

## Past comes alive at The Shore Line Trolley Museum

The Shore Line Trolley is the oldest continuously running suburban trolley line in the United States.

When passenger service was discontinued in 1947 after 47 years, The Shore Line Trolley Museum in East Haven immediately assumed operation of the line.


The museum, which was founded in 1945 to preserve the unique heritage of trolley cars, now boasts a collection of nearly 100 vintage vehicles as well as artifacts and documents from the trolley era.

The Shore Line Trolley Museum is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as the Branford Electric Railway Historic District.

Trolleys were an important part of life in Connecticut from the late 1800s through the mid-20th century. Before families owned a car, the trolley gave them an affordable, convenient way to travel around town and between towns, creating many suburban communities.

Enjoy an authentic living experience riding historic, restored trolleys through picturesque surroundings. A group visit includes three separate experiences. Ride on a restored historic trolley for a 3-mile leisurely trip through the scenic Branford salt marshes near the Long Island Sound. Then, learn more about the origins of the trolley cars in Connecticut. Lastly, tour the museum, which features exhibit rooms and trolleys on display — sharing the importance of the trolley in shaping America's development.



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Perfect for groups, the historic “party” trolley car No. 1602 is available for special events. The trip includes a personal trolley car and a uniformed tour guide-trolley operator.

Advance reservations are required for group rates. The museum is open

Tuesday through Sunday from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. ■

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