

# Buckeye Ramble with the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania



June 13 - 16, 2023



## INCLUDED FEATURES

- Free parking with roundtrip motorcoach transportation between Central PA, and Ohio.
- Gratuity for the motorcoach driver
- Three night hotel accommodations
- Meals: 3 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 2 Dinners
- All entry fees and admissions for attractions included in the itinerary
- All taxes and gratuities for included features
- Hosted by a representative from the Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania
- Services of a Discoveries Journey Manager

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Monongahela Incline
- B & O Roundhouse
- Mad River and NKP Railroad Museum
- Lorain and West Virginia Railroad
- Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad
- Age of Steam Roundhouse
- Ernest Warther Museum and Gardens
- Dennison Railroad Depot Museum
- PA Trolley Museum

## PRICING

**Rates per Person:**  
***Based on the Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania membership status***

<b>Double</b>	Member: \$1,270	Non-Member: \$1,315
<b>Single</b>	Member: \$1,540	Non - Member: \$1,585

*All pricing and included features are based on a minimum of 25 passengers.*

Desired pick up location is not guaranteed until passenger minimums are met.

## ITINERARY

### Tuesday, June 13, 2023:

**5:30AM:** Motorcoach will depart from Lancaster, Penn Cinema, 541 Airport Rd.

**6:30AM:** Depart from Harrisburg, AAA Central Penn, 2301 Paxton Church Rd; travel to Pittsburgh with appropriate rest stop en route.

*\*\*Departure times are approximate and will be confirmed closer to travel.*

Enjoy an included lunch in Pittsburgh before taking a ride on the Monongahela Incline. Take the incline from Station Square up 600 feet to the top of Mt. Washington to experience spectacular views of downtown that few cities can offer. This afternoon, continue onward by motorcoach to Independence, OH, and to your hotel for the next two nights. Dinner this evening is on your own.

Hotel: Holiday Inn Independence, Independence, OH (Lunch)

### Wednesday, June 14, 2023:

This morning, depart for Cleveland for a visit to the B & O Roundhouse in Cleveland. The Roundhouse was built at the turn of last century to accommodate Cleveland's expansive rail service. Today the building is the base of operations for the Midwest Railway Preservation Society. It services locomotives, used much in the same manner, although the facility is used for restoration work rather than daily maintenance. Next travel to Berea for lunch at the "Berea Depot". Built as the Union Depot in 1876, it played an important role in the economic development of Berea for approximately 75 years. The station was closed for passengers in 1931 but was later modified somewhat by freight delivery companies. In 1975, local businessmen purchased and remodeled it as a restaurant. After lunch, continue onward to Bellevue for a visit to the Mad River and NKP Railroad Museum. At the entrance to the museum, you'll find a Watchman's Tower and a Sections House, which is now a gift shop. Inside, you can relive all aspects of railroading, from the cupola of a caboose to a telegrapher's desk. Then enjoy an included dinner before traveling to Wellington for a roundtrip ride on the Lorain & West Virginia Railroad, operated by the Lake Shore Railroad Association.

Hotel: Holiday Inn Independence, Independence, OH (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

### Thursday, June 15, 2023:

The first stop of the day is Rockside Station to board the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad. Enjoy a nostalgic train ride along miles of track, through the heart of the Cuyahoga National Recreation Area. You will travel in vintage climate-controlled coaches that offer you a picture window view of the park's natural beauty, and historic sites. Then depart for Sugarcreek with a lunch stop enroute. (*lunch not included*). Visit the Age of Steam Roundhouse, the "first full-sized, working roundhouse built in the U.S. since 1951." The goals of the Roundhouse and Museum are: 1) to preserve the steam locomotives, historic diesels, passenger cars and other railroad relics from the collection of founder, Jerry Joe Jacobson. 2) to operate a full-scale, operating, and realistic roundhouse and back shop to overhaul, repair and maintain Jerry's rolling stock. 3) to run the steam locomotives on freight trains. 4) to display railroad heritage for future generations. Drive to your hotel for the evening and check in with some time to freshen up before dinner. Depart the hotel and travel to Ernest Warther Museum & Gardens. Earnest "Mooney" Warther is best known for his ivory and ebony carvings of steam engines, which were appraised by the Smithsonian as "Priceless Works of Art". On the guided tour, guests will see these carvings created out of wood, ivory, and pearl - from entire trains (including Lincoln's Funeral Train) to a hand carved steel mill. Visit Mrs. Warther's Swiss Garden and Button house, the original Family Home, and one of the areas' finest gift shops. Dinner is included in the Ivory Room.

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express, New Philadelphia, OH (Breakfast, Dinner)

### Friday, June 16, 2023:

After checking out of the hotel, depart for Dennison to visit the Dennison Railroad Depot Museum. The Dennison Depot Servicemen's Canteen operated from 1942 to 1946. A million and a half G.I.s were served free food, coffee, and smiles by 3,987 volunteers from eight counties at the Dennison Depot Salvation Army Servicemen's Canteen. The Canteen operated around the clock, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, providing a great boost to the home front effort and earning the town the nickname "Dreamsville, USA". Lunch is included at the Dennison Railroad Depot before departing. As you travel towards Central PA, visit the PA Trolley Museum for a trolley ride and a tour. Following the PA Trolley Museum, re-board the coach and return to central Pennsylvania with a fast food dinner stop (not included) enroute. (Breakfast and Lunch)

**10:00PM:** Estimated return time to Harrisburg.

**11:00PM:** Estimated return time to Lancaster.

*\*\*Return times are approximate.*

*Itinerary is subject to change at any time without notification and/or compensation.*

#### **Tour Activity Level: 2**

*This tour requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs, and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven ground and cobblestoned streets.*

## GENERAL INFORMATION

This Ramble is subject to cancellation due to insufficient and/or late registration. Please contact the Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania or go online at [www.rmmuseumpa.org](http://www.rmmuseumpa.org) for membership options. Included in these rates is \$71.00, which is a contribution to the nonprofit Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania. This amount is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. (Contribution may be less if the minimum number of passengers is not achieved.) The \$45.00 non-member fee in these rates also is a contribution to

the Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania.

Additional vaccinations and travel requirements may be required. As travel policies are rapidly changing as a result of Covid-19, final requirements will be communicated prior to departure. Please see your travel advisor for additional information.

## Reservations

Please register by **March 1, 2023**. Reservations are available on a first-come basis. Space is limited. A deposit of \$250 per person is due to AAA Central Penn with completed registration from to confirm the reservation.

Final payment is due to AAA Central Penn by **April 28, 2023**.

## Cancellation/Penalties

A \$25 per person cancellation fee will be charged by Discoveries in addition to any other supplier's fees.

From March 1 - May 12, 2023: \$250 per person

After **May 12, 2023**: Non-refundable

## Insurance

For your protection AAA recommends travel insurance. Pre-existing medical conditions may be waived with proper coverage if travel insurance is purchased within 14 days of initial deposit only. Other conditions may apply; ask your travel agent. AAA recommends Allianz.

## Clothing/Climate

Temperatures in Ohio in October average in the 70s with cooler mornings and evenings. Casual clothes and comfortable walking shoes are recommended; be prepared for potential inclement weather.

## Travel Assistance

For personal comfort, group participants who need assistance are required to have a traveling companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the needed assistance.

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### For reservations or more information, please contact:

**Carlisle:** 717-243-1846

**Huntingdon:** 888-222-3575

**Lititz:** 717-626-3040

**Gettysburg:** 717-334-1155

**Lancaster:** 717-898-6920

**West Shore:** 717-761-8347

**Harrisburg:** 717-657-2244

**Lebanon:** 717-273-8534

**Hershey:** 717-533-3381

**Lewistown:** 888-222-3575

**PLEASE RETURN PROMPTLY TO: AAA CENTRAL PENN**

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**Group 11823: Buckeye Ramble**

Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania

**Buckeye Ramble : Registration Form****Preferred Motorcoach Boarding Location:**  Harrisburg  Lancaster**June 13 - 16, 2023****PLEASE USE ONE FORM FOR EACH PASSENGER WITH A DIFFERENT ADDRESS/BILLING.****NAME** (*Legal Name as printed on ID*) \_\_\_\_\_

PASSENGER #1

PASSENGER #2

Current Member: Friends of the Railroad Museum  
of Pennsylvania  Yes  NoCurrent Member: Friends of the Railroad Museum  
of Pennsylvania  Yes  No

Name for Tour Badge \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_**HOME PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_**CELL PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**Physical Disabilities and/or Dietary Needs and Health Conditions.** Please keep in mind the ability to climb and descend several stairs is required to board and detrain the trains included on this itinerary. For personal comfort, group participants who require assistance are advised to have a traveling companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing assistance throughout the trip.

**SPECIAL OCCASION** being celebrated on the trip (advise occasion and date) \_\_\_\_\_**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY**, please notify:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Buckeye Ramble: Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania Current Members & Non-Members**Current Member:  Double: \$1,270.00 per personNon-Member:  Double: \$1,315.00 per person Single: \$1,540.00 per person Single: \$1,585.00 per person I am interested in purchasing travel insurance, please contact me for a quote Yes, I have purchased travel insurance Allianz Policy # \_\_\_\_\_ No, I am not interested in travel insurance. I acknowledge that I have been offered this coverage and declined.**Trip Payment:** \$250 per person due to AAA Central Penn at time of registration for the Buckeye Ramble.**CHECK ENCLOSED**  (payable to AAA Central Penn) **OR CHARGE TO**  Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVV# \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Name As Shown On Card \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Signature \_\_\_\_\_

To the best of my/our knowledge, I am/we are in good state of health and suffering from no physical condition which might be detrimental to my/our own safety, comfort, and convenience and that of the other participants during the tour. If any participant named on this application HAS A SPECIFIC PHYSICAL CONDITION, DISABILITY, ALLERGY OR DIETARY REQUIREMENT THAT MAY REQUIRE SPECIAL ATTENTION OR TREATMENT, such details should be reported on this application. I/we have read and understand and agree to conditions as set forth in the tour brochure or flyer, especially those paragraphs relating to payments, cancellations, refunds and responsibilities of AAA Central Penn (as tour operator and/or agent for the participants).

**SIGNATURE(S)** #1 \_\_\_\_\_ #2 \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_*All persons 18 years of age and older are required to sign the application. A parent or legal guardian should sign for those under 18.*