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MTA LIRR Strawberry Festival Getaway on Saturday, June 16

The MTA Long Island Rail Road's Strawberry Festival, a popular One Day Getaway, takes place this year on Saturday, June 16.

The day begins with a stop at Anderson Farms, where tour participants can pick their own strawberries or purchase fresh berries. Next stop is the Mattituck Strawberry Festival where there's the opportunity to sample the fruit in all of its varieties... as shortcake, pie, and covered with chocolate. The Festival is an old-fashioned country fair in rural Long Island, complete with carnival rides, games of chance, music and arts and crafts. More than 80 vendors will be on hand to tempt participants with items ranging from pictures and poems on metal to homemade jams and jellies to handmade clothing. The day's highlight is a super-sized serving of strawberry shortcake or three chocolate covered strawberries on us.

The cost is \$37 for adults, \$30 for children 5-11.

Train Schedule (call to confirm)

Depart - Time

New York - 8:17 AM

Woodside - 8:28 AM

Brooklyn* - 8:08 AM

Jamaica - 8:38 AM

Mineola** - 8:45 AM

*Customers change to Ronkonkoma train at Jamaica.

**Customers change to Ronkonkoma train at Hicksville.

Tickets for the Getaways (escorted and non-escorted) can be purchased in advance at the LIRR's gray, full-service ticket machines using cash, credit and ATM/debit cards. Select "Getaways & Packages," then "One Day Getaways" followed by the tour or package of your choice. Tickets can be purchased up to midnight on Thursday of the week of the tour. LIRR ticket offices currently accept cash or personal checks only. Tickets go on sale seven days before each trip and can be purchased up to 30 minutes before the train leaves at staffed ticket offices and at ticket selling machines. Before then customers can call the Sales & Promotions Office at 718-558-7498 to pay by credit cards and have tickets mailed.

Please consult our website, www.mta.info for updated information. Before you leave call the LIRR's Travel Information Center at 718-217-LIRR, 516-822-LIRR or 631-231-LIRR to confirm tour status. For a copy of the "2007 One-Day Getaways" brochure contact the LIRR's Travel Information Center at the phone numbers listed above.