

WELCOME



SOUVENIR FOLDER AND GUIDE TO HELP MAKE
YOUR MUSEUM VISIT AS ENJOYABLE AS POSSIBLE.

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Welcome to The Western Railway Museum. A map inside is presented to assist you during your visit.

As a living institution, some aspects on the map represent ongoing development goals while many other improvements are already in place.

Public admissions will allow many of our planned improvements to take place, and you can measure our rate of progress during future visits.

In the meantime, there are many things to see and do. We trust this pocket guide will prove useful.

SAFETY FIRST

While touring the Museum, please do not try to climb on top of equipment. The overhead wires which power the streetcars and interurban trains are charged with high-voltage electricity which is potentially lethal. Please look both way when crossing railroad tracks as equipment may be set in motion at any time. We ask that parents keep their children supervised at all times.

RIDE THE CARS

You've no doubt been to many traditional museums where exhibits are safely kept in glass cases or behind velvet ropes.

Here we invite you to ride aboard old-time streetcars and electric interurbans and learn first-hand how your grandparents and great grandparents once traveled between their homes and places of employment, commerce and entertainment.

Many of the cars which you will be riding date to that long-gone era, but here in this unique corner of Northern California it's as if time hasn't changed.

A wide variety of equipment is usually in service, some making 1 1/2 mile round trips around the Museum grounds. Many cars and trains continue on our preserved Sacramento Northern Railway south to Gum Grove station, an 8+ mile round trip.

On your rides you will hear the thumping of air-compressors, the growl of electric traction motors and a distinctive clatter as steel wheels cross the joints where rails are connected to one another.

You will see our volunteer personnel operating the cars and trains, notching the big controllers to increase electric power or moving the lever which applies the air brakes.

And when you ride the cars south along the main line to Gum Grove station, you will also gain a visual impression of how California looked 80 or more years ago when the rail line first opened for service.

You won't see tract homes, tilt-up warehouses, fast-food establishments or the many other trappings of modern urban life. Instead, you'll see wide open fields where sheep still safely graze, vistas of the great Suisun Marsh, a picturesque church dating to the 1870s, the commanding presence of Mt. Diablo, and scurrying jack rabbits which call this area home.

As funding allows, the length of today's ride will become even longer. Ultimately, the Museum expects to extend rides all the way to Montezuma station where a planned terminal will be constructed along the shores of Montezuma Slough.

Personnel stationed at the boarding platform will let you know when and where the next car or train is destined, and fully trained crews on board will provide you with informative commentaries concerning the equipment you are riding and the region through which you are traveling.

Remember, your admission ticket is like an all-day pass, so ride the streetcars and interurban trains as often as you wish.

PICNIC GROUNDS

Located just a few steps from the Museum's entrance and main passenger boarding platform are the picnic grounds comprised of extensive lawns, a host of picnic benches and tables, and several tree-shaded nooks.

Enjoy these grounds for a rest, a picnic, or recreational activities. This is an excellent location to watch, film, or video regular and special service cars.

Kindly deposit litter in the waste containers distributed throughout the picnic grounds. Recycling metal beverage containers is encouraged.

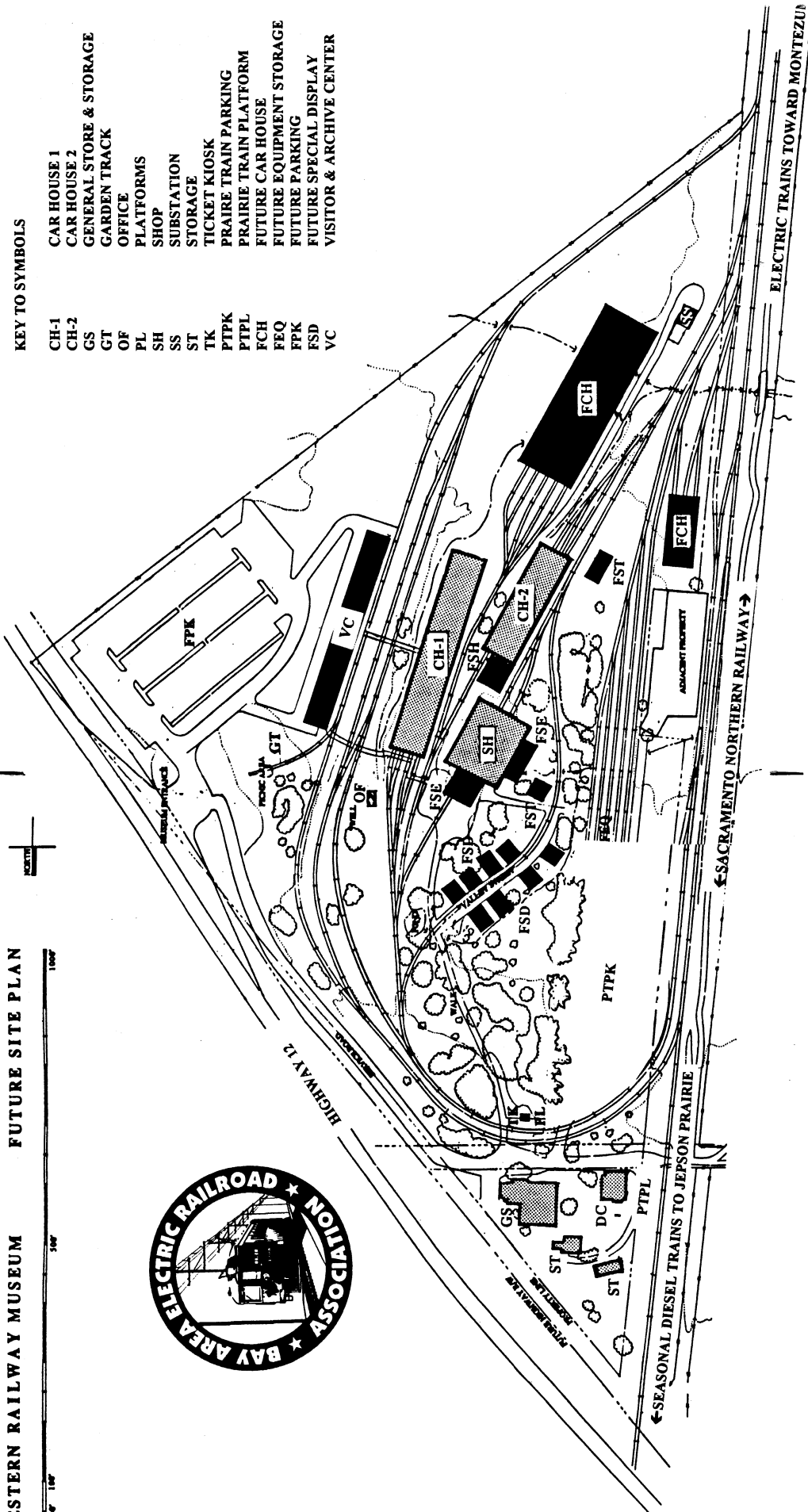
WESTERN RAILWAY MUSEUM

FUTURE SITE PLAN



KEY TO SYMBOLS

- CH-1 CAR HOUSE 1
- CH-2 CAR HOUSE 2
- GS GENERAL STORE & STORAGE
- GT GARDEN TRACK
- OF OFFICE
- PL PLATFORMS
- SH SHOP
- SS SUBSTATION
- ST STORAGE
- TK TICKET KIOSK
- PTPK PRAIRIE TRAIN PARKING
- PTPL PRAIRIE TRAIN PLATFORM
- FCH FUTURE CAR HOUSE
- FEQ FUTURE EQUIPMENT STORAGE
- FPK FUTURE PARKING
- FSD FUTURE SPECIAL DISPLAY
- VC VISITOR & ARCHIVE CENTER



TOUR THE DISPLAY BARN

Signs and the map inside this folder will direct you to two important buildings. Walk down the lane in the center of the picnic grounds and cross the track at Chabot Road station. Just beyond, to your left, you will find the main Display Barn which is open for self-guiding tours.

At the entrance be sure to pick up a copy of the self-guiding tour booklet which describes the historic cars stored within. While touring the Display Barn, you'll note that many of the cars are open for inspection and some contain special exhibits. Please refrain from attempting to enter cars which are posted "No Admittance".

As you tour the Barn, pause at the "Streetcar Cinema" where continuous videotape entertainment is offered. Step aboard, sit back and see and hear how important street railways and electric interurbans once were.

When leaving the Display Barn, please return the tour book to its rack. New copies may be purchased at the Museum Store for \$3 - a great souvenir of your visit.

PEER INSIDE THE SHOP

Next walk west to the Shop Building. During fair weather doors to this building are left open to allow visual access to work in progress on the maintenance and restoration of several pieces of rolling stock.

For obvious safety reasons, we ask that you not enter the Shop.

THE MUSEUM STORE

No visit is complete without a call at the Museum Store. Here you will find one of the finest collections of books available which provide detailed histories of a vast array of street railways, electric interurbans and steam and diesel railroads. No doubt you'll find something of interest from a place where you, your parents or grandparents once lived.

Here too you'll find a great selection of videotapes, children's books, magazines, postcards, coffee mugs, and a grand variety of souvenir items. It's never too early to shop for that special birthday or holiday gift. Browse as long as you like until you find the right item.

GUEST BOOK

A guest book is located just inside the Museum Store. Please leave us your name and address so that we might alert you to special Museum events. Be assured that we don't sell our list or make it available to others.

EXCUSE OUR DUST

Construction is proceeding on the Museum's new 12,000 square foot Visitors and Archives Center.

This \$800,000 facility will include sparkling new rest rooms, a new book and gift store, expanded food and snack services, the Francis Marion Smith Memorial Library and Archives for the organization's massive collections of books, corporate records, photographs and like materials, and Cameron Hall where special displays and interpretive exhibits will be presented for your enjoyment.

Please excuse our dust while construction is taking place. This project, set for completion in 1999, will better serve you on your next visit.

GROUP VISITS & CHARTERS

The Museum welcomes weekend visits by family, social, business and corporate groups. Allow us to reserve the park for that special outing, whether it be a birthday party, car club, or company picnic. *Weekday group visits can also be accommodated with advance notice and reservation.*

Before leaving today, be sure to pick up a copy of our Group Rate Schedule which outlines a host of special group and charter opportunities.

MEMBERSHIPS

The Western Railway Museum is the principal project of the Bay Area Electric Railroad Association, a state & federally recognized not-for-profit historical-educational organization. We invite you join the Association and to become involved with further Museum development. *Our Associate Family category at \$35 is just like an annual pass, allowing unlimited return visits for you, your spouse and up to four children.* Be sure to complete an application during your visit.

AN INVITATION TO JOIN BAERA

Please consider becoming a member of the not-for-profit Bay Area Electric Railroad Association, sponsor of The Western Railway Museum. Your membership will include many benefits and will help us rehabilitate and re-electrify the historic Sacramento Northern Railway line, restore equipment, and provide facilities to make this the finest interurban museum in the country.

Membership Levels:

Non-voting:

Junior/Senior - \$20 USA only.

Associate \$25

Associate Family - \$35

Voting:

Individual - \$45

Family - \$65

Sustaining - \$100

Contributing - \$250

Patron - \$500

Benefactor - \$1000

Membership Benefits:

Free Western Railway Museum admission.

Free admission to other museums affiliated with the Association of Railway Museums.

Monthly publication.

All the above plus:

Discounts on purchases at the Museum store.

Invitations to special "Members only" events.

In addition, higher levels of membership receive special premiums:

Sustaining - Special gift.

Contributing - Two Museum train tickets.

Patron - Two First Class Museum train tickets.

Benefactors - Elegant hosted Pullman lunch or dinner for two.

Yes! Sign me up!

Name: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Fax or E-mail _____

Membership: Senior/Junior ___ Associate ___ Associate Family ___ Individual ___ Family ___

Sustaining ___ Contributing ___ Patron ___ Benefactor ___

My check made payable to BAERA enclosed in sum of \$ _____

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Card number: _____ Expires: _____

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Rio Vista Junction
Midway between Fairfield and
Rio Vista on Hwy 12

ALL-DAY
PASS

GOOD ONLY ON THIS DATE

Jun 19, 1999

\$ 6.00

Adult

We would like to invite you to join us in our preservation efforts here at the Western Railway Museum. For further information, please fill out this form and leave it with us or mail it to the address below...

Name
Address
City, ST ZIP



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