

All Aboard *Holiday Junction* 2020

Holiday Junction, featuring the Duke Energy Holiday Trains, is scheduled to arrive back at the Cincinnati Museum Center on November 13, 2020. Admission to *Holiday Junction* is included with regular museum admission (free for members, or \$10.50 to \$14.50 for non-members).

2020 marks the 74th year for one of Cincinnati's most loved holiday traditions, the Duke Energy Holiday Trains. This historic B&O layout has been delighting Greater Cincinnati since 1946 when it first graced the CG&E lobby. As most reading this are aware, in 2011 Duke Energy donated the layout to the Cincinnati Museum Center (CMC) so that future generations can enjoy the historic display.

In addition to the historic B&O layout, you will also find Lionel pre-war and Super O layouts, Thomas the Train layout, a garden railway layout created by the Greater Cincinnati Garden Railway Society, an operating c.1904 Carlisle & Finch locomotive and cars, as well as railroad and model railroad related displays throughout. Brickopolis also returns this year with the impressive city scenes and operating trains made from LEGO bricks.

There are a few changes this year due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. Most notable is that *Holiday Junction* will only be open on weekends (Friday thru Sunday). The museum center is also utilizing timed entry tickets for all visitors so you'll definitely want to plan ahead and possibly purchase tickets via their website. Keep in mind that even members need to secure a timed entry ticket. The children's train ride will not be leaving its station this year, replaced with a scavenger hunt for items hidden throughout the garden railway display.

Even Santa has a change of address. When the big guy arrives on Nov. 27 he'll be working down in the Public Landing, available for chats and photo ops with guests while safely separated by a plexiglass barrier.

Also new this year is a no-touch interactive experience designed to allow visitors to learn more about the history of the Duke Energy Holiday Trains by projecting historic photos and stories about the historic B&O layout onto a giant storybook.

Union Terminal's Tower A will also be open during *Holiday Junction* (see below for hours). Be sure to head upstairs for the great views of the railyard activity.

Exhibit Dates and Hours:

November 13, 2020 – January 3, 2021

Holiday Junction: 10:00am-4:00pm *Friday, Saturday, Sunday*

Tower A: 11:00am-2:00pm *Friday, Saturday, Sunday*

For more information and special holiday hours, please visit <https://www.cincymuseum.org/holiday-junction/>.

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