

Writing to Review & Comment

STUDENT INTRODUCTION

- ▶ Now that you have visited the Isle of Wight Steam Railway, it's an ideal time to practise reviewing your experience.
- ▶ You are going to write a review about your experience of the railway, commenting on the things you've seen and what you learned about aspects of the age of steam!

Review Your Experience!

TASK

- ✓ Have a look at these extracts from review sites.
- ✓ Think about which is the most effective review, and why?

Note your ideas here:

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Review

The Isle of Wight Steam Railway is a top Island attraction to visit whether it is spring, summer or the Christmas season. The railway caters for all ages and there is plenty to see

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and do. I went with my cousins and aunt and uncle on the 'Santa Special', all children received a present plus a chocolate bar. Adults had a mince pie and mulled wine. I attend this event every year at Christmas and it never disappoints, plus it is very good value for money. All of the staff are friendly and welcoming. The restoration work on the locomotives, coaches and trucks is outstanding and the presentation of the stations is excellent. There are lots of new things to see at Haven Street such as the upgrade to the shop and museum. Highly recommended for all.

"Nostalgic steam Railway ride"

Reviewed 6 June 2013

We decided to take a trip on this railway whilst stopping at Shanklin on the Isle of Wight. Having studied the options available we opted to buy a rover ticket from the station at Shanklin. This ticket allows unlimited travel for the day on the electric railway between Shanklin and Ryde and on the steam railway. Trains from Shanklin and Ryde are timed so that the ones that stop at Smallbrook station meet up with the steam train there. Having chosen a train from Shanklin we joined the steam train at Smallbrook for a journey to Wootton and back. Wootton is a small town about 5 miles from Smallbrook where the steam line terminates. It was a very nice journey at a leisurely pace through pleasing countryside. Amazingly the steam train was a far more comfortable ride than the island's electric train which uses very old London Underground stock which are very noisy and rattle a lot. It was a Wednesday when we made the trip and had decided to get off the train at Wootton and have just over an hour to look round before the next one back to Smallbrook. There is not much at all to see at Wootton itself but it just happened that the Methodist church near the terminus at Wootton had decided that they would open on Wednesdays to serve meals and drinks to visitors from the steam trains. We made use of this and enjoyed a very nice and very reasonably priced snack before catching the train back to Smallbrook and then the electric train on to Ryde. Finally we returned via the electric train to Shanklin to complete the round trip. Overall a very nice day out.

"Back in the day"

Reviewed 10 September 2012

Lovely people run this railway and make it a good experience for all ages and has good disabled access. There was free access to the lovely restored station at Havenstreet. A sheer joy.

TASK

Plan some ideas on the next page for your own review of Isle of Wight Steam Railway!



Writing Your Review

What is the purpose of a review? Think about the audience, and what they want to get from a review. How will you structure your review and what comments will you make?

My audience:

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The purpose of the review is:

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TASK

Now have a go at writing your own review!! Plan it first – think about what it needs to contain.

