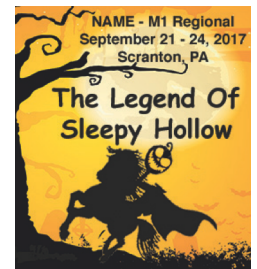




Area Attractions



Scranton, PA's pedestrian-friendly downtown is the commercial center of the city. Notable sights include the Steamtown National Historic Site, the Electric City Trolley Museum, Lackawanna County Courthouse Square, the historic Iron Furnaces, the Radisson Station Hotel (converted from the original train station), the Masonic Temple and Cultural Center, the convention center, the Houdini Museum. Of special interest to miniaturists is the Miniature Memories Model Train display at the Steamtown Mall.

The nation's first electrified trolley system was established in the city in 1886, inspiring the nickname "The Electric City." Starting in the early 1920s, the Scranton Button Company (founded in 1885 and a major maker of shellac buttons) became one of the primary makers of phonograph records. In 1946, the company was acquired by Capitol Records, which continued to produce phonograph records through the end of the vinyl era.

Many of Scranton's attractions celebrate its heritage. The Scranton Iron Furnaces, the Steamtown National Historic Site, Electric City Trolley Museum, The Lackawanna Coal Mine tour at McDade Park, and the former DL&W Passenger Station (now the Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel), all are testaments to the rich history of the area.

Museums in Scranton include the Everhart Museum in Nay Aug Park, with natural history, science and art exhibits; the Houdini Museum, featuring films, exhibits, and a stage show in a century-old building; Terence Powderly's house, a private home, is one of Scranton's many historic buildings as well as Steamtown, the city's other national historic landmark. The Lackawanna Historical Society focuses on the history of Lackawanna County; and the Tripp House, built in 1771, is the oldest building in the city.

For recreation, there is Montage Mountain Ski Resort, Nay Aug park is the largest of several parks in Scranton and was designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, who also designed Central Park in Manhattan. Scranton's primary concert venue is the Toyota Pavilion at Montage Mountain, a partially covered amphitheater that seats 17,500. Scranton Cultural Center at the Masonic Temple is a beautiful example architecture. It hosts the Northeast Philharmonic, Broadway Theater and other touring performances.

