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The Nene Valley Railway

Before leaving East Anglia we shall stop off at the preserved railway operating westwards out of Peterborough along the winding course of the River Nene, which the railway straightens out by way of two river crossings (see cover picture) en route to its country end just beyond Wanstrow on the A1.

The railway is notable for having a good variety of steam and heritage diesel locomotives to interest the traction enthusiast.

My visit coincided with a night stop at a hotel at Orton on the western edge of Peterborough. On successive days (28&29/05/2009) I travelled eastwards, then westwards from a central station at Ferry Meadows, a country park located in a loop of the River Nene. The city station, separate from the main network station, is convenient for the city centre, whereas Wanstrow at the other end has interesting station architecture and the motive power depot.

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The Gloucestershire/Warwickshire Railway

A preserved railway possibly accessible as a day trip from Hungerford is the G/WR, (not the Great Western Railway), which runs along the foot of the Cotswolds into its current terminus at Cheltenham Racecourse. This was part of a one-time GWR through route connecting the historic towns of Stratford-on-Avon and Cheltenham.

As well as the scenic attractions of the area, there are the popular race course (very busy on race days, especially during the Festival), and Winchcombe village with Sudely Castle nearby.

The images depict a return journey from Toddington, the most convenient access point by road, and the racecourse. The were taken during separate visits in 2004, with a Pentax compact camera, and 2008 with a Lumix ‘bridge’ camera. Since then, the railway has been extended northwards in the direction of the popular Cotswolds village of Broadway.

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WAITING ROOM
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