

FAMOUS AUTUMN TRAIN EXCURSION THROUGH THE SMOKY MOUNTAINS



All Aboard

★ Saturday September 26, 2026 ★

On Saturday, September 26, 2026, the Watauga Valley Railroad Historical Society and Museum will sponsor a train excursion on the *Great Smoky Mountains Railroad*. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and enjoy the beauty of the early Autumn season while riding the rails in vintage passenger railroad cars.

The one-day excursion will cover most of the operating trackage of the *Great Smoky Mountains Railroad*. The track follows the route of the former Southern Railway's Murphy Branch Line, established in 1891, with its five percent grade and many bridges. Our scenic rail excursion takes us from the historic depot in Bryson City, NC, through the beautiful countryside of Western North Carolina, into the breathtaking Nantahala Gorge surrounded by the majestic Smoky Mountains, and back to Bryson City. Much of the route hugs the banks of the Little Tennessee and Nantahala Rivers. It crosses Fontana Lake on a trestle spanning 780 feet, 100 feet above the lake.

Passengers ride comfortably in First Class, Premium Open-Air Class, Crown Class, Tourist Coach, or Open-Air cars. All classes offer seating in classic antique restored passenger cars. There are restrooms throughout the train.



🍁 **FIRST CLASS:** \$165 Includes Meal - 21 & up only
Cars are climate-controlled, feature large windows, lounge-car seating and served a meal by car attendants.

🍁 **PREMIUM OPEN AIR CLASS:** \$165 Includes Meal - 21 & up only
Car features assigned seating in a car with unobstructed views, high-density walls, and a roof above to protect passengers from the elements. A meal is served by the car's attendant.

🍁 **CROWN CLASS:** \$120/Adult: \$87/child ages 2-12
Cars offer large windows and climate control for passenger comfort.

🍁 **TOURIST COACH CLASS:** \$105/Adult \$86/Child
Cars have ceiling fans and windows that open and close for fresh air viewing.

🍁 **OPEN-AIR COACH:** \$107/Adult \$88 /Child
Cars are great for picture-taking and experiencing the ride and scenery.

CHARTERED BUS SERVICE OFFERED FROM JOHNSON CITY, TN

For tickets & more information go to: www.wataugavalleynrhs.org



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COME CELEBRATE AUTUMN IN THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS!