

STEAM TRAIN ROUTE

The Sandstone Steam Rail Company has been established by a consortium of overseas and local investors to restore steam trains for tourist travel along the historic Bethlehem-Bloemfontein Rail road.

The company runs local excursions along the main route and side excursions along branch lines to destinations such as Maseru and Ladybrand, as well as developing ancillary tourist facilities along the routes. Excursions are of relatively short duration, with frequent stops to allow passengers to enjoy the scenery and facilities along the route. The company is working with other preservation groups and National Steam Safari operators to include the Eastern Free State line in their overall program.

These are the stations between Bloemfontein and Bethlehem, which form part of the project:

BLOEMFONTEIN

SANNASPOS: Likhatlhong: Sepane: Thaba Nchu: Waghorn

TWEESPRUIT: Halklyn

WESTMINISTER: Marseilles: Hoogfontein

MODDERPOORT (main junction with branch line to Ladysmith): Kilmarnock: Eerstekamp

CLOCOLAN

GUMTREE: Owanty

FICKSBURG: Sekonyela: Vailima

KOMMANDO NEK: Iona: Generaalsnek: Mount Morkel: Meynell

FOURIESBURG: Sheridan: Brandlaagte: Slabberts: Retiefsnek: Bamea

BETHLEHEM

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