



## Group Visits



Thank you for choosing the Illinois Railway Museum for your next group adventure! The museum looks forward to hosting your group and sharing our incredible collection of historic trains, streetcars, and equipment.

Illinois Railway Museum (IRM) offers an array of options for groups. Groups receive discounted admission rates during the museum's regular operating season.

To make your visit truly unique, you can build your own group visit by adding on docent tours, workshop visits, private train charters, and facility rentals.



In this packet you will find:

Add-ons, rates, facility rentals, and much more. Keep reading!



## Group Admission

IRM offers discounted admission to groups on the museum's open days. Groups may be scheduled on closed dates, but full admission will apply (\$3 more per person).

Group admission rates for 2024:

	Weekday	Weekend
Child (Ages 2-12)	\$8.00	\$13.00
Youth (Ages 13-17)	\$9.00	\$15.00
Adult	\$11.00	\$17.00
Senior	\$9.00	\$15.00

## Admission includes:

- Programmed train trips
- Five display barns filled with historic railway cars & equipment
- Schroeder Mercantile Store gift shop
- Model railroad exhibit gallery & Hobby Shop
- Train-themed playground

**BOOK NOW!**  
VISIT  
[WWW.IRM.ORG/  
GROUPS](http://WWW.IRM.ORG/GROUPS)



# Educational Tours & Activities

## DOCENT GUIDED TOURS

Get to know IRM with an experienced docent. Docents are available for guided tours of the museum's public display barns, which feature historic freight and passenger cars, steam and diesel locomotives.

A Barn tour is approximately 30 minutes in length. Each tour can accommodate 40 people. For groups larger than 40 people, please book more than one guided tour.

Docent tours are \$50/hour.



## SHOP PRESENTATIONS

IRM is a museum in motion, meaning our locomotives and cars actually run! To make this happen, dedicated groups of volunteers restore and maintain the historic equipment. Groups may choose to add a shop presentation to their visit to learn more about the restoration and maintenance facilities. Bookings are dependent on shop availability. Choose between:

- Electric Car Shop
- Diesel Shop
- Steam Shop

Shop presentations are \$100/hour.



Groups & Charters Department | (815) 923-4391

[WWW.IRM.ORG/GROUPS](http://WWW.IRM.ORG/GROUPS)

## Private Train Charters



On the museum's regular operating days, electric streetcars, interurbans, rapid transit trains, steam trains, and/or diesel trains run throughout the day. Rides on these programmed cars are included with admission.

Groups may choose to book a private train charter. Individual private cars may also be added to a programmed train. On non-operational days, a private charter must be booked to enjoy a train ride and includes an additional mobilization fee.

Booking is subject to volunteer train crew availability. *Museum volunteers/working members receive a 10% discount on charters.*

### 2024 RATES

	Description	Rate
Electric Streetcars	Return to Chicago's streetcar era. Streetcars run on the 1-mile loop around IRM.	From \$100/hour
Electric Interurbans	Imagine life as a Chicago commuter pre-Metra, aboard an electric interurban.	From \$175/hour
Diesel Train	Enjoy a ride from a railroad heavy hitter, the diesel-electric locomotive.	From \$275/hour
Steam Train	Go back to the railroad's heyday with a train pulled by one of IRM's steam locomotives.	From \$375/hour
Passenger Cars	Interested in a particular passenger car? Contact us to see if your favorite is available.	From \$150/hour



Groups & Charters Department | (815) 923-4391

[WWW.IRM.ORG/GROUPS](http://WWW.IRM.ORG/GROUPS)



# Facility Rentals

## HISTORIC EAST UNION DEPOT

IRM's only indoor facility rental is located in the 1851 East Union Depot. Restrooms are located in the Depot. Mainline train trips depart from outside the facility. The Depot has a capacity of 30 people.

East Union Depot costs \$75/hour.



## CENTRAL AVENUE PAVILION

The covered, outdoor Central Avenue Pavilion is conveniently located across from Central Diner and in the center of IRM's train display barns. There are 16 picnic tables located under the pavilion, with seating for up to 128. Pavilion can be cordoned off for groups.

Central Avenue Pavilion costs \$75/hour.

## FRONTAGE FIELD

For especially large groups, large grassy areas are available for tents, including the centrally located Frontage Field. Tents are not provided by IRM. Groups must use an external company for tent rentals. IRM can recommend companies, upon request.

Grassy Area costs \$50/hour.



Groups & Charters Department | (815) 923-4391

[WWW.IRM.ORG/GROUPS](http://WWW.IRM.ORG/GROUPS)