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# Survivors



## MAD DOG

### Locations on the Severn Valley Railway

<b>Travel Directions</b>	See the <i>Survivors: Mad Dog</i> website
<b>OS Map</b>	Explorer 218, Landranger 138
<b>Parking</b>	Very limited near Hampton Loade – park at the station at Bridgnorth or Kidderminster, and travel by train
<b>Toilets</b>	Facilities at the train stations
<b>Refreshments</b>	Part-time refreshment service on Platform 2 at Hampton Loade
<b>Time Required</b>	20-30mins at Hampton Loade, plus travelling time; half a day to cover all three <i>Survivors</i> stops

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**A**t Hampton Loade train station on the Severn Valley Railway, northbound trains arrive at Platform 1 and southbound trains at Platform 2. In 1977, when the closing sequences of **Mad Dog** were recorded at and around the station, the up and the down lines operated in the opposite directions, so the platform numbers were the other way around. The main action from **Mad Dog** was therefore shot on what is now Platform 1.



A train's arrival at Platform 1 from Kidderminster

Stand on Platform 1, and face north in the direction of Bridgnorth. The steam locomotive used in **Mad Dog** approached Hampton Loade from the direction of Bridgnorth to arrive at what was then 'Platform 2'. On arrival, the crew disembark and find Charles unconscious in one of the open freight carriages.

The train's approach was shot from a camera position on the opposite rail track, but the general vista of the shot can be safely viewed from either platform. Turning southward, in the direction of Kidderminster, the tracks along which the train later departs (as the episode's credits roll) are clearly visible.

Part way down Platform 1, is the doorway through which a recuperated Charles emerges and is wished 'good luck' by Freda, before joining the crew on the departing southbound train.



Freda's residence



The north end of Platform 1

Crossing to Platform 2, via the wooden walkway, it is possible to view the length of platform on the opposite side down which Charles and the engine driver walk (and discuss the future of the rail network) before they both climb into the train cab for their departure.



The south end of Platform 1

The earlier sequence in which Charles stumbles across the locomotive, taking on coal at the trackside, and secretly climbs aboard was shot in a set of sidings close to Hampton Loade that have now been removed and redeveloped as a leisure and picnic area. The sequences of the train steaming down the line (with Charles unconscious aboard) were filmed on sections of the track close to Hampton Loade station.

Two other series three *Survivors* episodes include sequences recorded on, or close to, the Severn Valley Railway. **Law of the Jungle** made use of a river bridge location close to what is now the Country Park Halt. Trains only call at this stop at the request of passengers, who must inform the train guard in advance. The platform at Highley Station, and the surrounding track, appears in three separate sequences in **Bridgehead**.

For more information about these, and other, **Mad Dog** locations, visit the website:

<http://www.survivors-mad-dog.org.uk>

The site contains travel directions and access information about all of the locations used to film the third series *Survivors* episode **Mad Dog**. Feedback on these 'walkthrough' guides is welcomed!