

These Photos Will Make You Pine For Long Train Rides On The MTA

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Railroad Power Station, Glenwood, NY (Photo by John Sanderson)



A new photo exhibit at [the Transit Museum](#) features photographs by John Sanderson, who traced the tracks of both the LIRR and MetroNorth in New York State. They're so beautiful we'd actually consider a [#MTAWritersResidency](#).

"Originally focused on railroad rolling stock and operations, Sanderson's recent work highlights the ever-changing physical surroundings of rail lines, using the tracks as a means to explore American landscapes. "The photos capture expansive skies, changing seasons and early morning light along the tracks while telling stories of railroading past in New York. One photograph shows the abandoned Yonkers Power Station, designed in the early 1900s by Grand Central Terminal architectural firm Reed & Stem for the newly-electrified New York Central Railroad. Closed for 50 years, its smokestacks still loom over the nearby Glenwood Metro-North station. Another photograph shows the Buffalo Central Terminal, an expansive ruin opened in 1929 during New York Central's heyday as a vital link between the Northeast and Midwest, built to accommodate thousands of passengers per hour. Although the terminal has long been shuttered, its tracks still remain."

Click through for a preview. At the exhibit—which runs September 13th through February 1st—the images will up to 10-feet long, "alternating between two formats—the 4:3 aspect ratio and the panoramic format."

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The train ride on the Hudson Line north of the city is pretty awesome, seeing all the ruins of the Hudson Valley's industrial past is just fascinating.
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Yup as a resident of the Hudson valley I can concur. Heading up to Mt. Beacon next week with my bro. Nice hike trail. Then you get to look down at the entire valley.
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that power station is at glenwood station on glenwood ave. in yonkers. they're redeveloping it into an art space or something.

the hudson line is a great train ride. the hudson valley is a great region, even with the post-industrial poisoning and wreckage. hopefully exurban sprawl won't damage it further.
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I do this whole trip from Grand Central to Poughkeepsie often.. it is a gorgeous ride.
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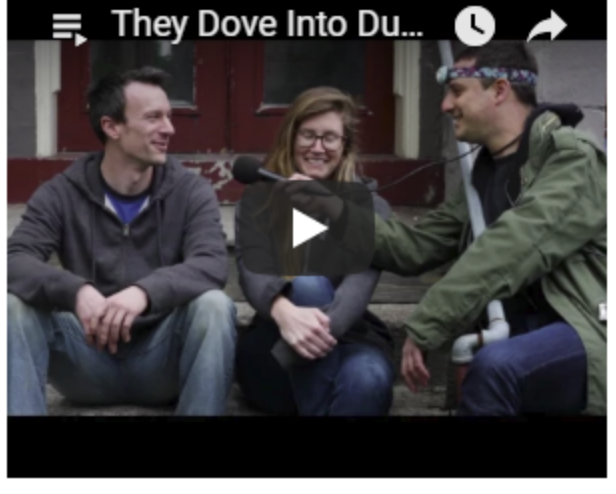
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no, these make me pine for a great camera (read better than my entry level dslr) and some photo time on the trains that'll let me set up a tripod and stop for me to compose. I've been taking pics from trains for years and years and years and the best ones are those when the train is not moving...

on second thought I'd just be happy to have the camera, I don't mind if the train is moving. That last picture is breathtakingly beautiful.
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great stuff!
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Interesting to think that, before the Glenwood and Port Morris power stations were built, steam trains ran into the city.
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