

THE IRISH RAILWAY RECORD SOCIETY LTD

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Friday 20th & Saturday 21st July 2018Two-Day Outing to Co. Donegal Narrow Gauge Railways

The Society has arranged a two-day outing to visit the Narrow Gauge Railways of Co. Donegal on Friday 20th and Saturday 21st July 2018. We will travel from Dublin to Derry (via Belfast) by service train. A Coach will take us to the **Foyle Valley Railway Museum** before heading to the **Fintown Railway** in Co. Donegal. Overnight accommodation will be at **Dillon's Hotel, Letterkenny**. On Saturday we will visit the **Diffin Lake Railway** and Gardens at Oakfield Park in Raphoe (**lunch included**). The coach will then bring us to Derry Station to return to Dublin by service train.

Prices quoted below include:

- Admission to the Foyle Valley Railway Museum, Fintown Railway and Diffin Lake Railway & Gardens
- Overnight accommodation (bed & breakfast) at Dillon's Hotel, Letterkenny (per person sharing basis)
- 4-course evening meal at Dillons Hotel, Letterkenny on Friday evening
- Coach journey to / from Derry train station to the heritage railways and hotel in Letterkenny
- Hot lunch (main course) in *Buffers Restaurant* at the Diffin Lake Railway / Oakfield Park on Saturday

As the number of Members & Guests on this outing is limited to 50, please return your booking form (see over) and payment as soon as possible. Tickets will be allocated on a first come - first served basis.

If you wish to share a room with another member / guest travelling on the outing then please clearly state this on the reverse of the booking form (if not booking together) to assist with the rooming list arrangements.

There are a limited number of single rooms available, however this will incur an additional charge (see below). Please clearly state "require a single room" on your form at the time of booking.**

Provisional Timetable:

Fri 20th July	Dublin (Connolly)		dep.	07:35	
	Derry (Rail Station)	arr.	12:22	dep.	12:25
	Foyle Valley Railway Museum	arr.	12:30	dep.	13:30
	Fintown Railway	arr.	14:45	dep.	16:15
	Dillon's Hotel (Letterkenny)	arr.	17:00		
Sat 21st July	Dillon's Hotel (Letterkenny)		dep.	10:30	
	Diffin Lake Railway (incl. Lunch)	arr.	11:00	dep.	14:30
	Derry (Rail Station)	arr.	15:00	dep.	15:38
	Dublin (Connolly)	arr.	20:15		
Fares:	Return fare	€160.00	£135.00		
	Members with free travel	€125.00	£105.00		
	Single Room Supplement**	€36.00	£30.00		

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Members with free travel will need to obtain an Open Return ticket to Derry

Bookings for this outing should be made on the form below. Please enclose the appropriate remittance (payable to The Irish Railway Record Society) and send it to:

Alan Hyland, 48, Chalfont Road, Malahide, Co. Dublin, K36 CX83.

Please enclose a Stamped Addressed Envelope for your ticket
(€1 Irish stamp or 1st/2nd Class stamp for UK & NI)

You can also pay via *PayPal*. Please email: programme@irrs.ie with details of your booking and we will send you a request for payment by return. Please note that there will be a **surcharge of €6.00 or £6.00** to cover the cost of this service.

The closing date for this outing is Friday 06th July 2018.

Other Information:

Meal arrangements: *The main meal of the day on Friday will be the 4-course dinner at Dillon's Hotel that evening. As a result, **there will be no scheduled lunch stop**, as would be the case on other outings. Therefore **please ensure to purchase food on the Enterprise or at Belfast Central Station**, where we will have approximately 30 minutes to wait for the onward connection to Derry (subject to no delays etc). There will be no further opportunity to purchase food after this point until arriving at the hotel that evening.*

Breakfast is included at the hotel on Saturday morning and we will also have a lunch stop at "Buffers" restaurant at the Diffin Lake Railway & Oakfield Gardens.

Diffin Lake Railway: *The railway have advised us that the steam locomotive, "the Duchess of Diffin" will be used on the train especially for our visit on the Saturday morning (subject to availability); normally it is operational only one Sunday a month, with all other services being hauled by a diesel locomotive.*

Admission is also included to explore the extensive Oakfield Gardens, where the Diffin Lake Railway is situated and ample time has been included in the itinerary for this purpose.

Booking form for 2-Day Outing to Donegal Narrow Gauge Railways on Fri 20th / Sat 21st July 2018

Name..... Membership No.....

Address..... Tel. No.....

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..... **Please enter the Names of any Guests on the reverse of this form.**

Amount Enclosed € / £ _____ Paid by: Cheque / Money Order / Cash / PayPal