

“A DAY OUT IN THE GLORIOUS SUSSEX COUNTRYSIDE” –

PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO / FROM EVENT

As the Sheffield Park National Trust website itself advises, the best way to get there is by car. But it does go on to recommend the Bluebell Railway itself. A few years ago, the line was re-connected to the national network at East Grinstead, which is the terminus of a line from London Victoria, Clapham Junction and East Croydon. The Bluebell Railway station at Sheffield Park is a ten-minute walk to the Sheffield Park Gardens.

Our guided tour starts at 12.00. To get there in time, a train journey from central London could look like this:

Depart London Victoria [Southern Railway] 09.53

Arrive East Grinstead 10.48

Depart East Grinstead [Bluebell Railway] 11.00

Arrive Sheffield Park 11.44

Then walk to the start of the guided tour. It would be sensible to double-check the above timings before the day, in case of engineering works; and to seek guidance from a Bluebell Railway member of staff on board the train as to the directions to the Gardens.

At the end of the ride on the train in which tea is taken, there is once more a scheduled Bluebell Railway train back to East Grinstead which departs Sheffield Park at 17.15, arriving East Grinstead at 17.55. From there, trains to East Croydon, Clapham Junction and London Victoria run every 30 minutes.

[You will thus have made two return journeys along the Bluebell Railway in the course of the day].