



Rail Ale Trail Tours 2011

Join a steam-powered pub crawl at
East Lancashire Railway

Whether you are an ale lover, cider aficionado or Cream Soda supporter, our guided Rail Ale Tours take you on a journey to uncover some of the best kept pub secrets along the railway's 12-mile route, find UK's last temperance bar, hear fascinating stories and historical accounts and of course sample some outstanding local ales.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

The tours include a guided tour and pub stops in villages on the East Lancashire Railway depending on the tour you have picked. Each tour costs **£19.50 per person** and includes:

- a return trip on the East Lancashire Railway
- a guided tour by a qualified tour guide
- a bottle of fine ELR ale by Outstanding Brewery

One thing is for sure though: all tours will entertain and include plenty of stories about beer, brewing and local history told in a fun and anecdotal way.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The tours start at The Trackside pub at Bury station unless otherwise stated and last approximately 3-4 hours. Simply choose one of the following tours available:



EVERY STOP IS A START...

DATE	TIME	ALE TOUR ROUTE
Fri 8 Jul	10.45am	Ramsbottom
Sat 30 Jul	2pm	Summerseat
Fri 12 Aug	11.30am	Ramsbottom
Sat 13 Aug	12pm	Ramsbottom
Sat 24 Sep	11.15am	Ramsbottom
Sun 25 Sep	12pm	Summerseat
Sat 8 Oct	11.30am	Summerseat
Sat 29 Oct	2pm	Pale Ale Halloween Tour
Sat 12 Nov	11.15am	Ramsbottom
Sat 19 Nov	11.30am	Summerseat



RAIL ALE TOUR SUMMERSEAT

This hidden gem village on the East Lancashire Railway is often overlooked! Come along with us as we take a beer (or two!) along the route in tucked away pubs and listen to stories of illegal brewing, rebellious landlords who come back from the grave and a mill empire to make Sir Alan Sugar jealous!

RAIL ALE TOUR RAMSBOTTOM

The village, in times gone by, was known as “Tups’-ass” at the ticket office at Manchester Victoria Train Station! The family of Robert Peel – who introduced the Police Force in 1829 – established a flourishing printing business in the village. These days Ramsbottom is a thriving conservation village with its own brewery, Irwell Works, and a wealth of history and pubs to keep us happy on our trail.

HALLOWEEN PALE ALE SPECIAL

Not just exclusively drinking Pale Ale!

Your face becomes pale as we uncover stories of ghostly goings on along the East Lancashire Railway route. Costume is important as we travel from pub to pub, so dress to impress and dust off your Dracula suit or Pendle Witch broom!



CHRISTMAS ALE EXPRESS

A Christmas Ale Express is also available throughout December for corporate and private Christmas party bookings. Phone East Lancashire Railway for more details.

HOW TO BOOK?

Minimum group size is 10 people, maximum group size is 25.

Guided tours are available on selected dates throughout the year but pre-booking is essential.

Phone **0161 764 7790** (lines are open daily 10am–4pm) to make your booking or visit our **Information Office** at Bolton Street Station in Bury (open daily 10am–4pm).

Alternatively, complete the **online booking request form** and return it by email to admin@east-lancs-rly.co.uk or by post to Event Booking Officer, East Lancashire Railway, Bolton Street Station, Bury BL9 OEY. Please allow up to 5 days for a written booking confirmation.