

Emerson Zooline Railroad Fun Facts

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August 29, 1963

Howard F. Baer, president of the Zoological Board of Control, drove the final spike into the track of the new Zooline Railroad. Zoo Director Marlin Perkins took the final whack at the 12-karat-gold hunk of metal, and the Spirit of St. Louis engine left the Vierheller Station for its inaugural trip around the track.

August 30, 1963

The Zooline Railroad opened to the public.

June 3, 2010

David N. Farr, chairman, CEO and president of Emerson, announced a \$5 million multi-year gift to the Saint Louis Zoo's "The Living Promise" campaign. In recognition, the zoo's famous railroad is named the Emerson Zooline Railroad.

C. P. Huntington

The Zooline's engines are a one-third size replica of the original C. P. Huntington, a famous steam locomotive first built in 1863. Known as the "Iron Horse," the C. P. Huntington helped build the first transcontinental railway. Though the Zooline is gasoline-powered, it has the bells and whistles of a steam engine.

Number of passengers

The Emerson Zooline Railroad has carried more than 32,000,000 passengers to date.

Stations

Four train stations where passengers can load and disembark – The Wild, River's Edge, Discovery Corner, Red Rocks.

Narrated train ride

20 minutes

Length of track

1 ½ miles of track

Tunnels

Three tunnels

Number of Trains

Six engines, five trains

Capacity

76 adult passengers, including wheelchair accessibility

Speed

Seven miles per hour top train speed

Weight of an engine

6,600 pounds

Railroad ties under the track

8,638 ties