

GOOD TO KNOW, BEFORE YOU GO! (COURTESY OF DALE FURSETH)

I have been a member of Train Mountain for a few years, and always love running my train there. However, nothing can spoil a long-planned trip like forgotten items. You always remember the big stuff (locomotive - check, spouse - check), but it is the little stuff that can hang you up and spoil the fun. Here is my list of things I always make sure to bring.

IMPORTANT STUFF

If I am planning on running north side in the summer,
Shovel (like Harbor Freight #69826)
Axe (like Harbor freight #66059)

If I am running anywhere,
UHF Radio - only one is required per train but it would be nice if your conductor had one too)
Fire extinguisher (like Home Depot #1002763585)
Safety chains between all rolling equipment (not doggy chains but real chains)
Whistle (police type)
Red flag (10"x10" on a stick)
Cell phone, phone charger and cables! You want to share all those selfies!
Water – to drink and fire suppression

If I am running my propane fired steam engine
Current boiler certificate - Yes I can get a boiler check at TM, but if it is a large meet (like the Triennial), it may take some time, and who wants to waste run time! A current boiler certificate is required to run a steam engine at Train Mountain.
An extra-long propane connection hose if using a Train Mountain tank car for your reserve supply.

For Electric equipment, an extra long extension cord can come in very handy (put your name on it!)

If I am going to run at night,
Red light for your rear car
Working front-facing light

If I am running at a big meet, (like the Triennial) PATIENCE, please and a Sense of humor!

STUFF THAT MAKES THE TRIP MORE FUN

Sun screen - the UV index is always high in the summer and you tend to burn fast
Water for you and your passengers - it is a dry environment because of the altitude
Bug spray - bugs love me, so I always remember my bug spray
Band-Aids - yep - I get scuffed pretty frequently and they are nice to patch me up
Extra safety chains - I think big foot comes and picks mine up when I drop them
Flashlight - it gets DARK at night (and batteries)
Camera - for pictures of new friends, remember if there are no pix, it didn't happen!
Extension cord – at least 25 ft and heavy duty enough for YOUR charger
Folding chair - I can't stand up all day anymore
Batteries - this just seems like a good idea (see flashlight).
Hat - like I said earlier - the sun is brutal and your head is closest to it, and burns fastest!
Bring an ample supply of your meds!

RANDOM INFORMATION

We have three grocery stores and a hardware store in Chiloquin. The big box stores and any auto servicing is 30 miles away in Klamath Falls, OR.

Special Note: Be sure to put your name on everything! Our lost and found is full of very useful items that never get claimed. We can try to give them back if we know who to find!