VALLEY LINE SOUTHEAST

THERE'S A New Train in Town

Edmonton
Meet the Lil’ LRT Riders!

Hi, I’m Zan. The LRT helps me get to school and my after-school art classes! My grandma or an older family member usually comes with me.

I’m Morgan. My brother and I use the LRT to go back and forth between school and each of our parents’ houses.

I’m Emery, Morgan’s older brother. Morgan’s pretty cool for a younger sibling.

Hey, it’s me, Taylor. I’m always on the LRT for something. If I’m not going to the community centre, I’m going to the comic store or a friend’s place. My mom says I am just old enough to ride by myself.

I’m Kaylee. I’m so glad that there is a new stop close to my place. It will make getting around SO much easier.
Did you know there is a new LRT in Edmonton called the Valley Line Southeast?

Let us welcome you to the Valley Line Southeast LRT.

Do you know what LRT stands for? LRT means Light Rail Transit, and it is a form of public transportation.

LRT = LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT

The Valley Line Southeast is different from the other LRT you see in Edmonton.

The new train will take you to the places you live, learn, and play.

This LRT is a low floor system which means the trains sit lower down. It has tracks in the road to drive beside cars, trucks, and cyclists.

You will see the trains going through communities where people live. When you are at a stop, it is easy to get on and off the train because there is no step up or down.
The Valley Line Southeast has 12 stops that you can use between the communities of Mill Woods and Downtown.

If you are not sure where these communities are, there is a really cool map in this activity book so you can learn about all the places you can go on the LRT.

*Safety always comes first when going to and from school, walking, biking, skateboarding...

...or however you move around.

Let’s learn how to be safe around the LRT and have a little fun while doing it!
Why do you have that, Taylor? You must have the whole LRT map memorized by now.

It’s always good to refresh your memory.

Yeah, like, what does that sign mean again?

Oh, that one is easy!

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**Signs You Will See**

Can you name each of these signs?

A. [Emergency Phone]

B. [Crosswalk]

C. [Traffic Signal] {chirp chirp}

D. [Danger] Stay off Tracks No Trespassing

E. [Pedestrian Crossing Sign]

F. [Traffic Lights]

**Answers:** A) Emergency Phone B) Pedestrian Crossing Sign C) Audible Signal

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The Valley Line Southeast
Can you name these places near the LRT?
Find and label the corresponding landmark on the map!

Stanley Milner Library -
Edmonton’s biggest library is located downtown. It has a special children’s library inside with space for play and creating.

Idylwylde Library -
Books for fun and for learning, computers and wifi are all available at the Idylwylde Library.

The Arts District -
The Art Gallery of Alberta, the Winspear Centre, and the Citadel Theatre showcase artists of all types: painters, sculptors, musicians, singers, actors and actresses.

Mill Creek Ravine -
The Mill Creek Ravine is a nature park with trails for walking and biking.

Louise McKinney Park -
Louise McKinney Park is a nature park along the river with trails for walking and biking.

Jackie Parker Park -
Jackie Parker Park is a big park with a playground, a splash park and picnic areas.

Muttart Conservatory -
The Muttart Conservatory looks like four big glass pyramids. Inside there are more than 700 species of plants.

Mill Woods Park & Recreation Centre -
The Mill Woods Recreation Centre has a skate park, swimming pool, a dive tank with diving boards, and a waterslide.

Bonnie Doon Leisure Centre -
The Bonnie Doon Leisure Centre has a swimming pool with a slide and a swing rope for jumping in.

Mill Woods Library -
Books that spark your imagination, computers and wifi are all available at the Mill Woods Library.
Hey Taylor, what’s that yellow line? It means like caution or something, right?

Oh, I know this one!

It’s to show people where to wait to stay safe and out of the way of trains. We have to wait behind this bumpy yellow line.

That makes sense. These trains are so quiet!

Avonmore Stop

Oh...this is my stop...I have to go!

See you later Tay, we’ll meet up tomorrow after school again, okay!
Taylor knows the safe way to get home. Can you find the safest way to Taylor’s house?
Is that Kaylee?

It is!
Hey, Kaylee...
Pop-out your earbuds.

Safety first!

Taking your earbuds out near the LRT not only lets you hear your friends, it also allows you to see and hear what is happening around you. It is important to always be aware of your surroundings.
Oh ya, sorry. Are you takin' the new LRT home?

uh... Ya...

We didn’t know you lived by this stop too. You should ride with us tomorrow.

Sure, that sounds awesome.

Careful, Kaylee, this isn’t a pedestrian crossing!

It’s not safe to cross here.

We’ve gotta cross at those lights over there.
Can you tell what’s different? Compare both of these images and circle the unsafe interactions.

TIP: Trains move quickly and quietly. Always pay attention to where you are going.

TIP: Pay attention to all crossing signals and traffic lights.

TIP: Look both ways before crossing the street.

TIP: Don’t jaywalk across the tracks.
Thanks guys, I’ll meet up with you after school tomorrow.

Sweet! If you get on with us, you’ll get to hang with Taylor for a few stops too.

That sounds great.

Valley Line Southeast forever!

Heh... I like this new train in town!

See you later, friends!
There’s a new train in town! Help find all the hidden Valley Line Southeast safety words.

WORD SEARCH
Find the following words in the puzzle. Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘．

SAFETY TRAFFIC LIGHTS SIGNS
TRAIN CROSSWALK DRIVER
STOP CAUTION LOOK
LISTEN TRACK
There are so many amazing sights along the line. Take some time to sight see, but remember...

Wow!

*Translation: The World is for All People

It is not safe to play on or around the LRT tracks. Stay on the sidewalk and away from the tracks.
One sunny day my friends ______noun(person)_____, ______noun(person)______ and I took the Valley Line LRT to ______noun(place)_____. We walked to the stop and waited behind the ______noun(place)______ line on the platform for the train to come. When the train pulled in we realized that it was very ______adjective________. As we boarded the train, we thought it was pretty cool that we could just step on. Once we found our seats and the train pulled away from the platform, we started to look around. I said to my friends “look there is ______noun(thing)______.” We all laughed and started playing a game of “eye spy”. “Eye Spy with my little eye something that is ______adjective________.” “Is it a ______noun(thing)______?” Yes! “Eye Spy with my little eye something that is ______adjective________.” “Is it a ______noun(thing)______?” Yes! Before we knew it we had arrived at ______noun(place)______. When we got off the train we had to pay attention to the ______noun(thing)______ so we knew where to go. As we exited the stop, we realized we were going to have to use the ______noun(thing)______ to get to the other side of the ______noun(thing)______. After waiting for the ______noun(thing)______, we crossed safely. “This is super fun”, I said. As my friends ______noun(person)______, ______noun(person)______ and I walked towards ______noun(place)______ we all thought how ______adjective________ taking the Valley Line LRT is!
The Lil’ Riders favourite thing to do is to check out all the fantastic public art at each stop.

Colour your own version of this important art!

This art appears at the Mill Woods Stop (which is the end of the line).

This is a piece of glass art that can be seen at the Mill Woods Stop. It connects people who use transit to stories of the Papaschase Cree territory. The Indigenous artists Tania Willard, Peter Morin and Cheryl L’Hirondelle (whose family is from Papaschase) use their art to show the belonging and histories of the Papaschase Cree within the peoples and communities of Mill Woods today.

To learn more about all of the public art along the Valley Line Southeast, ask a grown up to visit edmontonpublicart.ca
Did you know...

Trains are quiet, quieter than the wind and traffic!

The yellow lines on stop platforms are bumpy so that if you can’t see it, you feel it.

You should always expect a train. Trains can come from either direction.
Using transit means making considerate choices for the environment and for others.

It means kind choices...

and positive choices!
Thank you for joining the Lil’ Riders as they ride on Edmonton’s new LRT.

For more information ask a grown up to visit: edmonton.ca/valleylinesoutheast