



WMRHS 42nd ANNUAL CONVENTION

August 22, 23, 24, 2025

Hazleton, PA

This year our annual convention will be held in Hazleton, PA. The highlight of our convention is an all day steam powered excursion on Saturday at the Reading Blue Mountain and Northern behind the behemoth 4-8-4, Reading 2102. We will also have a special chartered train on Sunday at the Allentown & Auburn Railroad in Kutztown, PA.



Reading Blue Mountain and Northern 2102



Allentown and Auburn 206

Photo Credit: Ns8104

Our base hotel will be the Comfort Inn, 58 PA-93, West Hazleton, PA 18202. Phone 570-455-9300. The hotel has provided us a special rate of \$120 per night and an online link to make your reservation with this special rate. The hotel offers a free included breakfast, and a 4 PM check-in time. Our special rate includes free cancellation up until 4 PM on Aug 22.

Use this link to make your reservations: <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/CE58H3>

Hotel	Contact
Comfort Inn, 58 PA-93, West Hazleton, PA 18202	Phone 570-455-9300 Rate \$120 +tax https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/CE58H3
Be sure to mention you are with the group named WMRHS, group code: CE58H3 when contacting the hotel by phone to receive the negotiated rate	

The convention begins on Friday evening at 6:30 PM with a banquet at Capriotti's Catering, 1 Banks Avenue, McAdoo, PA 18237. We will have a 2 entree buffet style meal. Starting with a tossed garden salad. The main courses will be roast sirloin and lemon pepper chicken. Sides include mashed potatoes, pasta, and seasonal vegetables, with bread, butter, coffee and tea. Iced tea and soda are also available. The cost for the banquet is \$28.00 per person. A special presentation and/or guest speaker will be announced before the convention date.

On Saturday morning at 8:30 AM we will board the steam powered train departing Reading Blue Mountain and Northern's new Nesquehoning Station, 1 Iron Horse Way, Nesquehoning, PA 18240. We will have our own coach holding 70 persons for this trip, excess attendees will be in adjacent coaches. The train will depart at 9:00 AM for arrival in Pittston around 12:00 PM. The trip coincides with Pittston's annual Tomato Festival. This one-of-a-kind event features great food (including a spaghetti eating contest), rides, bingo, live entertainment, and the Little Mr. and Miss Tomato contests. Once in Pittston, shuttle buses will offer transportation from the train to the event. We will board the train again in Pittston around 5:00 PM. The train arrives back at Nesquehoning Station around 8:00 PM and this will conclude our day. The ticket cost for this trip is \$95.00 per person.

On Sunday morning, at 10:40 AM we will board the train at the Auburn & Allentown Railroad, 232 Railroad St, Kutztown, PA 19530. Our motive power for this trip will be #206, a 1937 EMD switcher that is currently the oldest operating diesel locomotive in revenue service in the US. The train will depart at 11:00 AM making its way to Topton Yard where we will de-board to explore several restoration projects that are underway. Somewhere along the line we will have a scheduled photo runby. The train returns back to Kutztown around 1:30 PM to conclude the convention. The ticket cost for this trip is \$22.00 per person.

Registration and ticket purchase this year will again be done this year through the new secure WMRHS website with online payment through PayPal or using a credit/debit card. This is the preferred registration method. Please visit the new WMRHS website <https://wmrhs.com>, click on the convention registration, and complete your registration. Note: if all persons in your party will be signing up for the same activities, you may simply change the registration quantity. If each person in your party is signing up for different activities, just complete multiple registrations leaving the quantity as one on each. All attendees must pay the \$10.00 registration fee which covers all the incidental and event expenses related to the convention.

2025 Itinerary

**schedule and events subject to change as needed*

Friday, August 22nd - Hazelton

3:00 – 5:30 PM: Convention registration at the Comfort Inn, 58 PA-93, West Hazleton, PA 18202

6:30 PM – 9:30 PM: Banquet at Capriotti's Catering, 1 Banks Avenue, McAdoo, PA

Saturday, August 23rd – Nesquehoning to Pittston and return

8:30 AM: Board train at Nesquehoning Station, 1 Iron Horse Way, Nesquehoning, PA 18240

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM: Train ride aboard the Reading Blue Mountain and Northern to Pittston

12:00 PM: Train arrives at Pittston

12:00 PM – 4:30 PM: Visit the Tomato Festival in Pittston

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM: Return train ride aboard the Reading Blue Mountain and Northern to Nesquehoning

8:00 PM: Arrive back at Nesquehoning

Sunday, August 24th - Kutztown

10:40 AM: Board the train at the Auburn & Allentown Railroad, 232 Railroad St, Kutztown, PA 19530

11:00 AM – 1:30 PM: Train ride aboard the Allentown & Auburn to Topton

1:30 PM: Arrive back at Kutztown, convention conclusion

Questions and comments can be sent to the following email address: wmrhsconvention@gmail.com

AREA MAPS

Friday Evening: Comfort Inn to Capriotti's Catering

Comfort Inn

58 PA-93, West Hazleton, PA 18202

Take Kiwanis Blvd to PA-93 N

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|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| ↑ | 1. Head north toward Kiwanis Blvd | 59 sec (0.1 mi) |
| ↶ | 2. Turn left toward Kiwanis Blvd | 125 ft |
| ↷ | 3. Turn right onto Kiwanis Blvd | 167 ft |
| | | 295 ft |

Take I-81 S, PA-424 E and PA-309 S to Banks Ave in Banks Township

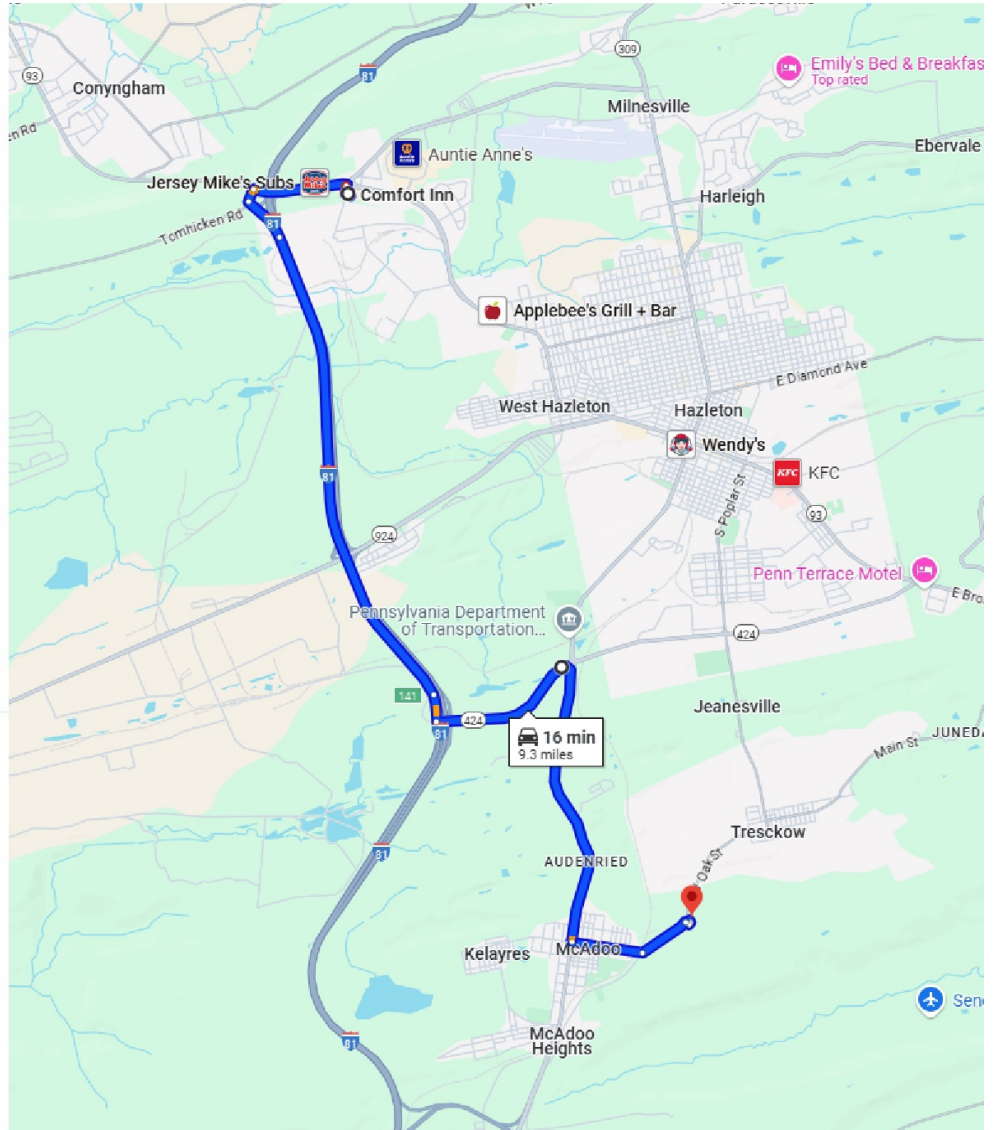
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| ↶ | 4. Turn left onto PA-93 N | 14 min (9.1 mi) |
| ↶ | 5. Turn left onto Tomhicken Rd | 0.7 mi |
| ⤴ | 6. Turn left onto the ramp to Harrisburg | 0.1 mi |
| ⤴ | 7. Merge onto I-81 S | 0.4 mi |
| ↷ | 8. Take exit 141 for PA-424/Beltway toward PA-309/Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce | 3.6 mi |
| | | 0.2 mi |
| ↶ | 9. Turn left onto PA-424 E | 1.1 mi |
| ↷ | 10. Turn right onto PA-309 S | 2.1 mi |
| ↶ | 11. Turn left onto E Blaine St | 0.5 mi |
| ↑ | 12. Continue straight onto Tresckow Rd | 0.4 mi |

Continue on Banks Ave to your destination

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| ↷ | 13. Turn right onto Banks Ave | 34 sec (377 ft) |
| ↶ | 14. Turn left | 174 ft |
| ↶ | 15. Turn left | 102 ft |
| 📍 | Destination will be on the right | 102 ft |

Capriotti's Catering

1 Banks Ave, McAdoo, PA 18237

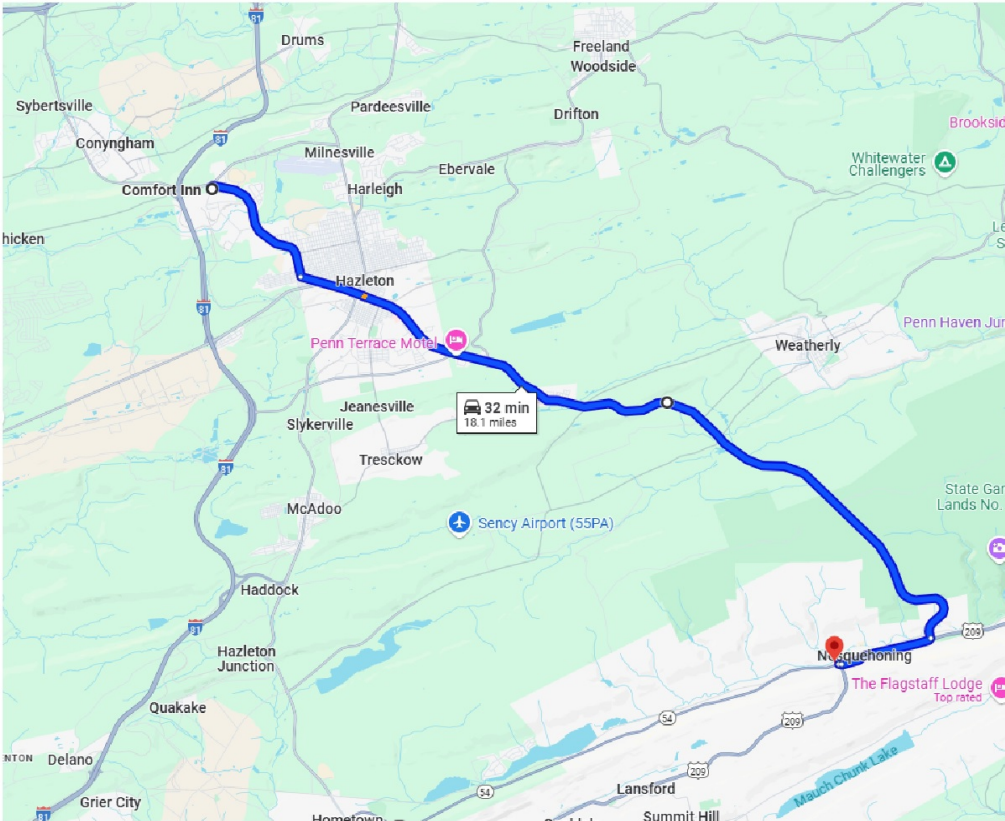


Saturday Morning: Comfort Inn to Nequehoning Station

Comfort Inn
58 PA-93, West Hazleton, PA 18202

- Take Kiwanis Blvd to PA-93 S/Susquehanna Blvd
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| ↑ | 1. Head north toward Kiwanis Blvd | 45 sec (466 ft) |
| ↶ | 2. Turn left toward Kiwanis Blvd | 125 ft |
| ↷ | 3. Turn right onto Kiwanis Blvd | 167 ft |
| | | 174 ft |
- Follow PA-93 S to Nesquehoning
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| ↷ | 4. Turn right onto PA-93 S/Susquehanna Blvd | 31 min (18.0 mi) |
| | | 2.5 mi |
| ↶ | 5. Use the left 2 lanes to turn left onto PA-93 S/W Broad St | 13.9 mi |
| ↷ | 6. Turn right onto E Catawissa St | 1.6 mi |
| ↑ | 7. Continue straight onto Industrial Complex | 305 ft |
| ↷ | 8. Turn right | 6 sec (36 ft) |

Nesquehoning Regional Railroad Station
1 Iron Horse Way, Nesquehoning, PA 18240



Sunday Morning: Comfort Inn to Allentown & Auburn in Kutztown

Comfort Inn
58 PA-93, West Hazleton, PA 18202

Take Kiwanis Blvd to PA-93 N

- 59 sec (0.1 mi)
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1. Head north toward Kiwanis Blvd

125 ft
- ↶

2. Turn left toward Kiwanis Blvd

167 ft
- ↷

3. Turn right onto Kiwanis Blvd

295 ft

Take I-81 S, PA-309 S, PA-443 W, PA-895 W/Summer Valley Rd, ... and Krumsville Rd to Peach St in Kutztown

- 1 hr 8 min (53.8 mi)
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4. Turn left onto PA-93 N

0.7 mi
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5. Turn left onto Tomhicken Rd

0.1 mi
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6. Turn left onto the ramp to Harrisburg

0.4 mi
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7. Merge onto I-81 S

7.5 mi
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8. Take exit 138 to merge onto PA-309 S toward Tamaqua

11.1 mi
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9. Turn right onto PA-443 W

6.7 mi
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10. Turn right onto PA-443 W/PA-895 W/Hughes St

1.2 mi
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11. Continue straight onto PA-895 W/Summer Valley Rd

5.6 mi
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12. Turn left onto PA-61 S

4.4 mi
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13. Use the right lane to merge onto I-78 E/US-22 E via the ramp to Allentown

10.6 mi
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14. Take exit 40 for PA-737 S

0.5 mi
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15. Turn right onto PA-737 S/Krumsville Rd

4.8 mi
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16. Continue onto Greenwich St

0.3 mi

Continue on Peach St. Drive to Railroad St

- 1 min (0.2 mi)
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17. Turn left onto Peach St

0.1 mi
- ↷

18. Turn right onto Railroad St

125 ft
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Destination will be on the left

Allentown & Auburn Railroad
232 Railroad St, Kutztown, PA 19530

