

In Search of Fools Gold!

Rocks & Soils

July & September
Tuesdays & Thursdays

Suitability - Key Stage 2

Organised in conjunction with Herefordshire & Worcestershire Earth Heritage Trust 'In Search of Fools Gold - Rocks & Soils' uses images familiar to the children to bring our geological past to life.

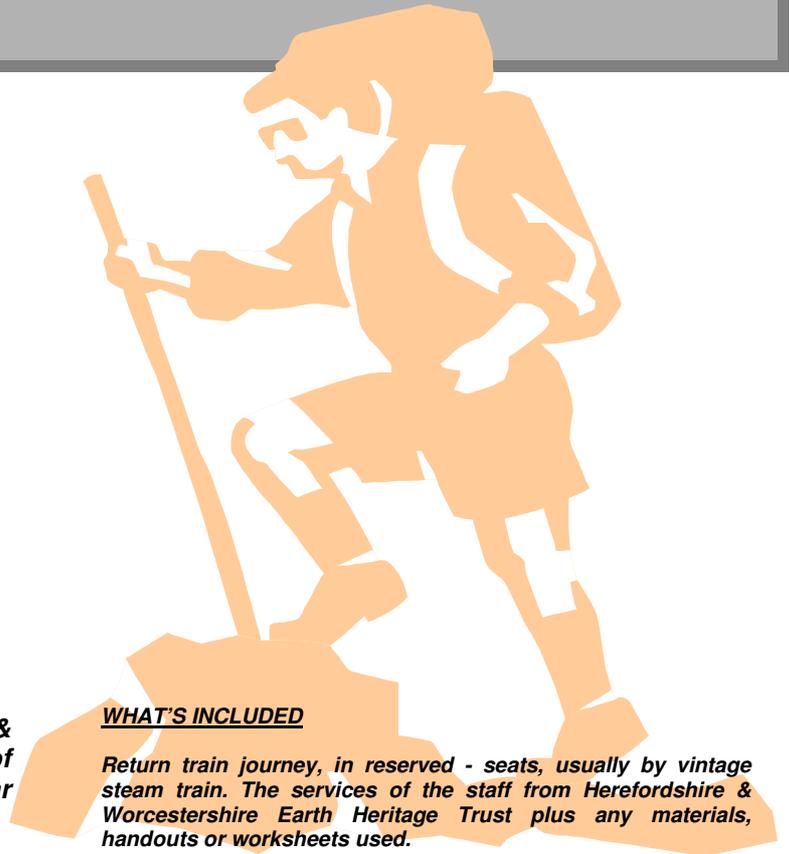
The day starts at Kidderminster where you will be met by staff from the Earth Heritage Trust. On joining your train, which will also be used as a mobile classroom, the children will learn about 'Fools Gold' and be taught about how the geology of the area has affected the landscape and the construction of the railway itself! They will complete a short questionnaire based on their observations during the train journey.

Your train journey will take you to the mining village of Highley. At Highley the group will transfer to our new purpose built Visitor & Education Centre called 'The Engine House'. Here the children will take part in a classroom session which explores in a practical way the effect of soil types on our environment and the way we live. There will also be an opportunity for the children to visit the displays in the 'Engine House'.

National Curriculum

Geography - Pupils should be encouraged to ask geographical questions for example, 'What is this landscape like?', 'What do I think about it?'

Theme - Water and its effects on landscapes and people, including the physical features of rivers for example, flood plain or coasts for example, beach, and the processes of erosion and deposition that affect them.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

Return train journey, in reserved - seats, usually by vintage steam train. The services of the staff from Herefordshire & Worcestershire Earth Heritage Trust plus any materials, handouts or worksheets used.

BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS, COSTS & TIMINGS

'In Search of Fools Gold - Rocks & Soils' operates on Tuesdays and Thursdays from July to September by arrangement.

Timings are approximately as follows:

TRAINS FROM KIDDERMINSTER ONLY	
Depart Kidderminster	10.30 am
Arrive Highley Station	11.17 am
Transfer on foot to 'Engine House'	11.20 am to 11.30 am
Classroom session	11.30 am to 12.45 pm
Own Lunch	12.45 pm to 1.15 pm
Self guided tour of 'Engine House'	1.15 pm to 1.50 pm
Transfer on foot to Highley Station	1.05 pm to 2.00 pm
Depart Highley Station	2.08 pm
Arrive Kidderminster	2.44 pm

The cost of the visit is £7-00 per child. 1 adult travels free per 10 (or part of 10) paying pupils. Any additional adults, above the free allocation, are also charged at the child rate.

Please note - A minimum of 20 paying pupils applies to this event.

ENQUIRIES AND BOOKINGS FOR THIS EVENT ARE CO-ORDINATED BY THE SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY AND NOT BY THE EARTH HERITAGE TRUST.

We strongly recommend a telephone booking in the first instance to avoid disappointment.