

Train Enthusiast's Video Diary

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On 27/01/1996, SteamRanger (South Australia) double-headed its steam locomotives Rx 207 and tank loco 251 to haul its "Cockle Train" between Goolwa and Victor Harbor. It was steam locomotive Rx 207's "Testimonial" trip following an extensive restoration by SteamRanger.

The "Cockle Train" travels along the oldest steel railed railway in Australia. The 30 minute journey joins Goolwa (South Australia) near the mouth of the mighty River Murray to the bustling tourist centre of Victor Harbor (South Australia). Between Victor Harbor and Port Elliot you will travel along some of the most picturesque coastal scenery on the Fleurieu Peninsula, with nothing separating you from the beach below and a perfect view of the Southern Ocean - in winter the home of Southern Right Whale.

Why is this icon journey called the "Cockle Train"? In early days of settlement the local residents would take a horse drawn train to Goolwa to collect Cockles from the sandy beaches near the Murray mouth. It was a great day's outing and thus gained its name.