



# Old River Station Tour

Four of the World's Largest Steam Engines

[CincinnatiTripleSteam.org](http://CincinnatiTripleSteam.org)

ASCE National Historic Landmark

## Tour Guidelines

**Time:** 9:30 AM – Noon: Arrive early and see original tools and items used to build the engines.

**Location:** 5651 Kellogg Ave. [Map Here](#)  
Ample Free Parking

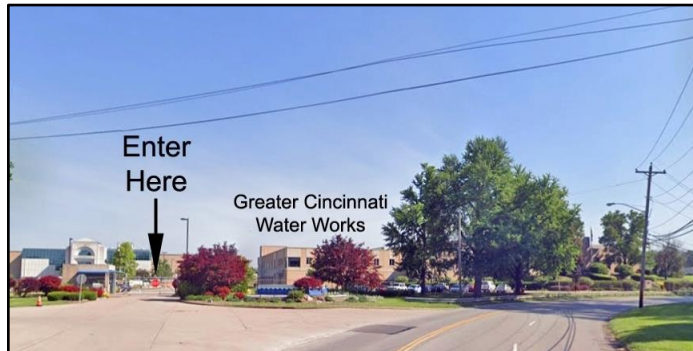
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**Cost:** Free. We appreciate donations that fund this all-volunteer effort.

**NEW** For increased guests' safety the tour no longer includes a set-down presentation about Old River Station. Instead, the information is now on YouTube, and we ask you watch it prior to attending

[Part-3 \(Station Construction\)](#). The other videos are [HERE](#).

**Liability Waiver:** All tour guest must complete a liability waiver. See example on last page.

**Safety Requirements:** Closed toe, closed heel and rubber sole shoes are required. Long pants recommended but shorts are acceptable. No leather soles, sandals, flip-flops or Croc-type shoes. Not a Hard-Hat facility.

**Photo ID Required:** this is a secure and active industrial pumping station, so a photo ID is required at the guard gate.

**Age Requirement:** **Age 18 and up, no exceptions.**

**Photo Policy:** We welcome filming, photographing or videotaping for your own non-commercial use. Off limits for photography are the blue electric pumps and the electrical panel in the annex, but we know they may be in the background of your photo.

**Group Photo:** As a courtesy take-away we begin the tour with a voluntary group photo positioned in front of an engine. The electronic image will be sent via email. No one is obligated. On rare occasions we may place a small version of the photo in brochure.

**Walking and Stairs:** The tour begins seated for about 15 minutes and the remaining 80 minutes are walking with an optional one flight of stairs. The elevator can accept most wheelchairs.

**Disability Accessible:** Old River Station is not a disability friendly facility, but it is possible to have a wheelchair (not supplied) on the main engine room floor with limited mobility. An escort must push from behind all wheelchairs.

**Acrophobia, Claustrophobia or Vertigo:** please let us know ahead of time if someone has a fear of heights, confined spaces or easily becomes dizzy. You can still enjoy the tour, but we want to know ahead of time so we can accommodate.

**No Heat or AC** in the building: Typically, the winter temp is about 55° F and summer can reach 85° F.

**No food or smoking inside the facility.** No food provided. Water is available.

**Restroom:** Unisex restroom 1950s style but not disability friendly.

**Personal Items:** Handbags, backpacks or briefcases are not encouraged on the tour. These items should remain in the visitor's vehicle.

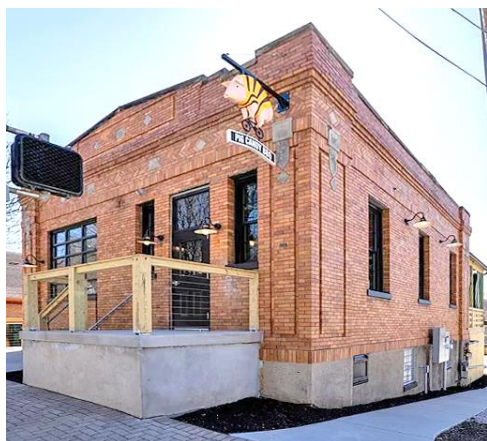
## Directions to Old River Station

From the I-275 take exit #72 (Route 52) and go North (seems like West) .7 mile on Kellogg Ave. to the Water Works entrance gate on the left-hand side. A guard will meet you at the gate to check your photo ID. A Google map link to Old River Station is [Here](#).

Visitors find information on our website useful prior to the tour.  
<https://www.cincinnati triplesteam.org/>



## Local Restaurants



**Pig Candy BBQ** ½ mile  
5901 Kellogg Avenue  
Cincinnati, OH 45230  
(513)-231-0378

[www.pigcandybbq.com/](http://www.pigcandybbq.com/)



**Lebo's Sports Grill** ½ Mile  
5869 Kellogg Ave. Cincinnati OH 45230  
(513) 232-1763

<https://www.facebook.com/lebosbarandgrill/>



**Dead Low Brewing** ¾ Mile  
5959 Kellogg Avenue,  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45230  
(513) 800-1231

<https://www.deadlowbrewing.com/>



**Eli's BBQ** 3 Miles  
3313 Riverside Dr. Cincinnati, OH 45226  
(513) 533-1957

<https://www.elisbarbeque.com/>

## The Tour Will Include

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- Find out why Old River Station has been called “one of the world’s best-kept secrets.”
- View these colossal engines up close and discover the architectural wonder of the building that houses them!
- Learn how assembly of the pump house began at ground level before the structure was lowered by hand to 105 feet below grade.
- You will visit the engine house, the boiler house that supplied steam to the engines, along with the coal storage area and riverside coal handling dock.
- The tour will take you from near the top of the facility down 85 feet to the pump pit floor. You will stand among the four engines as they rest on 20-foot-thick wood caisson six feet under the floor of the Ohio River.
- Look inside the great pump chamber that moved a staggering 30,000,000 gallons of water every day for 57 years!
- Photographers are encouraged and will find a multitude of opportunities.
- Pose for a picture beside a monstrous flyball governor.
- Climb the spiral staircase at the end of the tour, up five stories returning to the engine room floor. Optional, you can always return top side using the elevator.
- Receive an official Cincinnati Triple Steam – Museum Tour Stamp.

## Other Unique Greater Cincinnati Attractions

**National Voice of America Museum of Broadcasting** [www.voamuseum.org/](http://www.voamuseum.org/)  
8070 Tylersville Rd. (GPS use Crosley Blvd.)| West Chester, OH 45069

**EnterTRAINment Junction** <https://www.entertrainmentjunction.com/>

7379 Squire Court, West Chester, Ohio 45069 | Cincinnati: 513-898-8000 | Toll-Free: 877-898-4656

**Comprehensive local museum directory, download : [HERE](#)**



Tour Waiver and Release of Liability

- GCWW Facility (please check)("Facility"):
Richard Miller Treatment Plant
Bolton Plant
Stormwater Barrier Dam
Ohio River Station
Other

(Please read carefully. This is a legal document that affects your legal rights)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on behalf of the following participants (individually and collectively, the "Participant"):

- myself
my minor (under 18) child(ren) or ward(s) named \_\_\_\_\_

in consideration of the permission granted to Participant to enter and tour the Facility (as checked above) ("Tour"), hereby agree not to institute, prosecute or aid in the institution or prosecution of any claim, demand, action, cause of action or suit at law or in equity against the City of Cincinnati, its agents, employees, successors or assigns, (collectively, the "City"), and waive the right to institute any action of any sort against the City for damages, costs, loss of services, expenses, or compensation for or on account of any damage, loss, or injury (including psychological injury, illness, death, economic loss, property damage, and attorney's fees) whether developed or undeveloped, resulting or to result, known or unknown, past, present, or future, arising out of Participant's presence at the Facility and participation in the Tour, whether caused by the negligent action or omission of the City, the negligent or intentional acts of Participant(s) or any other person, or by any other fault or defect, whether patent or latent in nature, and indemnify and hold the City harmless therefrom.

I further understand and acknowledge that the Facility is generally not open to the public and is not maintained or inspected as a facility accessible to the public. I understand that the Tour may expose the Participant to hazards and risks of injury and/or illness, and that I have been given the opportunity to ask any questions I may have about the tour before signing this Release. I certify that attendance and participation of Participant in the Tour is voluntary, that Participant is not, in any way, the employee, servant, or agent of the City of Cincinnati. I expressly and specifically assume the risk of injury or harm in Participant participation in the Tour.

I represent and certify that my true age is over 18 years, and if applicable, that I am in fact the parent and/or legal guardian of the above listed minor Participant. I hereby consent to the participation of Participant in the Tour, and agree to the waivers, releases, terms and conditions herein on behalf of Participant, and the heirs, administrators, and assigns of Participant.

This Tour Waiver and Release of Liability contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto, and the terms of this release are contractual and not a mere recital.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING RELEASE.

Adult Participant (and/or Guardian/Parent for minor)
Minor Participant (if applicable)
Signature (over 18 years old):
Printed Name:
Date:

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_
(name, phone number, relationship to participant)