

Ambergate



The original station was built by the [North Midland Railway](#) in 1840. It was designed by [Francis Thompson](#) in an ornate renaissance style that was inspired by Elizabethan architecture.

“Omnibus and posting conveyances to Matlock, 6 miles distance westward; a place of fashionable resort, celebrated for its baths.”

The North Midland Railway Guide, 1842.

The station was just north of Hag Wood Tunnel. The branch line to Rowsley was opened in 1849, a new junction for trains from Derby to Rowsley in 1863 and the extension of the branch line to connect to Buxton and Manchester in 1867. The station was rebuilt next to the junction in 1863. These buildings were demolished in 1970 after local stopping trains had been withdrawn in 1967 and the line from Rowsley to Buxton and Manchester closed in 1968.

Ambergate is a station on the Derwent Valley Line between Newark and Matlock.



Lithograph of the North Midland Railway's 1840 Ambergate Station, drawn by Samuel Russell from the plans of architect, Francis Thompson. *Courtesy of the Midland Railway Study Centre*