breath-taking scenery.



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A trip back in time - Whilst at Sea Lion Rocks check out our visitor centre displays, exhibits and films which give you an insight into Groule Glen's past as a popular Victorian tourist pleasure ground with its unique cliff top zoo, railway and multiple attractions. Also discover the history of the railway, its decline, closure and subsequent restoration by a small group of volunteers.



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Take back a souvenir - Whether you're looking for a postcard to send home or a souvenir of your visit, The Lhen Coan Souvenir Shop - "Flavell's Emporium" will have something for you or your family. It boasts a wide range of Groule Glen Railway & Isle of Man souvenirs, a rare collection of railway postcards, heritage books, DVDs, gifts and children's toys. You can now visit our shop online for a collection of Groule souvenirs and rare railway collectibles at www.ggr.org.uk.

TOP TIP:
Don't forget to pick up your personal copy of our souvenir guide!



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Special Events...

Easter Bunny Trains & FREE Easter Egg Hunt Easter Sunday & Monday 4th & 5th April: 10am – 4.30pm **ONLINE PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED**

Join us for a steam train trip through the glen to see the Easter Bunny on the cliff tops who has Easter Eggs for all children. Tickets include free Tea, Coffee and Orange Juice from the Tea Rooms. Join the FREE Easter Egg Hunt to win your own Easter Bunny and a 43" 4K, UHD LED TV from Waltons.



Diesel & Electric Day 9th May

Trains hauled by diesels Maltby (the 'Hi-de-Hi' locomotive) and one of the Island's oldest diesel locomotives, Walrus.



125th Anniversary Day 23rd May

Come and experience the railway operating in full Victorian guise exactly 125 years to the day it first opened. Original 1896 locomotive Sea Lion operating with her original coaches.



Fathers Day

**20th June:
11am – 4.30pm**

All Dads accompanied by their child/children under 16, travel for free.



Cliff Top Concerts 8th August: 11am – 4.30pm

Enjoy a steam train trip to Sea Lion Rocks Tea Rooms to be serenaded in beautiful surroundings. Join us for a day of FREE musical concerts out on the clifftops from a host of Manx Musicians and groups.

Steam Gala Day 19th September: 11am – 4.30pm

An extravaganza of all steam locomotives at the railway performing a two train, passing service for a bumper day of photo opportunities and chance to travel behind all the railway's steam locomotive power.



Family Trainspotting Challenge **Available on all running days from May – September**

A challenge for the whole family. Answer the challenge questions by keeping your eyes peeled whilst visiting the railway. No additional charge simply ask for a competition form at the booking office when purchasing tickets. Enter for a chance to win a family ticket to the 2021 Santa Trains.

Santa Trains 11th, 12th, 18th & 19th Dec: 10am – 3pm ONLINE PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED

Mince Pie Trains 26th Dec: 11am – 3pm **ONLINE PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED**

Our ever popular Santa Trains – Bring the family to take a trip on the train from the festive North Pole Halt to see Santa in his grotto in the winter wonderland of Santa's Halt. Ticket includes return train trip, refreshments for all and a present for every child. Then on Boxing Day unwind after the Christmas day festivities with a trip on our Mince Pie Trains.



Don't forget to bring the family to see us at Christmas

Santa Trains, Mince Pie Trains, photos with the elves, Christmas presents, festive atmosphere and refreshments. Inclusive tickets from only £7 on sale online from September. www.ggr.org.uk or via Facebook



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6 LHEN COAN RAILWAY STATION & SOUVENIR SHOP



4 OLD WATER WHEEL



SCULPTURE TRAIL AND LILY PONDS

GROUDLE GLEN POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1 MANX ELECTRIC RAILWAY STATION
- 2 OLD GROUDLE GLEN HOTEL - DESIGNED BY BAILLIE SCOTT
- 3 MANX ELECTRIC RAILWAY VIADUCT
- 4 THE OLD WATERWHEEL "LITTLE ISABELLA"
- 5 THE OLD BANDSTAND
- 6 LHEN COAN STATION AND SOUVENIR SHOP
- 7 RAILWAY DEPOT
- 8 THE OLD LIME KILN
- 9 LIME KILN HALT (REQUEST STOP)
- 10 HEADLAND PASSING LOOP
- 11 SEA LION ROCKS TEA ROOMS AND VISITOR CENTRE
- 12 SITE OF FORMER ZOO



10 HEADLAND PASSING LOOP



11 SEA LION ROCKS STATION TEA ROOMS AND VISITOR CENTRE



12 SITE OF FORMER ZOO

**Groudle Glen:
Victorian Pleasure
Grounds...
explore the glen**

When you visit the railway, take time to explore the Victorian Pleasure Ground which is Groudle Glen, look out for the vintage waterwheel, the ornate Bandstand and the Island's "only natural canyon!"

RUINS OF FORMER CAFE



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Can you help us?

On average it costs up to £2000 a month to maintain our locomotives at Groudle.

We need your help to support our new appeal, the 'Raising for Steam' campaign, to ensure we have the funds to keep our locomotives in service into the future.



Can you spare just £5 per month to help us?

Find out more about the benefits of supporting the campaign and sign up online at www.ggr.org.uk

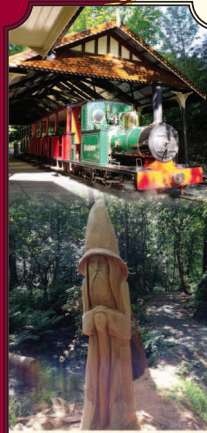


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Along the line!

Lhen Coan Station - The start of your journey - The line's original station from 1896, built at the mouth of island's only natural canyon. The station canopy is a replica of the original railway's main station building of 1896 which survived until after the railway's closure in 1963, and was demolished in the 1970s. It is here you can find our Souvenir shop along with the railway's main locomotive shed, carriage shed and works. Once you depart the station look down to the river to catch a glimpse of the Groudle Wizard, one of the wood carvings in the sculpture trail.



Blue Lagoon - A long sweeping right hand curve which marks the start of the steep climb uphill to the sea. As our steam locomotive works hard to tackle the gradient, to your right you can spy through the trees the Groudle Glen Cottages Holiday Village and the view out to sea.



Lime Kiln Halt - Once a cart crossing for the main old road from Lonan to Onchan, now this is the railway's only intermediate request halt. Along here to explore the ancient Lime Kiln alongside the track from which the halt gets its name.



Headland Loop - Back in the heyday of Manx Tourism this loop was a lot longer and two trains packed with tourists would have passed here at high speed allowing an intensive two train service to take place. If you're lucky on your visit you may have the chance to pass another train at this picturesque location.



Sea Lion Rocks - The original terminus of the railway, opened in 1896. Check out the visitor centre for a look back into the past before exploring what remains of the original zoo which contained Sea Lions, Polar Bears, Brown Bears and exotic birds.... then relax with afternoon tea at this stunning cliff top location.



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Your railway needs your help! Come and join us....



By giving a little of your spare time, meet new friends, enjoy yourself and learn new skills whilst helping to continue the restoration and operation of Groudle Glen Railway and the Sea Lion Rocks Tea Rooms. Our volunteers come from all walks of life and get involved in a variety of interesting areas from catering to engineering! Whenever and wherever you fancy lending a hand, we look forward to welcoming you into our team.

Contact us via our website: www.ggr.org.uk

Leaving a legacy to Groudle Glen Railway

Help safeguard our future with a Gift in your Will

The volunteers at Groudle Glen Railway have many plans for the future to enable it to continue to restore and maintain this unique family attraction and piece of Isle of Man Heritage, but to do so they will need supporters to leave a lasting legacy to the charity.

Making a Will is your only guarantee that the content of your estate will go to the people and causes that you care about. Astonishingly, only one in three people make a Will, but without an up to date Will, there is a risk that your estate will not go where you intend and could even end up going to the Government!

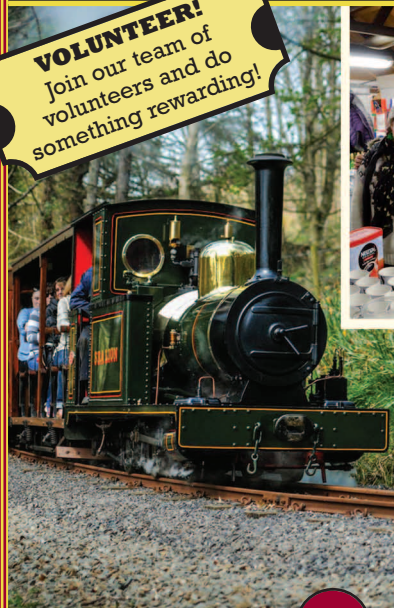
Legacies provide funds for the future and many of our pioneering supporters have chosen to leave, as their lasting contribution to the Railway, a legacy.

If you are in a position to – please join them.

Thank you.

For more details please email us on ggr@ggr.org.uk

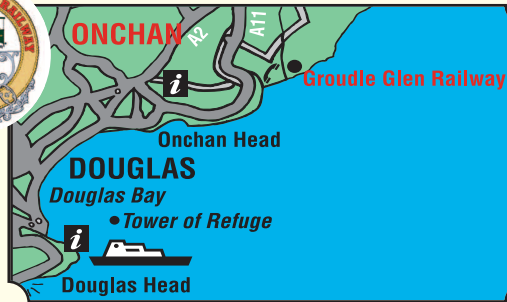
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How to find us



By Rail - Catch the Manx Electric Railway from Derby Castle to Groule Station (we accept IOM Transport Go Cards). Alight at Groule and take a short walk through the glen following the signs to the railway's main Lhen Coan station.

By Car - From Douglas

Take the main A11 coast road North from Douglas passing Port Jack and follow the Manx Electric Railway line along the King Edward Road to Groule. The entrance to Groule Glen is less than two miles from Douglas Promenade, opposite the Groule Manx Electric Railway station.

Parking - Parking at the Groule Glen entrance is limited. Alternative access is provided via the Groule Beach road (500 yards towards Douglas from the Glen entrance). Follow the road through the holiday village to the beach car park.

Access for the Less Able - Due to the railway's location within a National Glen accessible via uneven pathways, access can be limited for those who are less able. Access direct to the railway can be arranged in advance, please contact us via our website www.ggr.org.uk

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If you are a regular visitor to the line, have an interest in Groule Glen Railway or simply wish to show your support for the continued restoration and operation of this unique piece of Manx Heritage by our volunteers, join the supporters group,

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Benefits for Friends include:

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(on production of membership card)
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 - Email updates from the volunteers
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