

Gautrain meets steam train in unique trip

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EXPERIENCE the pleasure of the old meeting the new, like never before, by taking a ride on the Gautrain and a ride on a steam train on the same day.

The Reefsteamers steam locomotive depot open day will take place on 28 July, and for the first time the organisation has secured the use of Gautrain's Rhodesfield station. This means that the public can catch the Gautrain from any of its stations, including Sandton and Rosebank, to Rhodesfield, and then catch the steam train that will be waiting at Rhodesfield to the Germiston depot.

Once at the depot, a variety of steam related pleasures await enthusiasts of all ages. A minimum of three steam locomotives will be in steam on the day, while other engines, coaches and railway equipment will be on display. A five-inch gauge model steam

locomotive will be in steam to give rides on a portable track. The cost of this is included in the ticket cost.

The N-scale guild will be displaying their modular N-scale layout while a selection of craftsman-built steam locomotive models and various stationary engine models will be on display.

Members of the public will be able to drive a real, working steam locomotive in the yard at a cost of R300 for 20 minutes.

The steam train will depart from Rhodesfield at 8.50am and 10.50am and will return at 1.05pm and 3pm. You will be able to purchase your depot day tickets from the Reefsteamers stand at Rhodesfield station. Refer to www.gautrain.co.za for the Gautrain schedules and fares.

Tantalising refreshments will be on sale and the De Garve Micro brewery will host a stall for the tasting and sale of their speciality brand.

Details: www.reefsteamers.com or marketing@reefsteamers.com



Full steam ahead...Enthusiasts will be able to catch the Gautrain and take a trip on a good old-fashioned steam train.