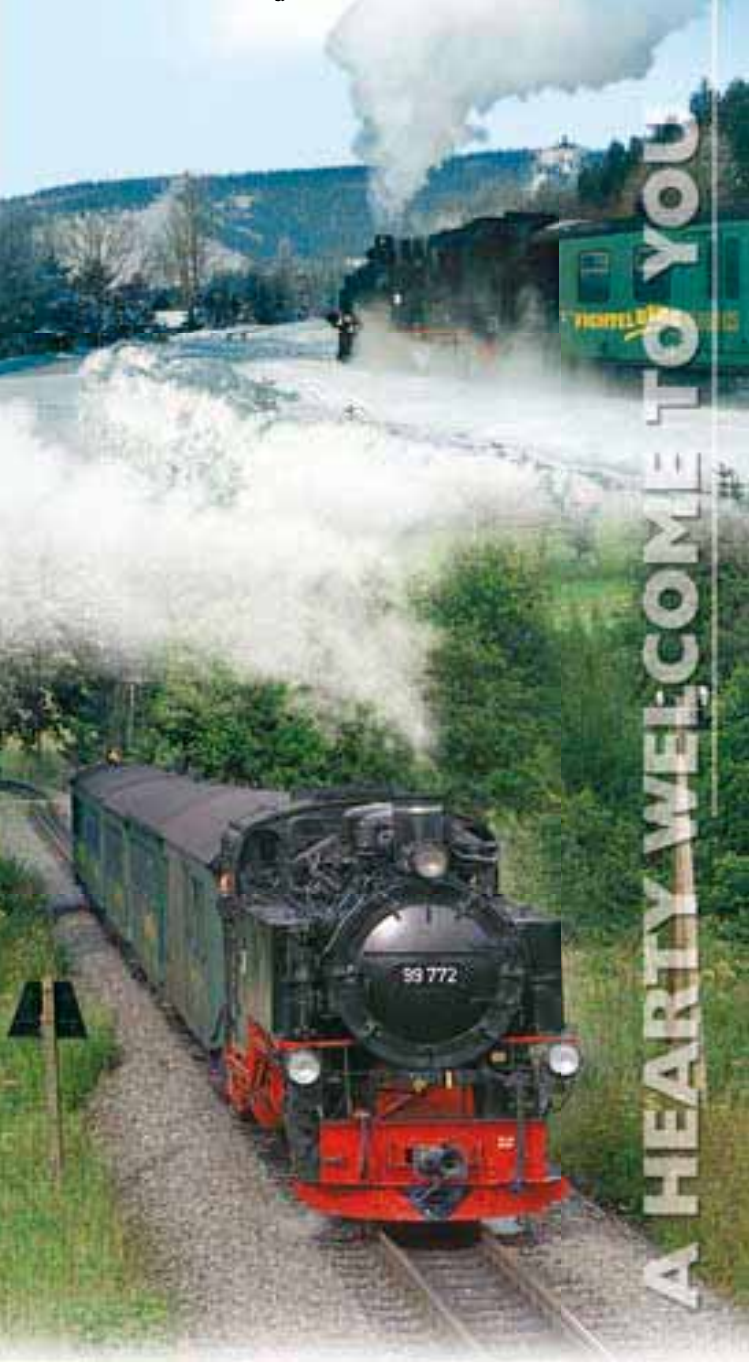


English



# FICHTELBERG BAHN



A HEARTY WELCOME TO YOU

# WELCOME ABOARD

You may travel by narrow gauge railway, the “Fichtelbergbahn”, to the highest elevated town in Germany, Oberwiesenthal, travelling through the Upper Ore Mountains. This scenic train has “huffed and puffed” its way between the towns of Cranzahl and the health resort of Oberwiesenthal daily during summer and winter on the 17 kilometre long railway track since 1st July 1897. Please step on board, and experience an one hour ride full of nostalgia and railway romance: Beginning in the town of **Cranzahl**, the journey takes you through the Sehma Valley to the first stop at **Unterneudorf**.



The “Fichtelbergbahn” then “huffs and puffs” its way further up the mountain passing houses built in the Upper Ore Mountains fashion to **Neudorf**. The untouched forest of the “Fichtelberg” Mountains follows after the next station **Vierenstraße**. Densely grown forests of spruces border the train tracks, and allow for journeying guests to take a deep breathe of fresh mountain air. Wayfarers may experience a walk to the top of the “Fichtelberg” Mountain (sea elevation 1,214 metres) beginning at this

location by hiking up through a sea elevation difference of 500 metres. The steam engine now prepares itself for the steepest climb of the journey to **Kretscham-Rothensehma** by delivering full power only. This is another station to start extensive hiking trips. On leaving Kretscham-Rothensehma, the train winds its way through unspoilt forest, still climbing until arriving at **Niederschlag**. After departing the “Fichtelbergbahn” now intersects with the federal road 95. Beside the “Poehlbach”, a small creek flowing along the Czech Republic border, the scenic mountain train “huffs and puffs” to its destination, the health resort Oberwiesenthal, via the towns of **Hammerunterwiesenthal** and **Unterwiesenthal**. Steam train travel becomes an unrivaled event, usually known only from books, as our “old lady” chugs over the Huettenbach mountain viaduct, which is 23 metres high and 110 metres long, before reaching the **Oberwiesenthal** train station.

**Please come on board –  
it will be a pleasure to see you!**





## A TIP FOR YOU

The mountain journey gains special appeal in the cosy atmosphere of our buffet cars “Fichtelberg” and “Keilberg”, e.g. by enjoying a cool German beer with the traditionally served crispy-bacon breadspread, or by having delicious German coffee and cakes. Each buffet car accommodates up to 30 persons.

1894-03-01	Approval of the railway building project, surveying and preliminary work begins
April 1896	Official start-up of building activities
1897-07-19	Official ceremony of first train ride
Dec. 1928	Newer larger steam locomotives (building series VII K) deployed to Oberwiesenthal
1949-05-14	Train postal services are terminated
1952-11-07	First Babelsberg built locomotive VII K put into service
1992	Freight transport is terminated
1996-01-01	The County of Annaberg initiates a public transport railway programme from the town of Cranzahl to the health resort Oberwiesenthal
1997-07-16/20	Festival celebrating the First Century Jubilee of operations
1998-06-01	The company BVO Bahn GmbH becomes the operator of the scenic “Fichtelbergbahn“
From 1998	Modernisation of the railway infrastructure
2002/2004	Building of new locomotive engine sheds at the health resort Oberwiesenthal
2004/2005	Redevelopment of the “Huettenbach“ Mountain Viaduct
2007-05-09	BVO Bahn GmbH is renamed as SDG Sächsische Dampfeisenbahngesellschaft mbH

## A USEFUL TIP FOR YOU

You may connect your visit to the scenic “Fichtelbergbahn“ with **many worthy tourist attractions in the region**. How about considering a quick trip to “Fichtelberg“, or use some of the different recreational offers of the health resort Oberwiesenthal. You can find out all about the Soup-Country in the Soup Museum of Neudorf, or would you like to look over the shoulder of manufacturers of scented candles at the company Huss in the town of Neudorf? Please visit the mountain town of Annaberg-Buchholz with all its sights and attractions. You may receive more information about Saxony’s narrow gauge railways at the Narrow Gauge Railway Museum in the town of Rittersgruen. You can travel directly to the Museum in Rittersgruen by boarding Bus number 414 from the train station at Oberwiesenthal.

# LOCOMOTIVES

5 operational steam locomotives of the VII K type

These steam locomotives are the most powerful ever built for a track width of 750 mm.

**Year of manufacture:** 1952 – 1956

**Manufacturer:** Locomotive Builders “Karl-Marx” of Babelsberg

**Power:** 600 horsepower

**Maximum speed:** 30 km/h

**Maximum loading:** 135 tons in the direction Cranzahl to the health resort Oberwiesenthal

Our steam locomotives are powered by using hard coal only.

# RAILWAY LINE

**Length:** 17.35 km

**Elevation performed:** 238 metres

**Track width:** 750 mm

**Train stations :** 9

**Bridges:** 6, whereby one mountain viaduct is equipped with steel wire frames (110 metres long, 23 metres high)



# COACHES

29 passenger and luggage coaches, 1 observation coach, 2 buffet cars as well as a few historic narrow gauge freight wagons

**Manufacturer:** Wagon Plant Bautzen  
Wagon Plant Werdau

**Year of manufacture:** 1913 – 1932

# THE RAILWAY LINE

from Chemnitz / Annaberg-Buchholz

**Cranzahl station**  
654 m ü. NN

**Unterneudorf station**  
675 m ü. NN

**Neudorf station**  
697 m ü. NN

**Vierenstraße station**  
750 m ü. NN

from Chemnitz / Annaberg-B.

**Niederschlag station**  
820 m ü. NN










**Kretscham-Rothensehma station**  
792 m ü. NN

**Hammerunterwiesenthal station**  
797 m ü. NN

**Unterwiesenthal station**  
850 m ü. NN

**Oberwiesenthal station**  
893 m ü. NN

## Legend

-  Route of the "Fichtelbergbahn"
-  13,6 Station icon including distance from Cranzahl in km
-  Foot path "Erlebnispfad Bimmelbahn"
-  Green and white pathway marking
-  Federal road
-  road
-  DB Erzgebirgsbahn (German Rail, standard gauge railway)
-  Surface water
-  Border
- ü. NN** Elevation from sea in metres



## DID YOU

### ALREADY KNOW ...

... how ski sports came to Oberwiesenthal?

According to the legend told, it was the Norwegian Olson, who participated in the building of the railway and brought the first pair of skis from his homeland. The legend has it that, he laid the cornerstone for the development of Oberwiesenthal to a winter sport health resort.



## AT A GLANCE

- Narrow gauge steam trains operate between the town of Cranzahl and the health resort Oberwiesenthal
- Daily operations
- Two 30 seat buffet cars available
- Locomotive rides
- Souvenir sales point – also available on the Internet
- Vouchers can be purchased for giving as presents
- Special trains operate on, e.g. Easter Sunday, Ascension Day, special St. Nicholas train trip, moonshine trips, evening trips to the Soup-Country, as well as trips on demand



## SOME USEFUL TIPS FOR YOU

If you would like to take a souvenir from the “Fichtelbergbahn“ back home, a variety of merchandise is available for you at our **Train Ticket & Souvenir Centre** located at the **Train Station Building** in the town of **Oberwiesenthal**. Calendars displaying wonderful new photos in ever changing season are especially in demand.



Hiking fans may combine their journey to the “Fichtelbergbahn“ with a stroll along the “**Erlebnispfad Bimmelbahn**“. This **hiking path** leads mostly parallel to the railway, and offers many beautiful sightseeing opportunities to the „Fichtelbergbahn“.

Please also visit our second steam operated narrow gauge railway that runs daily: The “**Loessnitzgrundbahn**“ travelling through the Dresden suburbs. It operates between the towns of Radebeul, Moritzburg and Radeburg.

If you have any questions regarding the “Fichtelbergbahn“, do not hesitate to contact us at:

**SDG Sächsische Dampfeisenbahngesellschaft mbH**  
**Fichtelbergbahn · Bahnhofstraße 7 · 09484 Kurort Oberwiesenthal**

Telephone: +49 (0) 37348 151-0  
Fax: +49 (0) 37348 151-29

fichtelbergbahn@sdg-bahn.de  
www.fichtelbergbahn.de



The team of the scenic “Fichtelbergbahn“ is pleased to make your visit an experience to remember!