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## Steamtown National Historic Site News Release

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### Steamtown NHS Plans Steam, Diesel Fall Foliage Excursions

**SCRANTON, Pa.** – September days become shorter, there’s a nip in the early morning air, and yellow school buses mix into the morning commute – all clear signs that Mother Nature is prepping for her annual autumn display of the finest fall foliage in Northeast Pennsylvania! One of the best ways to view this beautiful array of colors is relaxing aboard a steam or diesel passenger train traveling through beautiful fall scenery in the nearby Pocono Mountains. Steamtown National Historic Site, downtown Scranton, has planned eight fall foliage rail trips for 2012.

Steam-powered excursions to Moscow will depart the Steamtown NHS boarding platform at 12:30 p.m. on October 6, 13, 14, 21, 27 and 28, with an expected return at 3:15 p.m. The Lackawanna & Wyoming Valley Chapter, NRHS, which leases the former Moscow passenger station and freight house, will offer light refreshments for sale during the train’s layover. Moscow excursion tickets are priced at \$24.00 for adults 16 to 61, \$22.00 for seniors 62 and older, and \$17.00 for children aged 6-15. Children 5 and younger require a “no-charge” ticket.

A special diesel-powered excursion to Gouldsboro Station is planned for October 7. The Coolbaugh Township Historical Association is planning a fun-filled “*Great Gatsby*” theme at the station, with costumed characters dressed as “flappers,” Elliott Ness and Al Capone, and will feature 1920s-era music inside the former passenger station. While at the Gouldsboro Station, guests can meet the characters for photo opportunities, as well as purchase light refreshments. The station features a small museum that interprets the past life and experiences of Gouldsboro’s development. This special excursion will also include a brief stop at the Tobyhanna Station on the return trip. Departure from the Steamtown NHS Boarding Platform is 11:00 a.m., with an expected 3:30 p.m. return. Ticket prices for the “*Great Gatsby*” excursion are \$34.00 for adults 16 to 61, \$29.00 for seniors 62 and older, and \$22.00 for children aged 6-15. Children 5 and younger require a “no-charge” ticket.

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## STEAMTOWN NHS PLANS FALL FOLIAGE STEAM, DIESEL EXCURSIONS TWO

A fall foliage diesel excursion to Tobyhanna is scheduled for Saturday, October 20. Upon arrival at Tobyhanna station, Lackawanna Heritage Valley Ambassador Dominic Keating will offer his newly developed tour of an historic mill that was built as a wagon factory in 1871. The facility also served the Tobyhanna region as a silk mill and, later, a machine shop and boasts manufacturing the first electric tooth brush in the country. The mill is in the process of being converted into a Classic Car Museum. The 45-minute walking tour is expected to take place, rain or shine. Departure from the Boarding Platform is 11:00 a.m., with an expected 3:00 p.m. return. Ticket prices are \$34.00 for adults 16 to 61, \$29.00 for seniors 62 and older, and \$22.00 for children aged 6-15. Children 5 and younger require a “no-charge” ticket.

All fall foliage excursion fares include the Park Entrance Fee. **Our fall foliage excursions are very popular and can sell out early; reservations are strongly recommended. Reservations must be pre-paid, and tickets are non-refundable unless Park Management cancels an excursion. We accept all major credit and debit cards.** Train ride information and reservations for all departures may be made by phoning (570) 340-5204 daily, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

The “*Scranton Limited*” short train rides continue to operate Wednesdays through Sunday’s through October 31st, and will also run on Columbus Day, Monday, October 8. 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. There is a \$5.00 charge for this ride, in addition to the Entrance Fee. The daily admission to the National Park grounds and museum complex at Steamtown is \$7.00 per adult, ages 16 and older. Children under age 15, accompanied by an adult, are admitted to the Park at no cost. The Entrance Fee covers museum access, the park movie, “*Steel and Steam*,” and all scheduled walking tours.

Located in downtown Scranton, Pa., Steamtown is open daily from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. From I-81 follow exit 185 (Central Scranton Expressway); then, follow the brown and white signs to the main entrance at Lackawanna and Cliff Avenues (GPS: N 41.41, W 75.67). General park information is available by phoning (570) 340-5200 during regular business hours, or by visiting the Park website anytime at [www.nps.gov/stea](http://www.nps.gov/stea).

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