

Come Ride With Us!



**FOX RIVER
TROLLEY
MUSEUM**

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Celebrating 50 Years - Since July 4, 1966

Gold dates indicate operating days
Blue dates indicate Special Event days
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EDUCATION THROUGH DEMONSTRATION!

Ride Living History! Trolley car number 20 curves into the Jon Duerr Forest Preserve on another trip into History on the historic 120-year old Aurora, Elgin, & Fox River Electric Company railroad. Car 20, built in 1902, carried passengers on the Chicago Aurora and Elgin for 55 years between Chicago, the western suburbs, Wheaton, Aurora, South Elgin, and Elgin, IL. Come "Ride with Us" this year as we celebrate our 50th year of Education through Demonstration.

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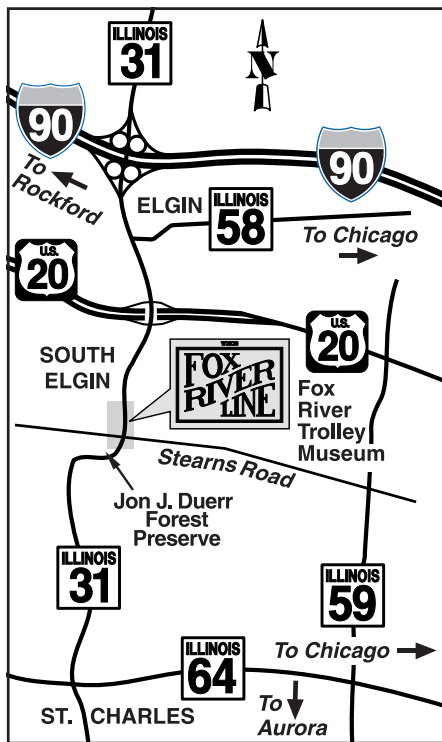
Schedule

The Museum is open to visitors in season,
11 am to 5 pm, as shown on the front of
the Calendar:

Sundays - From Mother's Day,
May 8, through October 30.

Saturdays - June 11, then July 2 through Labor
Day Weekend and October 15 and 22.

Holidays - Memorial Day, Independence Day,
and Labor Day.



How To Get There


The Museum is located on Illinois Route 31 (LaFox Street), three blocks south of the State Street traffic light in South Elgin, Illinois.

From Chicago: Take the Jane Addams Tollway (I-90) or US Route 20 west to Elgin and exit on Illinois Route 31 southbound. Take Route 31 to the Museum.

From the West: Take the Jane Addams Tollway (I-90) or US Route 20 east to Elgin and exit on Illinois Route 31 southbound. Take Route 31 to the Museum.

From the South: Take any route north to Illinois Route 64. Take Route 64 to St. Charles to Illinois Route 31. Take Route 31 north to the Museum.

By Train: Take Metra Commuter Rail's Milwaukee District-West line from Chicago (Union Station) to Elgin. Then take a taxi to the Museum.

 Bike to the museum along the Fox River Trail bicycle path, parallel to and between route 31 to the west and the Fox River to the east, often passing near our railroad right-of-way.

Historic Preservation - Enjoyable Education

The Museum is preserving the transportation heritage of the Fox River Valley by operating the recently acquired AE&FRE #304 one of the last passenger cars to operate on what is now the Museum's portion of the old Aurora, Elgin and Fox River Electric Company trolley line. It has also recently acquired Chicago, Aurora & Elgin 458, part of a ten-car order delivered to the CA&E in 1945. CA&E 458 is representative of the last traditional "interurban" car built.

An enjoyable educational experience is shared by visitors traveling along the Fox River on the Museum's trains and in the Jon J. Duerr Forest Preserve, an old railroad gravel pit, being restored as a forest preserve. The pit is home to many prairie trees and plants that have returned since the pit was closed over a half century ago. Fox, deer, raccoon, opossum and woodchuck again make their home here. After riding the trolley, get a closer look, hike, or bike the many trails and paths. These fulfill the Museum's mission of **EDUCATION THROUGH DEMONSTRATION**.

Besides a trolley ride, the Museum and the Jon J. Duerr Forest Preserve offer great picnicking facilities for large and small groups, boat ramp, and fishing. The Castlemuir Station in South Elgin has a gift shop, pop machine, picnic tables, two 450 plus year old oak trees and over 23 electric railway cars including the only existing Chicago street railway post office car to inspect. This is a unique combination of recreation and learning.

Special Events – 2016

Sunday, May 8 - MOTHER'S DAY

The Museum helps celebrate Mother's Day. Mother and the entire family enjoy rides in our antique trolleys along the beautiful Fox River and through the Jon J. Duerr Forest Preserve. Have a picnic at either location. Mothers and grandmothers ride free with payment of a child's fare and get a free carnation.

Saturday and Sunday, June 11 and 12 - RAILS TO VICTORY

Remember our Veterans this summer by attending the Fox River Trolley Museum's "Rails To Victory" WW2 Living History Reenactment. Experience a WW2 military encampment, view Period Battles on the banks of the Fox River, be a fan at an actual US Home Front Baseball game with the Rockford Peaches made famous in the 1992 Tom Hanks and Geena Davis film, "A League of their Own." On Saturday ride special museum trolleys into occupied France to experience the suspense and drama of the heroism of the American Allies. Special Fare on Saturday applies, and may be purchased in advance from the Museum web site.

Sunday, June 19 - FATHER'S DAY

"Father Knows Best" when he brings the entire family including grandfathers for a pleasant summer afternoon riding the Museum's antique trolleys. Fathers and grandfathers ride free with payment of a child's fare. Start the day off with a meal at any one of South Elgin's fine restaurants finishing it off with a ride along the Fox River and through the Jon Duerr Forest Preserve.

Monday, July 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY AND 50TH ANNIVERSARY DAY

Have a great Independence Day at the Fox River Trolley Museum and the Village's spectacular Independence Day parade! Ride for our original 1966 fares - \$0.50 / adult and - \$0.25 / child. Plan a real bargain family event at the Trolley Museum with 50th Anniversary events and cake!

Saturday and Sunday, August 13 and 14 - RIVERFEST EXPRESS

The Village and the Museum celebrate the long weekend along the Fox River with food, music, trolley rides, viewing historic rail cars and exhibits, carnival rides and FIREWORKS! Village celebration starts Thursday afternoon.

Sundays, September 18 and 25 - CABOOSE DAYS

Ride with the Conductor in the Big Red Caboose or with the Engineer in the Locomotive!

Saturdays, October 15 and 22, and Sundays, October 16 and 23 - PUMPKIN TROLLEY

The pumpkin harvest is complete and the corn is in the shock ... and Indian summer with beautiful autumn colors decorates the "Ole Pumpkin Patch." Pick up a pumpkin at the patch and enjoy a small treat - great family fun at low cost.

RESERVATION TRAINS:

BY RESERVATION ONLY, visit our web pages at www.foxtrolley.org to make reservations.

GHOST STORY TRAIN - Saturdays, October 15 and 22

Ride a spooky trolley down to the haunted forest preserve. Listen to chilling stories around the campfire while enjoying monstrously good treats. Suitable for all ages.

THE POLAR EXPRESS™ runs Saturdays, November 26 and December 3, 10, and 17 and Sundays, November 20 and 27, and December 4, 11, and 18

THE POLAR EXPRESS™ comes to life when the real train pulls out of the Jon J. Duerr Forest Preserve BLACKHAWK station with your family on board. The train will transport you to the North Pole where Santa will be waiting. On this magical journey, guests on board the train will enjoy hot chocolate and cookies while reading along or listening to this classic award winning storybook. Children are encouraged to wear their pajamas for the ride. Experience the joy of watching the children's faces when the train arrives at the "North Pole". Santa will board the train to greet each child and hand them their own sleigh bell. There will be caroling and entertainment, making this, what will surely become an annual holiday tradition for the whole family.

Board the ALL RESERVED "POLAR EXPRESS" at Jon J. Duerr Forest Preserve - Blackhawk Station for a ride north to meet Santa and experience the magic of the season.