

# Stations

**Minehead** - Second hand book shop • Signal box  
Turntable • Water towers • Pay and Display car park  
Seaside town with sandy beach and harbour • Start  
of the South West Coast Path • TA24 5BG

**Dunster** - Railwayana • Goods Yard • 20 minute  
walk to medieval village with Dunster Castle and  
Watermill (NT) • Yarn Market • TA24 6PJ

**Blue Anchor** - Traditional gated level crossing  
Signal box • Sandy beach • TA24 6LG

**Washford** - Goods yard • Nearby Cleeve Abbey  
(English Heritage), Torre Cider Farm • Footpath  
along Old Mineral Line site • TA23 0PP

**Watchet** - Harbour town with Marina • Boat and  
Town museums • Mineral Line footpath • TA23 0AU

**Doniford Halt** - Request Stop • Nearby Doniford  
Farm Park • Fossil beach • TA23 0TQ

**Williton** - Signal box • Home of DEPG and West  
Somerset Restoration workshop • TA4 4RQ

**Stogumber** - Tea Garden • Nearby quiet Village •  
Country walks • TA4 3TR

**Crowcombe Heathfield** - Highest Station •  
Signal box • Seen in films 'The Land Girls' and 'A  
Hard Day's Night' • Country Walks • TA4 4PA

**Bishops Lydeard** - Gauge Museum • Model  
Railways • Signal box • Water tower • Free Car park  
Nearby Quantock Brewery & Historic Mill • TA4 3RU

# Our History

The history of the West Somerset Railway is a tale of two halves. First opened in 1862 as far as Watchet, it was only later in 1874 that trade and Victorian tourism took the line further to Minehead via Washford and Blue Anchor Bay. For almost a century trains ran to the Somerset coast from Taunton and elsewhere on the national network until closure in 1971.

Just five years later, passionate locals and enthusiasts were weeding the track bed and sprucing up the line, bit by bit from Minehead, back towards Taunton. Our preserved line finally got back to Bishops Lydeard in 1979 giving visitors to the area England's longest heritage railway to enjoy.



## Interested in volunteering?

Please contact [volunteers@wsrail.net](mailto:volunteers@wsrail.net) for more information or call us on 01643 704996.



## Our locomotives

Period steam and diesel locomotives bring authenticity to your West Somerset journey. Our steam engines represent the historic GWR (later BR WR), with 'Large Prairie' 5199 dating from 1934 and 7828 Odney Manor later in 1950. 7822 Foxcote Manor will also remain with us until 2026, courtesy of the Foxcote Manor Society. Our GWR-inspired 'Mogul' 9351 was converted from a 1934 engine by our loco dept and rolled out to the public for the first time in 2004. The 1960s diesels, including impressive Class 35 'Hymeks' and faithful Class 33 'Cromptons' from the DEPG at Williton, assist our running during busy periods and for special events like railway galas, where other Diesel locomotives like 'Teddy Bear' D9526 may also be seen. Pride of the Diesel fleet is D1010 Western Campaigner, currently undergoing restoration for which funds are being raised.



## Shopping & Eating

### Minehead

Turntable Café - Licenced cafe serving hot drinks, light lunches, cakes and snacks.

Buffer Stop Shop - Souvenirs, WSR merchandise, toys and clothing.

### Bishops Lydeard

Whistle Stop Café - Café serving hot drinks and snacks.

Bishops Lydeard Shop - Souvenirs, WSR Merchandise, model railways, books and more.

### Intermediate Stations

Some stations have a small food or gift offering, please check the website for further information. [www.west-somerset-railway.co.uk](http://www.west-somerset-railway.co.uk)

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England's longest Heritage Railway



# 2022 Timetable

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