

## SCRANTON—STEAM TOWN FALL TOUR—OCTOBER 19TH

For our final tour of the 2024 KSC 50th anniversary year, we will be heading to Scranton, PA. to visit the National historical railroad site.

**LUNCH:** We will start the day with lunch at the Radisson Lackawanna station hotel, located at 700 Lackawanna Ave, Scranton, PA 18503 We will have lunch at NOON, then proceed to the nearby Steamtown complex. This hotel was the offices and Scranton train station for the Lackawanna railroad.

**We need to know how many are attending for lunch reservations, please contact Ralph Keller at 570-326-9237 or [rjkeller203@gmail.com](mailto:rjkeller203@gmail.com) >>>>>BY FRIDAY OCT. 11th<<<<<**

**Also note they will only provide one guest check per table, so please bring some extra cash to help settle the bill.**

**STEAMTOWN:** After lunch we will go the short distance to the Steamtown National Historic site, just behind the hotel. You can go through the outdoor displays, plus the indoor museum and displays. Train rides are offered at various times as well.



Steamtown NHS occupies about 40 acres of the Scranton railroad yard of the former Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, one of the earliest rail lines in northeastern Pennsylvania. At the heart of the park is the large collection of standard-gauge steam locomotives and freight and passenger cars that New England seafood processor F. Nelson Blount assembled in the 1950s and 1960s. In 1984, 17 years after Blount's untimely death, the Steamtown

Foundation or the Preservation of Steam and Railroad Americana, Inc., brought the collection to Scranton, where it occupied the former DL&W yard. When Steamtown National Historic Site was created, the yard and the collection became part of the National Park System.

The Steamtown Collection consists of locomotives, freight cars, passenger cars, and maintenance-of-way equipment from several historic railroads. The locomotives range in size from a tiny industrial switcher engine built in 1937 by the H.K. Porter Company for the Bullard Company, to a huge Union Pacific "Big Boy" built in 1941 by the American Locomotive Company (Alco). The oldest locomotive is a freight engine built by American



Locomotive Company in 1903 for the Chicago Union Transfer Railway Co. *Steamtown National Historic Site Rail Museum, 350 Cliff St., Scranton, PA 18503.* For more details, including directions, log onto their website: [nps.gov](http://nps.gov)

**ALTERNATIVE TOUR:** Also on site is the electric city trolley museum, with a very nice museum, and which also offers a great trolley ride. Check details on: [ectma.org](http://ectma.org)