

Train Hop Stop Info

Event Schedule

5:30pm: tree lighting at Village Offices

6-8pm: participating business & community partners open their doors to host model train displays. Additionally, you will find refreshments and giveaways at train stops. Collect stamps from each “stop” on the map!

Special Notes

- Grab a glow stick or blinker from the village offices to stay visible
- Take the free shuttle to Maple Street Park to see the winter lights in the park! The Trolley Shuttle runs every 15 minutes (beginning at 5:30pm at EJRP) between EJRP and the Amtrak station.
- The info booth on the Brownell Library Lawn will have maps, general info, and a lost & found
- Parking is available at the School Street lot, municipal lot behind Road Res-Q, Railroad Ave, EJRP (free shuttle to 5 corners), & Brownell Library lot
- Big Blue Express & The Roaming Railroad will be offering free rides on their trackless trains (weather permitting). The Big Blue Express is at Maple Street Park and the Roaming Railroad is in the village office parking lot
- Special thanks to Vermont Furs for providing entertainment and Triple Loop for costume rentals.
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Stop Info

Most stops are hosting a train and will have a giveaway and refreshments available. Find a conductor at each stop to get your map stamped!

*please note that stop information is subject to change.

Stop 1

- The Senior Center will have a train and refreshments for sale as a fundraiser
- CHIPS will host Santa, a Polar Express Train, & have snacks available
- In the meeting room in the Village offices you’ll find the Lions Club providing a free vision screening and a train

Stop 2

- The Fire Department will have train and giveaway
- The Roaming Railroad will be offering free rides on the trackless train in the Village Office parking lot

Stop 3

- Community Bank will have a tent on the village lawn and will have giveaways and an enter to win raffle. They will also have pop up trains to play in

Stop 4

- Brownell Library is hosting both a Christmas & Lego train. They will also have snacks and coloring sheets

- The info booth will be on Brownell lawn and will have events maps and general information. Lost and found will also be located there.
- The Essex Players will be in Brownell's fireplace room with raffle tickets for their upcoming shows
- Essex Reporter has a station in Brownell Youth Area with letter writing to Santa

Stop 5

- Maplehurst will have a train, snacks, and a giveaway

Stop 6

- S & D Snowblowing will have plow trucks on the library lawn & giveaways

Stop 7

- The Darkroom Gallery will have a train, snacks, and a giveaway

Stop 8

- Murray's is hosting a Christmas Train and will have refreshments

Stop 9

- The Amtrak Station will have a train and giveaways
- Take the free shuttle that runs every 15 minutes between the Amtrak Station and Maple Street Park. The winter lights and music are on display at the park until 8pm.

Stop 10

- Nest will have hot cider & giveaways

Stop 11

- McGuillicuddy's will have a train, cookies, and coupons

Stop 12

- The National Guard Office will have a train, giveaway, and snacks

Stop 13

- Essex Junction Recreation & Parks will have cookies, hot chocolate, Polar Express train, and giveaways.
- The winter lights and music are on display until 8pm- take a walk to the park (10 minutes from 5 corners) or take the free shuttle that runs every 15 minutes between the Amtrak Station and Maple Street Park.
- Big Blue Express will be offering free rides on their trackless through the Maple Street Park winter light display