

# MOTORING

## AEROPLANES & TRAINS

Aeroplanes can be very exciting for children, Southampton has an aircraft museum and a bus airport to watch flights coming in and out. Many children also find trains fascinating, Southampton has several miniature railways to visit and places for train rides.

See also Moors Valley Country Park and the National Motor Museum Beaulieu



### Trains

1. Eastleigh Lakeside Steam Railway
2. Exbury Gardens & Steam Train
3. Royal Victoria Country Park Miniature Railway
4. Riverside Park Miniature Railway
5. Watercress Line Mid Hants Railway

### Aeroplanes

6. Solent Sky Hall of Aviation
7. Southampton Airport (Eastleigh)



## 1. Eastleigh Lakeside Steam Railway

- ⇒ The miniature steam railway runs 1¼ miles to Monks Brook Halt (20 minutes)
- ⇒ Monks Brook Halt has a children's playground, lakes & picnic tables
- ⇒ The station building has a souvenir shop, café and a working model railway
- ⇒ Special events include a Day Out with Thomas the Tank Engine and Santa Specials



Lakeside Country Park, Wide Lane,  
Eastleigh, SO50 5PE



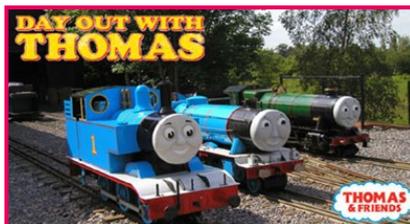
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elr@streamtrain.co.uk



www.streamtrain.co.uk



- ⇒ Toilet in the station building

### Opening Times

#### Summer

Every weekend 10am-4.30pm

#### Winter

Every weekend 10am-4pm

Lakeside Café opens 9am

### Prices



Adult Return: £3

Child (2-15) Return: £2.50

Single (all ages): £2

#### Thomas Event Fares

Adult : £14

Child (2-15) : £11

Under 2's: Free

## 2. Exbury Gardens & Steam Train

- ⇒ The miniature steam train follows a 1¼ mile, 20 minute scenic route around the Gardens. Carriages are wheelchair-friendly
- ⇒ Special events include the Ghost Train experience
- ⇒ The Gardens are beautiful and fun to explore or enjoy a picnic, and there various events throughout the year including the Fun Trail
- ⇒ Hop on Hop off Buggy Service around the gardens available 1 adult & 1 child costs £4, the full ride is 30-40 minutes long
- ⇒ New for 2014 Adventure Play area

### Opening Times

Everyday 10am-dusk

March-November



Parking free to Blue Badge holders



Exbury, Southampton,  
Hampshire, SO45 1AZ



02380 891 203



info@exbury.co.uk



www.exbury.co.uk



### 3. Royal Victoria Country Park Miniature Railway

- ⇒ The miniature railway runs for 1 mile through Royal Victoria Country Park
- ⇒ Special events throughout the year
- ⇒ 6 steam locomotives, 3 diesel, all with small carriages and low sides
- ⇒ Playground, café, gift shop and toilets located near to the station

 Royal Victoria Country Park, Netley, Southampton, SO31 5GA

 02380 456 264 or 07799 294 196

 [rvcp.enquiries@hants.gov.uk](mailto:rvcp.enquiries@hants.gov.uk)

 [www.royalvictoriarailway.co.uk](http://www.royalvictoriarailway.co.uk)



*Opening Times*  
All weekend and school holidays  
11am-4.30pm  
Last train 4.15pm

*Prices* 

<b>Adult :</b>	£1.75
<b>Child:</b>	£1.25



### 4. Riverside Park Miniature Railway

- ⇒ Miniature steam and diesel trains run on a circuit through the park, from the Riverside Parkway Station –contact for ticket prices
- ⇒ The park has toilets, play grounds, cricket pitches, tennis courts, 18 hole pitch & putt, skate park, and pleasant riverside walks. It is also a good place to feed the swans and ducks.
- ⇒ Because of the riverside location of the track, children should be closely supervised as there is no fence between the park and the river -at low tide this is a very steep drop

 Riverside Park, Woodmill Lane, Bitterne Park, Southampton, SO18 2JJ

 02380 790 693

 [parks@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:parks@southampton.gov.uk)

 [www.southampton/s-leisure/parksgreenspaces/districtparks/riverside-park.aspx](http://www.southampton/s-leisure/parksgreenspaces/districtparks/riverside-park.aspx)

*Opening Times*  
Sundays 1pm-4pm  
Between April and September



Some free parking



## 5. Watercress Line Mid Hants Railway

- ⇒ Full sized steam locomotives run between Alresford and Alton
- ⇒ Free miniature railway at Ropley, every Saturday and Sunday from 11am until 4pm throughout the summer
- ⇒ Vintage bus rides between Alton station and Jane Austen's house in Chawton. The bus runs on the first Sunday of the month between May and October
- ⇒ Events include Santa specials, a day out with Thomas, and Murder Mystery nights on the dining trains
- ⇒ All of the scheduled services are capable of carrying up to six fixed wheelchairs, via ramps at of the stations. There is also a specially adapted carriage with a customised open space designed for wheelchair use around fixed tables



### Opening Times

Very throughout the year check website or contact for further details

### Prices



<b>Adult :</b>	£16
<b>Child (2-15) :</b>	£8
<b>Under 2's:</b>	Free
<b>Family:</b>	£40
<b>Carer:</b>	Free
<small>(1 free per paying disabled customer)</small>	

-  Arlesford, Station Road, SO24 9JG  
Alton, Station Road, GU34 2PZ
-  01962 733 810
-  Contact form on website
-  [www.watercressline.co.uk](http://www.watercressline.co.uk)



- ⇒ Disabled parking at both stations
- ⇒ Wheelchairs cannot access standard railway carriages due to narrow doorways but there are spaces for wheelchairs in certain carriages. Phone ahead to ensure this is in operation before your visit



## 6. Solent Sky Hall of Aviation

- ⇒ Aircraft museum with several real aeroplanes and helicopters.
- ⇒ A large flying boat you can go inside (access by steps, then ladder to enter cockpit)
- ⇒ A collection of aeronautical drawings, paintings, photographs, maps and models - displays are mainly visual, not interactive
- ⇒ All areas of the museum are wheelchair accessible except for aircraft flight decks

 7 Albert Road South, Southampton, Hampshire, SO14 3FR  
 02380 635 830  
 aviation@spitfireonline.co.uk  
 www.solentskymuseum.org



### Opening Times

Tuesday-Saturday 10am-5pm  
 Sunday 12pm-5pm  
 Closed Mondays except during school and public holidays

### Prices



<b>Adult :</b>	£6.50
<b>Child (5-16):</b>	£4.50
<b>Under 5's:</b>	Free
<b>Concession:</b>	£5.50
<b>Family (2A,3C):</b>	£17.50



## 7. Southampton Airport (Eastleigh)

- ⇒ Viewing gallery with seats, drinks and snack machines and small coffee shop. Long window with view of runway to watch the planes land and take off

 Wide Lane, Eastleigh, Hampshire, SO18 2NL  
 08444 817 777  
 www.southamptonairport.com

Free of charge



- ⇒ Ramps and lift to viewing platform
- ⇒ Blue Badge parking available in short & long stay car parks, do not park on the road