

Large-scale holiday

Events you can visit compiled by Rene Schweitzer | photos as noted

Arizona

Arizona BTO Christmas Open Houses

Venue: 10+ railways open to the public

Contact person: Gerry Pfeiffer, 833 North Thunderbird Ave, Gilbert AZ 85234, 480-924-8844

Dates: December 9-10, 16-17, 2006

Hours: 6 to 9 p.m.

Admission charge: No (donations accepted)

Type: Permanent, outdoors

Web site: <http://azbigtrains.org>

Payson Garden Trains

Venue: 1005 West Driftwood, Payson AZ 85541

Contact person: Ron Bumann, 928-595-1725

Dates: December 15, 2006-January 1, 2007

Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Admission charge: No

Type: Permanent, outdoors

Arkansas

Norman Railroad

Venue: 9 Coraza Circle, Hot Springs Village AR 71909

Contact person: Gerald Norman, 501-915-9076, gbnorman@cox.net

Dates: December 22-23, 29-30, 2006

Hours: Noon to 4 p.m.

Admission charge: No

Type: Permanent, outdoors

California

Christmas display

Venue: 214 Brentwood Dr., South San Francisco CA 94080

Contact person: Pete Bricca, 650-952-0105

Dates: November 25-December 31,

2006 (closed Dec. 24)

Hours: 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Admission charge: No

Type: Temporary, outdoors

Fairplex Garden Railroad

Venue: LA County Fairgrounds, 1101 W. McKinley Ave., Pomona CA 91768

Contact person: Rick Bremer, Assistant Coordinator, gardenrailroad@fairplex.com

Dates: December 9-10, 2005

Hours: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission charge: No (enter at Gate 1)

Type: Permanent, outdoors

Web site: www.fgrr.org

North Pole eXpress

Venue: 5210 Carmelynn St., Torrance CA 90503

Contact person: Bill Mergard, 310-371-1971

Dates: November 29-December 27, 2006

Hours: 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., weather permitting

Admission charge: No

Type: Temporary, outdoors

Colorado

Rosebud Railroad

Venue: 4990 S. Elati, Englewood CO 80110

Contact person: Richard & Alice Kloewer, 303-761-4990

Dates: November 22, 2006-January 3, 2007

Hours: Mon.-Fri., 5 to 10 p.m.; Sat.-Sun.,

5 p.m. to midnight

Admission charge: No

Type: Permanent, outdoors

Indiana

Holiday display

Venue: Charlie's Coffee Bar & Gallery, 416 N. 10th St., Richmond IN 47374

Contact person: Bob Sizemore, 212 N. 4th St., Richmond IN 47374, 765-962-5759, shadiriver@aol.com

Dates: November 24-December 31, 2006

Hours: 2 to 8 p.m.; closed Mondays and Christmas

Admission charge: No (donations accepted)

Type: Temporary, indoors



It's winter on the Easton Express, located in the Easton Town Center in Columbus, Ohio.

Holiday Trainland

Venue: White River Gardens, 1200 W. Washington St., Indianapolis IN 46222, 317-630-2001

Dates: December 2-30, 2006

Hours: Noon to 9 p.m. daily

Admission charge: Yes

Type: Temporary, indoors

Web site: www.whiterivergardens.com

Illinois

Holiday trains

Venue: The Morton Arboretum, 4100 Rt. 53, Lisle IL 60532

Contact person: Diana Fischer-Woods, 630-968-0074 or Kevin Kell, c/o LGB Model Railroad Club of Chicago, 708-524-0483

Dates: November 24-26, December 2, 3, 6, 9, 10, 13, 16, 17, 20, 26, 2006-January 5, 2007

Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission charge: Yes

Type: Temporary, outdoors

Kentucky

Cranberry and Lineville River Railroad

Christmas display

Venue: 557 Mustang Dr., Walton KY 41094

Contact person: Dan Stenger, 859-485-6844, dmstenger@insightbb.com

Dates: December 1, 8, 15, 22, 2006

Hours: 7 to 9 p.m.



Visitors enjoy the trains at the Norman Railroad in Arkansas.

displays

Once again, we present our annual list of holiday-oriented events. All listings are large-scale-railroad displays that are open to the public. We invite you to visit one (or more!) of the events mentioned here. You'll be welcomed by some of the best representatives of this hobby.

Please note: Schedules can change. We recommend that you contact the event host to confirm running dates and times before traveling any distance.

Admission charge: No
Type: Temporary, outdoors
Web site: www.gcgrs.org/Clr/index.asp

Maryland

B&O Museum's Holiday Festival of Trains

Venue: B&O Museum, 901 W. Pratt St., Baltimore MD 410-752-2490

Dates: November 24-December 30, 2006 (closed Dec. 24-25, 31, Jan. 1)

Hours: TBD

Admission charge: Yes

Type: Temporary, indoors

Web site: www.mdlsrs.com

Riding the train through beautiful Montgomery County

Venue: Brookside Gardens, 1500 Glenallan Avenue, Wheaton MD 20902

Contact person: Visitors center, 301-962-1400

Dates: December 1, 2006-January 7, 2007 (closed Dec. 25)

Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily; 5:30 to 9 p.m. during light show evenings (see web sites for dates)

Admission charge: None during the day (admission charged during light-show hours)

Type: Temporary, outdoors

Web site: www.brooksidegardens.org or www.wvmgrs.org

Missouri

Gardenland Express Holiday Flower and Train Show

Venue: Missouri Botanical Garden, 4344 Shaw Blvd., St. Louis MO 63110

Contact information: 314-577-9400 (recorded message); 800-642-8842

Dates: November 22, 2006-January 1, 2007 (closed Christmas Day)

Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily; until 7 p.m. December 26-30

Admission charge: Yes

Type: Temporary, indoors

Web site: www.mobot.org

Nevada

Las Vegas GRS Christmas display

Venue: Nevada Power Co. main lobby, 6226 W. Sahara Ave., Las Vegas NV 89146, 702-367-5555

Contact person: Charles McManis, 702-431-7475, cemcnlv@earthlink.net

Dates: December 11-23, 2006

Hours: Call for Nevada Power Co. hours

Admission charge: No

Type: Temporary, indoors

Las Vegas GRS Christmas display

Venue: Embarq (formerly Sprint) main lobby, 330 S. Valley View Blvd., Las Vegas NV 89107, 702-431-7599

Dates: December 11-23, 2006

Hours: Call for hours

Admission charge: None

Type: Temporary, indoors

New Jersey

Holiday display

Venue: Shore Mall, Rt. 40, Black Horse Pike NJ

Contact person: Anita Brown, nanab1@comcast.net

Dates: Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, November 25, 2006-January 15, 2007

Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission charge: No

Type: Temporary, indoors

Web site: www.trainweb.org/sjgrs

Holiday display

Venue: Music Pier, Ocean City NJ

Contact person: Anita Brown, nanab1@comcast.net

Dates: December 2-3, 2006

Hours: Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.;

Sun., 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Admission charge: Yes

Type: Temporary, indoors

Web site: www.trainweb.org/sjgrs

New Mexico

River of Lights Garden Railroad

Venue: Albuquerque Botanic Garden, 2601 Central NW, Albuquerque NM 87104

Contact person: Jon Stewart, 505-848-7148

Dates: November 25-December 31, 2006 (closed

Dec. 24-25)

Hours: Tues.-Sun., 6 to 9 p.m.

Admission charge: Yes

Type: Permanent, outdoors

Web site: www.cabq.gov/biopark

New York

Christmas display

Venue: Hadel's Hardware, 3 N. Main St., Pearl River NY 10965, 845-735-2066

Contact person: Ken Scully, 201-573-1134

Dates: December 4, 2006-January 30, 2007 (closed Christmas Day)

Hours: 6 a.m.-5:30 p.m. daily, Sat; 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. closed Sundays

Admission charge: No

Type: Temporary, indoors



The Missouri Botanical Garden hosts the Gardenland Express.

MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

Ohio

The Easton Express

Venue: Children's Park, Easton Town Center, Gramercy Street, Columbus OH 43219

Contact person: Bethany Braden: bbraden@steiner.com or Guest Services 614-337-2200

Dates: November 17-December 31, 2006

Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri.-Sat., 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sun., noon-6 p.m.

Admission charge: No

Type: Permanent, outdoors

Web site: www.EastonTownCenter.com

Pennsylvania

Laurel Highlands Model Railroad Club Inc. holiday display

Venue: 109 W. Main St., Somerset PA 15501

Contact person: Richard C. Hambley Jr., trainman_15501@yahoo.com

Dates: Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, Nov. 17, 2006-January 13, 2007

Hours: Fri., 6 to 9 p.m., Sat., noon-6 p.m.; Sun., noon-5 p.m., Jan 10-13 hours, Fri., Sat., 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sun., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission charge: Yes

Type: Temporary, indoors

Web site: www.lhmrc.org



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Brookside Gardens in Maryland offers both day and nighttime viewing hours.



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Texas

Houston Area G Gaugers layout

Venue: Northwest Mall, Entrance B, Hempstead Hwy. at I-610, Houston TX

Contact person: Chuc Blumentritt, 18210 Forest Town Dr., Houston TX 77084, 281-550-8679, HAGGPrez99@aol.com

Dates: November 4, 11, 18, 25, December 2, 9, 16-17, 23, 2006

Hours: 1 to 6 p.m.

Admission charge: No

Santa's Holiday Depot

Venue: Texas Transportation Museum, 11731 Wetmore Rd., San Antonio TX 78247-3606

Contact person: Jared Davis, 210-490-3554, ttm1964@sbcglogal.net

Dates: December 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 22-23, 2006

Hours of operation: 7-9 p.m.

Admission charge: Yes

Web site: txtransportationmuseum.org

Virginia

Holiday train display

Venue: Church of Christ, 844 Woodstock Rd., Virginia Beach VA 23464

Contact person: Sherry Caldwell, 757-490-2155, slcvca@cox.net

Dates: December 2-10, 2006

Hours: Dec. 2-3, 2-9 p.m.; Dec. 4-8, 6-9 p.m.; Dec. 9, 2-9 p.m.; Dec. 10, 12-6 p.m.

Admission charge: No

Type: Temporary, indoors

17th Annual Holiday Train Show

Venue: Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station VA 22039, 703-425-9225

Dates: December 2-3, 2006

Hours: Sat., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun., noon to 4 p.m.

Admission charge: Yes

Type: Temporary, indoors

Web site: www.fairfax-station.org or www.wvmgrs.org

Washington DC

National Christmas tree

Venue: Presidents Park, near the corner of 15th and E Streets. Directly across the street from the White House and

in front of the Washington Monument

Dates: December 3, 2006-January 1, 2007

Hours: 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

Admission charge: No

Type: Temporary, outdoors

Wisconsin

Christmas Fantasy House

Venue: 1505 Greenway Terrace, Elm Grove WI (railway located in garage)

Dates: November 4-12, 2006

Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10

a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sat.-Sun., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Admission charge: Yes, for charity

Type: Temporary, indoors

Web site: www.christmasfantasyhouse.com

Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory garden railroad display

Venue: 534 S. Layton Ave., Milwaukee WI 53215, 414-649-9800

Dates: January 13-March 18, 2007

Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily

Admission charge: Yes

Type: Temporary, indoors

Web site: www.countyparks.com/horticulture/domes/index.html

Olbrich Botanical Society Holiday Express

Venue: 3330 Atwood Ave., Madison WI 53704, 608-246-4550

Contact person: James Dvorsky,

James.Dvorsky@worldnet.att.net

Dates: December 2-31, 2006

Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sun.,

10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Admission charge: Yes

Type: Temporary, indoors

Web site: www.olbrich.org

Shady Lane Greenhouse display

Venue: Shady Lane Greenhouse, W172 N7388 Shady Lane, Menomonee Falls WI 53051

Contact person: Karl Hornung, 262-251-1660

Dates: October 1, 2006-January 1, 2007

Hours: 8 a.m.-6 p.m. daily

Admission charge: No

Type: Temporary, indoors

Garden of lights

Venue: Green Bay Botanical Garden Inc., 2600 Larson Rd., Green Bay WI 54303, 920-490-9457

Dates: November 24-26, December 1-3, 8-10, 15-17, 22-23, 29-30, 2006

Hours: 5-9 p.m.

Admission charge: Yes

Type: Temporary, indoors

Web site: www.gbbg.org

Winter Wonderland Walk

Venue: Rotary Gardens, 1455 Palmer Dr., Janesville WI 53545

Contact person: Joella Miller, joellam@verizon.net

Dates: December 8-10, 15-17, 22-23, 26-30, 2006

Hours: 5-8:30 p.m.

Admission charge: Yes

Type: Temporary, indoors

Web site: www.RotaryGardens.org

Canada

Greengate Garden Center Christmas Display

Venue: Greengate Garden Center, 14111 MacLeod Trail SW, Calgary, Alberta

Contact person: Greengate Garden Center, 403-256-1212; Ultimate Trains, 403-646-1190

Dates: October 15-December 28, 2006

Hours: 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. daily

Admission charge: No

Web site: www.greengate.com or

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Garden RAILWAYS

All of these events can be found on our Web site on www.gardenrailways.com. Click on the "Coming events" link.