

# DARTMOUTH STEAM RAILWAY

## FOOTPLATE EXPERIENCE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The footplate experience consists of a single journey on the footplate between Paignton and Kingswear and return in the carriages of the train (or vice versa).

The locomotive used will be the service loco for that day; the company cannot specify in advance which loco will be used.

All dates and times are subject to availability; the experience is not available during special event days or evening trains.

The Dartmouth Steam Railway reserves the right to re-schedule a footplate experience if necessary due to operational requirements.

The footplate is a potentially hazardous place. To minimise risks to our footplate staff, passengers and to yourself during the footplate experience, you must:

- **Be aged over 18 at the time of travel.**
- **Be in good health<sup>1</sup> (for emergency evacuation you must be fit enough to climb immediately on/off the locomotive from ground level unaided, this may be up to a 3 metre (10 feet) vertical climb with steps at up to 0.6M (2 ft) spacing and (potentially) up to 0.9M (3 feet) from locomotive step to a loose ballast shoulder. You must also be able to cope with discomfort, including heat, cold, wet, heights (viaducts), dark (tunnel), noise, & vibration, without distracting the crew). Where doubt exists, we reserve the right to conduct a confirmatory test of fitness prior to the experience.**
- **Wear sturdy footwear that will protect your feet.**
- **Wear clothing that fully covers your arms and legs. Man-made fibre clothing is not satisfactory.**
- **Not attend the experience under the influence of alcohol or drugs.**
- **Not smoke on the footplate.**
- **Declare any medical conditions or treatment.**
- **Be able to communicate clearly in English, to acknowledge and comply with any instructions given.**

We strongly advise you to wear older clothing. A dust coat, gloves and protective glasses will be provided and should be worn. The Dartmouth Steam Railway cannot be held responsible for any cleaning/damage to clothing.

Our experienced and knowledgeable footplate staff will explain:

- How to safely enter and exit the footplate.
- Where it is safe for you to stand and what is safe to touch.
- The hazards of the fall plate (tender engines only) and of open doors.
- Action in the event of an emergency including gauge glass failure and emergency exit.

Our staff are happy to explain what is happening during the journey and point out various points of interest, but the footplate is a busy and, at times, noisy place, where the full concentration of the driver and fireman is required. It is possible some questions will have to be answered at the end of your journey where there is a brief period before the loco departs for its return journey.

If the directions of the crew are not met, or you act in an inappropriate fashion, you will be asked to leave at the next station and your footplate experience will be terminated.

You are welcome to bring a camera with you to capture unique views, but the company cannot be held responsible for any damage or loss to cameras or other items.

Dust Coat: Accepted/Declined

Glasses: Accepted/Declined

Gloves: Accepted/Declined

**I certify that I have understood the instructions I have been given and meet/accept all the terms and conditions above.**

Print Name	
Signed	
Date	

1. Both physically and psychologically capable of conducting the experience without distracting the crew or otherwise compromising safety.