

FAQ

Q: Do I need to be an NRHS Member to participate in the convention?

A: Yes, although some unsold tickets may be made available to non members a few weeks before the event.

Q: Do I need to register for the convention?

A: Yes, everyone participating in convention excursions and events needs to register.

Q: How do I register?

A: See the registration form on our website www.endlessmountainrails.com

Q: When will I receive my registration booklet describing convention events?

A: For those who pre-registered, books were mailed on February 1st and should be arriving shortly.

Q: If I did not pre-register, when will I be able to get a copy of this book?

A: The book will be made available to those who did not pre re-register approximately 30 days from February 1st. Keep checking our website for further details.

Q: Why do you wait that long to send out the book to those who did not pre-register?

A: This gives members who pre-registered “first pick” of convention activities.

Q: Do I still have to pay the registration fee if I did not pre-register for the first mailing?

A: Yes, everyone has to register.

Q: Can I order tickets online or by phone?

A: No. To be fair to everyone, all ticket orders must be mailed and processed on a first come-first served basis.

Q: Can you make hotel reservations for me?

A: No, but we have participating hotels lined up and waiting for your phone call! See the registration book for more info.

Q: Where are your events taking place and where do I park?

A: Events will be taking place at several different venues, so you’ll have to review the registration book for specific information on each activity. For many events, busses or trains will leave from downtown Scranton and there are many public parking garages close by that charge a nominal fee.

Q: Will the NKP 765, UP 844 or any other steam locomotive be visiting Scranton during the convention?

A: No. We’re lucky enough to have several operational steam locomotives nearby and we’ll be utilizing those. We’ll be doing trips that haven’t been done before and may never be done again and providing unique photo opportunities along the way. Even if you’re from the area or have been to Scranton before, there’s good reason to take part in our convention!

Q: I'm more into diesel locomotives; will there be any for me to see?

A: Yes! There are several historic diesels in Scranton, including at least 3 ALCO RS-3's, two sets of EMD "F Units" as well as other vintage motive power. You will also be able to see modern diesels owned by the Canadian Pacific, Delaware-Lackawanna and Reading & Northern Railroads during certain events.

Q: Is this a "Steamtown Convention"?

A: No. Steamtown is an important part of our event, but other organizations will be playing an equal role.

Q: Where will the photo opportunities and runbys be held?

A: This information will not be given out to ensure that those who have actually paid for these trips are able to enjoy the benefits of doing so. Some runbys will be held in remote locations, others will be in locations where access will be strictly limited to those who paid.

Q: I'm more of a history buff than a train rider, what will you offer to me?

A: There will be tours of various museums and historic sites, seminars and other activities designed to explore the rich history of Northeastern Pennsylvania and its many railroads.

Q: I'm bringing my family with me, will there be events that they can enjoy?

A: We think so! We've got a few things like a day trips social events and even a trolley ride to a ballgame line up that you all should enjoy. There are plenty of restaurants, parks and stores near our convention headquarters as well, so bring the whole family!

Q: Will Steamtown's 2317 steam engine be running during the convention?

A: Maybe. We are working with Steamtown on possible ways to use this popular locomotive during the week of our convention, but nothing is set in stone.

Q: I'm not attending the convention per say, just planning to chase the individual trips, can you give me more information like motive power, times, routes and so on?

A: No. Endless Mountain Rails is being operated for the benefit of its guests. Since we will endeavor to provide the best possible experience for them, we will not be assisting those who have not paid to take part.