

# Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

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## ***Day Out With Thomas™: Thrill Of The Ride Tour 2014 Pulling Into Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad***

Join The Tour's Most Exciting Year Ever As Hit Entertainment Debuts Talking Thomas The Tank Engine™

Thomas The Tank Engine To Visit Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad  
May 17, 18, 23, 24 And 25, 2014

Peninsula, OH (March 11, 2014) – Preschoolers will get the thrill of their lives when Thomas the Tank Engine™ steams across the country this year. When Thomas arrives in Peninsula for the ***Day Out with Thomas™: The Thrill of the Ride Tour 2014***, he will not only take his fans for a ride, but also talk to them for the very first time on the tour! The event, which takes place May 17, 18, 23, 24 and 25, will be hosted by Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) and presented by HIT Entertainment and sponsored by MEGA Brands, a leading toy company, and all inclusive Hard Rock Hotels.

***Day Out with Thomas: The Thrill of the Ride Tour 2014*** is a fun-filled event that provides children of all ages the opportunity to climb aboard and take a ride with Thomas as well as participate in *Thomas & Friends* themed activities. The tour, now in its 19<sup>th</sup> year, will make stops in 42 U.S. cities and is expected to welcome nearly one million passengers in 2014. For two back-to-back weekends, little engineers and their families are invited to take a 30 minute ride on their favorite engine, meet Sir Topham Hatt®, Controller of the Railway and enjoy a day of *Thomas & Friends* themed activities including arts & crafts, storytelling and more. CVSR will also offer a model railroad display, live music, and Marty the Magician.

Thomas the Tank Engine rides depart every 60 minutes, rain or shine. Departure times begin at 9:30 am

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through 4:30 pm each day of the event. Tickets for the ***Day Out With Thomas: The Thrill of the Ride Tour 2014*** are \$18 - \$22 plus tax for ages two and up.

Tickets are on sale now by calling toll-free 866.468.7630 or logging onto [www.ticketweb.com/dowt](http://www.ticketweb.com/dowt). For more information and directions, contact CVSR at 800.468.4070 or [www.CVSR.com](http://www.CVSR.com).

Thomas the Tank Engine is star of *Thomas & Friends*® making tracks to great destinations on PBS KIDS® and Sprout®. Along with his engine friends, Thomas captivates children in more than 145 countries and 30 languages. The #1 blue engine and his friends invite children to enter a world of imagination through the tracks of a train and the words of a story. To date, 200 million *Thomas & Friends* books and e-books have been sold and the CGI-animated *Thomas & Friends* series is more popular than ever, rating as one of the top programs for children ages 2 to 5.

For general information about the tour or to find a ***Day Out With Thomas: The Thrill of the Ride Tour 2014*** event near you, visit [www.ticketweb.com/dowt](http://www.ticketweb.com/dowt).

#### **About CVSR**

CVSR is a private sector, not-for-profit 501 (c)(3) volunteer supported organization operating in partnership with Cuyahoga Valley National Park and is dedicated to the preservation of passenger rail transportation in Cuyahoga Valley and along the historic Ohio & Erie Canalway.

#### **About Thomas & Friends™**

*Thomas the Tank Engine* was created by a father for his son nearly 70 years ago and today is enjoyed by families in more than 185 territories and in 30 languages. The #1 blue engine and his friends invite children to enter a world of imagination through the tracks of a train and the words of a story. Children embark on adventures with their engine friends while experiencing timeless life lessons of discovery, friendship and cooperation. *Thomas & Friends* makes tracks to great destinations on PBS KIDS®, Sprout® and with downloadable episodes available through iTunes. For more information about the world of *Thomas the Tank Engine* and his friends, please visit [www.thomasandfriends.com](http://www.thomasandfriends.com). Follow Thomas on Facebook at [facebook.com/thomasandfriends](https://facebook.com/thomasandfriends) and Twitter @TrueBlueEngine.

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### **About HIT Entertainment**

HIT Entertainment is one of the world's leading preschool entertainment companies, specializing in building powerful brands based on engaging stories. HIT Entertainment's world-class portfolio includes *Thomas & Friends*®, *Mike the Knight*™, *Fireman Sam*®, *Bob the Builder*, *Barney*®, *Angelina Ballerina*®, *Pingu*® and *Rainbow Magic*®.

HIT Entertainment excels at creating and building globally successful brands which capture the hearts and imaginations of preschoolers and their families. This is achieved through exceptional storytelling in multiple formats, enhanced by creating high quality character-based products and experiences with best-in-class partners. HIT Entertainment's lines of business span television and home entertainment production, content distribution, digital media, publishing, consumer products and live events and attractions. HIT Entertainment, a subsidiary of Mattel, Inc., has operations in the UK, US, Canada, Hong Kong and Japan. For more information visit [www.hitentertainment.com](http://www.hitentertainment.com)

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