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Ride Historic South Shore Cars Saturday at the East Troy Railroad

July 15th event will also feature Chicago Elevated Cars and North Shore Car 761

EAST TROY, WIS: National Park Service Rangers and volunteers from Indiana Dunes National Park will co-host "Chicago Day" at the East Troy Railroad Museum on July 15th. The Rangers and volunteers will help tell the story of the Chicago South Shore and South Bend Railroad, which has stopped at stations along the Indiana Dunes for 115 years. Ride on the restored South Shore train cars, several of which were donated to the museum by the National Park Service in 2010. *Younger visitors can earn a Junior Ranger award and East Troy Electric Railroad pin after completing a Junior Ranger program during the event.*

Several South Shore Cars will be in operation, with trains departing from the Museum hourly from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. You'll experience what it was like to ride interurban trains 100 years ago. Electric interurban trains were a very common way to travel between cities before the automobile became affordable and roads were improved for travel. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$9.50 for children and \$12.50 for seniors. *Active-duty military members and veterans in uniform will receive free tickets during the event.*

The East Troy Electric Railroad operates on 7.5 miles of track that has been in continuous operation for over 115 years. The tourist railroad has been in operation since 1972 and is the only museum in the country that regularly operates historic South Shore Railroad Cars on an electric interurban line. The 2023 operating season extends from April through October.

The East Troy Railroad Museum is located at 2002 Church Street in East Troy, Wisconsin, approximately 15 miles north of Lake Geneva via Highway 120 and 35 miles southwest of Milwaukee via I-43.

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About Indiana Dunes National Park: Indiana Dunes National Park is one of 424 units of the National Park System ranging from Yellowstone to the Statue of Liberty. Located in Northwest Indiana, the park includes 15 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline and 15,000 acres of biodiverse beaches, woods, prairies, and marshes. Over 3 million visitors come to the Indiana Dunes each year.

About the East Troy Railroad Museum: East Troy Railroad Museum offers 14-mile round trip rides each weekend from our East Troy depot and museum to Indianhead Park in Mukwonago, with a stop at the popular Elegant Farmer store and deli. This year the railroad is celebrating 116 years of electric railroading through Southeast Wisconsin's Kettle Moraine countryside.

This 501(c)(3) not-for-profit railroad museum is operated and managed by over 130 volunteers committed to the operation and preservation of historic trolleys and interurban railcars. For more information, visit www.easttroyrr.org or call 262.642.3263.

Suggested Photo Caption: Chicago South Shore Car 33 at the Elegant Farmer Station in 2021. Photo by Tom Fleming.