

MUSEUM OF TRANSPORTATION



According to the Smithsonian Institute, the Museum of Transportation “houses one of the largest and best collections of transportation vehicles in the world”. Wow, that’s a lot of planes, trains and automobiles! There’s a fee to enter the main museum grounds, but you can get all your Junior Ranger requirements without leaving the upper parking lot.

#1. Find the C-47 (military)/DC-3 (civilian) cargo plane. These planes were nicknamed “gooney birds” during World War II because of how they looked during take-off and landing. What was used to transport the aircraft to the museum?



#2. Find the tug boat. You can climb up the stairs and check it out, if you want. What is the name of the boat? _____ What heavy object is on the ground under the tug, right by the metal stairs? _____

#3. Find a little locomotive named Laclede Christy. It moved car loads of what kind of material to the Laclede Christy plant in the early 1900s? _____



#4. Find something that looks like a giant rocker for a rocking chair. That’s a cast iron Sellers turntable. They were installed in pits and used to turn steam locomotives in a circle so they could run in the opposite direction. What is the “PHILIDELPHIA No.” on the turntable?



#5. Find something that looks like a small “two-headed” locomotive. These little locomotives were nicknamed “mules” and are still used today to guide ships through the Panama Canal. What two letters are painted on the side above the numbers 662?

