

ESSEX STEAM TRAIN & RIVERBOAT

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Essex Steam Train Provides Authentic Background for Major Motion Picture

ESSEX, Conn., - On July 5, 2007, *Essex Steam Train* provided the background for a scene in Paramount Pictures', 4th installment of *Indiana Jones*, scheduled for release in May 2008. Descending on Essex Station for the "shoot" were hordes of set designers, landscape artists, lighting and sound technicians, costumed extras, caterers, assistants, gaffers and grips . . . not to mention Hollywood Director, Steven Spielberg, and Movie Stars, Harrison Ford and Shia LaBeouf!

For 3 days prior to the shoot, the Art Director and Set Designers worked around the clock to transform Essex Station into a distressed "Bedford Station". The "Movie Train" consisted of Steam Locomotive #97, Parlor Car "Great Republic", 3 Passenger Coaches, a Gondola Car (for generators) and a Caboose. The train made short moves for cameras along the station platform throughout the 12-hour day. "We can't share many more details than that," says President, Bob Bell, "as we certainly respect Paramount's need to protect the movie's storyline."

In the meantime, regular Essex Steam Train service was maintained on shoot day and passengers were treated to a ride directly alongside the movie set! Normal service was maintained with Steam Locomotive #40 and Diesel Locomotive #0901 at either end of a 5 car train, operating from Track 7. The day went smoothly as both the Movie Train and Regular Train experienced no delays.

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