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Enola Railfan Guide



Railfan Safety Warning

Spending time around railroad tracks is not the safest way to spend the day. Please avoid walking or crossing railroad tracks unless at marked public crossings. **DO NOT TRESSPASS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.** There are plenty of public places to park your car and watch trains that there is no need to go onto private property – especially railroad property. In addition, follow the railfan creed – “Take only pictures. Leave only footprints.” Stay safe.



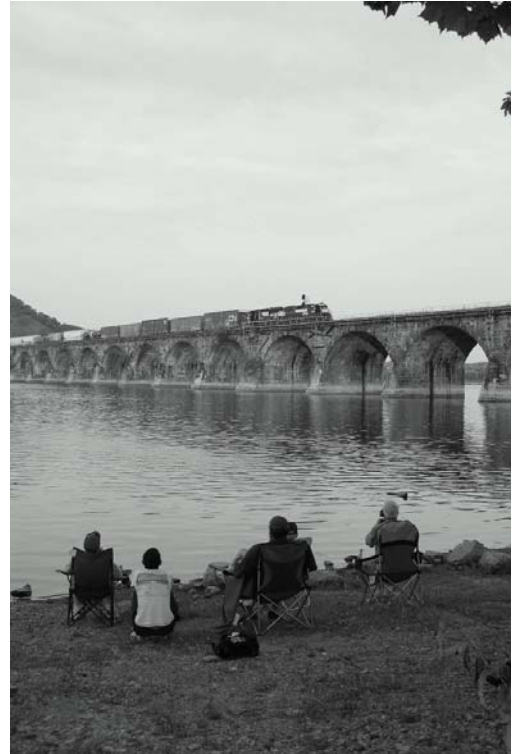
Rockville Bridge Area

The arch bridge spans the Susquehanna River between Marysville, PA, and Harrisburg, PA. The best place to railfan is at the public boat launch located just north of the bridge on River Road in Marysville, PA. There is plenty of parking and you will be at a safe distance from the tracks.

Just on the other side of the bridge is the Bridgeview B&B – a great place to stay and watch trains at the same time.

River Road crosses the end of Enola Yard on an overpass. This bridge was designed for railfans with a parking lot on the west end of the bridge and camera cut outs in the bridge fence.

Just a friendly reminder - DO NOT go onto the bridge or walk along the flyover on the west end of the bridge.



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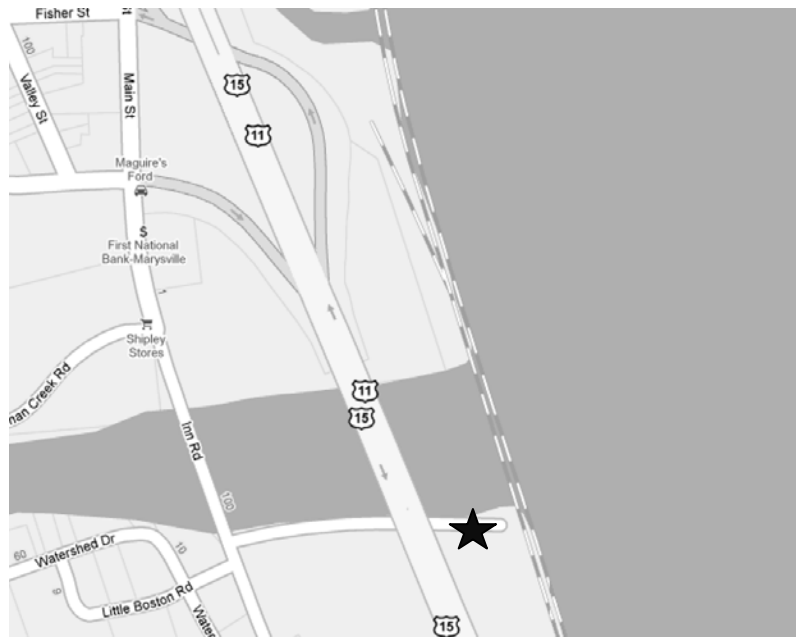
Sherman Creek Viaduct



A NS freight heads south over Sherman Creek Viaduct – Photo by Dan DeLany

If you head up north along Route 11/15, you will reach a great little six arch stone viaduct over Sherman's Creek – a tributary to the Susquehanna River. You will have a clear view up and down the rail line to let you know when trains are on the way.

Just like Rockville, do not go onto the tracks and do not walk on the bridge. There are no trespassing signs posted.



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Reading Bridge



If you head south along Route 11/15 past Enola Yard and take the Market St Bridge over the Susquehanna River, you will find yourself in Harrisburg. Make your way to the Front Street Park, park your car and watch trains cross over the former Reading Railroad's concrete viaduct. There are plenty of places to get photos of the bridge from this location. There is less freight traffic over this line as the Middle Division so you might have to wait a bit to catch a train here.



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Places to Stay

There are several good options of where to stay if you are coming from out of town to watch trains on the bridge.

Bridgeview Bed and Breakfast - www.bridgeviewbnb.com - 810 South Main St - Marysville, PA 17053



Photo by J. Alex Lang

If you want to wake up in the morning and roll out of bed to a view of Rockville Bridge, then this is the only place you need to stay. Located on the southwest corner of Rockville Bridge, this B&B offers rooms on a per night basis. If you want to stay over on a weekend, there is a two night minimum.

Reservation can be made by calling (717) 957-2438 or emailing bridgeviewbnb@yahoo.com.

Quality Inn Riverview - Quality Inn Riverview Website - 501 N. Enola Rd., Enola, PA 17025



The other option is the Quality Inn Riverview which is located across the street from Norfolk Southern's Enola Yard just a few miles south of the bridge. The accommodations will cover the essentials and there is a free breakfast that is provided as well. To make reservations, visit their website or call the hotel at (717) 732-0785.

Places to Eat

The stretch along Route 11/15, also known as North Enola Road, beside Enola yard offers a number of places to grab something quick to eat. Here is a list of different options. You could also venture across the river to Harrisburg for more options.

Al's Pizza - 409 North Enola Road, Enola, PA - (717) 732-6280

Mc Donald's - 425 North Enola Road, Enola, PA - (717) 732-4228

Subway - 447 North Enola Road, Enola, PA - (717) 732-8861

Dairy Queen - 331 North Enola Road, Enola, PA - (717) 909-1407

Dunkin' Donuts - 421 North Enola Road, Enola, PA - (717) 732-2623

China Taste - 431 North Enola Road, Enola, PA - (717) 728-3133

Wendy's - 601 North Enola Road, Enola, PA - (717) 732-5738

Sumerdale Diner - 505 North Enola Road, Enola, PA - (717) 732-9841

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