RAILROADERS MUSEUM & HORSESHOE CURVE

1200 9th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602
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Check their website for operating updates, special tours and events!

Museum Hours

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday — Sunday

Open Tuesdays June through August
Closed Holidays
The Altoona Railroaders Memorial Museum is dedicated to sharing information and celebrating the significant contributions of railroaders and their families to American life and industry. It also operates the visitor center at Horseshoe Curve National Historic Site.

For more than a century, Altoona was one of the most vital rail facilities in the United States. By the 1920s, the Altoona railroad works employed 15,000 workers, and by 1945 the PA Railroad’s facilities at Altoona had become the world’s largest rail shop complex. Because of this, Altoona and its railroads are one of the most important contributors to America’s industrial revolution.

In the interactive museum, visitors can discover information on Altoona’s long history as a railroad center, learn why the Horseshoe Curve was necessary, and discover how this engineering feat was accomplished. In addition, there are a variety of exhibits about Altoona’s history, ethnic neighborhoods, the citizens’ diverse interests and family lives, and the importance of railroads and railroaders to our country’s history.

Today, Altoona is one of the hubs of the area’s growing tourist industry. Other local attractions include the Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site, the Horseshoe Curve National Historic Landmark and the Lincoln Caverns and Whisper Rocks.

An affiliate of the Heinz History Center, The Altoona Railroaders Memorial Museum helps us appreciate our region’s heritage and our significance in the history of transportation in America.