

MHA 2026 Pre-Conference Field Trip Itinerary

Weir-Pittsburg Coal Field

[Google Map with route](#)

Thursday, May 28, 2026

08:00 AM	Leave Hampton Inn for Heartlands Railroad Museum (<u>Meet Bus Near the Entrance of the Hampton Hotel in Pittsburg, KS, no later than 745am</u>)	20min
08:20 AM	Stop at Heartlands Railroad Museum Indoor and outdoor railroad historical museum complex includes restored KCS steam locomotive, multiple restored depots	60min
09:20 AM	Leave for Big Brutus Get a taste of the Mined Land Wildlife Areas (state owned properties reclaimed by KDHE Surface Mining Unit and whose habitat is now managed by the KDWP Mined Land Office).	10min
09:30 AM	Stop at Big Brutus The world's largest remaining electric shovel once operated by P&M. Site includes a museum, 30-minute film, walking tour, stories from miners who worked there, other equipment including the original hovel built from scrap and used a car motor that inspired the boom design of Big Brutus.	90m
11:00 AM	Leave for Dragline Park Will see residential development along strip pits. Drives through Girard, where the Appeal to Reason was published. Drives by Camp 50, which still has a water tower marked "Camp 50".	45min
11:45 AM	Stop at Dragline Park Presentation and tour of Page 618 Walking Dragline, its history, its relocation and restoration.	30min
12:15 PM	Leave for Miners Hall Museum	5min
12:20 PM	Stop at Miners Hall Museum - LUNCH Exhibits include Amazon Army, worker rights, immigrant families.	60min
1:20 PM	Leave for Miners Park & Heritage Hall Museum: A Coal Town Museum via "the back way"	15min
1:35 PM	Stop at Miners Park & Heritage Hall Museum: A Coal Town Museum. Mining, Italian heritage, bootlegging, and more.	60min

2:35 PM	Leave for Miners Memorial	10min
2:45 PM	Stop at Miners Memorial. Memorial to honor the miners that worked in the coal mines in the Pittsburg and surrounding areas. Includes a life-sized statue of a local miner, a mining camp map, kiosks, etc.	30min
3:15 PM	Travel to Highland Park Cemetery.	5min
3:20 PM	Stop at Highland Park Cemetery: Mass grave from 1888 Frontenac Mining Disaster. 19 total buried here - 17 of those in a mass grave at a marker.	15min
3:35 PM	Leave for Hampton Inn	10min
3:45 PM	Arrive at Hampton Inn	

Morning Driving Instructions

Total Drive Time 55 mi, **1 hour, 15 minutes**

Hampton Inn to Heartland Railroad Museum

From 1285 US-69, Pittsburg to 6769 NW 20th St, Scammon - 14 mi, 19 minutes

- Turn right onto US-160 W/US-69 S - 4.20 mi
- Turn right onto NE Scammon Rd/Katy St/Hwy 102/Roseland Blvd – 9.0 mi
- **Goes through Scammon – Location of first deep shaft mine in SEK (1874)**
- Turn left onto NW 20th St - 1,214 ft
- Arrive at Heartland Railroad Museum (on the left) – **1 hour stop**

Heartland Railroad Museum to Big Brutus via “the back way”

From 6769 NW 20th St, Scammon to 6509 NW 6th St, Columbus – 6 mi, 10 minutes

- Head north on NW 20th St toward State Hwy 102 E - 1,214 ft
- Turn left onto State Hwy 102 W - 3.00 mi
- Turn left onto NW 50th St - 0.811 mi
- **Goes by Lake Big Brutus boat ramp** - 6143 NW 50th St, Scammon, KS 66773, USA
- Head south on NW 50th St toward NW Coalfield Rd - 1,122 ft
- Turn right onto NW Coalfield Rd - 0.966 mi
- Turn right onto NW 60th St - 0.500 mi
- Arrive at Big Brutus – **1.5 hour stop**

Big Brutus to Dragline Park

From 6509 NW 60th St, Columbus to 1212 S Broadway, Franklin – 33.8 mi, 56 minutes

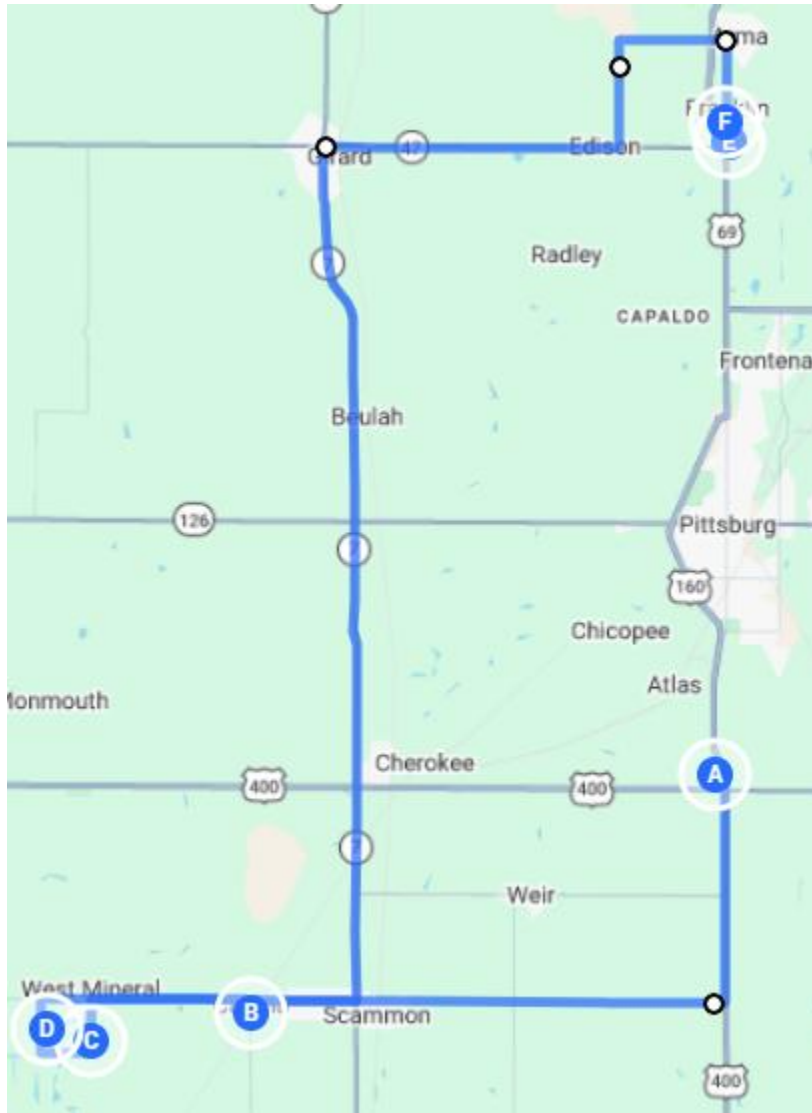
- Turn right onto NW 60th St/Richardson Ave/KS-102 - 6.0
- Turn left onto KS-7 N - 16.2 mi
- Turn right onto KS-47 E/E Sr John St - 5.5 mi
- Turn left onto N 200th St – 2.0 mi
- **Goes by Old Camp 50 water tower** (1.5 mi north of KS-47 on east side of road)
- Turn right onto E 640th Ave (go straight across US-69 into Arma) – 2.0 mi
- Turn right onto US-69 BUS/Broadway St – 2.0 mi
- Arrive at Dragline Park (on the right) – **30-minute stop**

Dragline Park to Miners Hall Museum

From 1212 S Broadway, Franklin to 701 S Broadway St, Franklin – 0.5 mi, 1 minute

- Head southwest toward US-69 BUS N - 157 ft
- Turn left onto US-69 BUS N - 0.376 mi

- Arrive at Miners Hall Museum (on the left) – 1.5 hour stop with lunch



After Lunch Driving Instructions

Total Drive Time 20 mi, **39 minutes**

Miners Hall Museum to Miners Park & Heritage Hall Museum via “the back way”

From 701 S Broadway St, Franklin to 200 E McKay St, Frontenac - 9.81 mi, 16 minutes

- Turn right onto US-69 BUS S – 0.5 mi
- Turn left onto E 620th Ave - 0.956 mi
- Turn right onto S 230th St - 2.03 mi
- Turn left onto E 600th Ave - 2.40 mi
- **Goes by Chicken Mary’s & Chicken Annie’s – turnaround at Chicken Annie’s**
- Turn left onto E 600th Ave - 958 ft
- Turn left onto S 250th St - 1.01 mi
- Turn right onto US-160 W - 2.04 mi
- Turn left onto N Cayuga St - 0.996 mi
- Turn right onto E McKay St - 705 ft
- Turn left onto S Crawford St - 125 ft
- **Miners Park on SW corner of intersection and Heritage Hall Museum on SE corner -**
1 hour

Miners Park & Heritage Hall Museum to Miners Memorial

200 E McKay St, Frontenac to 200 N Walnut St, Pittsburg - 4.56 mi, 10 minutes

- Turn right onto E McKay St - 705 ft
- Turn right onto S Cayuga St / N Rouse St – 3.0 mi
- Turn right onto KS-126 W/E 4th St - 1.16 mi
- Turn left onto N Walnut St - 643 ft
- Arrive at Miners Memorial - **30 minutes**

Miners Memorial to 1888 Mining Disaster Mass Grave at Highland Park Cemetery

200 N Walnut St, Pittsburg to 2025 S Broadway St, Pittsburg - 1.79 mi, 4 minutes

- Head south on N Walnut St toward W 2nd St - 0.891 mi
- Turn left onto W Quincy St - 758 ft
- Turn right onto S Broadway St - 0.744 mi
- Turn left into Highland Park Cemetery (2025 S Broadway St)
- Stay to the right – 800 ft
- Turn right - 800 ft
- Marker is just before the exit onto Centennial Dr - **15 minutes**

Highland Park Cemetery to Hampton Inn

2025 S Broadway St, Pittsburg to 1285 US-69, Pittsburg – 3.2 mi, 7 minutes

- Keep left to continue toward E Centennial Dr. - 390 ft
- Turn right onto E Centennial Dr. - 636 ft
- Turn left onto US-160 W/US-69 S - 2.53 mi
- Arrive at Kansas Crossing Casino / Hampton Inn & Suites

