



**RAILWAY MUSEUM**  
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

# Sea to Sky Model Train & Hobby Show 2024

## Exhibitor Show information:

Show: Saturday March 23 (10-5), Sunday March 24 (10-4)  
(Setup: Friday March 22 - 11 am to 7 pm, Saturday March 23 - 8 am to 9:45 am)

## 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 2024. We are looking for model train layouts, model rail / general hobby / RC / railway exhibits, and model rail / hobby vendors. We trust this show will support the model railway and overall hobby community, clubs, groups and vendors to share and promote our hobbies while raising awareness of our volunteer efforts to preserve and share B.C. and Canadian railway history at the Railway Museum of British Columbia.

New for 2024 (based on feedback from participants of past shows):

- We have an increased advertising budget to attract more guests to the event, and target the growing population of the Sea to Sky Corridor.
- Saturday we will be operating the preserved Woss Logging Railway Crew Speeder to the MP2 Car shops.
- Sunday we will run the RDC Budd car to MP2 to see our car shops. There will also be free guided behind-the-scenes tours of the museum and full-sized trains as well as RC Car and hill climb racing heats.
- Finally, we will offer a discounted 2-day pass.

For exhibitors and model train layouts that are not selling anything, we offer some significant advantages to participate in our show and support the museum. There will be free hot lunch each day for your group (to a reasonable group size limit). As a volunteer for the show (thus supporting the Railway Museum of British Columbia), you are able to submit a tax form for your expenses to participate. This includes mileage to and from the show, hotel, ferry, meal receipts and any other expenses to attend the show. The museum will issue you a charitable donation tax receipt at the end of the year, and (depending on your tax situation) you may get some of your expenses back as a tax refund.

Why the Railway Museum of British Columbia in Squamish in March?

1. The Railway Museum of British Columbia (RMBC) in Squamish is available in March with no museum events until our summer openings and Thomas weekends in May-June. We have the space and volunteers available. The museum owns the table / chairs etc. rental company that we use for the event, as this is a slow time of year everything is available at this time.
2. The RMBC offers additional attractions: Speeder and full-size train ride (extra fare) and our mini rail train rides around the museum site (\$3 each ride), (subject to weather conditions and equipment being operational), the Royal Hudson on display in the roundhouse, and a rail car 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. Our events typically sell out well ahead of time. Families are looking for a fun event to attend during spring break and we love sharing the model railway hobby and other hobbies with the community. RMBC expects that through our advertising we will have good attendance at the show. We had just over 2000 people through the gates during our Sea to Sky Model Train & Hobby Show 2023.
4. RMBC will be selling tickets for the model rail / hobby show ahead of time, including family packs - on line at discounted prices. Higher priced tickets will be available at the gate. Also discounted 2-day passes.
5. This is an opportunity with the support of our volunteers to promote the Railway Museum of British Columbia and earn some money for the museum to support the on-going operations and restoration of railway history.

6. Free parking for all to the event.

Questions / Information:

1. Exhibitors, please fill in and return the Exhibitors registration form.
2. For those selling anything please fill in the vendor registration form, the costs are; Vendor: 1 - 8-foot table, 2 chairs and draping between vendor booths \$50. Additional tables at \$45 each.
3. Will there be food on site? Yes, we have hot food and snacks available for purchase.
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. 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: Drive in but mostly large layouts will be in the car shop.
5. Free parking across the road from the museum, unloading on site available for set up.
6. Saturday night dinner, social; The WCRA is looking at hosting a dinner social for layout groups / exhibitors / vendors, if possible, at a local restaurant on Saturday March 23. More information to follow.
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. This is a Model Train and Hobby Show so you are welcome to sell other hobby items, models, RC vehicles, Lego, doll house etc. This allows vendors more sales opportunities and more hobby variety for the public.
9. Please help us promote the event on your social media platforms and by printing out our show poster.