

Saturday, October 23rd - Jim Thorpe Lunch & Train Ride

Lehigh Gorge Trains are operated by the Reading & Northern Railroad from downtown Jim Thorpe into the Lehigh Gorge State Park and runs parallel to the Lehigh River. The Lehigh Gorge Scenic Railway operates a 45 minute round trip run in the month of October.

Standard Coach is a passenger car with bus style seating and windows that open and shut. Seats can face each other, each seat can hold two people comfortably. Adults \$17, children (3-12) \$9

Open Air is a passenger car that has a roof over the top, a bench that runs down the middle, and the sides of the train car are completely open. People can get up and walk around or stand in this coach to look at the passing scenery. Adults \$20, children (3-12) \$10

There are no advance tickets sales in October. Tickets will be purchased at the ticket booth on the day of your trip. Trains run Saturday, October 23rd hourly 10am, to 5pm. There are restrooms on the train.

The Marion Hose Bar serves comfort fare in a restored firehouse and has inside and outside seating. It is a first come first serve restaurant, so the earlier we have lunch the better to beat the crowds. Of course, there is also the possibility of better lunch ideas once we get there, so we will be flexible. Jim Thorpe Fall Foliage Festival is being held on all weekends throughout the month of October with handmade arts and crafts, delicious food, free live music, children's activities and seasonal specials from local restaurants, shops and galleries.

We will meet at the Allentown Service Station, exit # 56 on the Northeast Extension (Route 476 north) at 9:45am – **departure 10:00 am**. The drive to Jim Thorpe is about 1 hour and we will be driving the Corvettes on Rt 476 up to the Lehigh area and then change over to more scenic roads the remainder of the drive. We are looking into a separate parking location for our cars.

We are sure to be among many travelers that day, so upon arrival we will buy our train tickets for **an 11:00 am or 12:00 pm ride**. We might have to split up for lunch at the Marion Hose Bar depending how many will be traveling that day. The restaurants do not take reservations and they are still short staffed. After lunch, we can explore the activities of the festival and the many shops and galleries in this old coal mining quaint town.

Please sign up on the forum. For any questions, please call Barb Pergine at 484-436-1111

