



**FOX RIVER  
TROLLEY  
MUSEUM**

# Come Ride With Us!

# 2026



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## Education Through Demonstration!

Ralph Taylor, the last surviving founding member of our Museum, poses in front of newly restored Chicago Aurora & Elgin #316. Built by the Jewett Company in 1913, #316 served the railroad until the end of passenger service on July 3rd, 1957. Purchased by RELIC in 1961, the forerunner to the Fox River Trolley Museum, #316 is one of the oldest operating cars in our collection. Photo by Daniel Ladurini.

**January**

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**February**

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**March**

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**April**

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**May**

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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

**June**

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31	1	2	3	4	5	6
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**July**

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26	27	28	29	30	31	1
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**August**

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30	31	1	2	3	4	5

**September**

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27	28	29	30	1	2	3
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**October**

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**November**

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**December**

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29	30	1	2	3	4	5
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
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Located on Illinois Route 31, three blocks south of State Street in South Elgin, Kane County, Illinois



## Come ride with us!

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## Historic Preservation - Enjoyable Education

The Museum is preserving the transportation heritage of Illinois' Fox River Valley by operating historic electric railway cars on the remaining portion of the Aurora, Elgin and Fox River Electric Company interurban trolley line. Among the collection is 1924 car 304, which was one of the last cars built for the Fox River Line, and car 20, a wooden bodied unit built in 1902 for what became the Chicago Aurora and Elgin and as such is the oldest operating interurban car in North America.

An enjoyable educational experience is shared by visitors as they travel along the bank of the Fox River and into the Jon J. Duerr Forest Preserve. The preserve, part of the Kane County system, is home to many prairie plants and a wide variety of animal life which can be explored, after arriving at the Museum's Blackhawk Station, via hiking and bicycle paths. There is also access to a boat ramp and fishing facilities in the preserve.

At the museum's campus in South Elgin, tickets can be purchased at the Castlemuir Depot which is flanked by two 450-year-old Burr Oak trees. A museum store is located in the depot and a pop machine is also available.

Picnicking facilities for large and small groups are available at both the Museum and at Jon J. Duerr Forest Preserve (large groups must reserve ahead of time at either location).

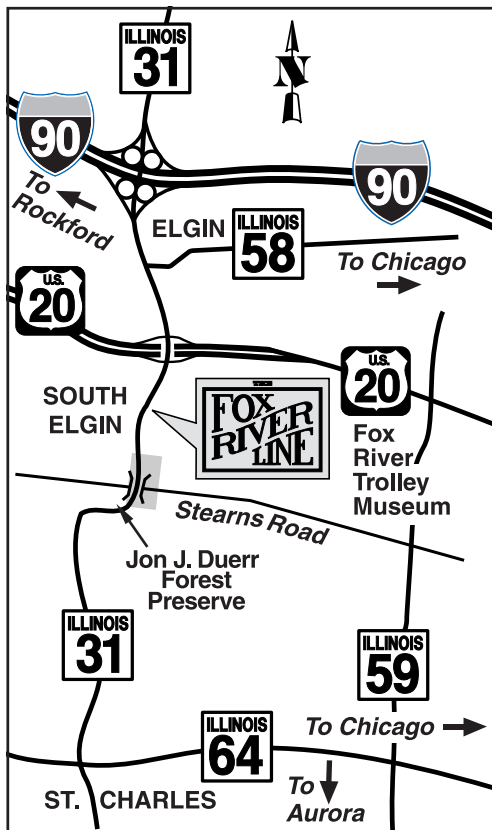
### EDUCATION THROUGH DEMONSTRATION.

## Schedule

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

**Sundays & Saturdays** - May 10 through October 25.

**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.

## Private Charters Available

Besides the museum's regular operations, trolleys can be chartered for special occasions as was the case during the interurban trolley era (1896-1935). See the museum's web site to request such a charter or email [info@foxtrolley.org](mailto:info@foxtrolley.org).

### Special Events - 2026

#### Pre-Season Open House - Saturday & Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

Join us for a special preview weekend of displays, tours, and other activities as we welcome new members and volunteers to our Museum.

#### Mother's Day - Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

Our official opening day of 2026! Mothers ride free and receive a free carnation. Food trucks and other activities.

#### Memorial Day - Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>

#### All Aboard Days (2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays of June, July, & August)

Dedicated days designed to accommodate individuals with sensory needs. A special "Quiet Train" will be in service, and a sensory-friendly safe space will be available at our Wayne Depot.

#### Father's Day - Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>

Dads ride free. Enjoy a classic car show and a beauty pin-ups. Era modeling, vendors, artisans and more!

#### Independence Day / FRTM 60th Birthday Celebration - Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

Celebrate the birth of our nation and our Museum on this special day. Special runs, a historic memorabilia sale, and more!

#### Military History Weekend - Saturday & Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### Ragtime Festival - Saturday & Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

#### Labor Day - Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

#### Fox Valley Steampunk Festival - Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

#### Operation Lifesaver Day - Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

#### Members' Day - Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>

A special day exclusively for our members as a way to show our appreciation and to showcase the Museum's progress at fulfilling its mission.

## RESERVATION TRAINS:

**BY RESERVATION ONLY**, visit our web pages at [www.foxtrolley.org](http://www.foxtrolley.org) to make reservations.

#### Bunny Train - Saturdays, March 21<sup>st</sup>, March 28<sup>th</sup>, & April 4<sup>th</sup>

Join us for an Easter Egg hunt like you have never been on before. Enjoy an Easter trolley ride with a reading of our very own story and stop for an Easter Egg hunt. Trains depart Jon J. Duerr Forest Preserve at 11AM, 1PM and 3PM. Tickets may be purchased in advance from the Museum's web site or on the day of the event unless tickets have sold out. Reserve early so you can get your preferred train time.

#### Ghost Train - Saturdays, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, & 24<sup>th</sup>

Ride a spooky trolley down to the haunted forest preserve, where ghost stories come alive under the glow of the campfire. Guests can choose between gathering for family-friendly tales and treats or joining our paranormal investigators for an interactive exploration into the mysteries of the Fox River. Enjoy monstrously good s'mores, hot chocolate, and autumn activities suitable for all ages.

#### Santa's Trolley Express - Fridays, Saturdays, & Sundays; November 28<sup>th</sup> through December 20<sup>th</sup>

Looking for a nostalgic way for your family to visit Santa Claus? Join us for a magical holiday trolley ride along the scenic Fox River Line. Departing from Blackhawk Station in the Jon J. Duerr Forest Preserve, this festive 40-minute trip delights guests of all ages with decorated vintage trolleys, twinkling lights, and timeless holiday charm. Upon arriving at the "North Pole," Santa will board the train and greet each family as he walks down the aisle of our historic train car, creating warm memories for riders young and old. Hot chocolate will be served from a historic trolley car on display.