



The Eagle Mountain Railroad was constructed in 1947–1948 by the Kaiser Steel Corporation, and is owned today by Kaiser Ventures, Inc., of Ontario, California. The EMRR was built to haul iron ore 51 miles from Kaiser's Eagle Mountain Mine to an interchange with the Southern Pacific mainline at "Ferrum" (Latin for "iron"). The EMRR features grades as steep as 2.15 percent on its climb out of the Salton Trough. The railroad was last used in 1986 and remains dormant.

Northward view of the EMRR tracks with the Eagle Mountains and the Eagle Mountain Mine tailings in the background.



Rail ties were used for this road crossing of the EMRR.



A cut through a small hill on the EMRR route.



A curve on the EMRR. The mountains in the right distance are the Palen Mountains, one of hundreds of such fault-block ranges in the Great Basin (Basin and Range geologic province). The Chuckwalla Valley with dry Palen Lake lies between here and the Palen Mountains.