



WMRHS 43rd ANNUAL CONVENTION

September 25, 26, 27, 2026

Gettysburg, PA

This year our annual convention will be held in Gettysburg, PA. The highlight of our convention is a trip aboard the New Gettysburg Railway and a visit to the New Oxford Station and Model Layout. We will also have a special chartered train powered by Western Maryland #151 Alco S-6 on Sunday at the Middletown and Hummelstown Railroad in Middletown, PA.



Gettysburg & Northern 1863

Photo credit: Gettysburg Railway



Western Maryland 151, Ridgely, WV 1975

Photo Credit: David Hamley

Our base hotel will be the Days Inn Gettysburg, 865 York Road, Gettysburg, PA, 17325. Phone 717-334-0030. The hotel has provided us a special rate of \$124.20 per night and an online link to make your reservation with this special rate. The hotel offers a free included breakfast, and a 3 PM check in time. Our special rate includes free cancellation up until 4 PM on Sept 23. Note: after Sept 11 any rooms in the rate block that are not reserved will expire, so make your reservation before Sept 11.

Hotel	Contact
Days Inn Gettysburg, 865 York Road, Gettysburg, PA, 17325	Phone 717-334-0030 Rate \$124.20 +tax
Be sure to mention you are with the group named WMRHS, group code: GS092526WMR when contacting the hotel by phone to receive the negotiated rate. Special rates end Sept 11.	

Use this clickable link to make your hotel reservations:

<http://www.wyndhamhotels.com/hotels/06239?checkInDate=09/25/2026&checkOutDate=09/27/2026&groupCode=GS092526WMR>

or use this QR Code to make your hotel reservations:



Use this clickable link to register for the convention at wmrhs.com:

<https://wmrhs.com/ols/products/2026-wmrhs-convention-registration>

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The convention begins on Friday evening at 7:00 PM with a kickoff meeting/slideshow in the hotel meeting room on the first floor of the Days Inn Gettysburg Hotel. Our special speaker for that evening will be the acclaimed civil author, Scott Mingus. His presentation, "Railroads of the Gettysburg Campaign" will cover a dozen different railroads including the Gettysburg and Hanover Branch which later became part of the Western Maryland. You won't want to miss this sure to be memorable presentation.

On Saturday morning at 9:45 AM we will board the sleek diesel powered train at the Gettysburg Railway Station, 106 N. Washington Street Gettysburg, PA 17325. The train will take us through the picturesque Adams County countryside to a destination just south of Biglerville (Goldens). The push/pull style operation allows the train to simply reverse direction at the destination. The train arrives back at Gettysburg Station around 11:30 AM. The ticket cost for this trip is \$31.00 per person.

Starting at 1:30 PM, we will visit the New Oxford Station, 204 Lincoln Way West, New Oxford, PA 17350. This train station was rebuilt in 1903 by the Western Maryland. The original station burned down a year earlier. New Oxford station is one of four WM stations designed by architect, E. Francis Baldwin of B&O fame. It was transferred to the borough of New Oxford in 1966 where it has served as a museum since 1967. The complex features a WM baggage car which is home to the Conewago Valley Model Railroad Club. Their layout will be open for us to tour. There is also a PRR bobber type caboose on display. The station sits beside the former WM Dutch Line, now an active CSX line that just might surprise us with an extra train the day of our visit. There is no cost for this portion of the convention but donations would be appreciated by the group.

Our banquet will be held Saturday evening starting at 6:00 PM at the Barn Resort's Farmhouse Restaurant, 75 Cunningham Rd, Gettysburg, PA 17325, (717) 334-7580. You may remember this location as the former Boyd's Bear Barn. The meal will be buffet style. The all you can eat buffet is expansive, with a crisp salad bar, comforting soups, hearty main courses, a sizzling meat carving station, and irresistible desserts. The cost for the banquet is \$34.50 per person, all inclusive of soft drinks and gratuity. Tentatively, a special presentation and/or guest speaker will be announced before the convention date.

On Sunday morning, at 9:55 AM we will board the train at the Middletown & Hummelstown Railroad, 136 Brown St., Middletown, PA 17057. Our motive power for this trip will be #151, an Alco S-6 model switcher that was once owned by the Western Maryland Railway. The train will depart at 10:00 AM. We will move out of the station to the M&H main line and back down the street to the corner of Union and Brown streets, letting passengers off the train for a photo opportunity. The train will back up further past Karn's Store and run-by. The train will return back to the corner for passengers to get back on and proceed with the standard trip up the line to the Swatara Creek Bridge. The train returns back to Middletown around 12:00 PM to conclude the convention. The ticket cost for this trip is \$28.00 per person. After the train ride, member Randy Mower has graciously agreed to open his outdoor G scale garden railway layout to fellow members and their guests. His layout, the Greenbriar Cheat and Elk is a G gauge garden railway based on the GC&E/WM in the 1930's and has been in operation for 34 years. It's been featured in Garden Railways magazine and Garden Trains Annual. The layout is over 1,000 square feet; all motive power is battery power Railpro. Much of the rolling stock is custom built 3D printed. It's just a short 25-minute drive from the M&H to the layout, and for most of us it's the same direction we are going to get back home.

Registration and ticket purchase this year will again be done through the new secure WMRHS website with online payment via PayPal. 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.

2026 Itinerary

*schedule and events subject to change as needed

Friday, Sept 25th - Gettysburg

3:00 – 5:30 PM: Convention registration at the Days Inn Gettysburg, 865 York Road, Gettysburg, PA, 17325

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM: Meeting and slideshow at the hotel meeting room

Saturday, Sept 26th – Gettysburg and New Oxford

Note: the Saturday schedule may change slightly before the convention commences due to continuing negotiations with the railroad and other possible activities

9:45 AM: Board train at the Gettysburg Railway Station, 106 N. Washington Street Gettysburg, PA 17325

10:00 AM – 11:30 PM: Train ride aboard the Gettysburg Railway to Goldens

11:30 PA: Train arrives at back to Gettysburg

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM: Lunch on your own

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM: Visit the Western Maryland Station and Conewago Valley Model Railroad Club layout at New Oxford Station, 204 Lincoln Way West, New Oxford, PA 17350

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM: Banquet at the Barn Resort's The Farmhouse Restaurant, 75 Cunningham Rd, Gettysburg, PA 17325 (717) 334-7580

Sunday, Sept 27th - Middletown

9:55 AM: Board the train at the Middletown & Hummelstown Railroad, 136 Brown St., Middletown, PA 17057

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM: Chartered train ride with street running photo run-by aboard the Middletown & Hummelstown

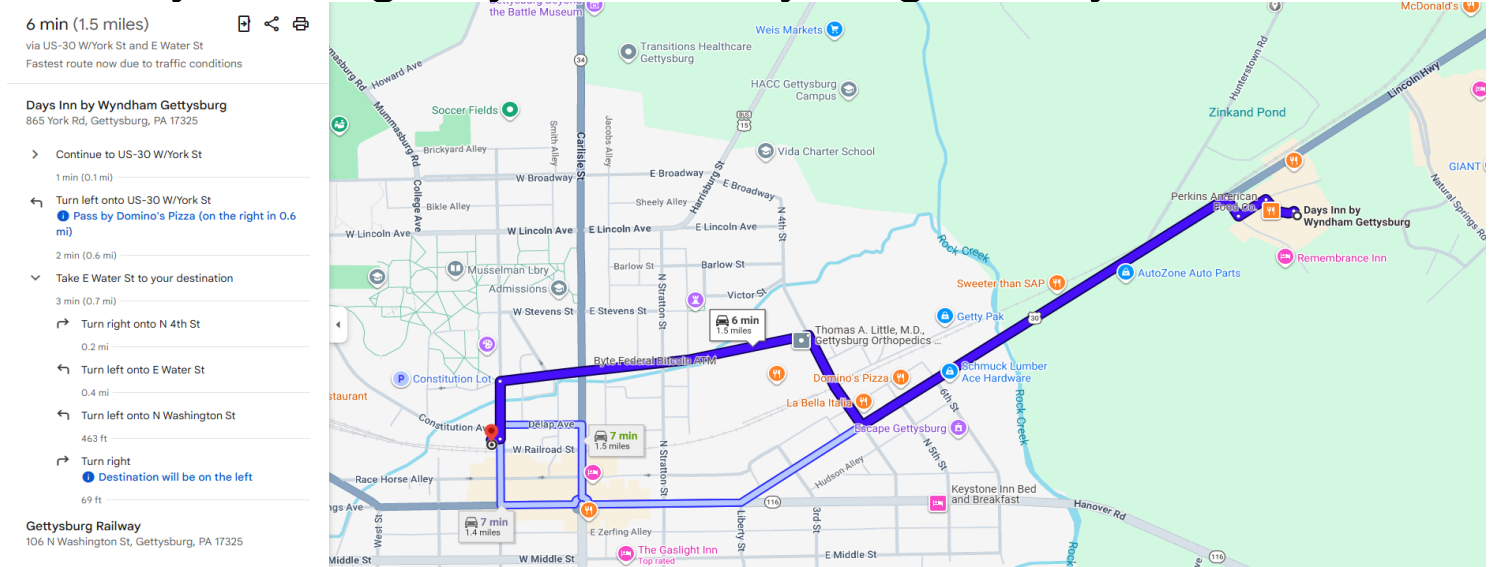
12:00 PM: Arrive back at Middletown, convention conclusion. Lunch is on your own.

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM: Visit Randy Mower's GC&E Garden Railway in nearby Mechanicsburg

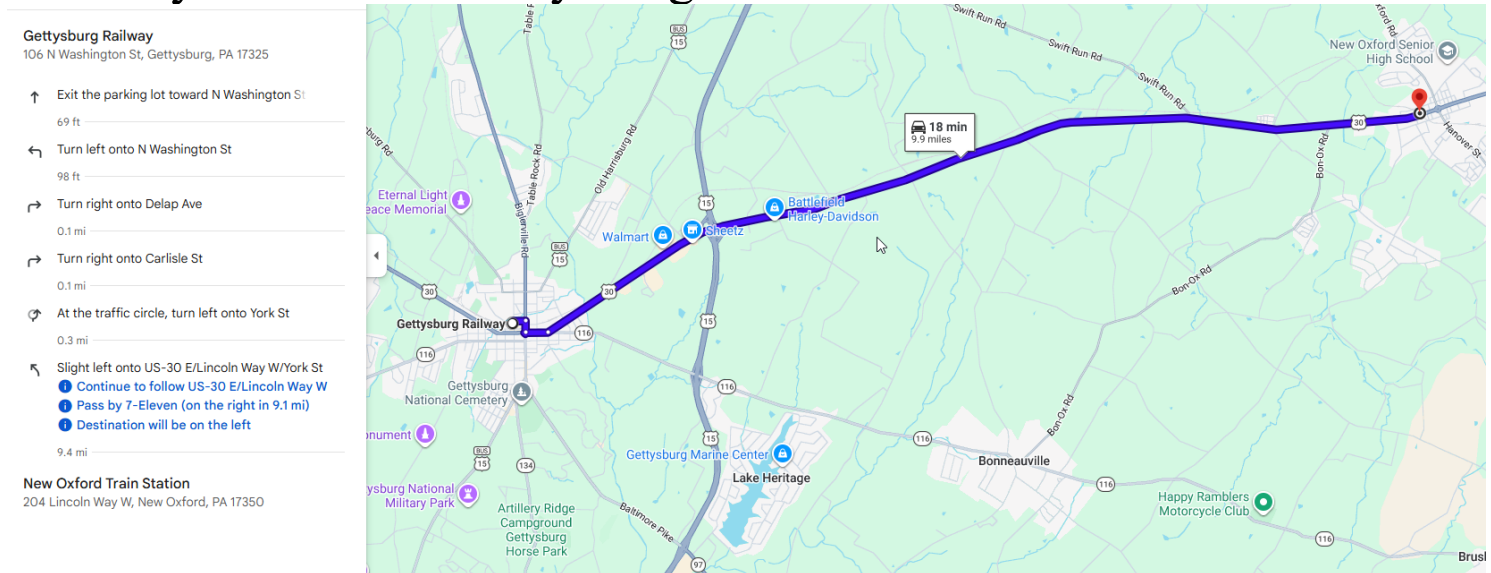
Questions and comments can be sent to the following email address: convention@wmrhs.com

AREA MAPS

Saturday Morning: Days Inn to Gettysburg Railway Station



Saturday Afternoon: Gettysburg Station to New Oxford



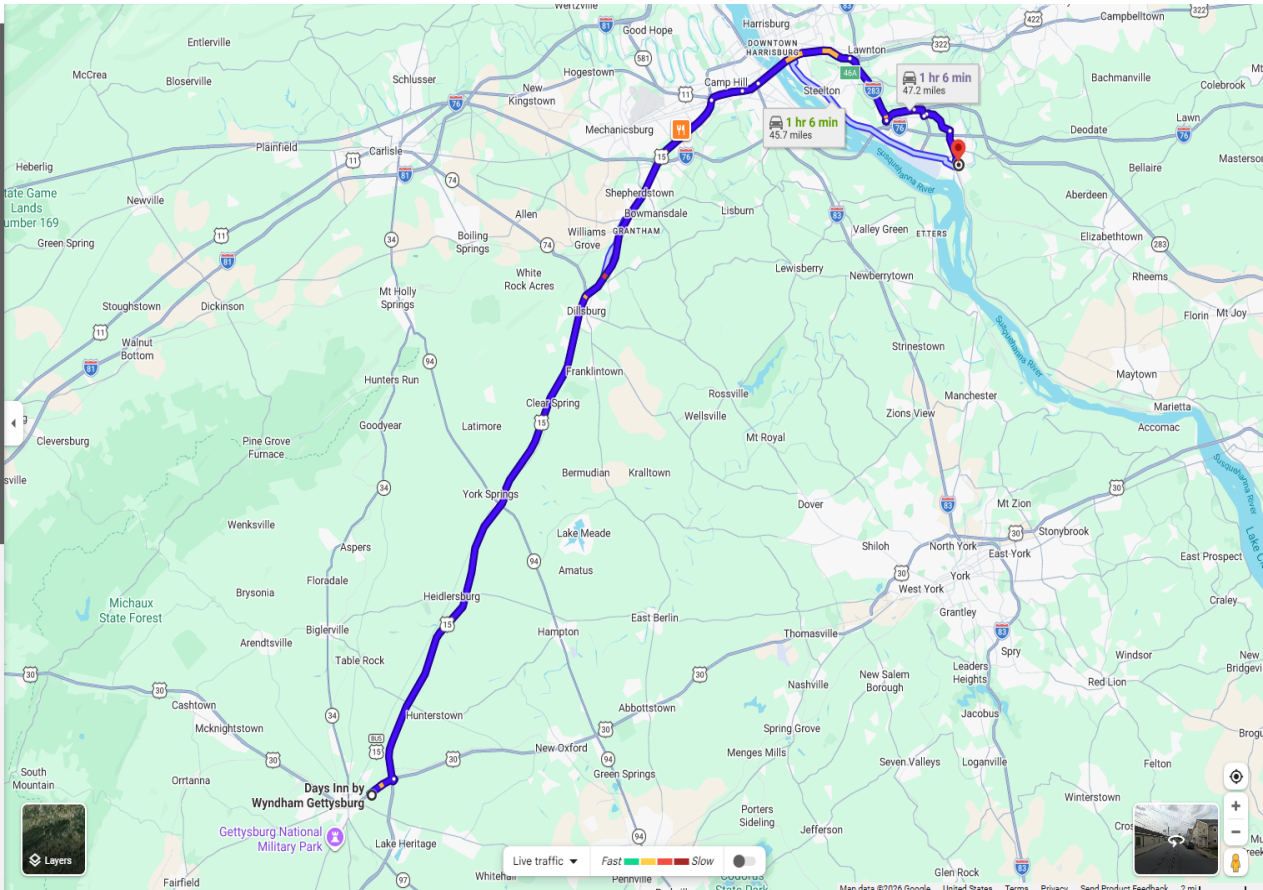
Area Restaurants: Gettysburg

Labella Italia	402 York St, Gettysburg, PA 17325	\$\$
Perkins	859 York Rd, Gettysburg, PA 17325	\$\$
Hoss' Steakhouse	1140 York Rd, Gettysburg, PA 17325	\$\$
Panera Bread	1380 York Rd Suite 800, Gettysburg, PA 17325	\$\$
Appalachian Brewing	259 Steinwehr Ave, Gettysburg, PA 17325	\$\$\$
Friendly's	445 Steinwehr Ave, Gettysburg, PA 17325	\$\$
Heartland Diner	90 Buford Ave, Gettysburg, PA 17325	\$\$
Gettysburg Family Restaurant	1275 York St #5, Gettysburg, PA 17325	\$\$

Sunday Morning: Days Inn to Middletown, PA

1 hr 4 min (47.1 miles)
via US-15 N
Fastest route now due to traffic conditions

- Days Inn by Wyndham Gettysburg**
865 York Rd, Gettysburg, PA 17325
- Continue to US-30 E
1 min (0.1 mi)
 - Take US-15 N and I-83 N to Spring Garden Dr in Lower Swatara Township. Take the exit toward PA-441 S from PA-283 E
48 min (44.0 mi)
 - Turn right onto US-30 E
1.2 mi
 - Use the right lane to merge onto US-15 N via the ramp to Harrisburg
Pass by McDonald's (on the right in 22.7 mi)
31.1 mi
 - Take the exit onto PA-581 E toward I-83/Harrisburg/York
1.4 mi
 - Continue onto Capital Beltway/Harrisburg Expy
0.8 mi
 - Merge onto I-83 N/Capital Beltway
4.4 mi
 - Take exit 46A to merge onto I-283 S toward I-76/Hbg Int'l Airport/Lancaster/Pennsylvania Tpk
3.0 mi
 - Take exit 1A to merge onto PA-283 E toward Airport/Hbg Intl Airport/Lancaster
1.5 mi
 - Take the exit toward PA-441 S
0.6 mi
 - Take PA-441 S to Brown St in Middletown
7 min (3.0 mi)
 - Turn left onto Spring Garden Dr
0.1 mi
 - Continue onto PA-441 S
1.4 mi
 - Slight right onto PA-441 S/N Union St
1.3 mi
 - Turn left onto E Emaus St
0.1 mi
 - Turn right at the 3rd cross street onto Peony Ave
299 ft
 - Turn right onto Brown St
Destination will be on the left
16 ft



Middletown & Hummelstown Railroad
136 Brown St, Middletown, PA 17057

Area Restaurants: Middletown

Kuppy's Diner	12 Brown St, Middletown, PA 17057	\$\$
Brownstone Cafe	1 N Union St, Middletown, PA 17057	\$\$
Blue Room Tavern and Family Restaurant	214 S Union St, Middletown, PA 17057	\$\$