



Federation of Model Engineering Societies Rally 2024



Hosted by the

Nottingham Society of Model and Experimental Engineers

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Visitor Information

General

Welcome to the Nottingham Society of Model and Experimental Engineers at the Nottingham Transport Heritage Centre.

Please take care when driving around the Heritage Centre especially when manoeuvring and driving along the access road, there may be small children wondering about.

There is no Caravan parking allowed or tent space allowed on site for NSMEE visitors

A First Aid kit including eyewash is available in the Clubhouse.

Tea and coffee will be provided in the Clubhouse. A free sandwich lunch will be provided.

Weather permitting, a BBQ will be arranged for late afternoon and an evening run.

Please place all rubbish, ash etc in the receptacles provided.

To show your appreciation, please feel free to make a donation.

Booking In

All visitors must sign in at the 'Booking In Point' at the clubhouse on arrival.

[Proof of insurance, boiler certificate and club membership will need to be inspected].

When booking in you will be provided with a name badge [and wrist band] which should always be worn.

The Society's Operations Superintendent Pete Towle, and his appointed Deputies will be in overall charge of the event. Please introduce yourself to them and familiarise yourself with them.

Preparation of your model to run

Locomotive, Traction Engine, Road Vehicle and Stock Preparation

All locomotives will be given a designated place on either the Gauge1 track, the raised track steaming bays or the 7¼" steaming bays to prepare their locomotives for running and cleaning down after running.

All running traction engines will also be given a designated place for preparation for steaming and cleaning down after running

Coal of a suitable grade will be provided by the Society for locomotives, traction engines and coal fired stationary models. Owners of gauge1 methylated spirit fired locomotives **will not** be allowed to take more than 0.25ltr of purple methylated spirit onto the track. Clear methylated spirit is completely banned. Methylated spirit will be provided, if required

The water supply is fed from the mains.

Safety valves, a working whistle or horn, and two independent means of putting water into the boiler will be checked before any steam locomotive is allowed on the track or traction engine is allowed to run.

A working whistle or horn will be checked before any battery or i/c powered locomotive or road vehicle is allowed to run.

Fuelling of petrol or gas-fuelled locomotives and road vehicles must only be done in a designated safe place and under the directions of the Operations Superintendent or appointed Deputy.

Visitors bringing driving trolleys and any rolling stock must be in a serviceable condition with a braking system capable of stopping the train when laden. The Operations Superintendent or appointed Deputy will make a visual inspection before being allowed on track.

Stationary Models and other Models

Running of stationary models will only be allowed outside in the open and the necessary paperwork has been checked. If the weather on the day is inclement these models will be allowed under cover but not be able to run except under compressed air provided by NSMEE.

Depending on the weather conditions on the day other models will be exhibited in the open air or inside as necessary.

Train, and Road Vehicle Running

Train running

On arrival all owners and drivers of locomotives will be issued with 'Running Rules for 7¼" Gauge Trains' or 'Running Rules for 5" & 3½" Gauge Trains' or 'Running Rules for Smaller Gauge Trains' .

Owners and drivers will be required to read these Running Rules and sign and date them before being allowed to run.

The maximum permitted speed on the raised track is 8 mph on the straight sections and 5 mph on all curved sections. On the ground level the maximum speed limit on the straight sections is 10 mph and 8 mph on all curved sections. Special care must be taken when approaching or passing through station areas.

The Operations Superintendent has absolute authority and may terminate running if necessary for safety reasons. Locomotives and stock may only be taken on and off the running lines with the permission of the Operations Superintendent or appointed Deputy.

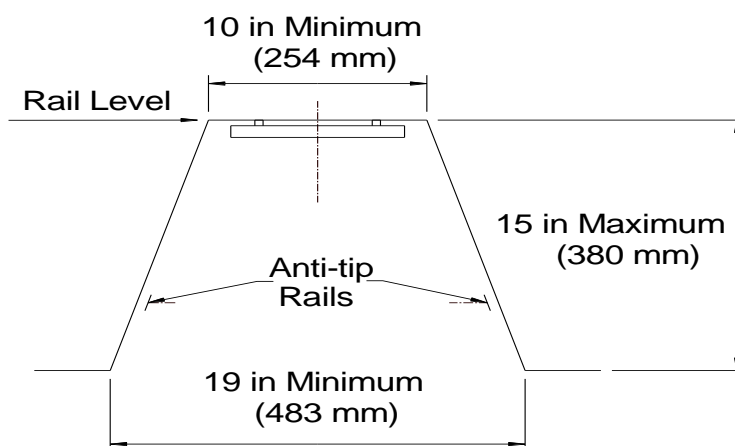
Visitors may not operate the points, ground-level turntable, traverser, bridge or hydraulic lift without permission of the Operations Superintendent or appointed Deputy.

Visiting juniors below the age of 14 may drive only when no members of the public are passengers and then only when closely supervised by an experienced adult driver. Juniors of age 14 or above may drive public trains but only when accompanied by an adult Guard.

Visitors under the age of 18 years wishing to drive must be signed in the visitor's book by an adult Society member, who will supervise the visitor(s) at all times.

Raised Track Riding Trolley

Visitors wishing to bring their own raised track driving trolley please see the necessary dimensions of the NSMEE's raised track rolling stock below:-



Road Vehicle Running

On arrival all owners and drivers of traction engines and road vehicles will be issued with 'Running Rules for Road Vehicles'. Owners and drivers will be required to read these Running Rules and sign and date them before being allowed to run.

The Operations Superintendent has absolute authority and may terminate running of traction engines and other road vehicles if necessary for safety reasons. Running of traction engines and road vehicles will only be allowed with the permission of the Operations Superintendent or appointed Deputy.

Visiting juniors below the age of 14 may drive only when no members of the public are passengers and then only when closely supervised by an experienced adult driver. Juniors of age 14 or above may drive traction engines and other road vehicles but only with the owner's permission.

Conclusion

[In conclusion we hope you enjoy your visit to NSMEE](#)