

Fact Sheet

What is Trainfest?

Trainfest is wholesome family fun at its best. It's the one and only place to spend hours exploring four football fields full of everything train. Ride them, run them and learn all about them! Visitors are able to attend clinics and demonstrations, view the latest train products study railroad history. This event has something for every generation to enjoy.

As America's LARGEST Operating Model Railroad Show, Trainfest takes place annually on the second weekend of November only in Milwaukee. It is a grand exploration of the model railroading hobby featuring super detailed running model railroads of all sizes. Trainfest brings together manufacturers, retailers, railroad clubs, and individuals from across North America to bring model railroading to life.

Who attends? More than 17,000 railroad enthusiasts and families who like trains

When? 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10 and Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018

Where? Wisconsin State Fair Park, 8200 W. Greenfield Ave., West Allis, WI 53214

Who Exhibits?

- 70 operating model railroads depicting cities, towns, and railroad lines throughout the US
- 120 hobby dealers and manufacturers with selected experts demonstrating latest model train technology from controls and sound equipment to landscape and building design
- 10 historical groups prepared to share knowledge, images, and references on railroad industry

For the Kids

- Kids Only Make 'n Take modeling station
- Kids LEGO® brick build and train table play areas
- Kids can run model trains throughout the show
- Train rides
- Junior Engineer Program

What makes Trainfest 2018 special?

- Vendor games and new products.
- Brand new Celebrate-a-Railroad exhibit featuring the Great Northern Railway. This 32-panel, museum quality, historical display details the history of the line.
- Trainfest provides kids of all ages a creative outlet and an understanding of the passion and detailed craftsmanship of the model railroading hobby.
- An active learning opportunity—modelers demonstrate how to get started in the hobby, creating scenery, building railroad structures and creating realistic looking model railroads.
- New this year, Trainfest will offer free admission to youth groups in exchange for a few hours of volunteering.

Admission Information:

Adults (13 and Up)

1 Day Admission
\$12 in advance; \$15 at the door
2 Day Admission
\$17 advance; not available at the door

NMRA Members

1 Day Admission
\$10 in advance; \$15 at the door
2-Day Admission
\$15 in advance; not available at the door

Kids (4-12)

1 Day Admission
\$2 in advance; \$5 at the door
2 Day Admission
\$3 advance; \$not available at the door

Military/Veterans with ID

\$7.50 (only available at the door)

Children (3 & under)

FREE; must be accompanied by an adult