



# NILES CANYON RAILWAY

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P.O. Box 515, Sunol, CA 94586-0515

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**\*\* Media Advisory \*\***

**Ride the Rails for Relay for Life is back for the 15<sup>th</sup> year!**

The volunteers of the Niles Canyon Railway for the 15<sup>th</sup> year in a row are donating their time, and the non-profit railroad museum is donating the use of their train and their proceeds from rides on this special day, April 26<sup>th</sup>, to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life!

*Photo, Video & Interview Opportunities*

**WHAT:** The Niles Canyon Railway (NCRy) will again be hosting a special day of scenic train rides along its railroad from Sunol to Niles (City of Fremont) on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026, with all the proceeds from the day's trains going to benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. This will be the 15th year where the non-profit railroad museum has donated the use of its train and railroad along with its volunteers donating their time to support this important cause. Along with the donated services, the museum also donates all the proceeds from the ticket sales as well. Over the years, the museum has been touched by loss of several volunteers to cancer so this is a way for the group to give back in a unique way. The Niles Canyon Railway is the only museum and tourist railroad that runs on the original and best-preserved alignment of the Transcontinental Railroad through the Bay Area and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The NCRy is operated solely by a group of dedicated volunteers.

On Sunday, April 26, 2026, the museum will offer three 1.5-hour round-trip train rides from our historic Sunol station for a round trip to Niles/Fremont and return. No passengers will be allowed to get on or off at Niles/Fremont. Three departures for this special day at 10:30AM, 12:30PM and 2:30PM. Trains run rain or shine.

The Niles Canyon Railway (NCRy) normally operates its 1.5-hour steam or diesel-powered scenic passenger train rides through Niles Canyon on the second and third weekends from March through October 2026. It is also the home of the world-famous Train of Lights that operates in November and December.

**WHO:** The trains will be operated by our all-volunteer train crews and staff. We welcome anyone interested to come to take a ride and experience railroad history firsthand while benefiting this great cause.

**WHEN:** **Sunday, April 26, 2026**  
Three departures for this special day at 10:30AM, 12:30PM and 2:30PM.  
A historic diesel locomotive from the museum's collection will power the train of both covered open cars and an enclosed coach. A snack bar and bathrooms are available on the train.

**WHERE:** **Niles Canyon Railway - Sunol Station**  
6 Kilkare Road, Sunol, CA 94586  
Our Sunol station has ample parking in our lot with additional parking across the street from the station. Passengers are encouraged to arrive 45 minutes before their departure. Trains run rain or shine.

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HOW: Interested passengers may learn more and book their tickets online via the Niles Canyon Railway website, [ncry.org](http://ncry.org). Passengers interested in walk-up tickets may call our Ticket Agent to check on day of the event ticket availability. (510) 996-8420

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