



# Bluewater Michigan Chapter

of the National Railway Historical Society

Presents

Northern Michigan's Fall Color Tour.



## The Timberliner

Saturday and Sunday, October 2 & 3, 2010  
Two One-Day Rail Trips – Standish to Grayling

The Timberliner is offering an exciting and nostalgic weekend of passenger railroading with a pair of excursions between Standish and Grayling.

These excursions will run on Saturday and Sunday, October 2 & 3, 2010 and will depart from the recently restored Michigan Central Depot in Standish, MI. Your route will be the historic former Michigan Central line to Mackinaw City, now operated by Lake State Railway Company.

At Grayling, you'll have time to enjoy lunch at any of several restaurants waiting to serve you and stroll the downtown area with its many attractions, including the Crawford County Historical Museum (in the former MC depot), shopping and all the charms of small-town hospitality. A Train show, Swap & Display is also being hosted by The Crawford County Historical Society. Enjoy Harvestfest along Michigan Avenue in Grayling. Free shuttle buses will be available.

This special excursion train will depart each day from Standish at 9:30am. The Depot is located at 107 N. Main St., Standish, MI. Boarding will begin at 9:00am. Standish will also be hosting their annual **Depot Days**, with many of the days' entertainment taking place on the Depot grounds. Enjoy family entertainment, craft and business vendors, live entertainment and a carnival of old fashioned amusements for your enjoyment. Tours of the standing train car exhibits include a 1929 restored caboose and 2 English passenger cars that are reminiscent of the Hogwarts train in The Harry Potter series. Numerous picture opportunities await you this weekend at the annual festival.

The train will arrive in Grayling at 12:00 pm. After a pleasant day, the train will depart Grayling at 4:00 pm, and arrive back in Standish at 6:30 pm in plenty of time for you to take part in the evening festivities.

The excursion trains will include:

- Air conditioned coaches
- Cars offering beverages, snack and souvenir merchandise
- Exclusive First Class & Ultra Class sections

**Coach Class:** Coach passengers will be seated in historically accurate railroad cars from the early 1930's and 1950's. In addition, they will be able to purchase snacks. Visit the baggage car *Haverstraw Bay* to view the passing scenery through the open baggage doors.

**First Class:** Seating in recently remodeled coach cars BMCX 857 and BMCX 829, having access to Bluewater Michigan Chapter's observation lounge car 6604. Non-alcoholic drinks and snacks will be available in the observation car for purchase.

**Ultra Class** service includes exclusive use of an observation-dome-lounge car (seating areas will vary) and an elegant business coach car with separate compartments. Assignment of seating will be on first come first serve basis for Ultra Class ticket purchases. Seating in the dome area during the morning or afternoon offers hors d'oeuvres and beverages all day, lunch and dinner.

Ticket prices for this all-day package of family entertainment are:

Adult Coach - \$89, Child - \$59  
First Class No Dinner \$119  
First Class w/Dinner \$159  
Ultra Class w/Dinner \$199

Children under the age of 5 NOT occupying a seat are free\* if accompanied by an adult passenger. \*Child must sit on lap of accompanied adult passenger as no seat will be available. There is also a \$5.00 handling fee for each ticket.

Seating is limited, so order early (please indicate date of preference and other details as noted). All tickets are available from the Bluewater office (see below) and The Standish Historical Depot.

The temperatures in northern Michigan in mid-October can vary greatly. Please dress comfortably and perhaps bring an umbrella. For assistance in locating lodging or restaurants near Standish, please contact The Standish Chamber of Commerce (989) 846-STOP, [www.standishchamber.com](http://www.standishchamber.com) or contact The Standish Historical Depot (989) 718-3021.

**Notice of Cancellation:** Due to State/Railroad regulations regarding fire danger levels in Northern Lower Michigan, there is a possibility that the trip will not run. Bluewater has **no control** over this decision.

In the event that Bluewater is forced to cancel the excursion due to the decision of one of the above parties your payment will be refunded.

**IMPORTANT NOTES**

FARE FOR CHILDREN, AGES 6 – 12, IS LISTED ELSEWHERE ON THIS FLYER, AND IS APPLICABLE WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT. THERE IS ALSO A CHILD'S FARE FOR THE RAIL-ONLY PACKAGE. THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR CHILDREN 5 AND UNDER, PROVIDED THEY DO NOT OCCUPY A SEPARATE SEAT.

Ticket refunds will be granted less a 10% (minimum 5.00) per ticket service charge when requested in writing and received in the Bluewater office no less than 30 days before excursion departure date. Tickets must be returned with the request for refund. Refunds for tickets at a discount price will be refunded for no more than the discounted price (service charge still applies). Refunds will not be made once a tour begins for non-use of any element of a trip, regardless of the reason.

**Absolutely no refunds will be granted after any excursion/event.** Bluewater Michigan Chapter reserves the right to make changes in dates, schedules, accommodations, routes and transportation mode. Bluewater Michigan Chapter has no control over the various transportation and other companies providing transportation.

Persons wishing to travel together must specify this when ordering. Boarding and detraining sites used for this excursion have uneven footing and require walking several hundred feet, and some step climbing.

Tickets will be sent to you along with a boarding location map, baggage tags and other pertinent information will be mailed to you approximately two weeks before the trip.

**THIS IS A NON-SMOKING TRAIN. SMOKING IS PERMITTED ONLY AT DESIGNATED STOPS AND ONLY WHEN THE CONDUCTOR OR CAR HOST ANNOUNCES IT AS SUCH. THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IS NOT PERMITTED ON THE TRAIN.**

Boarding sites and activities associated with these excursions may require walking (possibly over uneven ground) and step climbing (possibly steep). Although Amtrak trains are handicapped accessible, the historic equipment used in some of these excursions was built many years before the advent of handicapped-accessible transportation and in most cases can not be modified. Bluewater crew members are not permitted to handle occupied wheelchairs because of potential injury to themselves or the passengers. Buses used in these excursions are not equipped with wheelchair lifts or ramps. **If you are mobility-impaired, please call and discuss available accommodations before registering.**

For more info Contact:  
Bluewater Michigan Chapter, NRHS  
800-594-5162



For Fastest Service Order On-Line:  
[www.bluewaternrhs.com](http://www.bluewaternrhs.com)

I would like tickets for: Saturday Oct 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday Oct 3 \_\_\_\_\_

**Train Ticket Class:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Coach \$ 89 \* = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Coach Child (6-12, w/Parent) \$ 59 \* = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ First Class \$119 \* = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ First Class with Dinner \$159 \* = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ultra Class with Dinner \$199 \* = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Car Name \_\_\_\_\_

\* There will be a \$5.00 per ticket handling fee added to price.

Mailing Address:  
Bluewater Michigan Chapter, NRHS  
ATTN: Timberliner  
P.O. Box 296  
Royal Oak, MI 48068  
Phone 800-594-5162.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Traveling with \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Charge: \_\_ VISA \_\_ MC \_\_ Discover

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Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_ 3 Security Digit Code \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

\*I authorize the Bluewater Michigan Chapter, NRHS to charge my credit card account for the amount listed. If you do not authorize Bluewater to perform this action you must contact us or provide an alternate means of payment. If you are late on your payment you may lose your place on the tour. Please initial the appropriate line:  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

In the event the tour does not meet its required number, your deposit/payment will be refunded.

The purchase and pickup of tickets can be made at:

The Standish Historical Depot  
107 N. Main St.  
Standish, MI 48658  
Hours: Monday – Saturday 10 am – 6 pm  
Sunday 11 am – 4 pm

Call (989) 718-3021