

OPERATION  
LIFESAVER  
LOOK LISTEN & LIVE

**True or False: It is okay to walk on railroad property as long as you are not between the rails of the track?**

False-Railroad property is private property. It is illegal to be there unless you are at a designated public crossing. Trains are wider than the rails of the track and may have wide loads or steps extending beyond the sides of the cars. When waiting for a train to pass at a public crossing, be sure to remain at least 15 feet from the nearest rail.

**True or False: It is okay to cross the tracks anywhere as long as you can see 1/4 mile in each direction?**

False-The only place you should cross the tracks is at a designated public crossing with a crossbuck, flashing red lights or a gate. If you cross at any other place, you are trespassing.

**True or False: A freight train with 100 cars traveling 55 miles per hour requires a distance of one mile or more to stop?**

True-After applying the emergency brakes, a train traveling at 55 miles per hour travels one mile or more before it comes to a stop. Remember, locomotives and freight cars are 4,000 times heavier than the family car, and it takes a great deal more distance for them to stop.

**True or False: I will have plenty of time to get out of the way of an approaching train because I will hear it coming?**

False-today's trains are quieter than ever. When operating on welded rail, the familiar "clickety-click" sound is no longer made. Also, trains do not sound the whistle continuously. By the time a locomotive engineer sees you and sounds the whistle, you may not have enough time to react. Stay away from the tracks.

**True or False: At a crossing, the flashing red lights and gates of the active warning devices are only for the vehicles. It is okay for a pedestrian to ignore them and cross in front of the train?**

False-The signals provided by the active warning devices at highway-rail crossings apply to both motorists and pedestrians. You can be cited for failing to comply with these signals. Never walk around, or behind lowered gates at a crossing. Wait for the lights to stop flashing before proceeding across the tracks.

**True or False: Railroad property is public property. I have the right to use it for recreation, or as a shortcut, whenever I feel like it?**

False-Railroad property is private property. If you are on railroad tracks, equipment or cars without permission, you are trespassing and are subject to criminal prosecution.

**True or False: A locomotive is not always in front of a train?**

True-Railcars can move in either direction at anytime. Trains are sometimes pushed by locomotives instead of being pulled. This is especially true in commuter and light rail passenger service.

**True or False: It is okay for you to cross just as soon as the last car of a train passes the crossing?**

False-Do not cross the tracks immediately after a train has cleared the crossing. There might be a second train coming in either direction or on another track that you cannot see because the first train blocks your vision. Wait until the train has traveled away from you so you can see clearly in both directions. If there are flashing red lights at the crossing, never move until the lights stop flashing.

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**A Message from Governor Ted Strickland**

Railroads are an important part of Ohio's past, present and future. And that's why this Ohio Rail Map includes information on historic railroad museums and rail tourism sites that illustrate how the railroads helped build this great state.

Today, railroads move Ohio products across our state and beyond while providing transportation solutions for our people. As you read in this latest Ohio Rail Map, 86 of Ohio's 88 counties are served by railroads that integrate with Ohio's first-class highways, air and water ports. Ohio's transportation infrastructure - including our railroads - gives our state a competitive edge as we encourage businesses to invest in Ohio.

Many of our cities are already served by the nation's passenger rail system, Amtrak. However, our hope for Ohio's future is in "The Ohio Hub Plan," a plan for a statewide system of fast, frequent passenger trains that is currently under development in our state. We are working toward a day when railroads will allow even more options to explore all Ohio has to offer.

I hope you enjoy traveling our railroads or exploring Ohio's historic railroad sites.

Sincerely,

*Ted Strickland*  
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Governor



### Ohio's Scenic Railroads and Rail Museums

Visit Ohio's family of rail attractions. See rail artifacts from a bygone era. Experience the adventure of riding the rails.

Railroad	City	Scenic Views	Rail Museums	Excursions	Special Events	Gift Shop	Private Charters	Model Trains	Demos/Displays	Food	Parking/Bus Stop
1 Allen County Museum	Lima										
2 Ashabula, Carson & Jefferson Railroad	Jefferson										
3 Byesville Scenic Railway	Byesville										
4 Cedar Point and Lake Erie Railroad (CP&LE)	Sandusky										
5 Cincinnati Railroad Club, Inc. Tower A	Cincinnati										
6 Cincinnati Railway Company	Cincinnati										
7 Conneaut Historical Railroad Museum	Conneaut										
8 Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad	Peninsula										
9 Dennison Railroad Depot Museum	Dennison										
10 Depot Conference Center	Columbus										
11 Dresden Junction Toy Train & Railroad Artifact Museum	Timothy										
12 Fostoria Rail Preservation Society	Fostoria										
13 Hocking Valley Scenic Railway	Nelsonville										
14 Lebanon, Mason & Monroe Railroad	Lebanon										
15 Lorain & West Virginia Railway	Wellington										
16 Mad River & NKP Railroad Society & Museum	Southwest										
17 Marion Union Station	Marion										
18 Midwest Railroad Preservation Society, Inc. Tower A	Cincinnati										
19 Minerva Scenic Railway	Minerva										
20 Northern Ohio Railway Museum	Chippewa Lake										
21 Ohio Central Railroad	Coshocton										
22 Ohio Railway Museum	Worthington										
23 Orville Railroad Heritage Society, Inc.	Orville										
24 Dresden Junction Toy Train & Railroad Artifact Museum	Timothy										
25 Toledo Lake Erie & Western Railway & Museum	Waterloo										
26 Trolleyville, USA	Climax										
27 Warther Carving & Gardens	Dover										

### THE OHIO HUB

MOVING THE ECONOMY.

The Ohio Hub Plan is a bold new vision for passenger rail development by investing in a statewide and regional network of fast, frequent and reliable passenger trains while increasing the railroads capacity for moving more freight by rail.

As Ohioans face the personal costs of rising fuel prices and our state faces critical challenges to our mobility and economy, the Ohio Hub will link passenger and freight trains to Ohio's highway, aviation, transit and port facilities to create a seamless, multimodal transportation system that will benefit our citizens and businesses.

By advancing a policy of investing in our rail system to achieve public benefits and generate economic development activity, the Ohio Hub breaks with the traditional models of how to create and operate passenger rail service. Such a new paradigm is necessary if Ohio and the nation are to effectively address such issues as creating new options for moving both people and freight, growing the economy, creating new jobs, conserving energy and improving air quality.

To do this, we must look upon our railroad network as "an essential transportation investment," just as we have done historically for highways, aviation, transit, waterways, communications, water, sewers and electrical power grids. The time for such investment is now.

Here are the routes now planned under the Ohio Hub:

- Cleveland-Columbus-Dayton-Cincinnati
- Cleveland-Toledo-Detroit/Chicago
- Cleveland-Pittsburgh
- Cleveland-Erie-Buffalo-Toronto
- Columbus-Lima-Fort Wayne-Chicago
- Columbus-Pittsburgh
- Columbus-Toledo-Detroit

Investing in Ohio's rail infrastructure will help strengthen our state as a premier gateway to international markets and a North American hub for the distribution and logistics industries. Clearly, transportation planning and economic development in Ohio must go hand-in-hand. The Ohio Hub Plan not only recognizes this, but actively promotes and advances these objectives. It is time to harness our state's strengths and partner with the private railroads to create a regional rail hub that effectively addresses our critical mobility needs now and into Ohio's future.

We invite you to read the Ohio Hub Plan and discover a vision and hope for Ohio's future. Learn more at the Ohio Hub Plan project website: [www.ohiohub.com](http://www.ohiohub.com) or contact us at the Ohio Rail Development Commission at 614-644-0306.

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