



B & O Railroad Museum

Saturday, April 18, 2026

Study Leader: **James Reaves'** lifelong passion for railroading began in the 1960s, watching B&O freight trains in his Baltimore neighborhood. Currently, he works with the Maryland Transit Administration, managing Track Maintenance for Baltimore's Metro Subway. He has also worked in the Light Rail track department and as an instructor for Light Rail operators. Beyond his professional roles, he has volunteered and worked at the B&O Railroad Museum, as well as at the Wilmington & Western Railroad and the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania. He holds a BA in American History from the University of Baltimore and a MA in Public History from UMBC, where his thesis focused on how railroad museums interpret African American history, particularly the experiences of Pullman Porters.

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- 8:45 a.m. Departure from Holiday Inn Capitol
- 9:10 a.m. Approximate pick-up stop at I-495, Exit 27 Carpool lot
- 10:00 a.m. Arrival at **Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Museum**
Tour with Study Leader
- 11:30 a.m. Enjoy a **train ride** along the B & O Railroad to the **Restoration Shop**
Return to **Main Campus**
- 1:15 p.m. Splendid Fare Catering boxed lunch in **Picnic Area**
Menu: *Salmon Nicoise Salad with Grilled Salmon, herbed potatoes, green beans, tomatoes, olive & hard-boiled egg on organic mixed greens served with herb vinaigrette dressing. Bottled water, brownie or cookie.*
- 2:00 p.m. Tour with Study Leader
Free time to explore the museum
- 4:00 p.m. Depart for Washington
- 4:45 p.m. Approximate drop-off at the at I-495, Exit 27 Carpool lot
- 5:15 p.m. Return to Holiday Inn Capitol