

'Model Trains Through the Ages' holiday program set for Steamtown NHS

Steamtown National Historic Site partner, the Lackawanna Historical Society, will present a holiday program, "Model Trains Through the Ages," Nov. 23 through 25 at the park. The program will focus on model railroading as a holiday tradition.

Visitors at both Steamtown NHS and the Historical Society's Catlin House have commented through the years about their cherished holiday memories, which always seemed to include a model train set. The memories evoke the arrival of visiting family members, many who traveled home for the holidays, laden with gifts and surprises, by passenger rail.

The program will include a Märklin model train exhibit, a "live steam" garden railroad display, and a traditional holiday train display by a group of dedicated local model railroad enthusiasts.

Dan Emick, a self-described "train doctor," will display various model railroad scales ("sizes"), and be available to discuss problem-solving techniques for model train hobbyists. Additionally, the public is invited to participate in a model train race each event day at 2 p.m. "O" scale model trains will be available for racing participants.

For further information about this family-friendly event, contact the Lackawanna Historical Society at 570.344.3841 or visit www.lackawannahistory.org.

Admission to the event is included with the Park's daily entrance fee of \$7 for all ages 16 and older. Children ages 15 and younger are free with accompanying adults. The entrance fee includes access to the park's museums, theater and scheduled walking tours.

The popular "Scranton Limited" 30-minute train rides will also operate, covering a 3-mile round trip that crosses the Lackawanna River and passes alongside the historic Radisson at Lackawanna Station Hotel, pausing near the University of Scranton before returning to the roundhouse boarding area. Tickets to ride this train cost \$5 per person, all ages 6 and older, in addition to the daily park entrance fee.

Located in downtown Scranton, Steamtown NHS is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Additional general park information is available by calling 570.340.5200 during regular business hours, or by visiting the Park website at www.nps.gov/stea.



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