

# Duquesne Incline

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## Find Us

Type	Info
Parking Address	1197 West Carson St. Pittsburgh, PA 15219
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Website	<a href="http://www.duquesneincline.org/">http://www.duquesneincline.org/</a>

## Hours of Operation

Mondays 05:30AM - 12:30AM  
Tuesdays 05:30AM - 12:30AM  
Wednesdays 05:30AM - 12:30AM  
Thursdays 05:30AM - 12:30AM  
Fridays 05:30AM - 12:30AM  
Saturdays 05:30AM - 12:30AM  
Sundays 07:00AM - 12:30AM  
Holidays 07:00AM - 12:30AM

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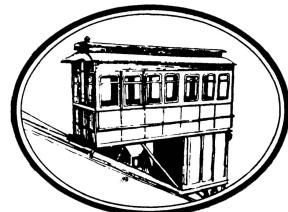
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# Group Tours & Field Trips

## Hours of Operation

**The tour includes:**

A pictorial history of Pittsburgh's industry, inclines, sports venues, and natural disasters.

A visit to the machine room to observe the original hoisting equipment from 1877 in operation.

A panoramic view of Downtown Pittsburgh from the observation deck 400 feet above the three rivers.

**Group Rates:**

Adults (Ages 12-64): \$1.75 Each Way or \$3.50 Round Trip

Children (Ages 6-11): \$1.00 Each Way or \$1.75 Round Trip

For more details, contact Tom Reinheimer at 412-381-1665 or E-mail [tomreinheimer@duquesneincline.org](mailto:tomreinheimer@duquesneincline.org)

## Field Trips

A free field trip program is available for students and youth groups of ten or more daily – except Saturdays and Sundays after 12:00 noon due to weekend crowds and limited space.

**The program includes:**

- A teacher's lesson packet for students' specific grade level
- A round trip ride on the Duquesne Incline
- A history of inclines in Pittsburgh
- A discussion about Pittsburgh's industrial past
- A visit to the machine room to observe the original hoisting equipment in operation and learn about the engineers who built it
- A panoramic view of Downtown Pittsburgh and The North Shore from our observation deck 400 feet above the three rivers
- A brief history of the French and Indian War from which the city arose



# Plan Your Trip

## City tours that feature the Duquesne Incline

PITTSBURGH TOURS AND MORE - Pittsburgh Movie Locations, Sports, Breweries, Wineries and More.

MOLLY'S TROLLEYS - [www.mollystrolleyspgh.com](http://www.mollystrolleyspgh.com) 412-281-2055

RIVERS OF STEEL - [www.riversofsteel.com](http://www.riversofsteel.com) 412-464-4020 or 412-381-8687

THE PITTSBURGH TOUR COMPANY - Hop on/Hop off Double Decker tour buses from London.

## Things to do after your visit

### Dining on Grandview Avenue - Within Walking Distance of our Upper Station

ALTIUS RESTAURANT [www.altiuspgh.com](http://www.altiuspgh.com) 412-904-4442

COAL HILL STEAK HOUSE (GRANDVIEW SALOON) [www.thegrandviewsaloon.com](http://www.thegrandviewsaloon.com) 412-431-1400

### Station Square - Less than one mile east of our Lower Station

SHERATON PITTSBURGH HOTEL AT STATION SQUARE [www.sheraton.com/stationsquare](http://www.sheraton.com/stationsquare) 412-261-2000

HARD ROCK CAFE [www.hardrock.com/pittsburgh](http://www.hardrock.com/pittsburgh) 412-481-7625

North shore - Just across the West End Bridge from our Lower Station (less than 5 minutes).

RIVERS CASINO PITTSBURGH [www.theriverscasino.com](http://www.theriverscasino.com) 412-231-7777

PNC PARK HOME TO THE PITTSBURGH PIRATES [www.pittsburghpirates.com](http://www.pittsburghpirates.com) 412-321-BUCS

### Downtown - Just across the Fort Pitt Bridge from our Lower Station (less than 2 minutes).

MARKET SQUARE - [www.downtownpittsburgh.com/market-square](http://www.downtownpittsburgh.com/market-square)

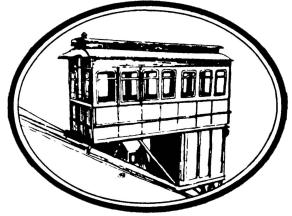
GOLDEN TRIANGLE BIKE RENTAL - Take a ride on the 26 miles of scenic riverfront trail. Bring your bike to the Duquesne Incline and ride up to Grandview Avenue for a dramatic view while cruising the avenue. [www.bikepittsburgh.com](http://www.bikepittsburgh.com) 412-600-0675

DAVID L. LAWRENCE CONVENTION CENTER - [www.pittsburghcc.com/cc/](http://www.pittsburghcc.com/cc/) 412-565-6000

### Sites of interest

VISIT PITTSBURGH - [www.visitpittsburgh.com](http://www.visitpittsburgh.com) 800-359-0758

POPULAR PITTSBURGH - [www.popularpittsburgh.com](http://www.popularpittsburgh.com) 800-231-4788



# About

## Early History of the Incline

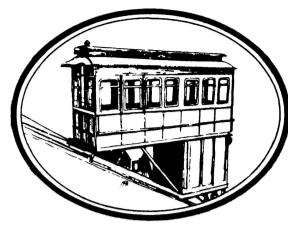
The Duquesne Incline is one of those which follows very closely the tracks of an early coal hoist. Old newspapers indicate the existence of such a conveyance as early as 1854. Residents apparently referred to it as "Kirk Lewis' incline" and located it on the present site of The Duquesne Incline's Upper Station. Grandview Avenue was then the High Street, and the area was just beginning to be converted from farmland to homesites. This pleasantly-situated acreage was an excellent area to absorb some of the expanding population of the city, but the problem of easy access was still to be solved.

Although plans for a freight and passenger incline are known to have existed much earlier, financial backing was exceedingly hard to find--even the modest sum of \$47,000--and actual construction was delayed. Eventually, of course, difficulties were overcome and the Incline was built. It was opened to the public May 20, 1877. The Duquesne Incline was the first Pittsburgh incline designed and built by Samuel Diescher, for Kirk Bigham and Associates. Mr. Diescher, an engineer, had become the country's foremost builder of inclines. He was also to design and build most of those that followed.

At the time of its public opening, it was one of four inclined planes serving the summit of Coal Hill, which later came to be known as Mount Washington. The Duquesne Incline was operated, from 1877 until 1962 by The Duquesne Inclined Plane Company. From 1964 until the present, the Incline has been operated by the Society for the Preservation of The Duquesne Heights Incline; it has been owned by the Port Authority of Allegheny County.

## Fast Facts

- Opened to Public: May 20, 1877
- Cost to Build: \$47,000
- Length of Track: 794 feet
- Elevation: 400 feet
- Grade: 30.5 degrees
- Speed: 6 miles per hour
- Passenger Capacity: 18 per car



# Gallery

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