New York Transit Museum

Social Narrative

Parade of Trains with the New York Transit Museum

We are going to the Parade of Trains hosted by MTA New York City Transit and the New York Transit Museum on the weekend of June 7th and 8th. We will ride on vintage trains that look different than the subway trains we ride today. We will have the opportunity to ride a few different trains.



This event does not require tickets. We will swipe a MetroCard or tap our OMNY payment to enter either station or take the subway from another station and get off at the Parade of Trains stations.



Photo by Ron Yee

Between 11:00am and 4:00pm, vintage trains will travel b ack and forth between Brighton Beach station and Kings Highway station on the Q and B lines. These stations are elevated above the street and are outside.

There will be trains from different historical periods. We will have a chance to ride all of the trains.



We will ride the trains from Brighton Beach station to Kings Highway station or from Kings Highway station to Brighton Beach station.





We can visit either station to board a train, and we will exit trains at both stations. If we need an elevator to help get to the platform, we will start the journey at the Kings Highway station.

The trains will rotate so that we can ride different trains. We do not have to board every train that arrives. We can wait on the platform for another train to arrive. The next train might come quickly, or we may have to wait for a little while.

At the station we will find Transit Museum and transit workers wearing blue vests, orange vests, or black T-shirts. They can show us the best place to stand to board one of the trains and tell us how to stay safe. Some staff members may give instructions through a bullhorn.





We will make sure to stand behind the yellow line on the platform edge and to not lean over the tracks. We will still be able to see the trains when they pull in and leave the station. While we wait for the vintage trains, we will not block stairways or passengers waiting for the regular subway train.



The platform may be crowded and loud with other people waiting to board the train. We will not push or crowd around the doors. Everyone will get a chance to ride the trains.

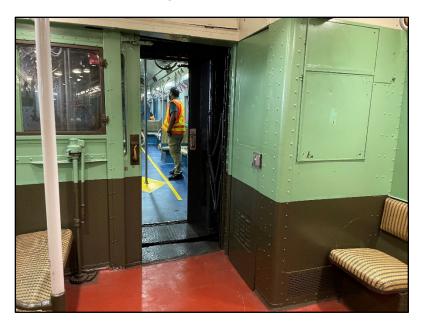


When the train pulls into the station, we will wait and allow passengers to leave the train before we get on. We will listen to any instructions from Museum staff and transit workers on the platform and on the train.



Photo by Marc A. Hermann

The train car we choose to get on will be the car we stay on for our whole ride. We cannot walk through the doorways between cars when the train is moving.



Some trains have air conditioning, and some might have fans. Many cars will have windows open to help with air flow. We can sit on any empty seat on the train. If there is no room to sit, we will hold onto a strap or a pole.



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



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.



We can take photos on the train if we respect the personal space of other passengers. We can also just look out the windows and enjoy the ride!