

# Look behind the scenes at The Watercress Line's Open Weekend

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Visitors can go behind the scenes to find out more about The Watercress Line at an Open Weekend on the 10 and 11 September.

It's a chance to explore the railway's engineering hub at Ropley Station to view current restoration projects throughout the yard, engineering shed and carriage shop viewing gallery. Guided tours will be available throughout the weekend. The miniature railway will also be running at Ropley.

At Alresford, there will be the opportunity to browse in the Old Goods Shed Museum, which will display artefacts from the Somerset & Dorset Railway Trust, as well as visit the gift shop.

The Goods Shed will be open for the 'Delivering the Goods' exhibition at Medstead and Four Marks Station.

The Open Weekend will feature unlimited train travel along the Watercress Line's picturesque route, allowing visitors to hop on and off at the heritage stations along the way.

Delicious refreshments will be available – or bring a picnic to enjoy. The Open Weekend is free to Watercress Line Members and Shareholders.

The Watercress Line's new CEO Amanda Squires said: "The Open Weekend on the 10th and 11th September is a brilliant opportunity for anybody who is interested in heritage railways to find out more about the work we carry out.

"It will give visitors a chance to get up close to the locomotives and learn more about the fascinating restoration of our engines and carriages.

"As with all our special events, it is advisable to book ahead to ensure you don't miss out."

Find out more at <https://watercressline.co.uk/open-weekend/>