



RAILROAD HISTORY TOUR

NRHS ■ 2026

2026 NRHS Convention

Cleveland, Ohio • Sunday, September 20 – Friday, September 25

General information

Welcome to the Ohio Railroad History Tour, this year's annual convention of the National Railway Historical Society. We're delighted you're along for the ride!

Headquarters hotel

The 2026 NRHS Convention is headquartered at the Crowne Plaza Cleveland at Playhouse Square, 1260 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. Our discounted group rate is \$189/night plus taxes; valet parking is available for \$47 per day, with in and out privileges. Reservations for sleeping rooms must be made directly with the hotel, using this link:

<http://bit.ly/4bVXeqf>

This booking link is valid through August 28, but will expire earlier if our room block sells out. Brel's restaurant, with a capacity of about 40 diners, is located on the hotel's first floor for breakfast and dinner. Additionally, there are numerous dining establishments within walking distance. Deluxe motor coaches will board in front of the hotel. The convention Welcome Center and Monday business meetings & reception will be held at the Crowne Plaza, second floor.

Daily offsite trips

We have planned an array of unique and exciting rail experiences for your enlightenment and pleasure. Deluxe motor coach transportation is included in all itineraries. It is the responsibility of the trip participant to become familiar with the day's schedule, and to be on the bus prior to scheduled departure time. Members who miss the bus for any reason will have to arrange their own transportation, and cannot expect a refund of any sort.

Registration

This gathering is organized for the benefit of NRHS members and their guests. Members may purchase reservations for any of the trips through their member portal, <https://secure.nrhs.com>. (Non-members may purchase a membership online, and then purchase event registrations.) For those without access to internet service, phone orders can be accommodated, with payment by credit card and the addition of a \$25 manual processing fee. Call the NRHS office line, 215-557-6606, option 1.

No separate individual or family registration fee will be assessed; members may purchase as few or as many trips as they wish. Pricing details are available at the registration site (<https://secure.nrhs.com>).

Registration timeline

Registration opens: 12:00 Noon EDT, Tuesday, July 28, 2026

Early-bird registration closes: 11:59 pm EDT, Tuesday, August 11

All registrations close: 11:59 pm EDT, Monday, August 24

Early-bird rates

Save money! Purchase your registration before 11:59pm EDT on August 11, 2026, to take advantage of discounted early-bird rates. Registration rates will increase after this date.

In case of changes

Any significant changes to convention events or itineraries will be communicated via automated text message. These will be sent to convention registrants who have opted-in to receive NRHS texts (please be sure to check the Data Privacy & Consent checkbox when registering). If such texts are necessary, they will be sent from 833-233-6747.

Terms & Conditions

Tours, trips, excursions and events (also referred to as an "Activity" or "Activities") are offered by the National Railway Historical Society, Inc. (NRHS) to NRHS members and the public subject to these General Conditions, as well as to any special conditions applicable to each Activity. The specific conditions for a particular Activity may also modify these General Conditions. By making a reservation, a participant agrees to have read, understood and be bound by these General Conditions and the specific conditions applicable to that

Activity. Unless otherwise noted in the specific conditions for an individual offering or in the section "Payments, Cancellations & Refunds" below, full payment is required for each reservation at the time the reservation is made.

By making a reservation, a participant agrees that NRHS is not responsible for any delays, late arrivals, changes in trip itineraries, missed connections, loss of business or other opportunities, re-routings or detours required by or caused by a railroad or transportation service, cancelled or annulled trains, mechanical failures or Acts of God.

The NRHS is not a common carrier, and activities offered by NRHS are not common carriage.

The NRHS and its representatives act only as agents for the passengers with respect to the transportation, accommodations and other services included in each activity, including transportation by rail, motor coach, bus, automobile, steamship or plane; as well as food and dining services, hotel accommodations, sightseeing tours and other similar services included in the activity. The NRHS is not responsible for any injury, delay, loss or damage from any cause whatsoever from these conveyances, accommodations and other facilities and activities or with respect to any other cause beyond the immediate control of the NRHS.

Smoking is not permitted aboard the motor coaches, buses, on the trains or at any other convention venue. Alcoholic beverages may not be brought aboard any train, motor coach, bus or to any convention event, with the exception of beverages provided by the venue.

All convention attendees must be able to board and alight from motor coaches, buses and trains, walk moderate distances (including on uneven ground), and maneuver at events without assistance.

Participants may be required to sign releases for certain events.

Information in this document was accurate as of time of issuance. Due to circumstances beyond our control, we reserve the right to make any necessary changes. Updates will be provided upon check-in at the convention registration desk, or during the convention.

Mobility Issues

While the NRHS strives to make events as accessible as possible, much of the passenger train equipment used is of a historic nature and not designed for modern wheelchairs and electric scooters. Because of the historical nature of this equipment, wheelchairs and electric scooters cannot be used on buses, motor coaches and trains. Passengers are required to climb at all boarding locations, including the buses or motor coaches. NRHS

and railroad staff will be available to assist passengers on and off the trains, motor coaches and buses.

Sturdy footwear required

As many of our trip venues include visits to working factories or railroad facilities, appropriate footwear will be required. Closed-toe shoes are essential for these trips.

About payments, cancellations, and refunds

The NRHS must pay non-refundable deposits, insurance premiums and other costs in advance of the convention dates to secure arrangements for the 2026 convention events. In order to assure that arrangements and required capacities will be available for convention attendees, the following policy applies to all registrations for the 2026 NRHS Convention.

Please read carefully the information on payments, additions, and cancellations. **The NRHS strongly recommends that customers consider purchasing travel insurance to protect themselves from having to cancel their participation.** This is especially important for customers who are concerned they may have to cancel for medical, personal or family situations, or who cannot afford to forfeit deposits.

Refunds

Decisions regarding cancellations will be at the sole discretion of the NRHS.

Cancellations by Customer

Requests for cancellation of individual Activities or a total order must be made in writing to the NRHS. Requests should be sent via email to convention@nrhs.com. The refund amount will be determined by the date such written notification is received by the NRHS.

The following percentages will be applied to cancellations made by customers:

At any time through August 24, 2026: Full refund will be processed.

August 25 through September 19: 25% refund will be processed.

September 20 or later: No refund will be processed.

Cancellations or Alterations by NRHS

The NRHS reserves the right to cancel any Activity for any reason. In the unlikely event of a cancellation, a full refund will be made without any further obligation on the part of the NRHS. The NRHS may make alterations without notice to any Activity, including changing or substituting schedules, routes or transportation equipment as NRHS deems appropriate or desirable. NRHS reserves the right to provide a partial refund if, in the sole discretion of NRHS, the altered Activity is not equivalent.

Payment of Refunds

Refunds will be made only to the customer who made the reservation. Refund payments will be made by the same method that was used to complete the transaction. All appropriate cancellation charges will be deducted before the refund is issued. All refunds will be processed after the convention has ended.

Venue-specific guidelines**Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad**

NRHS delegates will have exclusive use of three railcars: one table car (seating for 48) and two dome cars (24 in each dome, 41 or 42 downstairs). In recognition of the limited number of dome seats, members are asked to rotate in and out of the domes to allow all members the opportunity to enjoy the scenery. Please don't be a dome hog! Additionally, NRHS members may visit the café car, where drinks, snacks and souvenirs may be purchased.

Age of Steam Roundhouse Museum

The museum welcomes photographers, subject to two conditions: 1) Photography is encouraged for your own personal, non-commercial use. Photographs may be submitted to media and posted on social media, as long as the publication of images is not of commercial benefit to the photographer. 2) No videography is permitted during the guided tours. Members may gather video of other scenes around the museum grounds for non-commercial use.

A copy of the complete Age of Steam Roundhouse Museum tour waiver, which will be printed on your admission ticket, will be furnished upon request directed to convention@nrhs.com.

Wabtec

No current employees of Caterpillar may participate in this event. NRHS will ask for the name of your employer, which will be forwarded to Wabtec. Closed-toe shoes must be worn. Photography will be permitted in designated areas only.