

# ESSEX STEAM TRAIN & RIVERBOAT

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## *The Eagle Flyer Soars Again!*

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Eagle Flyer" will operate  
President's Weekend, February 13 & 14, 2010

*Essex, CT, January 18, 2010* - - In honor of the Bald Eagle's winter migration South from Maine and Canada to the Connecticut River Valley, Essex Steam Train & Riverboat is delighted to announce the operation of its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual *Eagle Flyer* on President's Weekend!

Vintage Diesel Locomotive #0901 will pull the *Eagle Flyer* out of Essex Station on:

- Saturday & Sunday, February 13 & 14, at 11am & 2pm
- Making all local station stops in Deep River, Chester and Haddam
- Adults: \$20.00 / Children Ages 2-11: \$15.00 (Free under age 2)
- Coffee, Tea, & Hot Cocoa available for purchase on board!

### *Bring Your Binoculars or Telescope!*

The *Eagle Flyer* will embark on a 1½ hour round-trip along the banks of the Connecticut River to *Eagle Landing State Park*, Haddam. This family-friendly eco-excursion offers unique access to winter views of the wildlife and natural beauty that make the Connecticut River Valley "one of the last great places on earth." Unobstructed views of historic landmarks, including Gillette Castle, Goodspeed Opera House and the Swing Bridge, are certain to impress as well.

### *DEP Naturalists On-Board!*

Essex Steam Train is delighted to welcome back volunteers from the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection's, Bald Eagle Study Group and Master Wildlife Conservationists. These naturalists will provide on-board narration and assist passengers in spotting wildlife, which last year included Bald Eagles, Hawks, Deer and an unexpected Harbor Seal at Deep River Landing! We look forward to sharing the DEP's expertise with passengers again in 2010.

Don't forget to include a sandwich and camera in your backpack! For advance reservations and more information, call 800-377-3987 or visit [www.essexsteamtrain.com](http://www.essexsteamtrain.com).

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## *The Valley Railroad Company*

Incorporated in 1969, The Valley Railroad Company opened the Essex Steam Train & Riverboat to the public in 1971. The only steam train and riverboat connection in the United States, Essex Steam Train & Riverboat is one of Connecticut's most vibrant tourist attractions with 150,000 visitors a year. Tour goers enjoy a 2½ hour narrated journey through the scenic Connecticut River Valley. Special events include *Goodspeed Express*, *Day Out With Thomas*, *Lomax: The Hound of Music*, *Fright Train*, *Santa Special* and *North Pole Express*. Please visit [www.essexsteamtrain.com](http://www.essexsteamtrain.com).