



**RAILWAY MUSEUM**  
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

# Sea to Sky Model Train & Hobby Show 2022

Vendor / Exhibitor Show information:

Saturday October 15 (10-5), Sunday October 16 (10-4) at Squamish B.C.;

The West Coast Railway Association – Railway Museum of British Columbia

The volunteer members of the WCRA/RMBC would like to extend an invitation to you to participate in the Sea to Sky Model Train & Hobby Show 2022. We are looking for model train layouts, model rail / rail exhibits, and model rail / hobby vendors.

Why the Railway Museum of British Columbia in Squamish?

1. Some of the regular model train shows have been cancelled again this year, due to the challenges we have been facing as well as finding a suitable affordable venue. The Railway Museum of British Columbia (RMBC) in Squamish is available this fall.
2. The RMBC offers additional attractions: our mini rail train rides around the museum site, the Royal Hudson on display in the roundhouse, a rail car open for display with model railway displays and an operating layout.
3. The RMBC has been building a strong social media following and an e-mail list of families interested in activities at the museum. When we announce events, like our North Pole Express train rides, Thomas the Tank engine days, and Dinner trains, they sell out well ahead of time. Our open days on summer Saturdays are always busy. Families are looking for a fun event to attend and we would like to share the model railway hobby with the community. RMBC expects that through our advertising we will have good attendance at the show.
4. RMBC will be selling tickets for the model rail show ahead of time on line in limited amounts of tickets per hourly entry. This is to prevent over crowding at the event for parking, mini rail train rides and exhibit space. We expect this will distribute the crowd through the weekend and give us good feedback well ahead of time as to our attendance #'s. (We will add more tickets per time slot as needed to keep the numbers of guests per time slot balanced)

Questions / information:

1. What if it is difficult for our club to attend the Friday set up date? Large layout groups may arrange to set up earlier in the week before the event, based on availability.
2. Will there be food on site? Yes, we have hot food and snacks available for purchase.
3. Is there a travel allowance? We are offering exhibitors a free weekend pass, and a hot lunch each day is included for exhibitor club members that are participating (within reason, only those actually working at the exhibits, please) This event is being put on by the museum with mostly volunteer members as a fundraising event to help keep the railway museum in operation and to raise funds to update exhibits. We may consider honorariums to assist with transportation costs, but only for exhibits from a considerable distance.

4. Where will we be setting up? Can we drive in to unload? We have 2 buildings available for displays.
  - a. The Roundhouse: You cannot drive inside the Roundhouse, but there are entrance doors at either end of the building. A limited # of dollies may be available. We would like to have vendors and smaller layout exhibits set up in the Roundhouse. The Roundhouse has a flat cement floor with sunken railway tracks in the floor.
  - b. The Car Shop: For those requiring drive in unloading, the car shop behind the Roundhouse is available, but it does have tight turns to get in. The car shop will be available for larger layouts, those running live steam and trains running with smoke units. The floor in the car shop is paved with railway tracks in the floor. The doors will be open during operation for fresh air flow.
5. What parking is available? There is a large parking lot for guests, across the road, which will be by donation. For vendors and exhibitors, we will provide you with a parking pass for the weekend. There will be a very limited number of parking spaces on the RMBC site for those with difficulty walking and with equipment to bring in. If you park on the RMBC site, for visitor safety you must be in the parking lot before 9:30 am and will not be able to leave the site till after 5:15 pm.
6. Why is this called a model train & hobby show? While our primary focus for this weekend is model trains, most families have an interest in multiple hobbies. We also want to make this worthwhile for our vendors, including many hobby shops, who have a wider spectrum of hobby items available for sale. Similar to other model train and hobby shows in the past, we hope to attract a wider audience. (Note that our RMBC gift shop also stocks a wider spectrum of gift and hobby items.)
7. Our hours allow for folks driving a distance from the city an easier starting time at 10 am. We close at 4 pm Sunday to allow for take down and return home at a reasonable hour. Driving time from Vancouver is under an hour.
8. We will do our best to accommodate all applications, but it will depend on space. Please get your applications in early as we will allocate space based on date received.
9. Code of Conduct, acceptable display; This is a family show with young children present. We encourage exhibitors to be mindful of this in your conduct during the weekend and in your language and conversations, as families will be within earshot. Non-hobby related or non-wholesome merchandise or exhibits are not accepted.
10. Security staff will be present through the weekend, with facilities locked up overnight. We do have video monitoring.
11. Covid precautions will be as determined by the province of British Columbia Health orders issued at the time of the show. In the event we are forced to close due to provincial regulations we will offer full refunds.
12. If you wish to attend, please fill in the application form attached and e-mail to the; "Railway Museum of British Columbia; Sea to Sky Model Train & Hobby Show 2022" at [trainshow@wcra.org](mailto:trainshow@wcra.org) or mail to;  
West Coast Railway Association, PO Box 2387, Stn. Main, Squamish BC V8B 0B6  
For Vendors, make cheque payable to West Coast Railway Association. To pay by credit card e-mail us at [trainshow@wcra.org](mailto:trainshow@wcra.org) and we will send you an invoice to pay on line.  
When we receive your application, we will send you a confirmation that you are registered.