

NEW YORK TRANSIT MUSEUM

Social Narrative

Nostalgia Ride with the New York Transit Museum

We are going on a Nostalgia Ride hosted by the New York Transit Museum. We will ride on a vintage train that looks different than the subway trains we ride today.



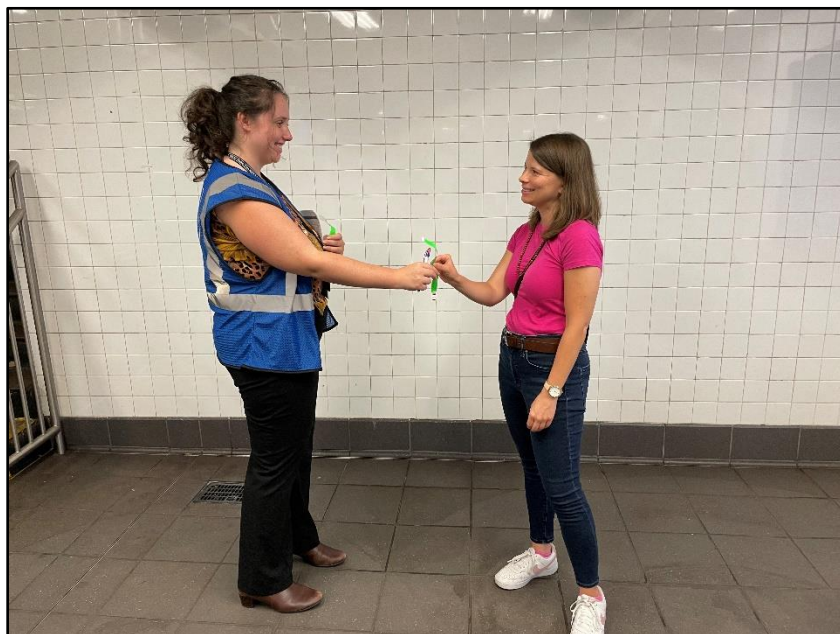
Photo by Ron Yee

On the day of the Nostalgia Ride, we will check what station the ride is starting from and go there on our own.

At the station we can find a Transit Museum worker wearing a blue vest both outside the turnstiles or inside the station. We will tell them our name, and they will find us on their list and check us in for the ride. If there is a line, we will wait our turn.



Then the Transit Museum staff will give us a paper wristband to wear on our wrist. The color of the band will be a surprise.



We will put on our wristbands. We can help each other put them on if it is too hard to do by ourselves. If wearing a paper band on our wrists is uncomfortable, we can ask the Museum staff if we can wear it on our belt or bag.



When the train pulls into the station, we will listen for directions for boarding the train. The platform may be crowded and loud with other people waiting to board the train. When it is our turn, we will show the workers our wristbands and get on the train.



Photo by Marc Hermann

The train car we choose to get on will be the car we stay on for the whole ride. We cannot walk through the doorways between cars even if the doors are open.



We will listen to directions from the Transit Museum staff and the train workers. They will be wearing the blue vests or maybe orange vests. If I have a question or need help, I can ask them.



Photo by Patrick Cashin

We will keep our hands, heads, and bodies inside the train. We cannot reach outside the windows or doors. If we have food or drinks, we will keep them inside our bags. We cannot eat or drink on the train.



When we are riding the train or waiting on the platform by the train, we may hear its whistle or horn. It may sound loud, so we can wear noise-reducing headphones if we brought them.



Sometimes train lights may go out for a few seconds and seem dark. This is normal for old train cars. Also, old train cars may be hotter than the subway cars we ride today and even have the windows open.



Transit Museum staff will let us know any special instructions during our ride. Sometimes there are train delays or trains are rerouted, so we will be ready to hear any updates.

Different Nostalgia Rides have different itineraries or scheduled plans. Some are roundtrips where we stay on the same train car the whole time. Others reach a destination where we have to get off the train, take a break, and get back on the train for the return trip later.

If we have any questions about our trip, we will find a worker with a blue vest to help.

