

## TRAIN - MAIN STATION (Map Ref 7)

*Before boarding the train, please discuss safety with your group.* Passengers utilising our train service must behave in an appropriate manner to ensure the safety of themselves and other guests who are riding in the carriage with them. Passengers must remain seated at all times with a maximum of 2 persons sitting on a seat. Arms and legs must remain in the confines of the train. Passengers may not board or disembark a moving train, please wait until the train has come to a complete stop. Warnings will be issued for inappropriate behaviour and continued misconduct may result in visitors being requested to refrain from riding the train or eviction from the park grounds

There are three stations located around Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary: Main Station, Koala Junction and Kangaroo Crossing. The track runs in a complete circuit around the sanctuary totalling 2 ½ km and takes approximately 20 minutes to complete the full circuit. There are 3 trains which may operate on a daily basis:

- RED TRAIN - runs on a diesel operated engine and is a replica of Australia's 1 st Diesel Electric Train. The entire body and engine of this train was rebuilt on-site in 1997,
- BLUE TRAIN - runs on a diesel operated engine and is a replica of Queensland's original Diesel Shunter. The train was constructed within the grounds by Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary staff in 1986.
- STEAM TRAIN - this is the original train acquired by Alex Griffiths and has been at the Sanctuary since 1964. It was built in Brisbane and is a replica of a Queensland Mainline Train. Interestingly, when these trains were in production the diesel was introduced to Australia so they were never actually used as they had been intended.

Each train can carry 64 passengers and can carry wheelchairs, prams and strollers. They operate every day of the year except Christmas Day (the Sanctuary is closed on Christmas Day and day on ANZAC Day), The legal speed limit for our trains is 1 ½ times walking speed.

The trains are fuelled every morning and are serviced regularly. The steam train takes one hour to prepare before it can be used and an additional hour at the end of the day before it can be put into storage. It burns coal to produce the required steam. We have mechanics working on site who maintain the engines, carriages and railway line. Our drivers hold appropriate licences or may be trained on site. All of our drivers and mechanics staff are very passionate about our rail system and are more than willing to share their knowledge and enthusiasm with our guests.

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What better way to experience our train line than to go for a ride! You might like to take the train and complete a full circuit of the park! to orientate yourselves before embarking on a walking tour. Koala junction station is located centrally within the park and a train ride to this location is a handy way to get to the Western Reserve. For those with weary legs, Koala junction is also a good place to catch a train from to return to the exit after a long day exploring.

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