

Exhibition

A.S.D., Aigle-Sepey-Diablerets, 100 Years of Mountain Conquest

The next exhibition at the Ormont Museum will take you on a fabulous journey aboard the Aigle-Sepey-Diablerets (A.S.D) railway from July 4th, 2014.

The small mountain railway celebrates its 100th anniversary this year - a very important event for our regional museum, which is dedicated to the history of the Ormont valley and the region.

True to its principles and objectives, the Ormont Museum centres its interactive exhibitions round the visitor.

At the entrance of the museum, the visitor will buy a ticket in the traditional way and take a seat in an old A.S.D carriage for a memorable journey. As the journey progresses, the visitor will discover the beauty of the landscape along the line.

On the three floors of the exhibition the visitor will discover the tumultuous history of the train. The years that preceded its inauguration on July 6th, 1914 to the period when alpine railways were developing and the spirit of conquest was strong. The visitor will learn more about the race to reach Saanen, a race finally won by the MOB (Montreux-Oberland-Bernois). In fact the original idea was that the A.S.D would travel to the Bernese Oberland over the Pillon pass, but financial pressure and World War II put a stop to this dream. The visitor will also discover that the first routing up to Sepey was along the present cantonal road and faced major obstacles such as the Aigremont bridge, the passage under Grands Rochers and the unstable soil at La Frasse.

The visitor will also discover numerous unpublished documents explaining the history of the railway and its construction as well as the many structures along its route, learn also about the engineer from Bex, Louis de Vallières (to whom the people of Vaud also owe the Chauderon bridge and the Nyon-St. Cergue railway), who took an active part in the construction and the search for financing.

The exhibition also describes the popular movement and the fight by the association "Save A.S.D" in the 1980s, when the Confederation had decided to no longer financially support the railway.

The exhibition has been designed to satisfy the curious as well as railway enthusiasts and will appeal to both adults and children.

Practical information**A.S.D., Aigle-Sepey-Diablerets, 100 Years of Mountain Conquest**

Open from Wednesday to Sunday 14h – 18h

4th July – 26th October 2014

20th December 2014 – 19th April 2015

6th January – 25th October 2015

19th December 2015 – 10 April 2016

Prices:

Adults: 6 Fr, Children up to 16 years: 3 Fr

Students, retired, handicapped, museum members: 4 Fr

Groups from 10 people: 4 Fr, school classes: 2 Fr

Free Access card and Raiffeisen card: free entrance

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Press conference :

A press conference accompanied by a preview of the exhibition is scheduled for Thursday July 3rd at 10:00 in the Museum.