

North Shore Scenic Railroad Excursion

38th National Narrow Gauge Convention

Thank you for choosing to ride the steam excursion on the North Shore Scenic Railroad (NSSR) as part of a pre-convention activity for the 38th National Narrow Gauge convention in Minneapolis, MN. We hope that this special “all period-correct” consist will make your participation in the convention more enjoyable. Your excursion ticket also provides you admission to the Lake Superior Railroad museum, which includes one of the finest collections of railway equipment anywhere. All of these activities are housed at Duluth’s Historic Union Depot, also known locally as “The Depot”. (506 West Michigan Street, Duluth, MN)

The museum is open at 9:00am and closes at 5:00pm. The train will depart at 10:00am sharp, with or without you. When you arrive at The Depot, proceed to the northeast side of the building along South 5th Avenue to the NSSR ticket office. Your convention hosts will be there to greet you and provide you with your convention badges. (Do not use the main entrance of The Depot located on Michigan Street.) Your convention badge will be used to provide admission to the museum and will be your ticket to ride the train. There is a large parking lot at the southwest end of The Depot, which can be accessed from W Michigan Street. There is also plenty of parking in the area.

Our excursion train will be powered by Duluth & Northeastern Railroad steam engine number twenty-eight and will be pulling an all heavyweight consist. In order to get a “period correct” consist we had to make a few compromises. Baggage/Concession car #66 and the baggage portion of Combine car W24 will be set up with folding chairs. These cars will have their side doors open and will be the best place for taking photos. We would like to ask that photographers and anyone who plans to wander around the train take these seats and free up the ones in the coach for others.

A box lunch is included with your ticket and will be handed out on our way to Two Harbors. At Two Harbors the train will stop and the motive power turned for the return trip to Duluth. You have two hours to enjoy Two Harbors. The train stops at the Two Harbors Depot at the waterfront where there are views of the active Canadian National (former Duluth, Missabe & Iron Range) ore docks. There are many stores and restaurants in the area. Keep an eye on the train though. After two hours, the train will leave with or without you.

We can’t let this “all period-correct” consist go undocumented. There will be one photo run-by scheduled during the excursion. The time and location TBD.

After the excursion is over and we arrive back at The Depot you are welcome to enjoy exploring the museum until it closes at 5:00pm. There is additional un-restored equipment outside the train shed and under the car park that you are welcome to view, too.

We have made arrangements for a layout tour in Duluth after the excursion is over. Phil Keppers will be opening his HO scale Northern Pacific layout from 4:30pm to 7:00pm

and he is conveniently located just off the highway on the return trip to Minneapolis. He will also be open the night before the excursion from 7:00pm to 9:00pm too. (Directions below)

We hope that you enjoy your time in Duluth with all it's industrial heritage and many things to see and do. (Suggestions below.) Thank you for making the trek to Duluth to make this excursion happen. And thank you for participating in the 38th National Narrow Gauge Convention.

Sincerely,

Your 38th National Narrow Gauge Convention Committee.

Phil Keppers' Northern Pacific Tacoma Division

**4016 W 7th Street
Duluth, MN 55807**

**Monday, September 3rd – 7:00pm to 9:00pm
Tuesday, September 4th – 4:30pm to 7:00pm**

The HO scale Northern Pacific Tacoma Division is a model of the NP between Yakima, Washington and Auburn, Washington in the mid 1950's. The modeled section is between Ellensburg and Lester with Yakima and Auburn represented by staging. The general operating scheme is getting trains over Stampede Pass. The towns modeled are Ellensburg, Cle Elum, Roslyn, Easton, Martin and Lester. Passenger trains and freights dominate the line and there is an interchange with the Milwaukee Road. The entire layout has basic scenery with a few more detailed scenes. The motive power and rolling stock include an excellent representation of the Northern Pacific in the 1950s.

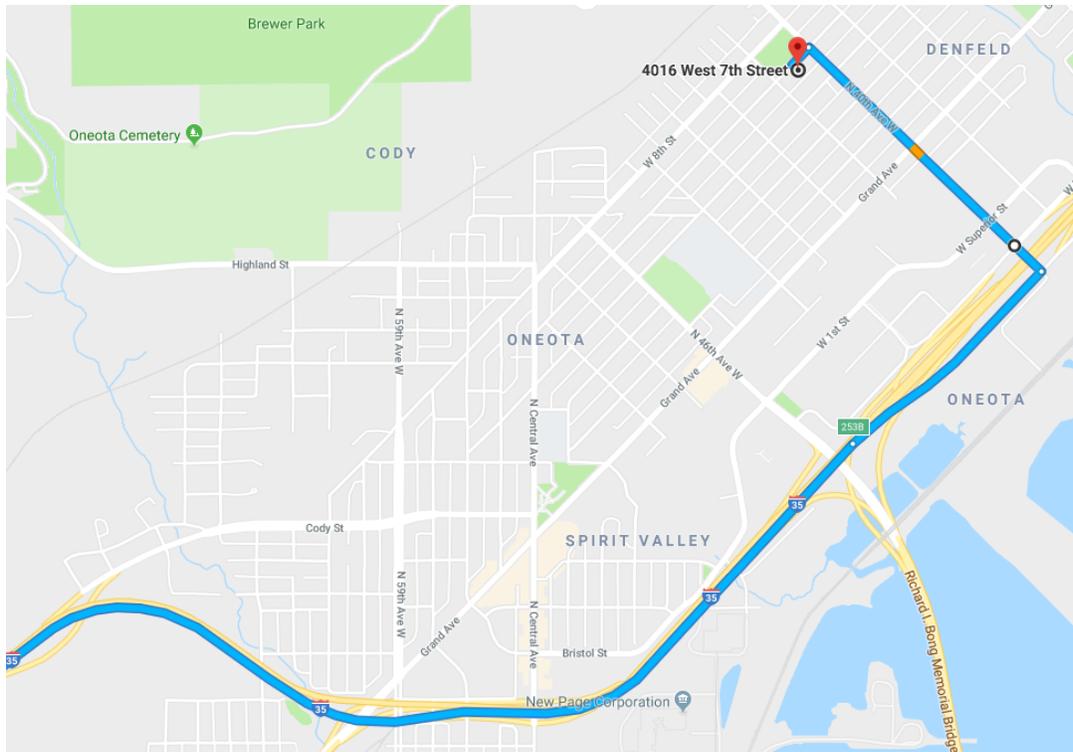
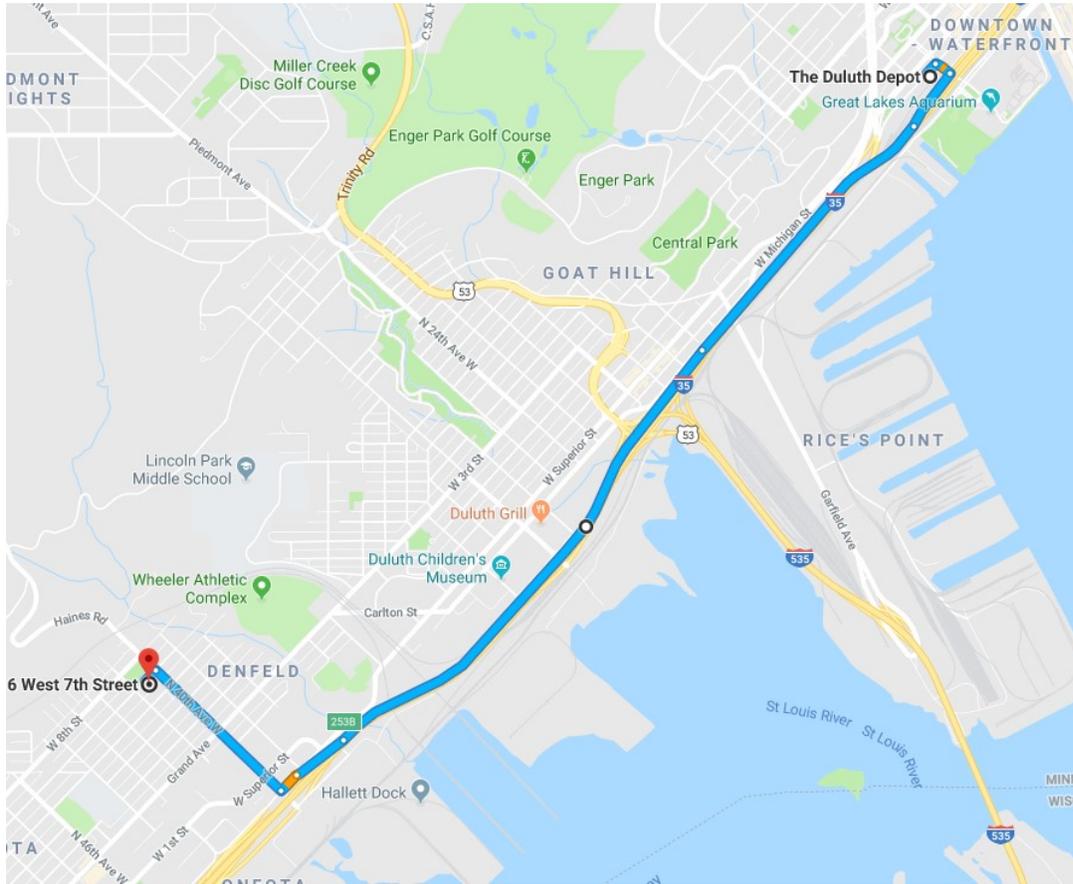
Please enter via the back door. There are stairs to the basement and the layout is not handicapped accessible.

Directions to Phil's house coming from the Twin Cities would be:

Take I-35 north to Duluth.
Take 40th Ave West exit off I-35.
Drive up the hill on 40th Ave West to West 7th Street.
Take a left on West 7th Street.
House is mid-block on the left.

Directions to Phil's house coming from The Depot would be:

Take I-35 south from downtown.
Take 40th Ave West exit off I-35.
Drive up the hill on 40th Ave West to West 7th Street.
Take a left on West 7th Street.
House is mid-block on the left.



Some things to see and do in Duluth.

Lake Superior Maritime Visitor Center

<https://lsmma.com/visitors-center/>

600 Canal Park Drive, Duluth, MN 55802

218-727-2497

Hundreds of amazing ship models and the museum is FREE.

William A. Irvin

<https://decc.org/william-a-irvin/>

350 Harbor Drive, Duluth, MN 55802

218-722-5573

Excellent tour of a former Great Lakes bulk carrier ship.

Vista Fleet Harbor Tour

<http://www.vistafleet.com/>

323 Harbor Drive Duluth, MN

218. 722. 6218

A great way to see all the water based industries in Duluth/Superior.

Richard I Bong Veteran's Historical Center

<https://www.bvhcenter.org/>

305 Harbor View Parkway

Superior, WI 54880

715-392-7151

Military and airplane museum.

SS Meteor – Whaleback Ship

<http://superiorpublicmuseums.org/s-s-meteor-2/>

300 Marina Drive, Superior WI

715-394-5712

The last whaleback ship on the great lakes

Carr's Hobby Shop

<http://carrshobbies.com/>

2009 W Superior St, Duluth, MN, 55806

218-722-7129

“Duluth’s oldest and most respected hobby and train store.”

There’s lots of shopping, restaurants and things to see and do in Canal Park and along Superior Street in downtown Duluth.

It’s worth a drive to Proctor, MN on the hill above Duluth to see where the Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range (now Canadian National) classified their ore cars for the haul down to the docks in Duluth. There are plenty of good places to railfan but remember railroad land is private property. A highway overpass at the west end of the yard offers a great overview.