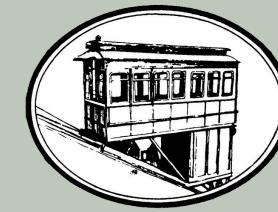


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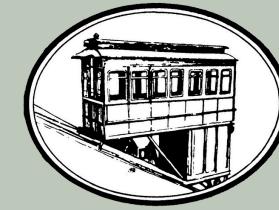
TAKE A STEP BACK IN TIME ON A CENTURY-OLD CABLE CAR AND SEE THE BEST VIEWS OF DOWNTOWN PITTSBURGH WHILE RIDING ONE OF THE FEW REMAINING INCLINES IN THE COUNTRY.

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 H.



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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. CHILDREN (AGES 6-11) \$1.00 EACH WAY OR \$1.75 ROUND TRIP



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## COME VISIT OUR GIFT SHOP!

WE OFFER MANY ONE OF A KIND ITEMS THAT WERE  
CUSTOM MADE FOR THE INCLINE!

- SHOT GLASSES (INCLUDING A SLANTED ONE!!)
- HANDMADE INCLINE WOODEN ORNAMENT (A BIG SELLER AND IS ONLY AVAILABLE HERE)
- A FULL ASSORTMENT OF WENDELL AUGUST FORGE METAL PLATES
- CUSTOM DESIGNED SHIRTS AVAILABLE IN YOUTH AND ADULT SIZES
- ONE OF THE BEST SELECTIONS OF POSTCARDS IN THE CITY



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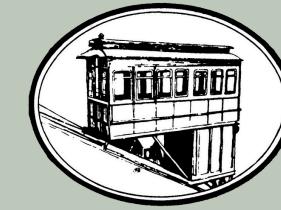
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## EARLY HISTORY

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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.

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