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# *Holiday Train Show*® Returns for Its 35th Year at the New York Botanical Garden from November 14, 2026, through January 10, 2027, with Extended Hours on Select Dates



A botanical replica of One Vanderbilt (center), one of New York City's newest architectural icons and the home of the world-renowned immersive observatory experience SUMMIT One Vanderbilt, joins the NYC skyline at the Holiday Train Show. (Image by Marlon Co/NYBG)

**Bronx, NY**—After more than three decades, the ***Holiday Train Show***® celebrates its 35th year at the New York Botanical Garden (NYBG). The popular exhibition runs from November 14, 2026, through January 10, 2027, continuing to delight as New York City's favorite winter tradition and a can't-miss adventure. The timeless magic of rail travel fills NYBG with seasonal cheer as model trains traverse over famous bridges and through familiar City settings, bringing nearly 200 twinkling landmark replicas, including new surprises for

2026/2027, to life under the glass of the warm and welcoming Enid A. Haupt Conservatory. Get up close to see these miniature masterpieces, each one meticulously crafted from plant parts like palm fronds, pinecones, and cinnamon sticks. Outside, explore a glowing mountain-scape brimming with even more trains and picture-perfect moments. Extended hours on select dates this year allow for more viewing opportunities. Whether young or adult, the *Holiday Train Show* has sparked wonder in generations of visitors, and it's the City's best way to celebrate the season. Tickets are available for purchase at www.nybg.org.

The *Holiday Train Show* is renowned for its vignettes of G-scale model trains enlivening botanical replicas of famous New York landmarks in miniature—some no longer standing, like the first Yankee Stadium or the original Penn Station—each delightfully re-created from natural materials such as leaves, seeds, twigs, bark, and acorns. Model steam engines, streetcars, and freight and passenger trains travel indoors in the Conservatory's galleries along overhead trestles, through tunnels, across soaring structures such as the Brooklyn Bridge, and in an enchanting woodland outdoor display over towering mountains with forest animals, winter-interest plants, and fungi on the Conservatory Lawn, providing dazzling sights for all ages.

**New This Year: One Vanderbilt**

A new miniature masterpiece joins this year's *Holiday Train Show* lineup: a botanical replica of One Vanderbilt, one of New York City's newest architectural icons and the home of the world-renowned immersive observatory experience SUMMIT One Vanderbilt. The replica recreates the skyscraper's elegant, tapered form and the signature elements of SUMMIT using an intricate composition of natural materials, transforming glass-and-steel modernism into a work of botanical art. The model showcases the creativity and engineering expertise behind the landmark tower and its plant-based miniature counterpart. Special funding for the One Vanderbilt model is made possible by SL Green Realty Corp. and Summit OV Foundation.

**Celebrating 35 Years of Wonder**

In 1992, the *Holiday Train Show* began as a modest seasonal display at NYBG and has since grown into one of New York City's most cherished holiday traditions, delighting generations of visitors and becoming an essential part of the season for locals and tourists alike. What started as a unique exhibition blending model trains, botanical artistry, and iconic New York landmarks has evolved into what many consider their favorite winter spectacle, drawing families and friends back every year to create lasting memories.

As the *Holiday Train Show* celebrates this milestone, there has never been a better time to experience the magic for yourself, whether planning a festive day trip with kids or looking for an unforgettable outing with loved ones. Admission offers full access to see replicas of Rockefeller Center, Radio City Music Hall, St. Patrick's Cathedral, and Macy's flagship store to name a few, all made of plant materials. Visitors can also enjoy access to NYBG's historic

landscape and gardens, perfect for family-friendly fun, casual holiday strolls, and seasonal memories.

From the warmth of NYBG's landmark glasshouse to the picture-perfect outdoor display, witness a meticulously crafted world brimming with the lively energy of New York City during the holidays. Amidst the sparkle and spectacle of New York's holiday season, the *Holiday Train Show* at NYBG delivers an unforgettable experience at unbelievable value, especially if you include an NYBG Membership—the perfect gift for others or a personal treat for yourself that includes tickets to the *Holiday Train Show* and repeat visits to NYBG all year. It's the ideal way to share holiday cheer with the people you love.

For many, the *Holiday Train Show* is how real New Yorkers celebrate the holiday season, returning year after year to share a tradition that feels distinctly and unmistakably New York.

**Extended Hours on Select Dates**

On select dates, the *Holiday Train Show* will be open for extended hours. The warm glow of the Haupt Conservatory brings the holiday spirit under glass. Marvel at multiple beautifully lit vignettes, which offer truly card-worthy holiday photo opportunities at every turn. The New York Botanical Garden will be open until 8 p.m., with last entry at 7 p.m., on the following dates: November 27 to 29, December 5, December 11 to 12, December 18 to 20, December 26 to 30, and January 2.

**About The New York Botanical Garden**

The New York Botanical Garden (NYBG) has been a connective hub among people, plants, and the shared planet since 1891. For more than 130 years, NYBG has been rooted in the cultural fabric of New York City, in the heart of the Bronx, its greenest borough. NYBG has invited millions of visitors to make the Garden a part of their lives, exploring the joy, beauty, and respite of nature. NYBG's 250 acres are home to renowned exhibitions, immersive botanical experiences, art and music, and events with some of the most influential figures in plant and fungal science, horticulture, and the humanities. NYBG is also a steward of globally significant research collections, from the LuEsther T. Mertz Library collection to the plant and fungal specimens in the William and Lynda Steere Herbarium, the largest such collection in the Western Hemisphere.

The plant people of NYBG—dedicated horticulturists, enthusiastic educators, and scientific adventurers—are committed to helping nature thrive so that humanity can thrive. They believe in their ability to make things better, teaching tens of thousands of kids and families each year about the importance of safeguarding the environment and healthy eating. Expert scientists work across the city, the nation, and the globe to document the plants and fungi of the world—and find actionable, nature-based solutions to the planet's dual climate and biodiversity crises. With eyes always looking forward, they train the next generation of

botanists, gardeners, landscape designers, and environmental stewards, ensuring a green future for all. At NYBG, it's nature—or nowhere.

The *Holiday Train Show* at NYBG is sure to be unforgettable, offering endless discoveries while creating new memories and traditions for visitors of all ages. For more information, visit nybg.org.

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