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## THE GREAT LITTLE TRAINS OF WALES

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The 'Great Little Trains of Wales' has - quite literally - reached new heights as members welcome 'Snowdon Mountain Railway' to the family.

The GLTW is a very special way of seeing some of the best scenery in the British Isles by narrow-gauge rail; and whilst members share the charm of old-time steam trains, polished paintwork and brass, each railway offers something very different to passengers.

The inclusion of 'Snowdon Mountain Railway' brings the consortium to ten (see below for full list of members) and adds further prestige to this already world-renowned brand.

...Amongst its members, GLTW boasts the oldest independent railway company in the world, one of Europe's most exciting railway projects, and some of the most recognisable engines on the planet – including enthusiasts' favorite, 'Russell'.

GLTW Secretary, Ray Reid said: "The Great Little Trains of Wales was started in 1970 to encourage visitors to Wales in general and the narrow gauge railways in particular. "The addition of the Snowdon Mountain Railway, an established major attraction, to the existing nine railways makes the GLTW a more representative body and its Discount Card an even better bargain."

Based on Victorian engineering, 'Snowdon Mountain Railway' has been taking holiday makers up Snowdon, the highest mountain in Wales and England (3560ft), for 112 years. The railway is the only public 'rack and pinion' railway in the United Kingdom, and with work soon to be completed on the £9m Snowdon Summit Visitor Centre (Hafod Eryri), there has never been a better time to see Wales at its best, by train.

A spokesperson for Snowdon Mountain Railway added: "Snowdon Mountain Railway are thrilled to be a part of the Great Little trains of Wales once again. Snowdon Mountain Railway are looking forward to working with such a prestigious brand and all the people associated with GLTW."

**See the best for less:** For just £10 buy the 'Great Little Trains of Wales Discount Card' which gives you a 20% discount on the price of a return journey **on all 10 members railways(including Snowdon Mountain Railway!)** - which is valid for *one year from the first date of use* (Terms & Conditions apply).

Discounts for Great Little Trains of Wales Card holders with selected accommodation providers close to many member railways!

Available at Booking Offices and online at GLTW website: [www.greatlittletrainsofwales.co.uk](http://www.greatlittletrainsofwales.co.uk)

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**Extra information:**

**The 10 GLTW member railways are:**

Talylyn in Mid Wales: [www.talylyn.co.uk](http://www.talylyn.co.uk)

Llanberis Railway in the heart of Snowdonia: [www.lake-railway.co.uk](http://www.lake-railway.co.uk)

Ffestiniog Railway in Porthmadog: [www.festrail.co.uk](http://www.festrail.co.uk)

Welsh Highland Railway in Caernarfon: [www.festrail.co.uk](http://www.festrail.co.uk)

Welshpool & Llanfair Railway in Welshpool: [www.wllr.org.uk](http://www.wllr.org.uk)

Vale of Rheidol Railway in Aberystwyth: [www.rheidolrailway.co.uk](http://www.rheidolrailway.co.uk)

Brecon Mountain Railway in Merthyr Tydfil: [www.breconmountainrailway.co.uk](http://www.breconmountainrailway.co.uk)

Bala Lake Railway in Llanuwchllyn: [www.bala-lake-railway.co.uk](http://www.bala-lake-railway.co.uk)

Welsh Highland Railway (P) in Porthmadog: [www.whr.co.uk](http://www.whr.co.uk)

Snowdon Mountain Railway: [www.snowdonrailway.co.uk](http://www.snowdonrailway.co.uk)

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