



Dennison Railroad Depot Museum Dennison, Ohio



Dennison, Ohio became one of the most complete railroad shops and yards in the country at the turn-of-the 20th Century, boasting 40 acres of railroad shops, 21 passenger trains and 21 freight trains a day, and 3,000 railroad employees. The Village became a freight and passenger terminal and the headquarters for the Pan-handle Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The Dennison Depot, built in 1873 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, stands as a proud symbol of Dennison's vast railroad heritage. It reopened in 1989 in memory of the many railroad employees, servicemen and women, and travelers who passed through its doors.

The Depot is perhaps most famous for its role during WWII. These yards were located on a railway which provided a key link to

the Strategic Corridor for National Defense going east-west. This trunk line played a vital role in the disbursement of troops, making the strong welded rail heavily traveled and the likely location for a serviceman's Canteen.

The Dennison Depot Servicemen's Canteen operated from March 19, 1942 to April 8, 1946. A million and a half G.I.s were served free food, coffee and smiles by 3,987 volunteers from eight counties at the Dennison Depot Salvation Army Servicemen's Canteen. The Canteen operated around the clock, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, providing a great boost to the home front effort and earning the town the nickname "Dreamsville, Ohio".

Today, that hometown hospitality continues to welcome travelers to the only remaining railroad building left in the original 40 acre yards - the Depot. Open year round, it offers a full calendar of exhibits, special events, family programs and specially scheduled train rides. Trax Diner offers a wide variety of selections sure to please your taste buds. The Whistle Stop Railroad Shop, the museum gift store, is an excellent source for railroad gifts, WWII Memorabilia and Americana.

The Museum features exhibits within the Women's Waiting Room and the Railway Express Agency building built in 1921. Children will love using their binoculars and watching the trains in the Model Train Room. The History of the Railroad Yards and Dennison's Golden era are highlighted in various exhibits. Be sure to take the kids on "Bing's Scavenger Hunt" throughout the building to find Bing.

In March of 2007, a new wing opened at the Museum. The wing is composed of five railroad coaches attached to the building. They include: The Childrens Interactive Railroad Experience Car, the Archival Research Library, our rare WWII Hospital Car, a special Feature Exhibit Car, and a Local History Car. The Keystone Theater was also opened to the public. Outside, be sure to climb through the caboose and explore the Museum's collection of Rolling Stock. Picnic facilities are available on the platform. On Friday evenings in the summer, free concerts are available at the Gazebo.



Notes:

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Room #1

Name: Keystone Theater
Room Length: 17' Width: 17'
Ceiling Height: 15'

Max. Occupancy:

Classroom: 40
Banquet: 40
Theater: 65
Reception: 100

Meeting Room Amenities

Audio/Visual Capabilities: DVD, Podium, Hand-held & Wireless Microphones
On-Site Catering: Yes
Outside Catering Permitted: Yes
Kitchen On-Site: No
Bar Service: No
Alcohol Allowed On-Site: Yes
Table Types: 6' & 8' Rectangles, Rounds
Incentives for Meeting Planners: Tour Discounts
Other: Additional rooms available for registration, break-outs, receptions, etc.