

# Caledonian Railway – Brechin-Bridge of Dun

details correct as at 12<sup>th</sup> April 2020

The Caledonian Railway is an entirely volunteer run, non-profit organisation that operates heritage steam and diesel hauled trains along the 4 mile branch line between the town of Brechin and the countryside stop of Bridge of Dun. The railway is open on weekends throughout the summer, with all funds being reinvested into the restoration and preservation of the railway. For most events, the Angus Transport Group operates a special vintage bus service, called the Basin Rambler, to/from Montrose – see two pages on from this information.

## Opening Times

In the interests of public health, the railway is currently closed due to the Covid-19 outbreak. Visitors are urged to not visit the railway during this time.

It is currently planned that we will next be open on 30th May for our **Gin Tasting Train**. Please see our **Facebook page** for up to date information on the situation.

## The Whistle Stop Coffee Shop

To combat the Covid-19 outbreak and owing to Government guidelines, **The Whistle Stop** at Brechin station is currently closed for the foreseeable future. Please see their **Facebook page** for up to date information on the situation.

## All Events for 2020

Easter Eggspress ~~11th Apr, 12th Apr~~ CANCELLED  
~~Enjoy a fun Easter day out at the Caledonian Railway!~~

Take the Sloe Train 30th May, 5th Sep

Explore the tastes of the Angus Glens by sampling a selection of premium spirits provided by the Gin Bothy on board our heritage diesel hauled train.

Steam Sundays 7th Jun, 14th Jun, 21st Jun, 28th Jun, 5th Jul, 12th Jul, 26th Jul, 2nd Aug, 16th Aug, 23rd Aug, 6th Sep, 13th Sep

Take a leisurely trip back in time with a steam train journey through the Angus countryside.

The Whisky Whistler 13th June

Train ride & Distillery Tour

Diesel Saturdays 13th Jun, 20th Jun, 27th Jun, 4th Jul, 11th Jul, 25th Jul, 1st Aug, 15th Aug, 22nd Aug, 5th Sep, 12th Sep

Rekindle come forgotten memories or create some new ones by taking a trip along our line behind one of our heritage mainline diesel locomotives.

Murder on the Brechin Express 20th Jun, 1st Aug

There's been a murder and the only way to solve it is with your help! Who 'Dun' it? Collect the clues throughout the night and unravel this mystery.

The Frying Scotsman 4th Jul, 22nd Aug

Enjoy a traditional British Meal served on a steam train travelling through the Angus countryside.

Day Out With Thomas 18th Jul, 19th Jul, 29th Aug, 30th Aug

Make their day a Day Out With Thomas!

Diesel Running Weekend 8th Aug, 9th Aug

Intensive Timetabled Heritage Diesel Trains ALL Weekend.

Santa Specials 6th Dec, 12th Dec, 13th Dec, 19th Dec, 20th Dec

Come and meet Santa on his special train.

Full times for the train services for each event can be had from

**[www.caledonianrailway.com](http://www.caledonianrailway.com)** or write to;

By Post: Caledonian Railway, The Station,  
Park Road,  
Brechin,  
Angus,  
DD9 7AF.

Brechin Station Telephone: 01356 622992 (As a volunteer Railway it is not possible to have the station manned at all times. This number tends to be available when the Railway is operating services.)

## **Basin Rambler Vintage Bus Service**

operated by Angus Transport Group – details correct as at 12<sup>th</sup> April 2020

We are an organisation based in Montrose, Scotland, with the aim of preserving and operating our ever increasing collection of classic road vehicles. The group has been in existence since 1989 and was formed after a number of railway enthusiasts felt the need to preserve another part of Britain's transport heritage. Thus the Angus Transport Group was formed. Membership is open to all, click here for more information.

"The Basin Rambler" is our special free running day service linking Montrose High Street and Montrose Railway Station with the Caledonian Railway at Bridge of Dun, House of Dun and the Montrose Air Station Heritage Centre.

Due to the age of our vehicles the bus used may not be suitable for the carriage of disabled passengers. Services may be altered, curtailed or suspended without prior notice.

**Basin Rambler:** In line with attractions in the local area and in the interests of public health and that of our dedicated volunteer team, our Easter Basin Rambler will be cancelled due to the Coronavirus Covid-19 outbreak. We currently are planning to run the rest of the season as planned. We will continuously monitor the situation, follow advice as it is given and update you all as we go. Thank you all for your continued support.

**For 2020, this FREE service operates on the following dates:**

Easter weekend: **Cancelled.**

Summer Sundays: 5, 12 & 26 July, 2, 16 & 22 August (standard Rambler timetable on all days)

Exploring Angus North Hop weekend: To be finalised. (standard Rambler timetable on both days)

Day Out with Thomas weekends (different timetable): Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 July and Saturday 29 & Sunday 30 August.-

Diesel Operating Weekend (different timetable): Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 August.

## The Basin Rambler – Standard Timetable

Montrose Railway Station for mainline connections	Depart	10:58	12:00	13:20	14:40
Montrose High Street at Loyds	Depart	11:00	12:02	13:22	14:42
Montrose Air Station Heritage Centre	Depart	****	12:07	13:27	14:47
National Trust for Scotland: House of Dun at front door	Depart	11:11	12:16	13:36	14:56
Caledonian Railway: Bridge of Dun Station	Arrive	11:15	12:20	13:40	15:00
For train leaving Bridge of Dun Station	Depart	11:35	12:55	14:15	15:35
Caledonian Railway: Bridge of Dun Station	Depart	11:35	12:55	14:15	15:35
National Trust for Scotland: House of Dun at front door	Depart	11:44	13:04	14:24	15:44
Montrose Air Station Heritage Centre	Depart	11:54	13:13	14:33	15:53
Montrose High Street at Co-op	Depart	11:58	13:18	14:38	15:58
Montrose Railway Station for mainline connections	Arrive	12:00	13:20	14:40	16:00

## The Basin Rambler – Special Timetable For Days Out With Diesel Weekend

Not available at time of going to press

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## The Basin Rambler – Special Timetable For Days Out With Thomas

Bridge of Dun Station (Depart)	****	10:50	12:00	13:10	14:20	15:25
House of Dun (at road end)	****	10:54	12:04	13:14	14:24	15:29
Montrose Air Station Heritage Centre	****	11:04	12:14	13:24	14:34	15:39
Montrose High Street	****	11:08	12:18	13:28	14:38	15:43
Montrose Railway Station	10:18	11:10	12:20	13:30	14:40	15:45^
Montrose High Street	10:20	11:12	12:22	13:32	14:42	****
Montrose Air Station Heritage Centre	****	11:17	12:27	13:37	14:47	****
House of Dun (at road end)	10:30	11:26	12:36	13:46	14:56	****
Bridge of Dun Station (Arrive)	10:35	11:30	12:40	13:50	15:00	****
<b>Please note: Bus departs at the same time as the train. ^Arrive</b>						

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Full times for the bus services for each event can be had from  
[www.angustransportgroup.co.uk](http://www.angustransportgroup.co.uk)

## **Kerr's Miniature Railway – Arbroath Seafront** details correct as at 12<sup>th</sup> April 2020

We are proud to be Scotland's oldest miniature railway, running our first train in West Links Park, Arbroath in 1935.

Since then, over two million people have enjoyed a ride along our quarter mile track on the seafront. Indeed many of the parents and grandparents bringing their children along for their first ride on the wee railway, reminisce of the day their parents had brought them along as toddlers. Entertainment that has been around for 85 years has got to be worth a visit.

Not that the railway is only for children! With six miniature locomotives including two steam, miniature buses and a fire engine, there is always lots to see and many an adult is just as keen as the wains to have a 'hurl' along the line.

To keep everyone happy, we have both steam and diesel locomotives at KMR, to celebrate both modern traction and those from days gone-by.

Kerr's Miniature Railway also has three miniature vehicles that operate along West Links promenade. They consist of two buses and a fire engine. The vehicles have been around since the 1950s and still use nearly all their original components. The vehicles operate on days with good weather. Children only can travel on the vehicles, the journey to the end of the play park lasting roughly four minutes. They are a great thriller for the bairns!

2020 operating dates will be released soon. Trains run on operating dates from 11am to 4pm (Weather Permitting). Full details nearer the time of the Summer Season can be had from [www.kerrsmiaturerailway.co.uk](http://www.kerrsmiaturerailway.co.uk)

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## **Arbroath Land Train – Arbroath Seafront** details correct as at 12<sup>th</sup> April 2020

During the Summer a Land Train service is operated by Angus Council linking the Seafront with Arbroath Town Centre. Contact Arbroath iCentre (formerly Tourist Information Centre) for more information nearer the time on 01241 878550.