

Rail Tours

NS Tour of Elkhart Hump Yard The tour bus leaves Century Center at 9:30 Friday morning for a two-hour tour of NS Roberts Yard, a very large and one of the few hump yards remaining in the east. It handles more than 70 trains and 3200 cars per day to and from destinations all over the NS system. Return to Century Center will be around 1:00pm. The tour is limited to 15 people and the bus fare is \$25.



West Michigan Railroad tour bus leaves Century Center at 9:30 Saturday morning to visit the WM in Hartford, Michigan. The WM is a former branch line of the Pere Marquette (C&O), approximately five miles in length, serving the hazardous materials, biodiesel, and agriculture industries, and interchanging with the CSX. The two-hour tour is limited to 15 people and will return to the Century Center about 2pm. The bus fare is \$25.



South Shore Michigan City Shops Tour will leave from the South Shore (NICTD) station at South Bend Airport (travel on your own) on Saturday via train 506 departing at 12:57pm (EDT), traveling to Michigan City (Carroll St) for a tour of the shops and returning on train 505 at 3:23pm (CDT), arriving in South Bend at 5:04pm. Train tickets are available from a ticket vending machine on the platform. The full round-trip fare is \$12.50, but there are discounts for seniors, youth, and families. Airport parking in the short-term lot is \$2 per hour (plan on five hours), or \$1 per hour in the long-term lot. Walk to the train platform is approximately 3-4 minutes. Travel time from the Century Center to South Bend Airport is approximately 15 to 20 minutes.



Note that because of the schedule it will not be possible to participate in both the West Michigan and South Shore tours.



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