Walking along the track right-of-way or crossing the tracks is Trespassing. This isn’t just a question of being against the law—it could prove to be a fatal mistake.

THE ODDS ARE AGAINST YOU

• Approaching trains and trolleys can be very quiet, especially when there is snow on the ground, the weather is damp, you’re listening to music with a headset or ear buds, or you’re talking on a cell phone and not paying attention to your surroundings.

• A moving train or trolley is not like a car—it’s bigger, heavier, it can’t steer out of the way of an object or person, and it takes much more effort to slow or stop.

DO THE MATH

• A car traveling at 55 mph takes 130 feet to stop

COMPARE THAT TO

• A trolley moving at 50 mph requires twice that—about 260 feet to stop

STILL NOT CONVINCED?

• A train traveling at 60 mph covers a distance of 88 feet in just one second.

• In ten short seconds it travels 880 feet.

• A train traveling 120 mph about 1,760 feet (well over ¼ mile) in the same ten seconds.

• A train or trolley that you think is far enough away to give you time to illegally cross the tracks can reach you in just seconds—it’s just not worth the risk.

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