**Travelers Guide to** 

## Great Midwest Rail Circle Tour

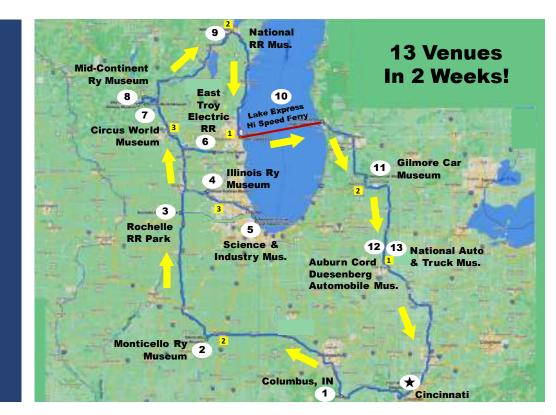
**By John Burchnall** 

### **Great Midwest Rail Circle Tour**

- Perfect post-pandemic adventure
- Always wanted to visit these venues
- Relatively small distances between venues enabled relaxing pace
- 13 venues in 2 weeks only 1 per day
- Multiple nights at each hotel, except one

### **Great Midwest Rail Circle Venues**

- Monticello Railway Mus. (IL)
- Illinois Railway Museum (Union, IL)
- Rochelle Rail Park (IL)
- Chicago Science & Industry Museum (IL)
- East Troy Electric Railway (WI)
- Circus World Museum (Baraboo, WI)
- Mid-Continent Rwy Mus. (Baraboo, WI)
- National Railroad Museum (Green Bay)
- Gilmore Car Museum (MI)
- Auburn/Cord/Duesenberg Museum + Natl. Car & Truck Museum (both Auburn, IN)
- Hobby Shops + General Attractions

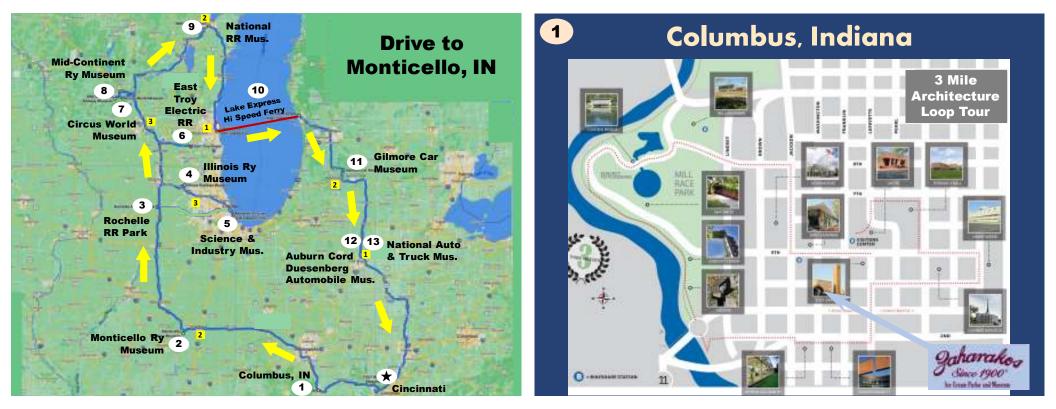


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July 2021 Midwest Museums - Illinios, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana										
July 2	through 15 (14	Days)	Train, Circus, Science & Car Museums + Lambeau Field + Ferry							
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### **Travelers Tips and Secrets**

- Use internet searches and Kalmbach's annual *Tourist Trains Guidebook*
- Many venues are seasonal and/or only open certain days of the week
- Cab rides are sometimes available, some only if you ask (not advertised)
- Plan all the main venues and hotels first, then fill in with other attractions
- Use internet to find local hobby stores





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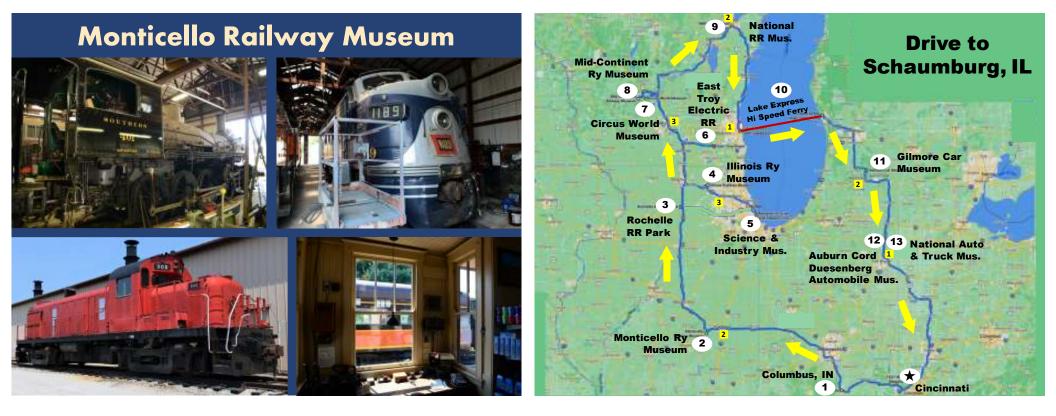
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### **Rochelle Railroad Park**









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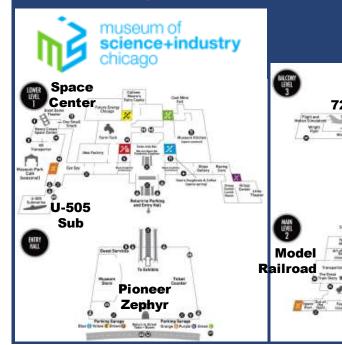




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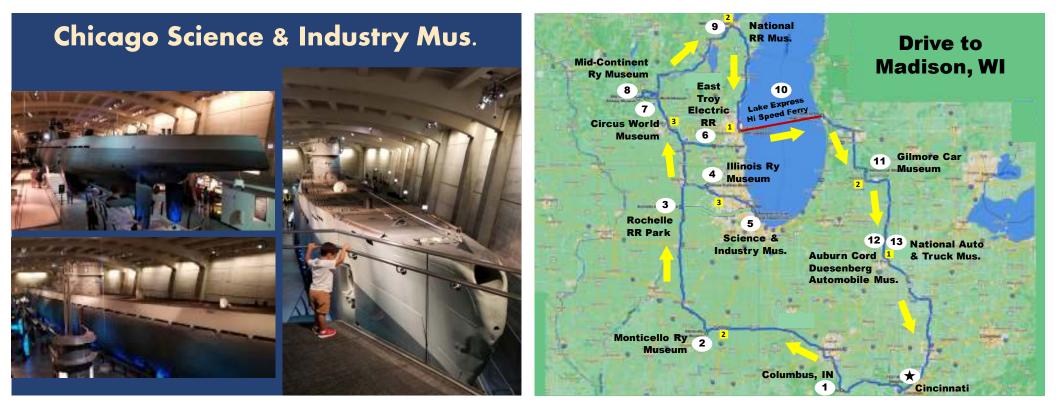






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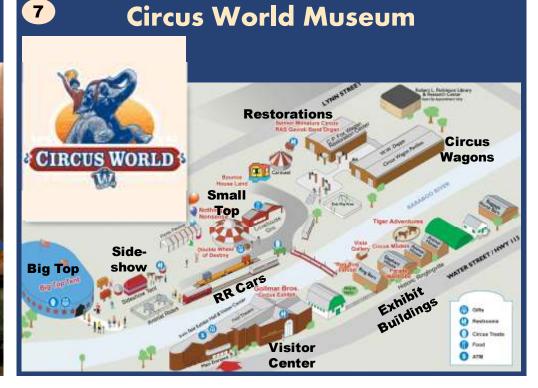


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### **Mid-Continent Railway Museum**



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### **Gilmore Car** 11 Illinois Ry Museum 4 Museum Rochelle 5 **RR** Park Science & 12 13 National Auto **Industry Mus. Auburn Cord** & Truck Mus. Duesenberg Automobile Mus. Monticello Ry 2 Museum Columbus, IN ★ 1 Cincinnati

## **10** Lake Express High Speed Ferry



### **Between Milwaukee and Muskegon**



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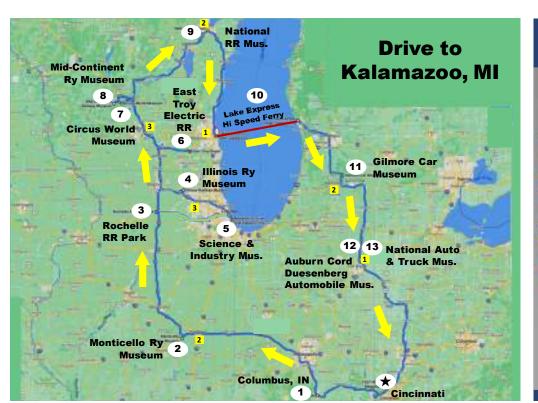


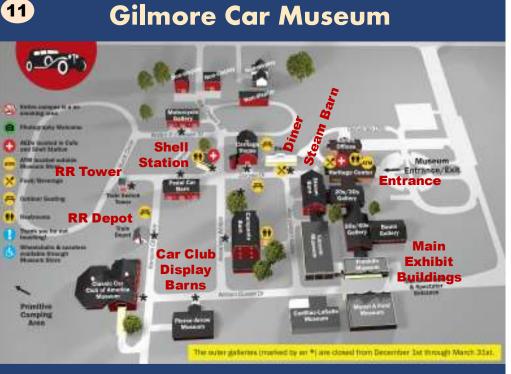












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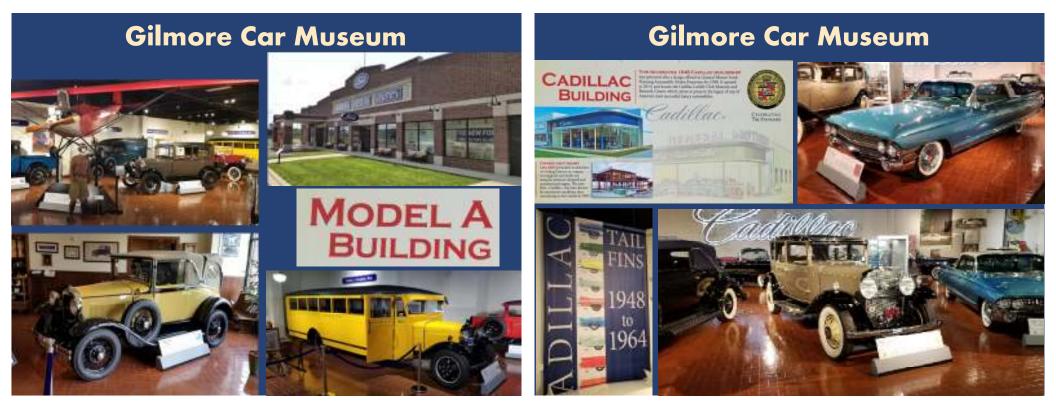
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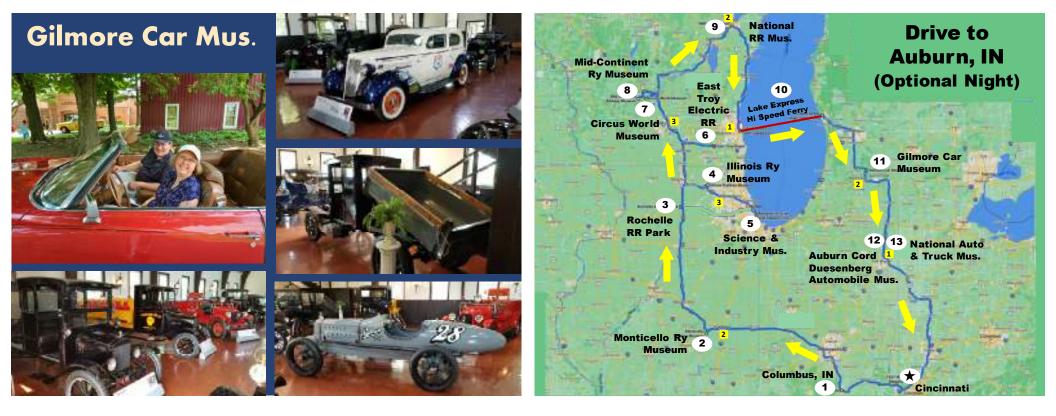






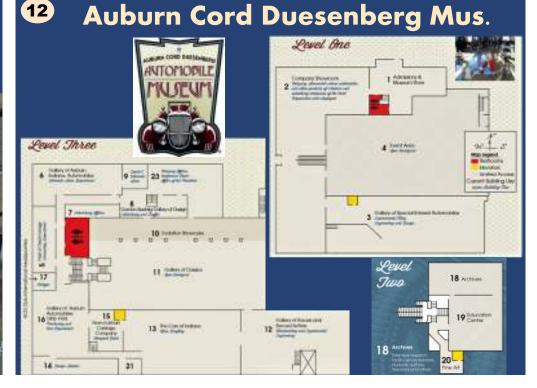






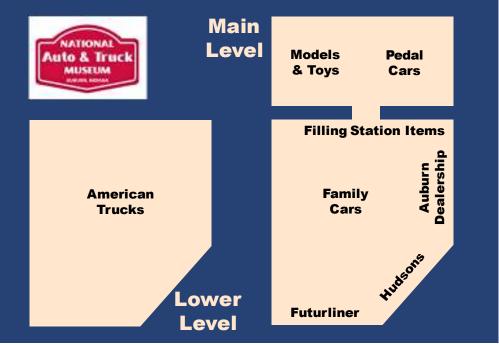
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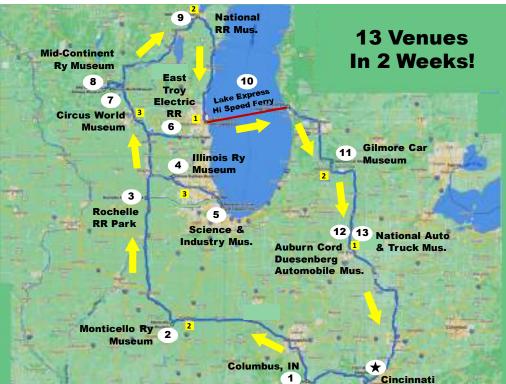
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Other Rail Circle Tours? What other circle tour opportunities exist? Which compass directions from Cincinnati? What attractions exist? Long & short trips?



### **Other Rail Circle Tour Ideas**

- Minnesota Dearborn, Huckleberry, Durand, Mackinac Island, Sault St. Marie, Copper Mines, Duluth, Miss. River, Twin Cities, Boone Scenic RR, Lincoln Library
- Near West Field of Dreams, Wheels of Time, Lincoln Lib., Mt. Rushmore, Black Hills Central, Badlands, Cheyenne, Denver, UP Tower/Mus, Abilene, Boone Scenic RR
- Maine & New England PA Lumber Mus, Altoona, Strasburg, East Broad Top RR, Steamtown NP, Mt. Washington Cog Ry, Maine 2-Footers, L.L. Bean, Acadia NP

### Other Rail Circle Tour Ideas



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- Virginias & Pennsylvania Cass, Roanoke, C&O Hist. Center, Altoona, East Broad Top, Strasburg, Steamtown NP, W. MD Scenic, Reading Blue Mt. & Northern, DuPont Mills
- Carolinas Beckley, Bluefield, Roanoke, Spencer NC, Tweetsie RR, Tennessee RR Museum, Nashville, Wilmington, Savannah, Biltmore Mansion, Great Smokey Mts. RR
- Deep South KY Ry Museum, Nashville, Branson, Memphis, Arkansas RR Museum, Museum of American RR, T&P Ry Museum, Galveston Museum, N. Orleans Streetcars

