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# TICKET TO RIDE®

RAILS & SAILS *The* GREAT LAKES



TICKET  
TO RIDE  
Boardgame

DAYS OF  
WONDER

2-5

10+

90'

**W**ith a surface of almost 100,000 square miles, the five Great Lakes are a major landmark in North America. Steamers from various companies offer their services to cross the Lakes Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie, and Ontario, docking in the numerous harbors of the region. Enjoy the sunset on Lake Michigan from the harbor of Chicago, discover the brisk beauty of Lake Superior, and follow the secret paths of the Wyandot to victory...

## COMPONENTS

To play the Great Lakes map, use the following components:

- ◆ 1 game board showing a map of the Great Lakes

- 140 Travel cards:

### 80 Train cards

including 11 of each color: purple, yellow, green, red, black and white



14 Wild cards



### 60 Ship cards

24 Single-Ship cards (4 of each color)



36 Double-Ship cards (6 of each color)



- 55 Ticket cards



- ◆ 165 colored trains (33 each: blue, red, green, yellow, black)
- ◆ 160 colored ships (32 in each color)
- ◆ 15 harbors (3 in each color)
- ◆ 5 scoring markers

## SETTING UP THE GAME

Place the game board in the center of the table 1.

Shuffle the Train cards and the Ship cards separately. Deal 2 Train cards and 2 Ship cards to each player for his starting hand 2. Flip 3 cards from each deck faceup 3.

Deal each player 5 tickets; each player must keep at least 3 of these tickets 4. Any tickets not kept are placed facedown at the bottom of the deck.

Each player receives 33 trains and 32 ships of the same color. After he has chosen which tickets to keep, a player must decide on the assortment of 50 pieces to keep in his supply. A player can choose any combination of his pieces that adds up to 50 (for example, 22 trains and 28 ships). The extra pieces are returned to the box. Players choose their assortment secretly and reveal them simultaneously when every player has made his final decision. If one or more players are playing this map for the first time, it is recommended that all players start with an assortment of 27 trains and 23 ships. There is no way for any player to have more than either 33 trains or 32 ships on this map 5.

Each player also receives 3 harbors 6.

## IMPORTANT NOTE

If you have already played the World map, simply read the paragraphs marked with a "Great Lakes" icon. All other rules remain unchanged.

## OBJECT OF THE GAME

The object of the game is to gain the most points.

Players gain points by:

- ◆ Claiming a route between two adjacent cities on the map;
- ◆ Successfully completing the routes shown on their tickets;
- ◆ Building harbors in the cities shown on their tickets.

Points are deducted from the players' total score for each of their tickets that are not successfully completed by the end of the game.

## THE GAME TURN

The player who has traveled the most goes first. Play then proceeds clockwise. On his turn, a player must perform one (and only one) of the following five actions:

**Take Travel Cards** - The player takes two Travel cards (or just one if the card he selects is a faceup Wild card. For more details, see "Wild Cards" on page 4);

**Claim a Route** - The player claims a route on the map by playing a set of Train or Ship cards from his hand that match the color and number of the spaces in that route. He places one of his colored trains (or ships) in each of the route's spaces and, based on that route's length, gains the number of points indicated on the route scoring table;

**Draw Tickets** - The player draws four tickets from the top of the ticket deck and must keep at least one of them;

**Build a Harbor** - The player builds a harbor in a city that he has a claimed route into;

**Exchange Pieces** - The player exchanges some plastic pieces in his supply with those he returned to the box.

## TAKE TRAVEL CARDS

Travel cards are divided into two separate decks by type: the train deck and the ship deck. Each Travel card has a color, which relates to various routes on the map – purple, yellow, green, red, black, and white.

To take Travel cards, the player may add up to two cards to his hand. Either of these cards can be taken from the six faceup cards next to the board or from the top of the decks (blind draw). If taking a faceup card, the player must immediately replace it with a new card from either deck (his choice). So during the game, the six faceup cards could be all Train cards, all Ship cards, three of each, two of one type and four of the other, or one of one type and five of the other.

If a player chooses a faceup Wild card, it is the only Travel card he takes this turn (see “Wild Cards” below). If, at any time, three of the six faceup Travel cards are Wild cards, all six cards are immediately discarded to their respective discard piles, and six new cards are turned faceup to replace them (three from each deck).

A player may have any number of cards in his hand at any time. When a Travel deck runs out, shuffle the cards in the discard pile and place them facedown to create a new deck. Be sure to shuffle the cards thoroughly since all the cards have been discarded in sets.

In the rare case that there are no cards left in the deck and no cards in either discard pile to shuffle and create a new deck (as a result of players hoarding cards in their hands), a player will not be able to draw Travel cards. He must choose to do one of the other actions instead.



Train Card



Ship Card



## WILD CARDS

Wild cards are a specific type of Train card. They can be played along with any set of Travel cards (including Ship cards) when claiming a route.

If a player takes a faceup Wild card while taking Travel cards, it is the only card he takes that turn. If a Wild card is flipped faceup as a replacement for the first card taken during the turn, or if a Wild card is available faceup but not taken as the first (and only) card, it cannot be taken as the second card for the turn. However, if a player is lucky enough to get a Wild card from the top of the deck in a blind draw, it still counts as a single card and he may still take a total of two cards that turn.

**Note:** Wild cards can also be used for harbors (see “Harbors” on page 6).

## CLAIMING ROUTES

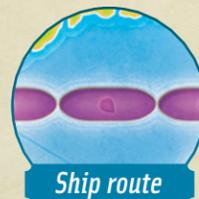
Routes with rectangle spaces are train routes and can contain only train pieces, not ships. Routes with oval spaces are ship routes and can contain only ship pieces, not trains. Each route can contain only one type of plastic piece.

To claim a route, a player must play a number of cards from his hand equal to the number of spaces in the route. The cards must all be the same color and type, and they must match the route's transportation type (train or ship). Most routes require a specific color; for example, a green train route must be claimed using green Train cards. Gray routes can be claimed using cards in **any one** color of the required type.

**Note:** Many Ship cards are Double Ships. When claiming a route with these cards, you can place up to two ships per Double-Ship card. For example, to claim a ship route that has five spaces, you could use two Double-Ship cards and one Single-Ship card, or three Double-Ship cards (however, in this case you would place only five plastic ships).



Train route



Ship route



When a route is claimed, the player places one of his plastic trains (or ships) in each of the route's spaces. Then all the cards played to claim the route are discarded, and the player immediately updates his score by moving his scoring marker along the scoring track equal to the number of spaces indicated by the route scoring table printed on the board.



To claim a purple train route that has 3 spaces, Peter plays three purple Train cards. Any of them could have been replaced by a Wild card.



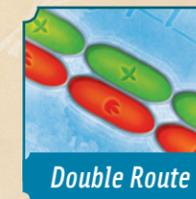
To claim a white ship route that has 4 spaces, Steven plays two white Double-Ship cards. He could have played four white Single-Ship cards, two white Single-Ship cards and one white Double-Ship card, or any other combination matching this color and number, including Wild cards.

A player can claim any open route on the board. He is not required to connect to any of his already claimed routes. A player can claim a maximum of only one route on his turn.

## DOUBLE ROUTES

Some cities are connected by two parallel routes. Each player cannot claim more than one route in a double route.

**Note:** In two- or three-player games, only one of the two routes in a double route can be claimed. Once one of the two routes has been claimed, the other route is unavailable for the rest of the game.



Double Route

Several cities have both a train route and a ship route between them (Duluth-Thunder Bay and Muskegon-Traverse City). These are **not** considered double routes.

## DRAWING TICKETS

A player can use his turn to draw additional Ticket cards. To do so, he draws four cards from the top of the Ticket deck. If there are less than four tickets left in the deck, the player draws the remaining cards.

A player drawing tickets must keep at least one of them, but may keep two, three, or all four. Any drawn ticket not kept is placed facedown at the bottom of the Ticket deck. Tickets that a player draws and does not immediately discard must be kept until the end of the game and cannot be discarded during a later ticket draw.

The cities listed on a ticket represent travel goals for the player, who gains or loses points depending on whether his tickets were completed. At the end of the game, if a player has connected the cities shown on one of his tickets with a continuous path of plastic pieces of his color, he gains points equal to the ticket's point value. If he has failed to connect the cities shown, he loses points equal to the ticket's point value.

Tickets are kept facedown and secret from other players during the game and are only revealed at the end of the game during final scoring. There is no limit to the number of tickets a player can have during the game.

## HARBORS



Harbors can be built only in port cities, which are blue with an anchor symbol. Each port city can have only one harbor. A player cannot build a harbor in a port city unless he has at least one claimed route (of either type) into that city.

To build a harbor, a player must play two Train cards AND two Ship cards. All four cards must be the same color and have a harbor symbol. Wild cards can be used to replace any of these cards.

Each color has four Train cards and four Ship cards with a harbor symbol (all Single-Ship cards).

At the end of the game, a player gains points for each of his harbors as follows:

- ◆ 10 points if he has one completed ticket into it;
- ◆ 20 points if he has two completed tickets into it;
- ◆ 30 points if he has three or more completed tickets into it.

If a player has two or more harbors that are named on the same ticket, the player gains points for each Harbor on the ticket.

Players are not required to build harbors, but for each harbor a player does not build, he loses four points at the end of the game.



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Janet uses one wild and one yellow Ship card plus two yellow Train cards to build a harbor in Perry Sound.



Janet built a harbor in Chicago and another one in Montreal.



She completed the following tickets: Chicago-Timmins, Chicago-Montreal, Montreal-New York.

Janet gains 20 points for the Chicago harbor since she completed two tickets with Chicago as one of the destinations.

Janet also gains 20 points for the Montreal harbor for the same reason.

## EXCHANGE PIECES

A player uses his turn to exchange pieces. He can exchange any number of plastic pieces in his supply for his color pieces in the box (one piece for one piece). He adds the new pieces to his supply and returns the pieces he exchanged back to the box. The player loses 1 point for each piece exchanged. A player can exchange pieces as many times during the game as he wants, but only if he has pieces of the desired type still in the box.



Ian decides to exchange two ships for two trains. He loses 2 points in the process, and his turn ends.

## GAME END

When any one player's supply of plastic pieces contains six pieces or fewer (regardless of their type), each player, including that player, gets two more turns, after which the game ends and players calculate their final scores. The player with the highest score wins.

ROUTE LENGTH	POINTS GAINED
1	1
2	2
3	4
4	7
5	10
6	15
7	18
8	21
9	27

When a player claims a route with either trains or ships, he immediately gains the number of points indicated on the Route Scoring Table.

Unlike other games in the Ticket to Ride series, there is no bonus for Longest Route or Most Completed Tickets. The player with the highest score wins.

### CALCULATING FINAL SCORE

Current Score: 31 + 29 = 60

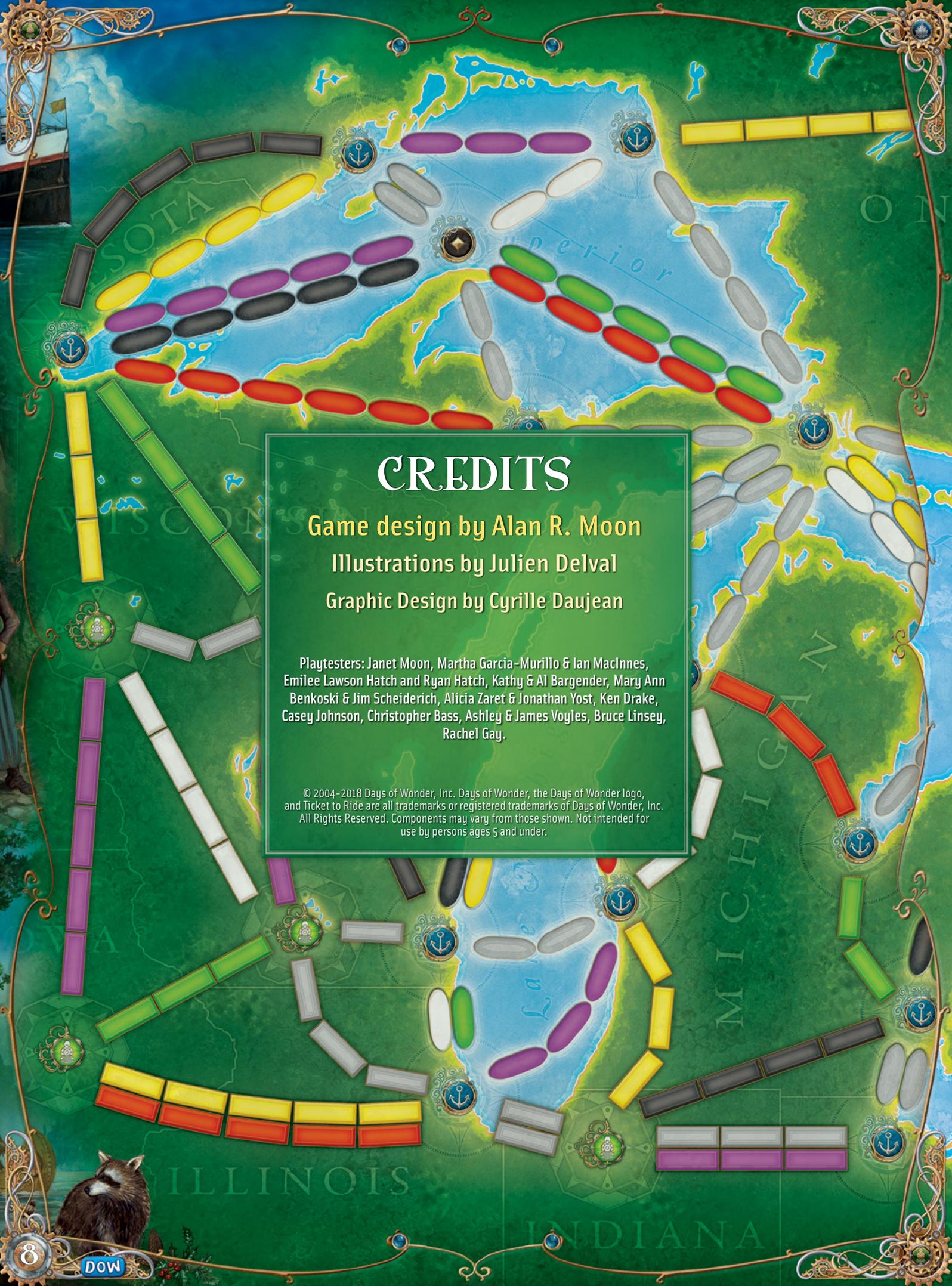
+/- Points for Tickets: +18 (Chicago-Timmins), +4 (Chicago-Montreal), -17 (Montreal-New York) = +5

Harbors: +20 (Chicago) + 20 (Montreal) = +40

-4 Points per Unbuilt Harbor: -4

**FINAL SCORE: 101**





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