



# ONE DAY ADVENTURE!

## Indiana Double Header

**Trip 22-A  
Saturday, May 14, 2022**



Hoosier Valley Museum Train

Track down two of Indiana’s train attractions on this one-day trip to the Hoosier State. It starts with convenient pickups at Wheaton College Ave. Station at 7:45am and Chicago Union Station at 8:30am. Continuing into the Hoosier State, our comfortable charter motor coach makes a stop en route for lunch on your own.

North Judson was a special place in northwest Indiana, crisscrossed by four Class I railroads with 125 trains a day. All were gone by the mid-1980s.

To preserve their heritage, a local group formed the Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum in 1988. Every Saturday they open their museum, a replica Chesapeake and Ohio station, and offer train rides on part of the old C&O branch line. Of their 30 pieces of rolling stock, the prize is C&O 2-8-4 “Kanawha” locomotive #2789 currently under restoration.

See the museum’s photographs and artifacts, and then climb aboard their unique excursion train for a round trip ride. Take your choice of several cabooses or an open-air sightseeing car. Motive power is usually their 1947 ALCO switcher now restored to its E-L livery (photo above). See several other switch engines when we visit their shops. Shop for HVRM souvenirs back in the station.

Visit [www.hoosiervalley.org](http://www.hoosiervalley.org) for more information.

The Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville Railway operated almost entirely in the Hoosier State. It

carried passengers and freight from Michigan City and Chicago to Indianapolis and Louisville. The road was better known as the Monon, the name of the town where its two lines crossed.

It also served the silk stocking trade to the mineral springs resorts at West Baden and French Lick, and college kids at Lafayette (Purdue) and Bloomington (Indiana University).

In 1971, the Monon was merged into the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, now part of CSX. Amtrak’s Cardinal and Hoosier State still ride 93 miles of the old Monon between Dyer and Lafayette.

Since 2005, the CI&L is remembered at the Monon Connection Museum and Whistle Stop Restaurant in its hometown. Its sign hangs from a massive railroad crane. See the museum with its eye-popping display of dining car china and silver, hundreds of lanterns, plus steam engine whistles and bells. The adjacent restaurant offers a full menu for dinner on your own, complete with a model train operating overhead.

After a full day of Hoosier railroading, our motor coach returns you to Union Station or Wheaton in mid-evening.

**Trip price includes** motor coach transportation, excursion train ride and museum admissions.

**TRIP 22-A Saturday, May 14, 2022**  
**\$130 per person non members**  
**\$124 per person members**  
*Includes motor coach transportation, admission and train ride. Afternoon meal at Whistle Stop restaurant*  
**Deadline April 30, 2022**