

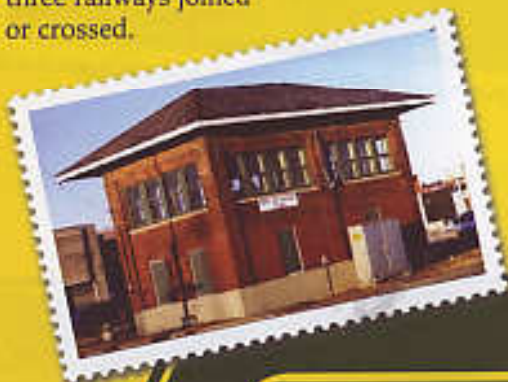
THE RAILWAY CAPITAL OF CANADA

St. Thomas enjoys a rich railway heritage that dates back to 1856 with the completion of the London and Port Stanley Railway. Since then, a total of 30 railways have passed through the town, along with countless tales of the tracks and those who work them. Visit the museum to learn more about how railways put St. Thomas on the map!



INTERLOCKING TOWER

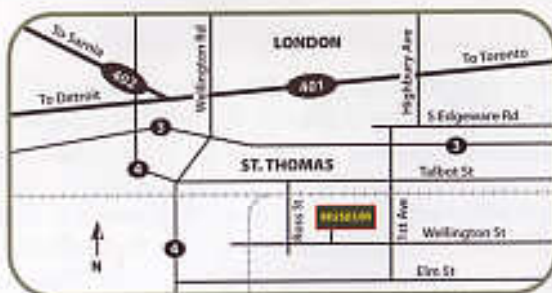
By special appointment, you can also enjoy the opportunity of viewing the BX Tower, which has been in restoration since 2001. This structure is an interlocking tower that controlled the passage of trains through the centre of St. Thomas, where three railways joined or crossed.



TEACHERS:

PUT YOUR STUDENTS ON THE RIGHT TRACK TO LEARNING!

The Elgin County Railway Museum offers an excellent opportunity for students of all grades to expand their knowledge of the school curriculum. From history to the arts and sciences, students benefit from the interactivity of exhibits they can climb aboard. The learning experience can be rounded out with a guided tour and a challenging quiz for junior and intermediate students. Admission is free for students, so plan your next field trip without breaking your school budget!



225 Wellington St. (between Ross St. and First Ave.)
behind Lyle Cook Automotive Service Centre

ELGIN COUNTY RAILWAY MUSEUM

St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada

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Preserving Our Railway Heritage Since 1988

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Admission: \$4.00 (12 years and under is free)
Summer Hours: May (Victoria Day) to September (Labour Day)
(Some displays may not be accessible)
Closed. Call for special tour.
Winter Hours: Open during summer only.
Gift Shop: Open during summer only.
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FULL STEAM AHEAD TO DISCOVERY!

Revisit the glory days of the railroad at the Elgin County Railway Museum. Located in St. Thomas, Ontario, "the Railway Capital of Canada" the museum brings to life an era of cowcatchers and cabooses, with each exhibit restored and preserved by a dedicated team of volunteers. All aboard!



HISTORY IN THE RE-MAKING

It's an experience like no other – and that's because the Elgin County Railway Museum is a working museum. Housed in the former 1913 Michigan Central Railroad Locomotive Shops, the museum volunteers facilitate the repair of locomotives from the past and present. Watch as they painstakingly restore exhibits to their original splendour. Then take a closer look inside, and imagine riding in style in a Pullman sleeper car, or stoking the fire inside a sweltering steam engine.



ENGINES, CARS ...

There's much to see at the Elgin County Railway Museum – engines, cabooses, handcars, baggage wagons and much more. Visit the Grand Trunk Western #77137, a wooden caboose, and imagine being one of the crew having their supper there at the end of a long day. Look at the predecessor to school buses – London and Port Stanley Railway Motorcoach # 14, used by high school students to commute to schools in London and St. Thomas. On site also is newly repainted Canadian Pacific Railway #8921, a one of a kind diesel locomotive which is non operational but a beauty to behold.

CELEBRATING OUR RAILWAY HERITAGE

Every year the Elgin County Railway Museum holds several major events. Railway Nostalgia Weekend starts the season in early June. Railway Heritage Day happens in late August. Both these shows feature railway-related vendors and exhibitors, model trains and a chance to see the large equipment outside. Day Out With Thomas, a favourite for people of all ages, from 1 to 101, arrives in July. Come and enjoy the festivities!

MAKING THINGS HAPPEN

The Elgin County Railway Museum depends on the dedication and commitment of our volunteers. If you are a train enthusiast, we welcome your participation. Whether you prefer to interact with the public or work behind the scenes, there are many opportunities to help out.



Bus and group tours upon request, light lunch up to 100 people can be arranged.

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