

## **MID HUDSON**

### **Empire State Railway Museum**

<http://www.esrm.com/esrm/about.htm>

P.O. Box 455

Phoenicia, NY 12464



Hours: The museum is open on weekends and holidays from Memorial Day through Columbus Day from 11am to 4pm

Notes: While visiting the museum, you may wish to ride the historic rails of the old Ulster & Delaware Railroad. A train of vintage equipment, operated by the Catskill Mountain Railroad, makes a stop at the museum. Ask the Museum Volunteer for information.

Phone: (845) 688-7501

#### ***Historical Description:***

“From the late 1800's through the 1940's the rugged steam locomotives of the Ulster & Delaware, Catskill Mountain Railroad, New York Central, New York Ontario & Western and Delaware & Northern climbed their steep and winding mountain grades bound for the grand hotels and humble boarding houses of the Catskills Mountains. They returned with lumber, bluestone, dairy and agricultural products of the region for transport to the New York City metropolitan area.”

#### ***The Site:***

“ESRM is dedicated to bringing alive the history of these railroads, their people and the towns they served, to the residents and visitors of the Catskill Mountains and the greater Hudson Valley.”

#### ***Directions:***

From exit 19 of the NYS Thruway (Kingston, NY) Take Rt. 28 West to Phoenicia (approx. 22 miles) Take either of Phoenicia exits, then watch for ESRM signs.