

Volunteering

Volunteers are always welcome every Monday to help with the maintenance of the line, and forthcoming projects including the restoration of car 3, the oldest carriage on the railway. There are also opportunities to drive trains and sell tickets on special nights during the season.



The Volk's Railway Institute of Science and Technology



The Volk's Railway institute of Science and Technology (VRIST) is a volunteer group for the more technically minded and again they provide active assistance to the railway's full time staff. Opportunities include research and development.

If you are interested in hearing more please contact the Railway Manager, Stuart Strong. Stuart.Strong@brighton-hove.gov.uk

The Volk's Electric Railway Association



The Volk's Electric Railway Association (VERA) provides active assistance to the railway's full time staff and helps with painting the cars and track work. www.volkselectricrailway.co.uk

Prices

	Single	Return
Adult	£2.90	£3.80
Child	£1.80	£2.30
Senior	£2.20	£2.90
Family	£7.30	£9.70
Adult group		£2.80
Child group + talk		£2.90
Child group		£1.90
Halfway Adult	£1.80	
Halfway child	£1.20	
VERA members	£0.60	
Special	£1.00	

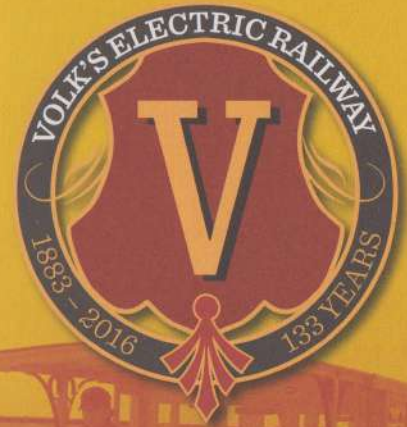


Bookings line **01273 292718**

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العربية/صنع علامة في الربع ومنها إلى مكتب البلدية Arabic
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 ترجمه لطفاً این مربع را علامتگذاری نموده و آن را به هر یک از بخش شهرداری ارائه نمایید. Farsi
 Traduction? Veuillez cocher la case et apporter au council. French
 需要翻译？请在该方格内加贴，并返回任何市议会的办事处。 Mandarin
 Tłumaczenie? Zaznacz to okienko i zwróć do któregokolwiek biura samorządu lokalnego (council office). Polish
 Tradução? Coloque um visto na quadrícula e leve a uma qualquer repartição de poder local (council office). Portuguese
 Tercümesi için kareyi işaretleyiniz ve bir semt belediye bürosuna veriniz. Turkish
 other (please state)

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History

Magnus Volk was born in Brighton in 1851 and earned himself the nickname 'Magnus the dreamer' at a young age due to his fascination with inventing.

In 1883, Magnus Volk set out to create the Railway. He started works in June and just 8 weeks later, on 4 August 1883, the line was opened to the public.

The route was originally much shorter than it is today. It began opposite the main entrance to the Aquarium (now the Sea Life Centre) and ended a quarter of a mile to the east at the old Chain Pier, which was destroyed by storms in 1896.

In 1884 Magnus proposed to continue the Railway to the east. The line would then run under the Chain Pier to the Banjo Groyne opposite the workshop. Later, the line was extended even further to the east, to the new finishing point at Black Rock.

On 4 August 1933 Volk's Railway celebrated 50 years of non-stop service, and continued to run until the beaches were closed during the Second World War, putting the railway out of service. When the war was over, the track was renewed and the seven best cars were restored, and in May 1948 the Railway reopened.

After Magnus Volk passed away in 1937, the Brighton Corporation (now Brighton & Hove City Council) finally took control over the line in 1940.

Future projects

Volk's Electric Railway is due to undergo a series of changes starting in late summer 2016. A museum and view-able train maintenance shed will be built and opened to allow the public an insight into the fascinating world cultivated by inventor Magnus Volk. Train cars, ten, six and four will be fully restored, putting a total of seven

cars in service. A successful lottery bid by the railway has allowed these projects to go ahead.

Halfway and Aquarium

The Aquarium Station is situated on the beach, just past the pier. Passengers leaving at this station will find themselves in the heart of Brighton, with countless shops, restaurants and sites to enjoy.

The Halfway Station is the perfect place to relax. There is a free play area for children, Café, the **Jungle Rumble Adventure Golf** course and volleyball at the Yellowwave Beach Courts and café!



Marina (via Black Rock station)

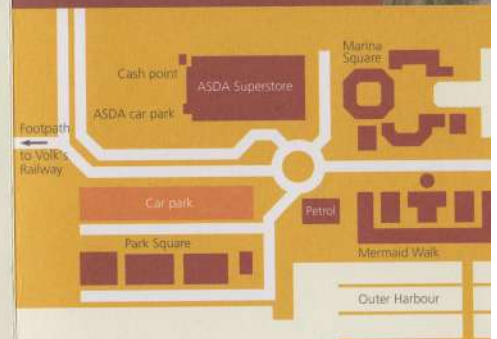
The Black Rock Station is just a few minutes' walk from the Brighton Marina. Travelling on the Volk's Railway, you are transported from the present day into a part of Brighton's history, and then back into the modern day with the Marina's restaurants, shops, bowling alley, cinema and much more.



Opening Times

Monday	11.15 am – 5.00 pm
Tuesday	10.15 am – 5.00 pm
Wednesday	10.15 am – 5.00 pm
Thursday	10.15 am – 5.00 pm
Friday	11.15 am – 5.00 pm
Saturday	10.15 am – 6.00 pm
Sunday	10.15 am – 6.00 pm

Trains run every 15 minutes.
2016 season ends September 4th.
Timetable may vary according to weather conditions as trains are of the open "toast rack" type.



Route map