

Hertfordshire rail branch line offers pub crawl with a difference

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A new 'Rail Ale Trail' has been launched for beer lovers in Hertfordshire.

The [New River Line Community Rail Partnership](#) has joined forces with [Greater Anglia](#), the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) and pubs near five railway stations to create a trail that is easily accessible by train.

Visitors can leave the car at home and sample a range of real ales from 18 CAMRA-recommended pubs along the route of the Hertford East – Broxbourne 'New River' Line.

New Ale Trail guides have been produced by the partnership which are available from local pubs, tourist information points and other local outlets as well as at www.newriverline.org

Katie Goldthorpe, New River Line Community Rail Partnership Officer, said: "There are just five stations on the New River Line, but there are so many fun things to do around them, including 18 real ale pubs, all near to stations. I would encourage everyone to come and explore the line for a great day out.

"Perfect for a summer's day out, visitors to the trail can leave the car behind, enjoy a glass of real ale and

travel safely by train.”

The New River Line Community Rail Partnership aims to encourage and promote use of the rail branch line between Hertford East and Broxbourne, supporting local projects developed in partnership with community groups businesses and the train operator, Greater Anglia.

The focus is on projects that promote the stations and encourage rail travel through engagement, economic growth and sustainable active travel for all.