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# CATSKILL MOUNTAIN RAILROAD

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Our trains provide passenger service along the scenic Esopus Creek. Take a 6-mile round trip on the Esopus Creek Shuttle, creek users ride one-way, or a 14-mile round trip on the scenic train through the beautiful Catskill Mountains. At Phoenicia, experience life both past and present by visiting the village as well as the historic 1900 railroad depot.



## SHUTTLE TRAIN

After arriving at the Mount Pleasant depot, purchase your ticket from the agent on duty. There is plenty of free parking at the station, and you will have the opportunity to visit our snack bar and gift shop.

...Then it's "All Aboard!"

After departing Mount Pleasant, your ride will be along the Esopus Creek, famed for its scenic beauty and great fishing. You may even spot bald eagles, great blue herons, hawks, deer and other wildlife along its banks.

Framing the beautiful Esopus Valley on either side of the creek are Mount Tremper to the north and

Mount Pleasant and Romer Mountain to the south.

The next stop is the Catskill Mountain Railroad western terminus at Bridge Street. Detrain here to visit Phoenicia village. Or, stay on for the return trip with a stop at the Phoenicia Station, where the circa 1900 depot is home to the Empire State Railway Museum.

Trains depart Bridge Street bound for Mount Pleasant hourly -- consult train conductor for schedule. A Mount Pleasant-Phoenicia round trip takes approximately 40 minutes.

Floating with the current down the Esopus Creek can be exhilarating. We highly recommend it! Tubing equipment can be rented in Phoenicia, 2 1/2 miles west of the Mount Pleasant station, just off Route 28.

Once you have your tube, get in the creek and enjoy your tube ride down the Esopus to Mount Pleasant. There, the Catskill Mountain Railroad will be waiting to carry you and your tube back to Phoenicia.



## SCENIC TRAIN

New for 2004 will be the start of the Catskill Mt. Railroad's Scenic Train. This ride travels along 4 miles of newly restored track for a 14 mile round trip between Phoenicia and Boiceville, N.Y. After years of work, join us in celebrating the operation of this extended ride. View the Esopus Creek and the beautiful Catskill Mountains from our historic 1922 Erie Lackawanna coach for a wonderful railroad excursion. Call for start-up information.

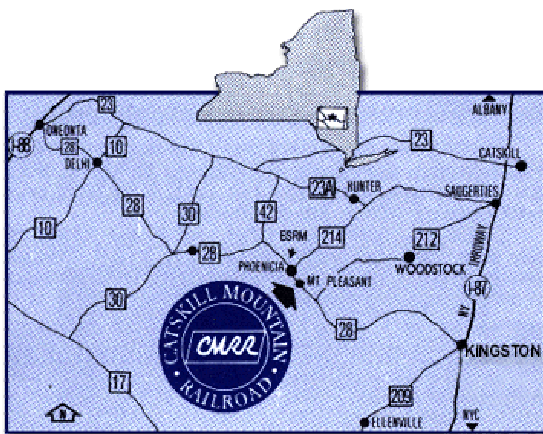


### A BIT OF HISTORY

The tracks you will be riding on are rich in history. Trains of the Ulster & Delaware Railroad carried vital freight and tourist traffic to and from the Catskills. Bluestone for the sidewalks of New York was quarried here and dairy products produced on Ulster and Delaware County farms were rushed to the city by rail. City dwellers sought a breath of fresh air and a respite from steamy New York City summers at the Catskills' many boarding houses and grand hotels. In 1913, more than 676,000 passengers rode the U&D to the Catskills. In subsequent years, the New York Central used these tracks. During the 1930s, they operated special ski trains direct to the Simpson Ski Slope in Woodland Valley. In later years, Penn Central offered service on these rails, but in October 1976, after decades of declining revenues, the last train rode on the old Ulster & Delaware tracks. The county of Ulster purchased the railroad in 1979 with the intention of attracting a tourist railroad.

In 1983, the Catskill Mountain Railroad was chartered to operate a tourist passenger operation as well as freight service. The Scenic Train is the second stage of the implementation of CMRR's long-range plan for reopening the entire rail line to operation.

Staffed with volunteers, it is with great pride that we WELCOME YOU ABOARD



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