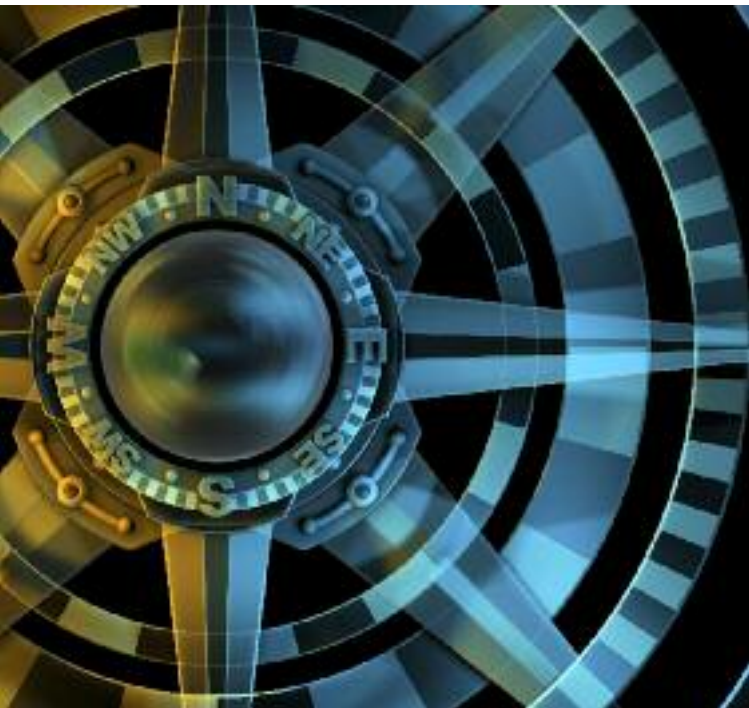




Explore
the North of England...

with a Rail Rover ticket

2009 Edition



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Explore the North of England with a Rail Rover

Choose from one of our five great value Rail Rover tickets.

Rover tickets allow you to travel on four out of eight consecutive days within your chosen region or on seven consecutive days covering the North East or North West.

With five options to choose from, you can travel coast to coast, climb mountains and walk through valleys, relax in rural villages and shop till you drop in cities and towns across the north.

With your Rail Rover ticket giving you the freedom to explore the north of England, there are 1,001 things to see and do. Just hop on and off the train as many times as you wish.

It's the perfect way to make the most of your car-free holiday – and your money.

www.northernrail.org



Eric Morecambe
Courtesy of Lancashire Tourism



Albert Dock, Liverpool © Tate Liverpool



Flamborough Lighthouse
Courtesy of Visit Hull and East Yorkshire



Hadrian's Wall

North West

Explore great cities like Manchester and Liverpool or enjoy great British seaside resorts like Blackpool, Morecambe and Southport.

Whitehaven – an 'England Gem Town'

Mining in Whitehaven began in the 13th century. The full story is told at the Beacon and Haig Colliery Mining Museum. The town's picture-postcard harbour dates back to 1633 and you need to visit the Rum Story to savour the 'Dark Spirit of Whitehaven'.

Clitheroe

The historic market town of Clitheroe lies at the heart of the Ribble Valley. The town is dominated by a huge limestone rock crowned by the 800-year-old keep of an ancient castle, the grounds of which include a large open-air auditorium hosting many concerts in the summer months. Edisford Bridge Picnic Area, once the battleground of the Scots and Normans, is now a family spot on the town's outskirts.

Morecambe

With its sweeping five-mile promenade, this traditional seaside town is famous for amazing views of Morecambe Bay and abundant birdlife, celebrated around the town by TERN Project bird sculptures. The comedian Eric Morecambe was himself a keen birdwatcher and his statue takes pride of place on the seafront.

The International Heritage City of Chester

Take in the Deva Roman Experience, Chester's stunning cathedral and Grosvenor Museum. Browse 'The Rows', Chester's unique two-tier gallery of shops, or take a leisurely canal or river trip. There is a free bus link on weekdays between the railway station and city centre for all rail customers.

Manchester

If you don't know where to start, the Museum of Science and Industry is superb, and the many excellent art galleries and exhibitions include Urbis, with a thrilling skyglide up the MEN Glass Elevator.

Rail Rover Ticket North West	Adult	Child	Railcard*
4 days in 8 consecutive days	£57.00	£28.50	£37.60
7 days	£70.00	£35.00	£46.20

*16-25, Senior and Disabled Railcard holders.

North Country

Explore the North of England from coast to coast, visit the glorious Lake District, the scenic Yorkshire Dales and exciting cities such as Leeds and Newcastle.

Blackburn

Having over 300 stalls makes Blackburn market the largest in the North West. This classic Lancashire town is also famed for its mill shops. The famous Hart bequest can be found at the town's Museum and Art Gallery; the fantastic collection includes treasures from all over the world, including an Egyptian mummy.

Bridlington

Bridlington has something for everyone with its bustling harbour, long sandy beaches and seafront fairground rides. Pack your sea-legs for a boat trip to Flamborough Head to see the lighthouse and soaring 400ft cliffs.

Hexham

Close to Hadrian's Wall, Hexham is steeped in history. Hexham Bridge, spanning the Tyne with its nine arches of stone, was built in 1793. The town has two medieval towers – Moot Hall and the Old Gaol, which tell the bloody story of the Reivers and house the Border History Museum. You can also visit beautiful Hexham Abbey with its ornate carvings.

Lancaster

Medieval Lancaster Castle was the prison where the Pendle Witches were tried and sentenced to death. There are tropical birds and a butterfly house at Williamson Park, and eagles, hawks and owls at Leighton Hall Falconry in neighbouring Carnforth.

Carlisle – The Great Border City

As well as exploring mysterious chambers, stairways and dungeons at Carlisle Castle and seeing the 'licking stones' (once a source of lifesaving moisture for prisoners), you'll also find the Border Regiment Museum there. The magnificent cathedral has superb oak carvings and the Citadel, once a prison, is as captivating as ever.

Rail Rover Ticket North Country	Adult	Child	Railcard*
4 days in 8 consecutive days	£72.00	£36.00	£47.50

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Sheffield Winter Gardens
Courtesy of Yorkshire Tourist Board



Stoodley Pike near Todmorden
Courtesy of Calderdale MBC



Skidby Windmill, Beverley

North East

Explore the North East and experience breathtaking scenery, fabulous shopping and culture or the very best of coast and countryside.

Selby

Selby is dominated by its splendid abbey. Founded in 1069, it was the first monastery in the north after the Norman Conquest and is today a parish church. A busy market is held every Monday.

Darlington

The remains of the Roman fort of Morbium, built around AD270, can be seen at Piercebridge and more recent history can be enjoyed at the Darlington Railway Centre and Museum. Engines include 'Locomotion No 1', which in 1825 hauled the first train on the Stockton to Darlington Railway, and 'Derwent', standing just yards from where she was built in 1845.

Barnsley

At over 700 years old, Barnsley Market is still going strong with over 300 stalls both indoors and out. You'll find a varied programme of contemporary art on offer at the Cooper Gallery with hand-made crafts for sale, and the town also stages a range of events throughout the year.

Scarborough

It was Britain's first ever seaside resort, and with its castle, harbour, bays and sandy beaches, it's still a great favourite. Seal pups, turtles and otters are among the animals at the Sea Life and Marine Sanctuary.

Halifax

Three tiers of shops surround the courtyard of the historic Piece Hall, where there are Saturday markets, a popular Thursday flea market and other events. If you're looking for Britain's top interactive kids' museum, with hundreds of hands-on exhibits and fun activities, Eureka! – you've found it.

Rail Rover Ticket North East	Adult	Child	Railcard*
4 days in 8 consecutive days	£75.00	£37.50	£49.50
7 days	£87.00	£43.50	£57.45

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South Promenade, Bridlington



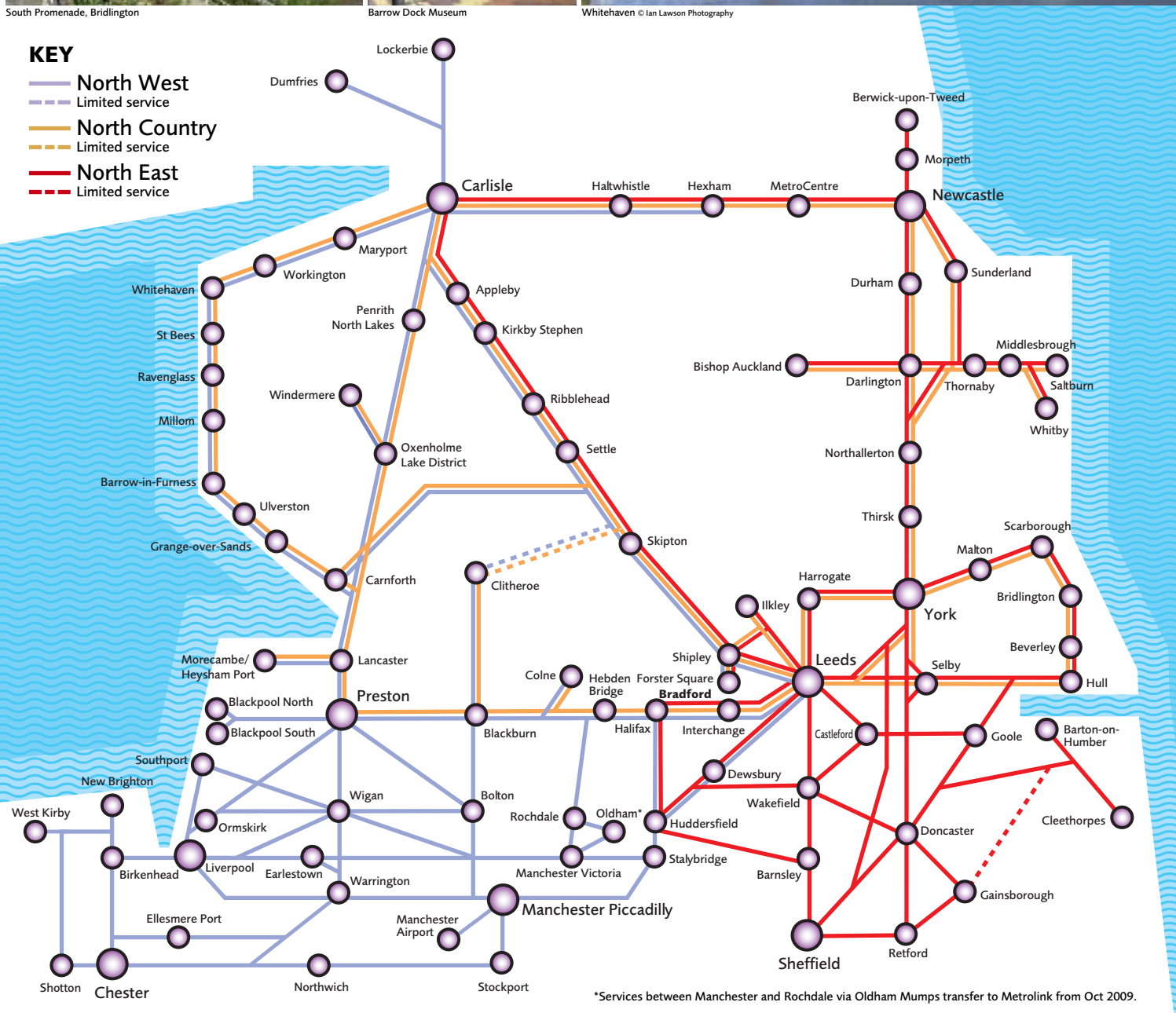
Barrow Dock Museum



Whitehaven © Ian Lawson Photography

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*Services between Manchester and Rochdale via Oldham Mumps transfer to Metrolink from Oct 2009.

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www.northernrail.org

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Manor Park, Glossop



URBIS and Printworks complexes in the heart of Manchester Courtesy of britainonview NWDA Simon Winnall

Coast & Peaks

Explore beautiful coastline and rugged mountain scenery.

Buxton

1,000ft up in the Peak District, beautiful Buxton is famed for its mineral spa water, once said to have healing power. The Romans established baths here and a spa water swimming pool is one of many attractions at the Pavilion Gardens. At Buxton Country Park you can explore the spectacular Poole's Cavern, the 'First Wonder of the Peak'. Buxton Museum and Art Gallery has a changing programme of exhibitions. Or why not visit the splendid Edwardian Opera House?

Sheffield

Weston Park Museum has exhibits from around the world and hands-on activities. Graves Art Gallery tells the story of Modern Art, with works by Cezanne and Picasso, while The Site is an international centre for contemporary work. The Metalwork Gallery, one of four Millennium Galleries, celebrates Sheffield as world-leader in stainless steel and silverware. Kelham Island Museum, Wortley Top Forge Industrial Museum and Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet also tell of the city's industrial heritage. Shoppers will love Meadowhall, one of Europe's largest shopping centres with over 270 stores.

Liverpool

You'll find the Tate, Merseyside Maritime Museum and the Beatles' Story at the Albert Dock. The world-famous Cavern Club in Mathew Street takes you back to the days of Beatlemania. Or for something else out of this world, let the 'Ferry 'Cross the Mersey' take you to Spaceport at Seacombe Terminal.

Crewe

There's everything for rail enthusiasts at Railway Age: locomotives, including the prototype Advanced Passenger Train, three signal boxes and even a Children's Corner.

Rail Rover Ticket Coast & Peaks	Adult	Child	Railcard*
4 days in 8 consecutive days	£57.00	£28.50	£37.60

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Smithill's Hall, Bolton



The Deep, Hull



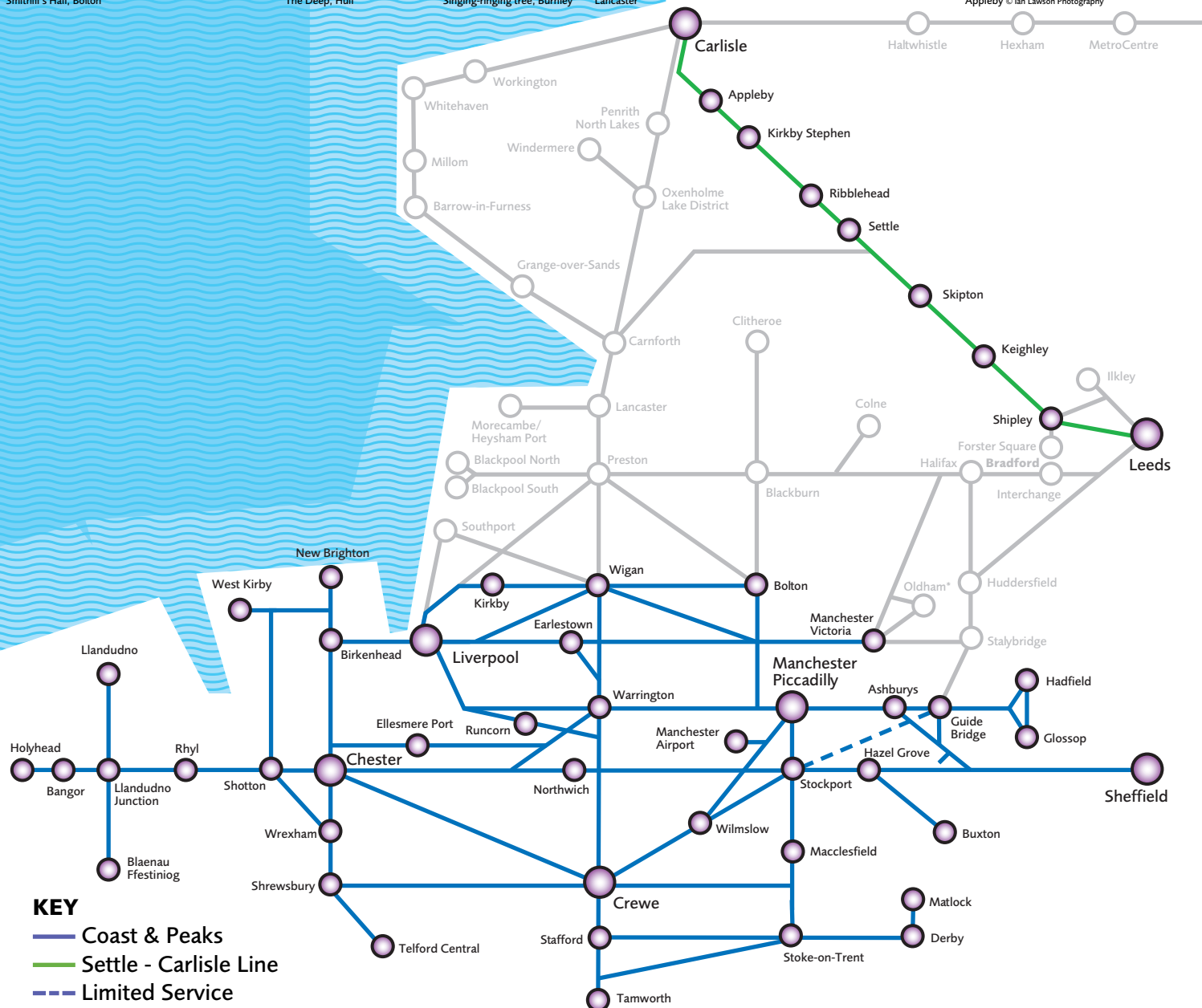
Singing-ring tree, Burnley



Lancaster



Appley © Ian Lawson Photography





Ribblehead Viaduct



The Citadel, Carlisle © Ian Lawson Photography

Settle - Carlisle Line

Explore the breathtaking beauty of Britain's most scenic railway.

Settle

Offering jaw-dropping views over the curving 24-arch Ribblehead Viaduct, the train journey between Settle and Carlisle is arguably Britain's most famous. The delightful market town of Settle is also something to be seen. In the 1679-built Folly you'll find the Museum of North Craven Life, and the historic Shambles overlooking the Market Place has shops on two levels.

Kirkby Stephen

In its church, the 'Cathedral of the Dales', is one of the few surviving Viking era relics, The Loki Stone, depicting the Norse God Loki. Croglam Castle has prehistoric earth works and neighbouring Mallerstang's Pendragon Castle is built on what is thought to be the site of the castle of Uther Pendragon, King Arthur's father.

Skipton

Dating from the 11th century, Skipton Castle is one of the country's best preserved, and Springs Branch canal runs beneath its ramparts. The broad, tree-lined high street is home to the town's famous market, and Craven Court is an attractive Victorian-style shopping centre. There are other shops and lots more to discover in the cobbled side streets, alleyways and ginnels.

Appleby

Considered one of England's finest, Appleby's wide main street has the 1596-built Moot Hall and Appleby Castle at its ends. June sees the Gypsy Horse Fair – the great annual fair for horses, cattle and sheep – with Fair Hill a sea of caravans, and horses being bought, sold, trotted and raced.

Rail Rover Ticket	Adult	Child	Railcard*
Settle - Carlisle Line			
4 days in 8 consecutive days	£44.00	£22.00	£29.05

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Useful Information

Time restrictions

Rail Rover tickets are available for travel on trains timed to depart from 0845 Mondays to Fridays and any time weekends and Bank Holidays.

The following exceptions apply:

North Country and North West Rovers are valid on the Cumbrian Coast line (Barrow-in-Furness - Carlisle via Whitehaven) at any time.

North West Rovers are valid from Lockerbie to Carlisle at any time.

You can use your Rail Rover tickets on all train companies' services shown on the maps in this leaflet except for Grand Central, Hull Trains and Wrexham & Shropshire railway.

Where to purchase

Rail Rover tickets can be bought from any staffed station in Britain. Prices and conditions valid until 31 December 2009.

Using a Rail Rover ticket

7-Day Rover tickets are valid for 7 consecutive days' travel.

4 days in 8 consecutive days Rovers are valid for travel on 4 separate days. These can be any 4 days within the 8-day period but you must write the date of travel in the boxes issued with your Rover ticket before travel on each of the days.

Timetable Information

For timetable information call National Rail Enquiries 08457 48 49 50 or visit www.nationalrail.co.uk.

Also available are a number of Day Ranger tickets, covering large areas of the north of England, giving you the freedom to hop on and off the train as many times as you wish throughout the day. You can find out more on our website or from staffed stations across the north.

Tourist Information

For tourist information and ideas for days out using the Rail Rover ticket, please visit the following:

North West: www.visitenglandnorthwest.com

North East: www.visitnortheastengland.com

North Wales Tourism: www.nwt.co.uk/home.php



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