



Great Western Railway 175th Anniversary Trail

This **family trail** starts by the Great Hall Information Point.

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Enter the model railway next to the Simulator. Find the cabinets with models inside. **Which ones are GWR models?**

Also... Find *Queen Boadicea*, which was a Great Western “Star Class” engine. Groups of particular types of locomotives are called a Class. The “Star Class” engines were named after famous Queens, Kings, Knights and stars in our night sky.

2

Now walk to the turntable and across it. On your right is *Lode Star*, another “Star Class” engine. Go up the stairs and have a look inside the cab. There are two fold-away wooden seats for the Driver and the Fireman. **Which seat do you think the Driver would use?** (He had a lot of levers and handles near him so he could make the engine move.)

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Behind *Lode Star* is a Great Western model engine. **What is its name?**

Also... There are miniature tools here, used to help keep the engine going. These include four cans that held oil. One has a piece of white cotton stuck in the spout, so it could be lit like a candle.

4

Back at the turntable, find track 14 and the actual *King George V*.

5

Walk underneath the engine, around the bridge and left towards the Warehouse. Once inside the Warehouse doors, look up to your right at the station names (“totems”). There is one that was used on the GWR - you can tell because it uses the GWR colours of chocolate and cream. **Which is it?**

6

In the warehouse, turn right down the main passage. Look down the passageways on your left, and find the hanging Memorial Plaque to a man called Henry West. **When did Henry West die?**

Also... Henry West died in an accident trying to fix a railway building roof at Reading, another Great Western Station.



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Station Hall

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As you enter Station Hall, turn left. Look in the glass cabinets on your right and find a GWR poster. It compares Cornwall – a famous Great Western holiday destination – with another country. **What is the country?**

8

Go up the ramp, then turn right and walk along Platform 6. Halfway down is a GWR Mink Van, used to transport fruit. **How many different things can you see on the picture boards inside?**

9

Continue down Platform 6. **Can you see another Great Western engine? What is its number?** Have a look at the information board in front. **Where was the engine built?**

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Turn left and walk straight along the end of the hall towards the Royal Trains. In one of the display cases, find two Royal Train lamps, painted white on the bottom. **What is on the top to show they were made for Royal Trains?**

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Answers

1. A model of the De Glen compound No. 102 La France and carriage. 2245 engine (4-4-2) locomotive. A GWR Crocodile well wagon. A model of 4040 Queen Boadicea.

2. The seat on the right

3. King George V

5. Henley-on-Thames

6. 24th March 1840

7. Italy

8. Milk, propellers, eggs, coal, etc.

9. 2818, Swindon

10. Crowns