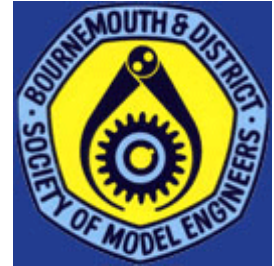




Polly Owners Group
Rally & AGM
Bournemouth & District
Society of Model Engineers
20th May 2017



This rally is kindly being hosted by the Bournemouth & District Society of Model Engineers.

Below is some information that may be useful if you are planning to come to the rally which will start after the POG AGM at 10am.

Please join us even if you are not yet a member and see what the POG is all about.

A light lunch will be provided plus teas and coffees all day. The Bournemouth club will also be having a social evening on the Saturday with food (for a small charge) which we have kindly been invited too. So please stay and continue to play trains into the evening. Please let me know if you are planning to attend, how many will be in your group and if you will be staying for the evening – contact details below. This will allow us to get an accurate number for catering purposes.

If you are planning a weekend down in Bournemouth for the rally then the track will be open again on the Sunday (21st) from about 10:30 should you wish to run your engine.

Track Information

The Bournemouth & DSME track is raised level and caters for 3½, 5 and 7¼" gauges. It is about 1790 feet in length and has a maximum gradient of 1 in 150. The shape of the track is that of a dog bone with two almost parallel straights joined by circles at either end with a radius of 17m. The track is steel flat bottomed rail laid on plastic sleepers, on concrete beams with super-elevation built in which gives a very smooth ride. There is a minimum ground clearance of 15".

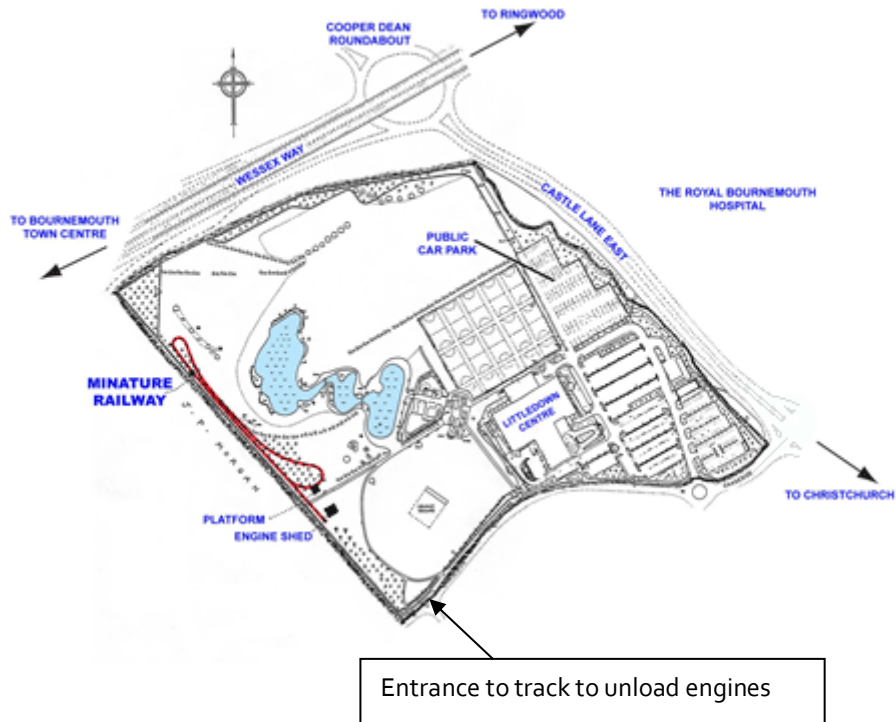
There are batteries available for blowers in the steaming bays and unloading facilities are available.

If you are bringing an engine please don't forget your boiler and insurance certificates!

Track Location

The track is located in Littledown Park, Chaseside, Castle Lane East, Bournemouth. BH7 7DX. This is a major sports complex and has lots of amenities. Bournemouth and Boscombe shops are near by, as is the beach!

See maps and directions below or see the B&DSME website at www.littledownrailway.co.uk



FROM LONDON:

Take the M25; the M3; the M27 and A31 towards RINGWOOD. From Ringwood follow the A338 (Wessex Way) signposted to BOURNEMOUTH.

After 6.8 miles, turn left at the exit A3060 as signposted; then at the Cooper Dean Roundabout take the 1st exit left on to Castle Lane East (signposted Lyndhurst A35). Proceed 0.5 miles and turn right at the main traffic lights intersection; then take the 3rd exit at the roundabout into the Littledown Centre Car Park. If you are visiting without an engine please park in the main Littledown Centre car park. It is free at weekends and just a short walk to the track.

If you have an engine DO NOT take 3rd exit from roundabout into the Littledown Centre car park but take the 2nd exit off the roundabout and continue along Chaseside. Just before the entrance gates to JP Morgan there is a footpath on the right hand side through the trees into the park. This is the entrance to our track. If the bollard is locked and no Bournemouth member is on hand to unlock please walk up the path straight ahead where you will see the steaming bays and track. Ask any Bournemouth member and they will be happy to unlock the bollard.

The Littledown Centre is situated opposite the Royal Bournemouth Hospital.

FROM THE NORTH AND WEST:

Head for the A31 / A338 junction (Ashley Heath) just outside RINGWOOD and take the A338 (Wessex Way) to BOURNEMOUTH. Then follow the directions as above.

If you are coming to the Rally please get in touch with Neil Mortimer so that POG have some idea of numbers likely to attend and to plan the catering arrangements.

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