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Hours and Fares

Every day of the year:
6:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

No Reservations:
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Cash fares as well as Port Authority connect cards are accepted as payment.

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The Duquesne Incline

1197 WEST CARSON STREET

PITTSBURGH, PA. 15219

SINCE 1877

Wheelchair Accessibility at our Upper Station

>

Take a step back in time on a century-old cable car and see the best views of downtown Pittsburgh while riding one of the few remaining inclines in the country. Opened on May 20, 1877, the Duquesne Incline was rescued and restored by a group of local residents in 1963 and still delights residents and visitors with its original, elegant, wooden cable cars. Now you can visit the interior of the incline and watch the machinery while it operates. The Duquesne Incline's upper station houses a museum of Pittsburgh history, including photos and a storehouse of information on inclines from around the world. Unusual Pittsburgh souvenirs, maps and photos can be found at the gift shop.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Exact Cash Fare upon arrival. There are no tickets, no advance payment, no reservations and no debit or credit cards.

The Duquesne Incline is part of the transportation system in Pittsburgh and therefore uses the same CASH fare system as the buses and trolleys. A change machine is available for your convenience. Having the exact fare in hand speeds up the payment process considerably.

Pennsylvania Seniors 65 and older who present a BLUE or YELLOW PRT card or a Senior ConnectCard ride free, otherwise, the adult rate applies.



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FIELD TRIP PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS & YOUTH GROUPS

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:

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Monday through Saturday:
5:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Sundays and Holidays:
7:00 a.m. to 12:30 a.m.

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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

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Early History

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.

The Society for the Preservation of the Duquesne Heights Incline

The Society for the Preservation of the Duquesne Heights Incline was formed in 1964 by the Duquesne Heights/Mount Washington neighborhood group that had rescued, repaired, and reopened the Incline in 1963. The purpose was to continue to restore and rehabilitate the cars, equipment, and both stations, and to establish the entire operation as a reliable commuter facility and a popular visitor attraction. Memberships in the society are available, call for details.

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



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CITY TOURS THAT FEATURE THE DUQUESNE INCLINE

PITTSBURGH TOURS AND MORE - Pittsburgh Movie Locations, Sports, Breweries, Wineries and More. www.pghtoursandmore.net 412-323-4707

MOLLY'S TROLLEYS - www.mollystrolleyspgh.com 412-281-2055

RIVERS OF STEEL - www.riversofsteel.com 412-464-4020 or 412-381-8687

THE PITTSBURGH TOUR COMPANY - Hop on/Hop off Double Decker tour buses from London. www.pghtours.com 412-381-8687

THINGS TO DO AFTER INCLINE VISIT

DINING ON GRANDVIEW AVENUE - Within Walking Distance of our Upper Station

STEEL MILL SALOON www.steelmillsaloon.com/ 412-586-4926

COAL HILL STEAK HOUSE (GRANDVIEW SALOON)
<http://www.thegrandviewsalon.com/> 412-431-1400

LeMONT RESTAURANT ***** www.lemontpittsburgh.com 412-431-3100

MONTEREY BAY FISH GROTTO www.montereybayfishgrotto.com 412-381-1919

STATION SQUARE - Less than one mile east of our Lower Station

SHERATON PITTSBURGH HOTEL AT STATION SQUARE
www.sheraton.com/stationsquare 412-261-2000

HARD ROCK CAFE www.hardrock.com/pittsburgh 412-481-7625

BUCA DI BEPO (ITALIAN CUISINE) www.bucadibeppo.com 412-471-9463

GATEWAY CLIPPER FLEET www.gatewayclipper.com 412-355-7993

MOLLEY'S TROLLEYS - CHARTER A CUSTOMIZED SIGHTSEEING TOUR.
www.mollystrolleyspittsburgh.com 412-281-2085.

GRAND CONCOURSE www.opentable.com/grand-concourse 412-261-1717

SEAWAY PARADISE - SIGHTSEEING TOURS ON AIRCRAFT TWO WHEELER



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Come visit our gift shop

We offer many one of a kind items
that were custom made for the Incline



Many shot glasses are for sale including a slanted one



This handmade Incline wooden ornament is a big seller
and is only available here



A full assortment of Wendell August Forge metal plates



All types of pictures framed and unframed

Custom designed shirts available in youth and adult sizes



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The original hoisting equipment including its famous wooden gear teeth can be viewed.

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[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

A self guided walk 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.

Also allow time for photos and a visit to our gift shop for post cards and souvenirs.

[Visitor Photo Gallery](#)