



The Maluti Wanderer

Stimela Photographic Events (SPE) in collaboration with Sandstone Heritage Trust presents *The Maluti Wanderer*.

On the weekend of 5 to 6 August 2023 we have chartered two Lawley 4-4-0 locomotives (NG97 and BR7) and a consist of wagons to recreate spectacular scenes of yesteryear and narrow-gauge operations. Truly an adventure not to be missed by photographers nor rail enthusiasts!

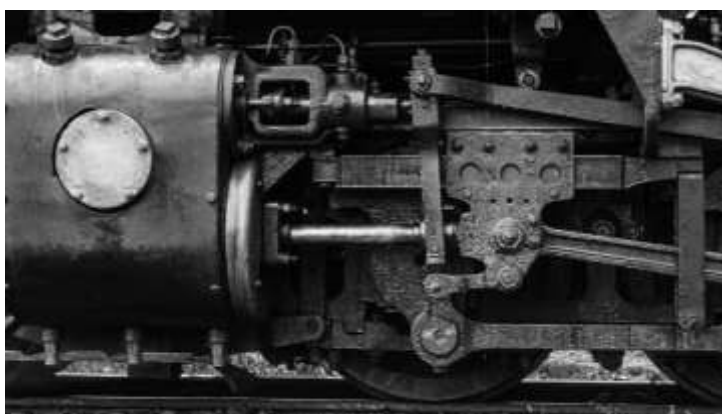


Lawley BR7 On Shed

Sandstone Estates is a farm located in the Eastern Free State and is known for its collection of steam engines, rolling stock and vintage vehicles. This railway photographic charter is a fantastic opportunity for railway enthusiasts and photographers alike to capture the beauty of these trains and the surrounding landscapes.

The charter allows photographers to have exclusive access to the railway line, enabling them to capture stunning shots of the iconic Lawley narrow-gauge steam locomotives in action. The vast open plains and rolling hills provide a unique South African landscape which is incredibly scenic, offering a beautiful backdrop to relive and recapture scenes of the past.

Overall, a railway photographic charter at Sandstone Estates is a must-do experience for anyone interested in trains, photography, or South African history. The combination of vintage locomotives and stunning landscapes make for a truly unforgettable experience.



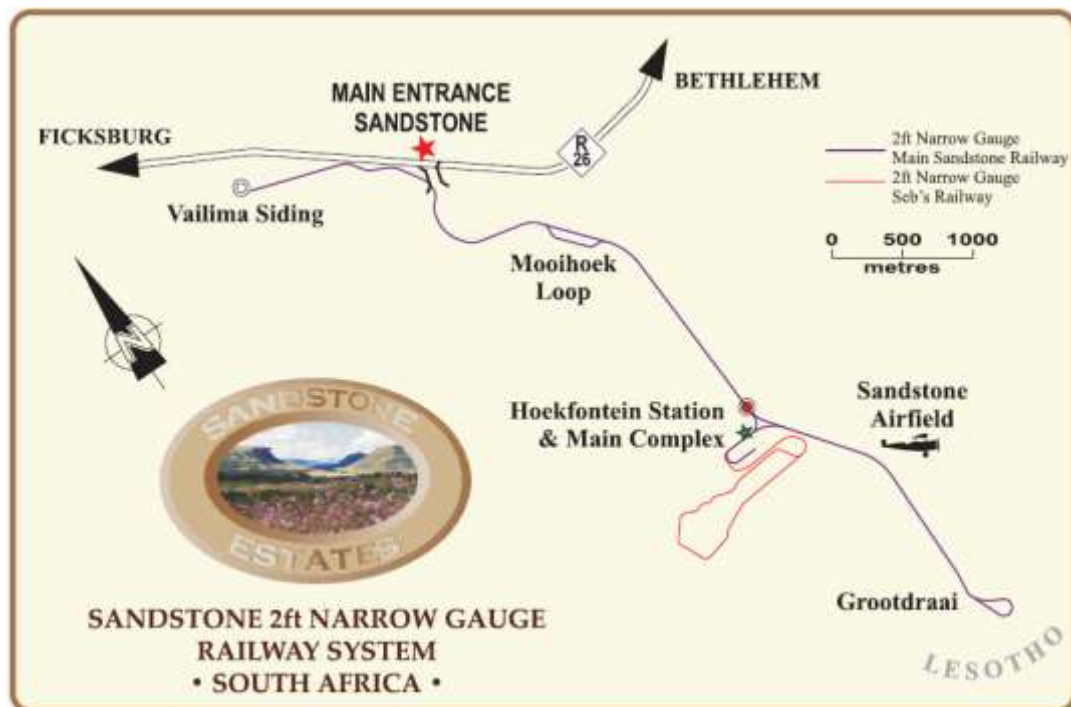
Valve Gear - where the power of steam is harnessed and put to use



Gallery

Pictures for illustrative purposes. We will be utilising both Lawleys but will not be running any double-header trains.





Descriptive Itinerary – Subject to Change due to Operational Constraints

Day 1 – 5 August 2023:

Pre-event Tea and Coffee at Waenhuis (14h00)

Event Start: 14h30 (Sunset +/- 17h41)

As the weekend of photography at Hoekfontein Station, the base for Sandstone Estates, commences, we invite you to join us for a complimentary tea or coffee at the Waenhuis. You'll have the opportunity to mingle with other participants and get ready for an adventure of a lifetime. Our first locomotive for the event, NG97, will be in the station, with the recreational consist eagerly waiting to depart. However, our mode of transportation will be no ordinary vehicle, but a vintage 1957 Bristol Bus, evoking memories of a bygone era.

At 14H30 sharp, we will board the bus and head towards our first photographic run-past locations. We'll explore the easterly section of the farm on the line to the Lesotho border, where the train runs alongside the agricultural fields of this commercial farm. This section provides a perfect opportunity to capture the train in action, surrounded by the natural beauty of the countryside. The train's retro feel will transport you to a time when these engines roamed the land.

Our journey continues towards Grootdraai, where the train will turn on the balloon and head back towards Hoekfontein, now facing the setting sun. We'll use the Bristol Bus and Sentinel Steam Wagon as photographic props in some of the run-pasts, creating an unforgettable visual experience.



After a short service break at Hoekfontein, we move to the westerly side of the farm, where we'll encounter the more challenging gradients. The climb into Mooihoek loop is a perfect spot to capture a side-by-side running shot with the Sentinel Steam Wagon. Next up is the spectacular section to Vailima, where we'll take a shot of the train climbing Pandora hill. At Vailima, we'll capture the sunset over the magnificent 'Soutkop' mountain, a breath-taking sight that will stay with you forever.

As the day comes to a close, we'll have a traditional South African Braai at Hoekfontein, an optional extra. The ambient light from the station will provide the perfect lighting for a long exposure photographic session, where you can put your skills to the test.

Day 1 In Summary

Equipment -

- Locomotive NG97
- Up to four wagons and Guards Van
- Sentinel Steam Wagon (Prop)
- Bristol Bus (Prop and Participant Transport)



NG97's Safety Valves Feather

Optional Extras

Traditional South African Braai @ R295 per person

(Beverages not included – Cash bar available)

Accommodation at Sandstone: **See Attached PDF for pictures and info, booked through SPE.**
(You can make alternate arrangements should you wish to).



The Bristol Bus poses by the Cosmos



Bristol Bus



Day 2 – 6 August 2023:

Pre-event Tea and Coffee at Waenhuis (06h00)

Event Start: 06h15 SHARP (Sunrise +/- 06h47)

Rise and shine! Join us at Hoekfontein station for some pre-event tea or coffee from 06H00 onwards. Today, we have a special treat for you: NG97's sister Lawley class, Beira Railway Number 7, in steam.

At 06H15 sharp, we'll embark on our journey towards Grootdraai, where our first run-past of the day will take place against the backdrop of a rising sun, creating a beautiful silhouette shot. As the sun climbs higher, we'll move across the line to capture some fantastic glint shots with the Maluti mountains in the background.

We'll then turn the locomotive and train on the triangle at Hoekfontein and head towards Grootdraai for further run-pasts at designated locations. Once again, the trusty Bristol Bus will be our mode of transportation, and we'll use it as a photographic prop in some of the scenes, adding a touch of vintage charm to the shots.

Between 09H30 & 10H00, we'll return to Hoekfontein, where breakfast will be served, an optional extra. If you choose to do so, you can head down to the sheds where the locomotive will be prepared for stabling and for some final shots of the event.

Day 2 In Summary

Equipment -

- Locomotive BR7
- Up to four wagons and Guards Van
- Bristol Bus (Prop and Participant Transport)

Optional Extra

English Breakfast @ R138 per person (Served at around 10h00)



Sentinel Steam Waggon – © Sandstone Estates



Sentinel - © Dave Richardson



Booking Form

Name and Surname:	
<i>Please book me ___ place(s) on The Maluti Wanderer Photo Charter. Payment to be made via EFT upon receiving the invoice from Stimela Photographic Events (Pty) Ltd.</i> Cost: R4800 per person. In the event the photo charter is not running for any reason, monies will be refunded in full. Please confirm and pay by 25 June 2023. PLEASE NOTE: Bookings are taken as a firm commitment to this charter. Once a charter has been confirmed with Sandstone Estates, a commitment has been given to provide a particular amount of money as agreed and we have to honour that commitment. Therefore, refunds are only considered in exceptional circumstances, at our discretion as the event organiser and in the event of our being able to resell your place to another participant. Standard SPE Terms & Conditions apply.	
Postal Address: (Invoice Purposes)	
Contact Number:	
Email Address:	
Optional Extras:	Catering - ○ Traditional South African Braai R295pp ○ English Breakfast R138pp Accommodation (VAT Inclusive) – ○ Victorian Cottage (Sleeps 4) R2240 per cottage per night. ○ Railway Cottage (Sleeps 2) R485 per person sharing per night. ○ Camping (50 Stands) R430 per stand per night.
Instructions/Notes:	

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