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## Steam Season Heats Up in July at Steamtown

SCRANTON, PA - Signs of summer are all around. As the region heats up, so does the steam excursion schedule at <a href="Steamtown National">Steamtown National</a>
<a href="Historic Site">Historic Site</a> in downtown Scranton, PA! Ten trips are scheduled to depart the historic railroad yard for several regional destinations.

The borough of Moscow will host seven trains that will depart Steamtown NHS at 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays July 1 and 22, and Sundays July 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. The Lackawanna & Wyoming Valley Rail Historical Society leases the Moscow passenger and freight stations, and plans different offerings for each train that arrives. Visitors will have about an hour to explore the station buildings, photograph the train, or participate in railroad programs, lectures or walks coordinated by the historical society. Trains return to Steamtown at approximately 3:15 p.m. Ticket prices are \$21.00 for adults 17 to 61, \$19.00 for seniors 62 and over, and \$15.00 for children aged 6-16. Children 5 and under require a "no-charge" ticket. Limited First Class accommodations, \$36.00 per rider, all ages, are also available for these excursions.

Atop the Pocono Mountains, the Village of Tobyhanna will host an excursion on Saturday, July 8. The Pocono Mountains proved popular for tourists escaping the heat of the big city in the days of steam trains. The Coolbaugh Township Historical Association will conduct a brief walking tour during the hour long layover. Departure from the

Steamtown NHS Boarding Platform is 11:00 a.m., with an expected 3:00 p.m. return. Ticket prices for the Tobyhanna excursion are \$31.00 for adults 17 to 61, \$26.00 for those aged 62 and over, and \$20.00 for children aged 6-16. Children 5 and under require a "no-charge" ticket. Limited First Class accommodations, \$56.00 per rider, all ages, are also available for this excursion.

Summer is a time for outdoor fairs and festivals, and our excursion season will really sizzle on Saturday, July 29, with trains departing for two destinations on the same day! A diesel-powered excursion will head to Carbondale, PA for that city's "Summer Celebration", while a steam-powered excursion will transport guests to Moscow, PA for that borough's "Moscow Country Fair"!

The City of Carbondale routinely hosts the train at the Pioneer City Station, a few blocks from the downtown's Main Street. The train will depart Steamtown NHS at 10:30 a.m. Shops, churches, street vendors and performances all combine to make for an enjoyable time in Lackawanna County's first city. The train will depart Carbondale at 2:00 p.m., and is expected to return to Steamtown approximately 3:45 p.m.

Ticket prices for the Carbondale train are \$21.00 for adults 17 to 61, \$19.00 for those aged 62 and over, and \$10.00 for children aged 6-16. Children 5 and under require a "no-charge" ticket.

Meanwhile, at 2:00 p.m., Steamtown's Canadian National No. 3254 steam locomotive will head east to the Moscow Country Fair! While the 29<sup>th</sup> annual fair will run July 27 - 30, this will be the only opportunity to ride a steam passenger excursion to the fair. The Moscow Country Fair features arts and crafts, music, antiques and mouth-watering food. Shuttle bus service from the Moscow passenger station will transport guests to and from the fairgrounds, and fair admission is included in the train excursion fare. Return to Scranton that night is scheduled for approximately 8:00 p.m.

Ticket prices for the Moscow Country Fair train are \$21.00 for adult 17 to 61, \$19.00 for those aged 62 and over, and \$15.00 for children aged 6-16. Children 5 and under require a "no-charge" ticket. Limited First Class accommodations, \$36.00 per rider, all ages, are also available for this excursion.

Additionally, the Scranton Limited short train rides will continue running Wednesdays - Sundays. These 30-minute train rides depart from the Roundhouse boarding area at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., and 1:30 and 2:15 p.m. The Scranton Limited train rides are \$3.00 per guest, all ages 6 and older with accompanying adults; children under age 5 require a no-cost wristband. Admission to the National Park grounds at Steamtown is \$6.00 per adult, daily, ages 17 and older. Those under 16, accompanied by an adult, are admitted to the Park at no cost. All walking tours offered by the Steamtown NHS staff, including museum access and the park movie, Steel and Steam, are covered by the Entrance Fee.

Located in Scranton, Pennsylvania, Steamtown is open daily from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. From I-81, follow exit 185 (Central Scranton Expressway); then, follow the signs to the main entrance at Lackawanna and Cliff Avenues. Construction on the Lackawanna Ave. Bridge may alter traffic patterns. Please plan ahead.

Reservations for all excursions can be made by calling (570) 340 - 5204 and includes National Park admission fees. Additional details regarding interpretive and educational programs and activities may be obtained by calling (570) 340-5200 or toll free (888) 693-9391, or by visiting the Steamtown web site at <a href="https://www.nps.gov/stea.">www.nps.gov/stea.</a>