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LIRR Offers Up Healthy Serving of Strawberries on Escorted Getaway to Mattituck Strawberry Festival, Saturday, June 18

All Things Strawberry Rule the Day at Mattituck Fest

The Mattituck Strawberry Festival is the place to be if you're a strawberry lover or just looking for a fun excursion. The MTA Long Island Rail Road will get you there on its escorted one-day Strawberry Festival Getaway, Saturday, June 18. At the Festival you can sample this tasty fruit in many forms including shortcake, pie, chocolate-covered or just in its plain delicious natural glory.

This old-fashioned country fair, boasting more than 80 vendors, is fun for the whole family – complete with carnival rides, games of chance, music and arts and crafts. Interestingly, many of the Festival rides and games are strawberry-themed. And, the day's highlight is on us – a super-sized serving of strawberry shortcake or three chocolate covered strawberries. On the way to the Festival, enjoy a stopover at Anderson Farms where you can pick your own strawberries or purchase other fresh berries, if weather and strawberry crop permits; otherwise we will proceed directly to the Festival.

The cost of this berrylicious getaway is \$45 for adults, \$32.50 for children 5-11.

Train Schedule

| Stations | Departs |
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| New York | 7:45 AM |
| Woodside | 7:57AM |
| Atlantic Terminal (Brooklyn) | 7:42 AM (Switch to the Montauk train at Jamaica) |
| Jamaica | 8:10 AM |
| Babylon | 8:46 AM |

Remember to board the rear car. There is a transfer to a bus at Westhampton Station.

Tickets for the LIRR's [Strawberry Festival Getaway](#) can be purchased at LIRR ticket machines through midnight Thursday, June 16. Gray, green and blue ticket machines accept credit and debit cards; gray and green machines also accept cash. Select "Deals & Getaways," then "Long Island Getaways," then Strawberry Festival (listed in alphabetical order). Rail tickets are valid for 14 days from date of sale, refundable for 30 days from date of sale (full package only) and are subject to a \$10 refund processing fee per transaction.

LIRR ticket offices accept cash, personal checks, credit and debit cards. Tickets will be available up to 30 minutes before the train leaves at open ticket offices.

For additional information, customers can contact the LIRR's Travel Information Center at 718-217-5477 (718-217-LIRR). If you are deaf or hard of hearing, use your preferred relay service provider or the free 711 relay to reach LIRR at 718-217-5477. Customers can also consult the LIRR's web site at www.mta.info/lirr or the LIRR's [Strawberry Festival Escorted Tour](#) listing.