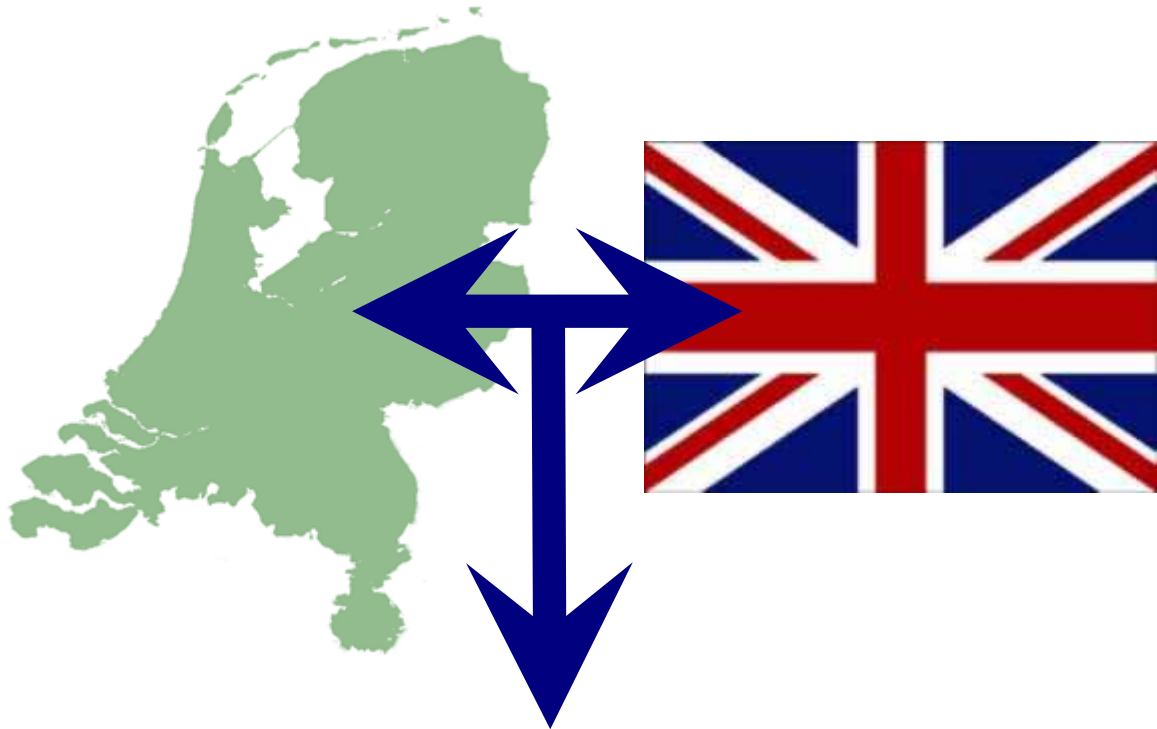


Dampfbahn Furka-Bergstrecke

English Section / DVD

Dutch Division Furka-Bergstrecke Preservation Society



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First of all, we'd like to welcome you to our website regarding the Dutch division of the Furka-Bergstrecke preservation society, in short: VFB (from German: Verein Furka-Bergstrecke).

Since 1983, the VFB forms an active and supporting organisation in managing, redeveloping and restoring the Furka-Bergstrecke: the heritage railway between the Swiss towns of Oberwald and Realp, in the provinces Wallis and Uri situated in central/south Switzerland.



Picture 1: Dutch voluntary workers creating drainpipes.

The Verein Furka-Bergstrecke (VFB) forms the management organisation behind the Dampfbahn Furka-Bergstrecke (DFB), which is primarily responsible for operating authentic steam trains on the rack railway during the summer months for tourists. In 1990 an enthusiastic group of people from the Netherlands founded the Dutch division of the VFB. Since then, everyone of us is putting a great amount of pleasure, interest, effort and time in this remarkable Swiss rack railway!

Driven by the same ultimate goal, every volunteer, regardless if they're German, French, Swiss, English or Dutch has the same objective: the preservation of this absolutely fabulous, beautiful, spectacular and historic remarkable railway for future generations!

The website is meant as a start in the world of the Dampfbahn Furka-Bergstrecke. The incredible spectacular, historic railway has been fascinating us since the first beginning in 1983. We hope that we can convince you of the same enthusiasm we're experiencing and of course we're hoping that, during your next stay in beautiful Switzerland, you'll be able to make the effort of taking one of the authentic DFB Steam trains into a natural paradise, located in the very hart of the Alps.



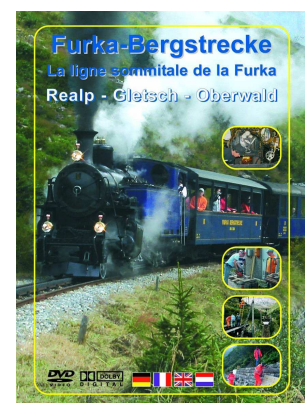
Picture 2: One of the authentic locomotives used on the 'Bergstrecke'.
Picture taken at Furka station.

Because our division mainly focuses on the Netherlands, the biggest part of our website is written in Dutch. Pictures are multi-lingual of course; so please enjoy the big amount of photographs widely spread on this website. If you'd like to read more about the Furka Bergstrecke, we'd like to redirect you to the official pages of the Furka Steam Railway: <http://www.furka-bergstrecke.ch> (English language available).

Finally we'd like to inform you of the beautiful and just released DVD our division produced in close cooperation with the DFB and 'van den Burg Filmproductions': a well-known company in railway-minded communities. This DVD tells you the complete story from the first beginning until the present of the Furka-Bergstrecke, with 4 spoken languages available (English, Dutch, German and French). Please have a look at the next page in order to take a look at the special DVD article.

Kind regards,

Dutch Division of the Furka-Bergstrecke Preservation Society.



Picture 3: Cover of the DVD, produced by our division

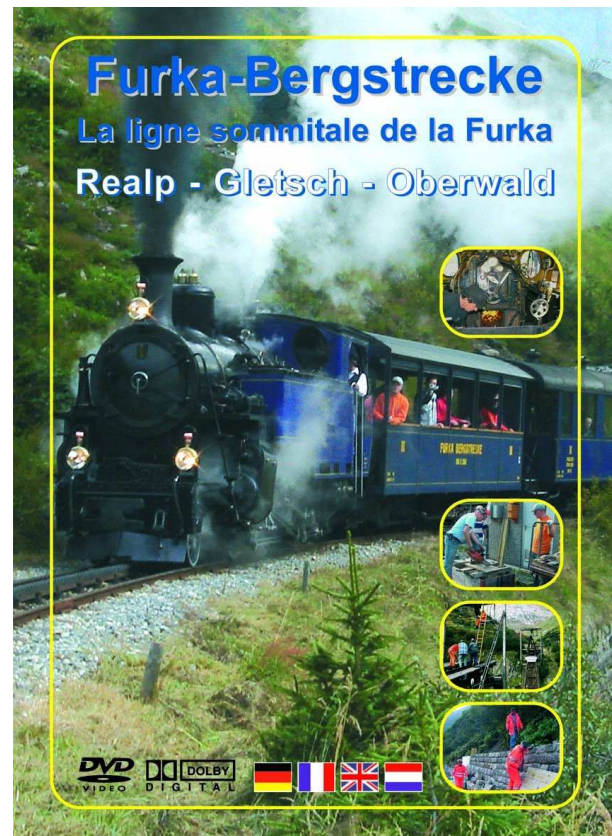
Contents of the DVD and general information:

This completely new DVD has a running time of approximately 80 minutes and shows you besides the main film (50 minutes) a lot of extra's, e.g. visits of the DFB maintenance workshops located in the Swiss cities of Chur and Aarau and spectacular images of ploughing snow during spring in order to reopen the line for the summer. Also included is a digital film regarding the 75 year anniversary of the world-famous Glacier Express! Furthermore, quite remarkable is the use of a great amount of historic filmmaterial (shot in the 1930's and 1940's) in this DVD; most of this historic material was found in the (Dutch!) archives of the Nederlands Instituut voor Beeld en Geluid (Dutch Institute for Film and Sound).

Beneath all the beautiful films, the DVD also features an interactive link towards a specially designed webpage. This page contains a lot of extra film- and photomaterial and will be updated regularly over time.

The DVD can be played in 4 languages (English, Dutch, German and French) and is produced by members of the Dutch division of the DFB Preservation Society in close cooperation with 'van den Burg Beeldproducties'. Van den Burg Beeldproducties is in railway-minded communities a well-known name; and the company stands for quality, diversity and beautiful digital recordings of all new material both images and sound.

One last remarkable fact is that every Euro, Pound or Swiss Frank spent on this DVD flows directly into the DFB Preservation Society. No money is earned by the producers, the Dutch division or anyone else: with this DVD we want to give financial support to the quite spectacular renovation work that is carried out this very moment by the brave volunteers of the preservation society.



How to buy the DVD?

Please have a look at www.furkabahn.nl/?q=node/50 to order the DVD from an online store (online ordering is possible from stores in the UK, France, Germany, Switzerland and the Netherlands)

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