



GROUP VISIT GUIDE

Explore a range of options to ensure your next group tour is an unforgettable rail heritage experience.



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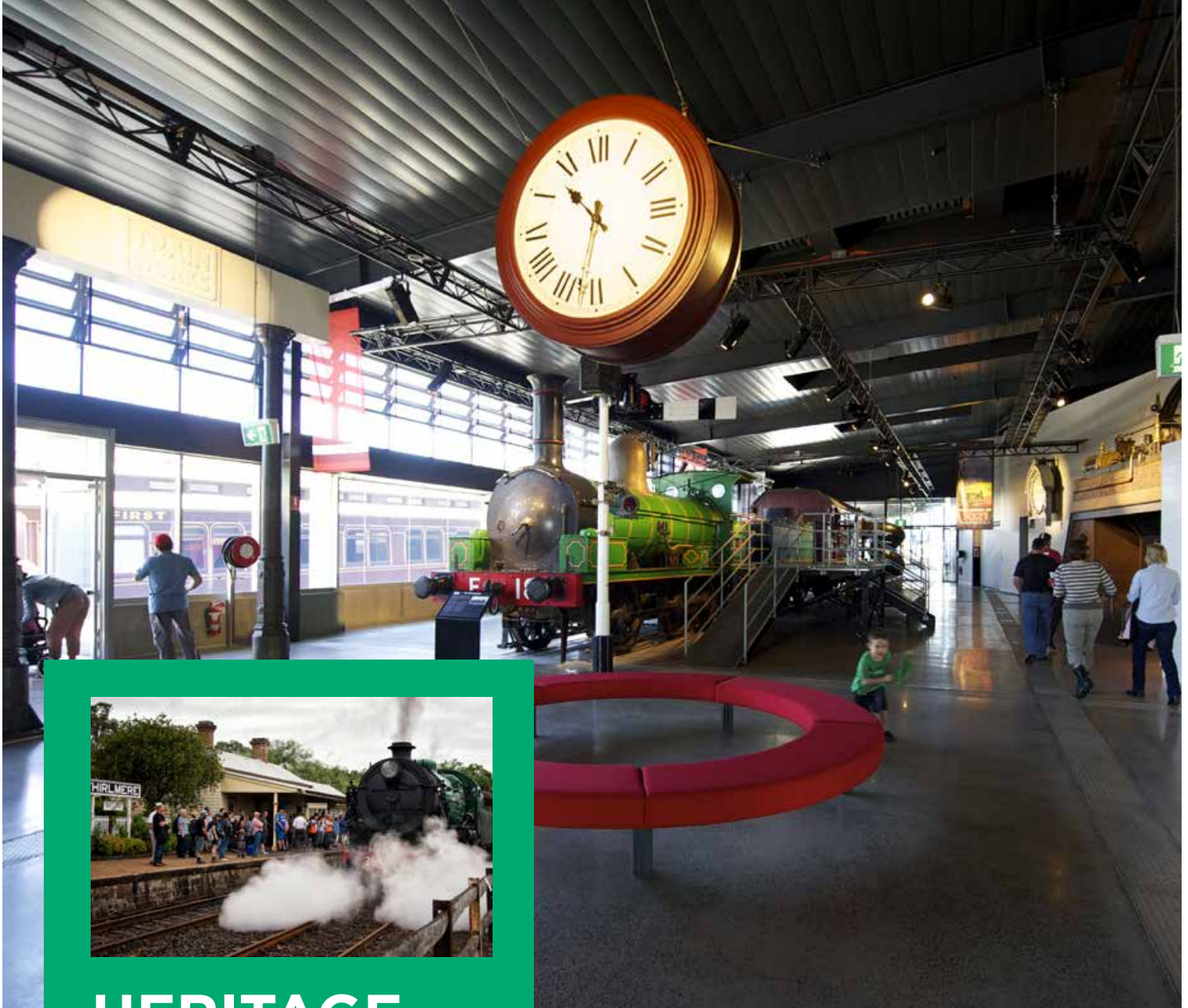


GET ON TRACK FOR A GREAT DAY OUT

Home to Australia's largest collection of working and static rolling stock and a vast display of objects, artefacts and memorabilia, NSW Rail Museum tells the story of New South Wales' rail history. The museum is located in Thirlmere, only an hour south-west of Sydney and in easy reach of Canberra, Wollongong and the South Coast.

Since 1975 the Thirlmere site has been home to a significant collection of rail heritage items and with the upgrade of facilities in 2011, it is now a major regional tourist attraction. NSW Rail Museum offers a range of options to ensure your group has an enjoyable visit and an unforgettable rail heritage experience.





HERITAGE PRECINCT

The heritage precinct includes the Thirlmere railway station (1885), Station Master's cottage (1891), and Co-op shed (1908).

Like many towns, Thirlmere was born with the coming of the Great Southern Railway in 1863 to 1867 when a large temporary tent city sprouted to house the railway workers.

The Co-op shed was established by Estonian poultry farmers and is an important link to this profitable regional industry.

MAIN EXHIBITION BUILDING

The main exhibition building is where you will discover how the NSW railways brought life to town and country.

Learn about life on the lines and in the workshops, marvel at some of the engineering and design achievements of the railways, find out how signals and points keep the lines safe, walk the timeline of rail development from the invention of the very first steam powered engine to today, and see how the railways revolutionised tourism and leisure travel in Australia.



The Roundhouse, NSW Rail Museum

GREAT TRAIN HALL

The Great Train Hall features an impressive collection of steam, diesel and electric locomotives as well as many different types of passenger carriages and goods cars. Visitors are able to climb aboard some of the carriages and a new platform allows a special view into unique and rare carriages.



ROUNDHOUSE AND TURNTABLE

In the roundhouse, staff and volunteers work on a variety of locomotives and carriages, carrying out heavy overhauls and restorations as well as the more traditional 'running' maintenance that roundhouses were originally designed for.

A viewing platform allows you to see behind-the-scenes and watch the specialist maintenance and conservation processes being performed.

The roundhouse is serviced by a 105-foot turntable from the old Enfield steam depot. It is one of only three in NSW of that impressive size.

CATERING

All group bookings include an option for a complimentary tea and coffee station. This needs to be pre-arranged when making your booking.

For more substantial catering, set price morning/afternoon tea and lunch is available with a range of sweet and savoury options.



Group catering shared platter options:

- assorted sandwiches and wraps (1½ sandwiches per person)
- assorted sushi (approx. 4 pieces per person)
- selection of Australian cheeses with dried fruit, nuts and crackers
- assorted slices and petit four
- fresh fruit

PRICES (PER PERSON)

\$10.00	single platter
\$15.00	combination of any 2 platters
\$22.50	combination of any 3 platters
\$30.00	combination of any 4 platters

All platters are designed to cater for all members of your group (*i.e. no individual orders*). For example, your choice of a single fresh fruit platter will provide enough fruit for all guests in your group. If you would like multiple choices for your group, you will need to order more than one platter.

Please note: all catering must be arranged with us in advance of your visit. The café is unable to have groups of 15 or more order off the menu on the day.

Contact us for more information.



GROUP BOOKINGS

Tour options

To make the most of your time at NSW Rail Museum, we have a number of group tour options:

- **Introductory Talk (15 minutes)**
A brief introduction and overview of NSW Rail Museum prior to a self-guided visit at your leisure.
- **General Highlights Tour (30-90 minutes)**
Explore the NSW Rail Museum site with a fully guided tour tailored to fit your itinerary.

Our experienced volunteer guides have a wealth of knowledge about the NSW Rail Museum collection and will help you get the most out of your visit. Tours can also be adapted for visitors with special needs.

Group Pricing

Museum entry:

Groups of 15 and over receive 10% discount on entry and complimentary morning or afternoon tea (coffee & tea with biscuits).

Pricing:

	Museum entry	Museum entry + train ride
Adult	\$15	\$35
Concession/senior	\$10	\$25
Child 4+	\$5	\$12.50

To make a booking for your group, contact us on 1300 11 55 99 or email: customers@thnsw.com.au



SCHOOL GROUP BOOKINGS

School Bookings

Kids love NSW Rail Museum – it’s a huge site with so many interesting things to explore. The education program supports the NSW syllabus for the National Curriculum. We also welcome Vacation Care group bookings during the school holidays for an exciting and educational day out.

The NSW Rail Museum has a vast collection that provides a range of hands-on teaching and learning opportunities for school groups. We offer both guided and teacher-led education program options. The guided program lasts for 90 minutes and includes a student activity booklet. The Teachers Notes provide supporting material for teacher-led tours, including a suggested museum trail and prompt questions.

Curriculum Links

HISTORY

- Early stage 1 – Personal and family histories
- Stage 1 – Present and past family life
- Stage 1 – The past in the present
- Stage 2 – Community and remembrance
- Stage 3 – The Australian colonies

Teacher Resources

The museum provides the following resources to help you and your students get the most out of your visit:

- Pre-visit Slideshow
- Teachers Notes
- Venue Safety Information
- Rail Adventure Activity Booklet for each student.

Cost

Guided visit: \$10 per student

Teacher-led visit: \$8 per student

Guided visit & railmotor ride:
\$15 per student

Accompanying staff/carers free of charge to a max ratio of 1:10 adults to students. Additional adults \$15 each.



Bookings for school groups must be made in advance. For more information call us on 1300 11 55 99



MUSEUM FACILITIES

Facilities include expansive landscaped gardens, amphitheatre and children's playground.

PLEASE BE ADVISED:

NSW Rail Museum occupies a site of more than 1 kilometre in length.

It is recommended that visitors with limited mobility plan their visit to include rest stops.

- Prams and wheelchairs will not fit through the doorways of the carriages on display and some exhibits are accessible only by stairs.
- Prams and wheelchairs will not fit through the doorways of the carriages on Steam Train rides. However, a safe storage place will be provided and assistance to board the trains is available if required.



Parking

There is free street parking in Barbour Road, including designated bays for disabled parking and coaches.



Picnics

With over 10,000 square metres of lawns, NSW Rail Museum is the perfect place to have a picnic. Grab a delicious sandwich from our cafe or use the barbecue facilities to cook your own hot lunch.



Accessibility

- Accessible toilets
- Hearing aid loop in the theatre
- Single level access to all areas
- Ramp access to the Great Train Hall platform and the Roundhouse.





OPERATING HOURS

OPEN 7 DAYS

Monday to Friday 10am-4pm

Saturday & Sunday 9am-5pm

Closed on Good Friday and
Christmas Day



LOCATION

NSW RAIL MUSEUM

10 Barbour Road

Thirlmere, NSW, 2572



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