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BUSES, BOATS, TRAINS AND TROLLEYS: RAYSTOWN LAKE AND EAST BROAD TOP RAILROAD

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2023

7:00 AM - 7:30 PM

\$175 MEMBERS/\$185 NON-MEMBERS

ENJOY THIS ALL-AROUND TRANSPORTATION EXPERIENCE WITH RIDES ON BUSES, BOATS, TRAINS AND TROLLEYS AT RAYSTOWN LAKE AND EAST BROAD TOP RAILROAD!

The largest lake that's entirely within Pennsylvania is Raystown Lake in Huntington County, covering nearly 13-square miles with 110 miles of shoreline. Since it's hard to access much of the lake without a boat, lake cruises like the Proud Mary Showboat are all the more interesting. This very informative narration offers information on the lake that was completed by the Army Corp of Engineers in 1973 (about the same time as Blue Marsh Dam) and also includes interesting history of the area. It has an enclosed lower deck with an exposed top deck, both with seating, so no matter the weather, you'll have somewhere great to enjoy spectacular Raystown Lake views!

East Broad Top Railroad is a National Historic Landmark that dates to 1972, and it is just a gem of America's industrial past. It is the only surviving three-foot gauge common carrier railroad east of the Rocky Mountains. Enjoy an hour-long scenic train ride in Pennsylvania's central region aflame with autumn colors. Next, during a guided tour of the machine shops, we will learn that the story of the railroad extends beyond its locomotives and cars; It includes the buildings, machines, tools, and people that maintained it and kept it operational. Because the East Broad Top Railroad is narrow-gauge, it required its own facilities to maintain its equipment, and thanks to extensive restoration and preservation efforts, it all still remains intact today. Then the day ends as we enjoy a nostalgic tour aboard an antique electric streetcar past historic industrial ruins and steep mountain narrows alongside the picturesque Blacklog Creek at the Rockhill Trolley Museum.

Lunch will be a choice of sandwich from Dundore and Heister Butcher and Market, Wyomissing, of rotisserie chicken salad with mixed greens on 9 grain bread, roast beef, provolone, green apple BBQ, crispy shallots on onion poppy seed brioche roll or ham, white cheddar, sweet and spicy mustard, shaved red onion on sesame potato roll.

The bus departs the Shillington Shopping Center parking lot BEHIND the PA Driver's License Center at 7 AM (please be there no later than 6:45 AM) and returns at approximately 7:30 PM. Elite Coach is our transportation provider. The price does not include the bus driver's tip. If you have any additional questions, or would like to reserve a seat, please contact Vicky Heffner, Education Curator, at 610.375.4375 (BHC), 610.413.5543 (cell) or education@berkshistory.org.

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Detach and send with check payable to the Berks History Center, Attn: Vicky Heffner, 940 Centre Avenue, Reading, PA 19601

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

Sandwich Choice: Ham _____ Chicken Salad _____ Roast Beef _____