

Virginia Railway Express Shop Tour

Saturday, August 17, 2024

Join the Washington, D.C. Chapter, NRHS for a two ½ hour walking tour of the **Virginia Railway Express (VRE) Crossroads storage yard and shop complex** including wheel truing capability. The storage yard, located at the south end of VRE's **Fredericksburg Line**, opened in 1992 with the beginning of commuter train operations to Washington DC. Today, fourteen **commuter trains** originate or terminate at Cross Roads on a normal weekday. Participants will see how **routine maintenance and repairs** are made to VRE passenger cars and locomotives and learn about VRE initiatives to **improve the commuter rail experience**. This is a **walking tour** of a railroad facility on hard and gravel surfaces so proper, comfortable close toed shoes are needed.

Tour participants will meet in the VRE Cross Roads maintenance facility Parking Lot at **9:45am** and then will be led to the appropriate shop entrance to begin the tour promptly at 10:00am. Directions for **free parking** will be provided to tour participants with tour instructions.

PER PERSON FARES:

DCNRHS Members: \$35

Nonmembers: \$45

For this tour, children must be at least 12 years old, accompanied by an adult and pay the same fares as adults.



Photo by VRE

CONDITIONS

1. No refund or credit after July 15, 2024, other than by operator's cancellation of the trip or reselling of the space. Reservations are not transferable and may not be resold without the consent of the operator.
2. The Washington DC Chapter NRHS makes every effort to accommodate the physically challenged; please discuss your needs with the DCNRHS reservations agent. This tour is of an active Virginia Railway Express facility which is not normally open to the public. Tour participants must be able to stand for times in places without seating, transit over rails, walk over gravel and hard surfaces, and some climbing may be required. Areas of the tour may not be accessible. Operator requires those physically challenged individuals requiring special assistance to be accompanied by someone who is able to assist them.
3. All participants must be dressed appropriately, wearing closed, hard soled shoes (no flip flops, sandals, open shoes, athletic shoes or sneakers or high heels permitted). Participants not properly dressed will be denied entrance, and no refund will be provided.
4. Children above age 12 are welcome on this tour, however each child must be supervised by an accompanying adult. There is no separate child's fare.
5. The General Conditions for tours, trips, excursions and events as published on the DCNRHS web site (www.dcnrhs.org) apply. By making a reservation, participants agree to be bound by both the General and these specific Conditions.

RESERVE/BUY ONLINE NOW at www.dcnrhs.org: HANDLING FEE APPLIES.
For information, call 202-627-6978 or e-mail to reservations@dcnrhs.org.

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I'm ready to go! My reservation and payment are enclosed:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: day evening _____

Mobile phone (day of trip): _____

E-mail: _____

(Reservation confirmations are sent by e-mail. Please ensure your spam filter is set to accept e-mails from reservations@dcnrhs.org; contact us at this address if you do not receive confirmation within one week of booking.)

PAYMENT METHOD

Check payable to **Washington DC Chapter, NRHS**

Charge to my Visa/Mastercard:

Card No.: _____

Exp. Date (MM/YYYY): ____/____/____ CID # (from back of card) _____

Signature: _____

Please reserve the following spaces:

____ DCNRHS Member at \$ 35.00 = \$ _____

____ Nonmember at \$ 45.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT: \$ _____

ALL PARTICIPANT NAMES (Required) / DCNRHS Member No.

_____ / _____

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DCNRHS Member Number is required for the discounted Member Fare.

Reserve online at www.dcnrhs.org or mail this order form to:

WASHINGTON DC CHAPTER NRHS

c/o Chuck Ellison, Reservations Agent

8360 Greensboro Dr., #122

McLean, VA 22102-3552

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