

WELCOME TO THE N.C. TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM



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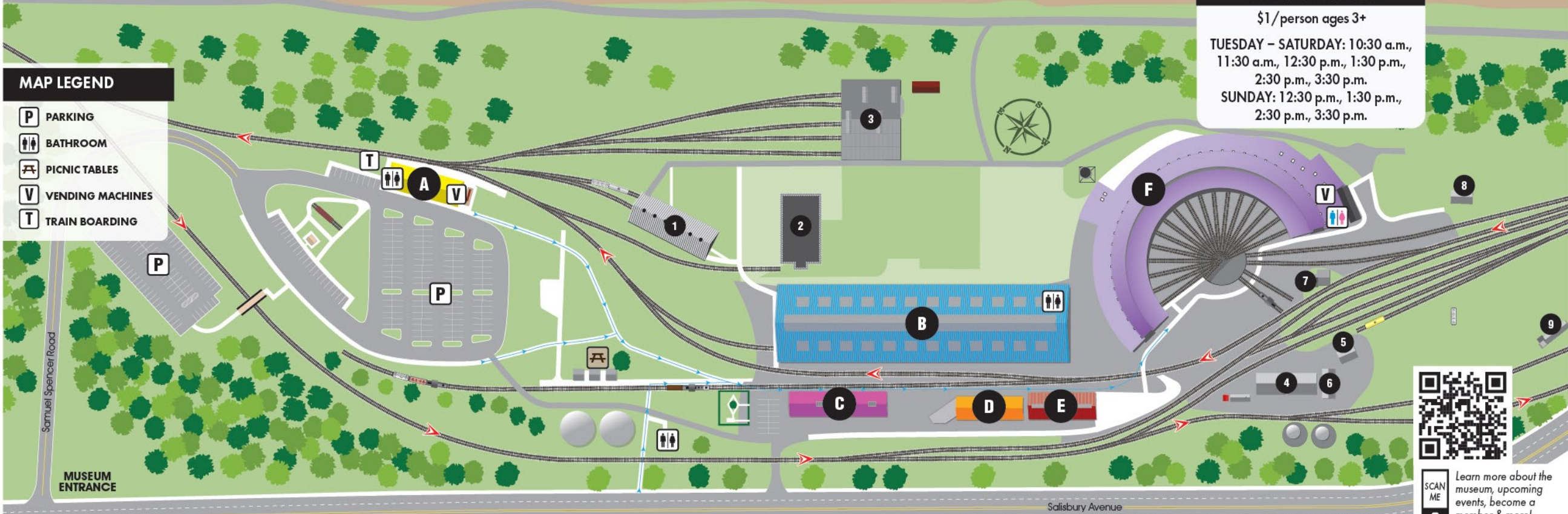
→ TO ATLANTA, GA

MAP LEGEND

- P** PARKING
- B** BATHROOM
- PT** PICNIC TABLES
- V** VENDING MACHINES
- T** TRAIN BOARDING

TURNTABLE RIDES

\$1/person ages 3+
TUESDAY – SATURDAY: 10:30 a.m.,
 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m.,
 2:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m.
SUNDAY: 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m.,
 2:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m.



SCAN ME
 Learn more about the museum, upcoming events, become a member & more!

A BARBER JUNCTION (1898)
 Barber Junction, built in the small Rowan County town of the same name in 1898, was gifted and moved to the museum in 1980. The building was renovated and dedicated in 1996, becoming the museum's Visitor Center and first point of contact for visitors. The museum's on-site train ride departs from this building.



B BACK SHOP (1905)
 The immense Back Shop structure was built in 1905 and served as the major overhaul facility for steam locomotives. The largest structure on the site and once the largest industrial building in North Carolina, two to three locomotives per week emerged as new from the Back Shop during its peak. The building is open to the public on the south end.



C MASTER MECHANIC'S OFFICE (1911)
 The Master Mechanic's Office, once housed the head of operations for Spencer Shops. Today, the building houses temporary and traveling exhibits, hosting rentals, providing programming, and special event activity space. The Gift Station is located in this building, offering souvenirs, light snacks, and cold beverages for sale.



D STOREHOUSE NO. 3 (1896)
 The oldest structure on site, it is primarily used for storage and special events.

E FLUE SHOP (1924)
 The Flue Shop was used to repair the flues, or pipes, used in steam locomotive boilers. The building now houses the Bumper to Bumper auto exhibit, a collection of antique vehicles from a 1901 steam powered car, to Model As and Ts, with roadsters and modern cars, tracing the evolution of autos in North Carolina.



F ROUNDHOUSE & TURNTABLE (1924)
 The 37-stall Bob Julian Roundhouse, one of the largest remaining such structures, is one of the few preserved roundhouses remaining in the country. Home to some 40 restored locomotives and rail cars, in 2011, the Roundhouse and Turntable were named a Historic Mechanical Engineering Landmark by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Exhibits at the Roundhouse focus on the lives of the people who made Spencer Shops run and the history of railroads in North Carolina. Aviation exhibits are also displayed. Stop by the orientation room to get a map of the building, watch the film, and take a spin on the 100-foot turntable.



OTHER SPENCER SHOPS BUILDINGS

- 1 Paint Shop (1902)
- 2 Powerhouse (1896)
- 3 Car Repair Shed (1917)
- 4 Oil House (1913)
- 5 Icehouse
- 6 Radio Shop
- 7 Roundhouse Office (pre-1940's)
- 8 Wheel Balancing Shed (pre-1940's)
- 9 Sand House (1913)