



# 2016 Steam Train & Riverboat Schedule

# ESSEX Steam Train AND RIVERBOAT 2016

## ESSEX CLIPPER DINNER TRAIN

Step back in time aboard the elegant Essex Clipper Dinner Train! Ambiance, impeccable service, and fabulous food—our recipe for a fine dining experience—is enhanced by a breathtaking 2½-hour journey through the pristine Connecticut River Valley. A delicious four-course seasonal menu is freshly prepared on-board and served in beautifully restored 1920's Pullman cars. The Essex Clipper is also available for private parties, charter or events.

May through October. **Reservations Recommended.**



## EVENTS at ESSEX STATION

The Ideal Setting for your Special Day...

The Essex Steam Train & Riverboat offers a one-of-a-kind venue for a memorable wedding, rehearsal dinner, party, family reunion or corporate event. Our riverboat, dinner train, River Valley Junction Hall, and Essex Station grounds provide beautiful and flexible spaces for dining, dancing or mingling. Our in-house catering and event staff will assist you to craft an occasion that is uniquely yours.

Contact [events@essexsteamtrain.com](mailto:events@essexsteamtrain.com) or call (844) 899-3718.

Schedule	10:00	11:00	12:30	2:00	3:30
<b>Spring Schedule (May 7 - June 12)</b>					
Saturdays					
Sundays & Memorial Day					
<b>Caboose Ride*</b> (May 7 & 8, June 4 & 5)					
<b>Saybrook Special*</b> (May 7 & 8, June 4 & 5)					
<b>Summer Schedule (June 18 - Aug. 28)</b>					
Sundays - Fridays					
Saturdays					
<b>Caboose Ride*</b> (July 2, 3 & 4, Aug. 6 & 7)					
<b>Saybrook Special*</b> (July 2 & 3, Aug. 6 & 7)					
<b>September Schedule (Sept. 2 - 25)</b>					
Fridays & Sundays (plus Labor Day)					
Saturdays					
<b>Caboose Ride*</b> (Sept. 3, 4 & 5)					
<b>Saybrook Special*</b> (Sept. 3 & 4)					
<b>Fall Foliage Schedule (Sept. 30 - Oct. 23)</b>					
Fridays & Sundays - Tuesdays					
Saturdays					
<b>Caboose Ride*</b> (Oct. 1 & 2)					
<b>Saybrook Special*</b> (Oct. 1 & 2)					

\*Special Fare    Train & Boat or Train only    Train only/No Boat Connection

**Prices (excluding tax)**

**Train & Boat (approx. 2.5 hrs):** Adults: \$29 Kids (2-11): \$19  
**Train Only (approx. 1 hr):** Adults: \$19 Kids (2-11): \$10

Senior Discount 10% everyday; Double Senior Discount 20% Mondays (age 65+).

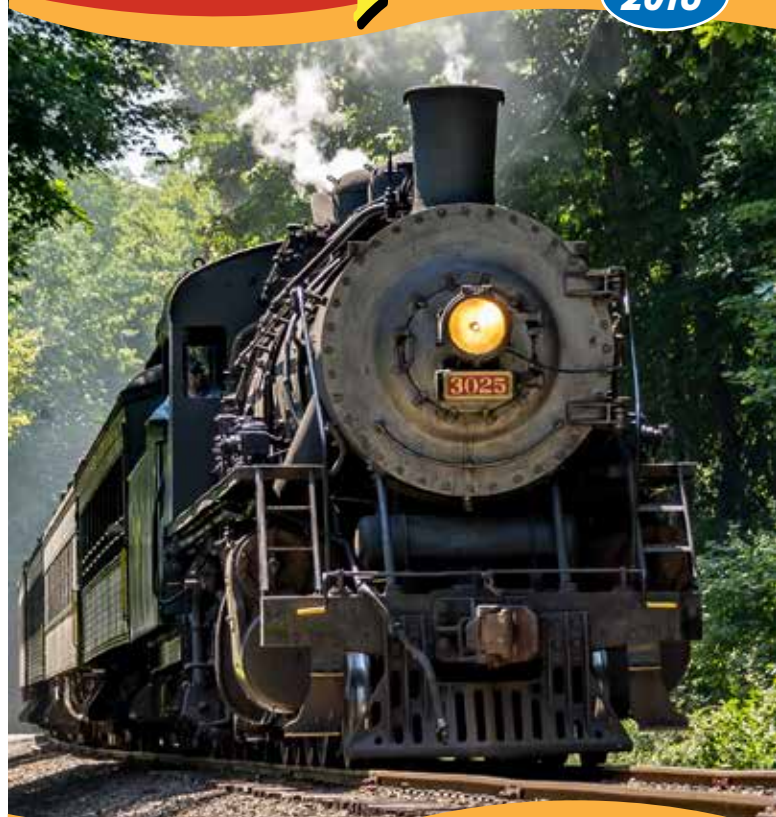
Schedule, equipment and route subject to change. Train runs rain or shine.

**Groups and Charters**  
 Train, boat and gallery space are available for groups and private events. Call for information and reservations.

**Directions**  
**From Shoreline:** Take I-95, Exit 69. North on Route 9 to Exit 3.  
**From Hartford:** Take I-91 South to Exit 22S. South on Route 9 to Exit 3. Essex Steam Train is west of Route 9 on Route 154.



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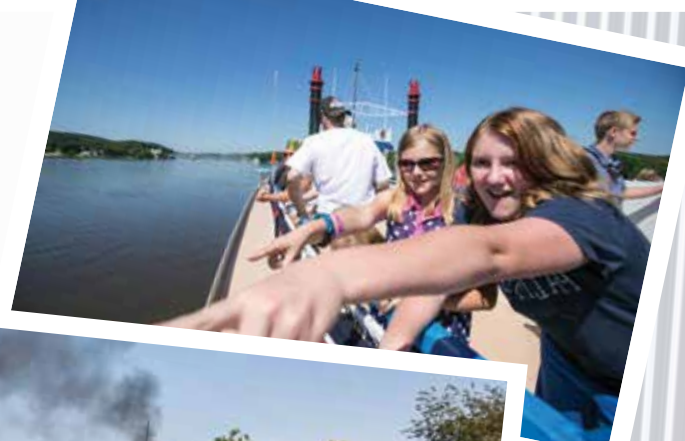
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For 45 years, the Essex Steam Train & Riverboat has been a Connecticut icon, escorting thousands of visitors through the unspoiled lower Connecticut River Valley on our antique steam trains and riverboat—the only steam train and riverboat connection in the United States!

The 2½-hour, narrated journey begins at historic 1892 Essex Station, then meanders through the countryside aboard vintage rail cars pulled by an authentic steam locomotive. At Deep River Landing, board the *Becky Thatcher* riverboat for a cruise along the Connecticut River—bursting with wildlife, lush scenery and historic sights, such as Gillette Castle and the Goodspeed Opera House. Upon *Becky's* return to Deep River Landing, the steam train welcomes you for the return trip back to Essex.

In addition to the train and boat, see what else we have to offer...



# There's Nothing Like It!

For much of our 40+ year history, our steam train and riverboat excursion brought passengers through the Connecticut River Valley. But the venerable and beloved steam train is just part of the story today! We've added exciting events and adventures, elegant dining experiences, and enhanced passenger facilities to bring you back to Essex in every season! **Advanced tickets are recommended.**



It's full steam ahead for the *Day Out With Thomas™ The Ready, Set, Go Tour 2016*. Ride a train led by Thomas, grab a selfie with his pal Percy, meet Sir Topham Hatt, and enjoy Imagination Station and Essex Station transformed into a carnival of rides, a petting zoo, entertainment, food, and fun!

**April 16-17, 23-24, 30 & May 1.**

If the road less traveled calls...climb aboard the Gillette Castle Connection. Travel by train to the Hadlyme Station, cross the Connecticut River aboard the ferry, *Selden III*, and take a 3/8-mile hike to Gillette Castle. Pack a picnic lunch for a true adventure, off the beaten path!

**Memorial Day Weekend - Columbus Day.**



## FRIDAY NIGHT SUNSET CRUISES

The Connecticut River truly sparkles during the golden hours of twilight—and we bring you to the center of this beauty during our 2-hour Sunset Cruise. Ride the train to Deep River Landing, for a cruise south to Old Saybrook and back. A perfect way to relax, refresh, and unwind on a Friday night!

**New in 2016:** In September and October, enjoy an extended 3-hour evening cruise to witness a unique avian phenomenon as thousands of tree swallows swarm the lower Connecticut River each night at sunset.

**Fridays, June 24 through October 14.**



## YOUR HAND ON THE Throttle

AT THE ESSEX STEAM TRAIN & RIVERBOAT

The magic of steam locomotives reaches across generations—from the model railroad under the Christmas tree to classic movies. Reconnect with your childhood sense of wonder as you get the opportunity to learn about and operate one of our steam locomotives aboard our Hand on the Throttle program. And yes, you can blow the whistle!

**April 1-3, 7-10, October 27-30, & November 3-6**



Enjoy the view from the cupola of the Friends of the Valley Railroad caboose when it is pulled at the back of the steam train. Learn how freight train crews lived and worked in this "cabin car." The caboose is also available for stationary or rolling kids' birthday parties when trains are operating.

**May 7-8, June 4-5, July 2-4, Aug 6-7, Sept 3-5, & Oct 1-2.**

## CABOOSE WEEKENDS

## MILEPOST O SAYBROOK Special

On the first weekend of each month, take a 4-mile train ride to our rail connection to the "outside world" at Milepost O aboard the Saybrook Special. Board the train at 10:00 am for a unique journey south along the railroad from Essex to Saybrook Junction. The train passes through unspoiled forestland, glacial pathways, rocky ridge lines, and alongside "The Preserve", the largest remaining inland coastal forest between Boston and New York.

**May through October.**

## EAGLE FLYER TO EAGLE LANDING STATE PARK!

In February, visit the stark beauty of the Connecticut River in wintertime aboard the Eagle Flyer. On our trip north, spot the majestic bald eagles that nest along the river, as well as other natural wonders, aboard toasty vintage rail cars, with delicious warming fare and beverage service in the dining car. All aboard for a wintertime adventure—the perfect cabin fever reliever!

**Select weekends in February 2017.**



## CONNECTICUT RIVER Fall Foliage

Grab a front row seat aboard our steam trains for the bursting colors

of Fall Foliage along the Connecticut River. The air is clear, the water blue, and the trees—spectacular! Ride the train to the riverboat for a waterborne viewing, or **(new in 2016)** on Saturdays and Sundays only, take an extended train excursion along the river to Goodspeed Station and explore the shopping and dining in the quaint villages of Haddam and East Haddam or a short cruise aboard the *Riverquest* before returning to Essex.

**Fridays through Tuesdays, September 30 through October 23.**

Capture that special Christmas card photo aboard the Santa Special! Our **daytime** holiday excursion features a visit with Santa Claus aboard our festively decorated coaches. Mrs. Claus, Rudolph and Pablo the Penguin will be on board to spread holiday cheer. Plus, each child receives a small holiday gift from Santa's Elves!



**November 25-27,  
December 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 26-28.**



It's a "not to be missed" holiday tradition—a magical **nighttime** journey to the North Pole aboard a real live steam train! Each decorated coach becomes a stage for a live, musical performance of *Twas the Night Before Christmas*. The holiday fun includes costumed car hosts, greetings from Santa and Mrs. Claus, sing-a-longs, hot chocolate and sugar cookies.



**November 10-13, 17-20, 25-27, 29-30, December 1-4, 6-11, 13-18, 20-23 & 26-29.**