

Leoni Meadows Train History

1. In what year, and in what country did railroading begin?
2. What year did the first railroad operate in the United States?
3. What year did the railroad through Leoni Meadows begin operating?
4. What is the name of the railroad that ran through Leoni Meadows?
5. What was the purpose of the Diamond & Caldor Railroad?
6. How long was the railroad?
7. What does Caldor stand for?
8. What is the distance between the rails of standard railroad rails and what is the distance between the rails of the Diamond & Caldor railroad?
9. What is a "link and pin" connection?
10. Why did the Diamond & Caldor railroad go out of business?
11. What is the name of the railroad that runs through Leoni Meadows now?
12. How long is the railroad now?
13. What is the distance between the rails of the G & R Railroad?
14. Take a ride on the G & R Railroad.

Helps

1. 1885, England
2. 1826, the cars were actually drawn by horses.
3. 1902
4. Diamond & Caldor
5. To haul wood to Oakland for use by the California Door Company. The train carried sawn lumber from Caldor to Diamond Springs where it was surface planed then shipped to Oakland on the Central Pacific RR. After the mill at Caldor burned they shipped logs not sawn lumber.
6. Thirty miles.
7. (CAL)ifornia (D)o(OR) Company
8. Forty-eight inches, thirty-six inches.
9. Link and pin was a type of connection used between railroad cars. There was a round "link" on each car and when they were even a pin was dropped through the two links to hold the cars together. It was dangerous because it was easy to get your fingers caught and severed off. In 1952 the California State Safety Commission deemed it unsafe enough to order the use of that connection stopped.
10. The cars used by the Diamond & Caldor Railroad were fitted with link and pin connectors. The California Door Company felt it was too expensive to refit all their cars (trucks were already hauling some logs) so the rails were pulled up and sold for scrap and by 1953 the railroad was gone.
11. G & R Railroad (Glover and Roderick)
12. Four and four-tenths miles.
13. Twenty-four inches.

14. Get a ticket at the registration desk at Leoni Meadows. Rides are usually available every weekend.