

## TOURIST ACTIVITIES IN AND AROUND ESSEX

### ESSEX STEAM TRAIN AND RIVERBOAT: 1 Railroad Avenue, Essex

Starting from the historic 1892 Essex train station, the steam locomotive pulls vintage coaches through a 30-minute, 12-mile narrated trip through New England small towns and wild spaces. At the end of the line at the Deep River Landing, passengers with the combined Train and Riverboat Ticket will board the *Becky Thatcher* riverboat for a 75-minute cruise on the Connecticut River. Upon arrival back at the dock passengers board the waiting train for the 30-minute return trip to Essex Station. Those not going on the riverboat simply remain on the train for a return trip to Essex station.

(No alcohol. Limited food and beverages available in first class only on train and boat)

**Time: 11:00 a.m.** (arrive by 10:30 a.m. to pick up tickets)

Train and Riverboat: 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Train only: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

**Cost:** Train and Riverboat: coach seat: \$45/person

Train and Riverboat: first class: \$60/person

Train only: coach: \$25/person (no first class)

### **Weekend Special: Caboose Seating with onboard Caboose Host**

**(Seating is limited)**

Train only: \$30/person

Train + Riverboat: \$50/person

Limited window seating

### CONNECTICUT RIVER MUSEUM & BOAT RIDES: 67 Main Street, Essex.

Two boat excursions are available on Saturday that will allow for your attendance at the Foundation's annual meeting starting at 4:00 p.m. The *Onrust* cruise could be combined with the Essex Steam Train and Riverboat Cruise for a full day. The museum is a short walk from the Essex Corinthian Yacht Club, the center of the Reunion gatherings.

Riverboat cruise tickets include museum admission so you can combine a visit to the museum before or after your cruise. No food or beverages are available on the boats, but you may bring your own. A bathroom is available on RiverQuest only.

- 1) **11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.:** Narrated Cruise aboard the *RiverQuest*: \$30/person  
A 64-foot eco-tour boat (motor vessel) with both indoor and outdoor spaces
- 2) **2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.:** Narrated cruise aboard the *Onrust* with the opportunity to help sail the boat: \$30/person. A replica of America's first Dutch sailing yacht built in 1614. All spaces outdoors.

Museum Hours: 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Museum entrance fees: Adults: \$12; Seniors: \$10; Students: \$9;  
Infants-5 years old: \$2; Children 6-12: \$8

OTHER SUGGESTED AREA ACTIVITIES

- 1) Explore the small towns of Essex, Deep River, Old Saybrook
- 2) Take a walk on local beaches in Old Saybrook, Old Lyme and Westport
- 3) **Mystic Seaport**: 75 Greenmanville Ave., Mystic, CT (29 miles from Essex)  
Hours: 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Cost: Adults: \$28; Seniors (65+) \$26; Youth (13-17) \$24; Child (4-12): \$22; under 4: free
- 4) **Mystic Aquarium**: 55 Coogan Blvd, Mystic, CT (29 miles from Essex)  
Hours: 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.  
Cost (varies by how far in advance you purchase tickets online)  
Adult: \$34-40; Senior (62+) \$30-36; Child (3-17) \$24-30
- 5) **Connecticut Dinosaur Park**: 400 West St., Rocky Hill, CT (29 miles from Essex)  
Hours: 9:00 a.m.-4:40 p.m.  
Cost: Adults (13+) \$6; Child (6-12) \$2; under 6: free  
(credit card for fees over \$10; under \$10: cash or check)
- 6) **Connecticut Science Center**: 250 Columbus Ave., Hartford, CT (37 miles from Essex)  
Hours: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
Cost: Adult (18-64) \$25.95; Senior (65+) \$23.95; Youth (3-17) \$17.95  
Extras: Butterfly encounter: \$6.95; Movie: \$6.95; Stage shows: \$8.95