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HISTORIC TRAIN EXCURSIONS COAST TO COAST

BY MELODY GROVES

From North Carolina to California, Montana to Texas, "ridin' the rails" is reminiscent of days gone by, when trains were the fastest mode of transportation. Passengers sat back, relaxed and marveled at the scenery or engaged in delightful conversation with fellow travelers. Those days are not gone, and now you can enjoy them, too.



Santa Cruz Beach Train, Roaring Camp Railroads, Felton, CA

Courtesy Roaring Camp Railroads

FELTON, CALIFORNIA

Named for San Francisco Judge John B. Felton, this historic logging community (SantaCruzMountains.com) served as the lower terminus of the San Lorenzo Valley Logging Flume. Expanded by a rail line transporting logs to the Santa Cruz wharf, lime kilns and forests in this area provided repair materials for the 1906 San Francisco earthquake.

The area's first railroad, Santa Cruz & Felton, began carrying tourists to the Big Trees and the beach in 1875. Roaring Camp Railroads (RoaringCamp.com) offer two excursions—Redwood Forest Steam Train and the Santa Cruz Beach Train.

Using 1890 steam engines, the trains travel over trestles, through redwood groves and up a winding 9.5-percent grade to Bear Mountain summit. Conductors narrate the use of narrow-gauge steam locomotives.

The Beach Train departs Santa Cruz Mountains, travels through Redwoods State Park, down the San Lorenzo River Gorge, across a 1909 steel truss bridge and through an 1875 tunnel, arriving at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk.



Redwood Forest Steam Train, Roaring Camp Railroads, Felton, CA

Courtesy Roaring Camp Railroads

SEEING AND DOING

The unique Bigfoot Discovery Museum (BigfootDiscoveryProject.com) showcases facts about mystery primates, including Bigfoot. San Lorenzo Valley Museum (SLVMuseum.com) is housed in an historic church.

Stroll across the pedestrian-only 1892 Felton Covered Bridge, believed the tallest such bridge in the U.S. Nature enthusiasts can explore the Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park offering many outdoor activities.

EATING AND SLEEPING

With "portions big enough for a cowboy," the Cowboy Bar & Grill (FeltonCowboy.com) serves food ranging from prawns to tacos. "One of the legends of the Santa Cruz Mountains" is Monty's Log Cabin (Montys-Log-Cabin.edan.io).

Fern River Resort (FernRiver.com) offers views of the river and redwoods. Brookdale Lodge (BrookdaleLodge.com) tenders newly renovated rooms set among redwoods. The beer garden and bar host weekend and holiday events.

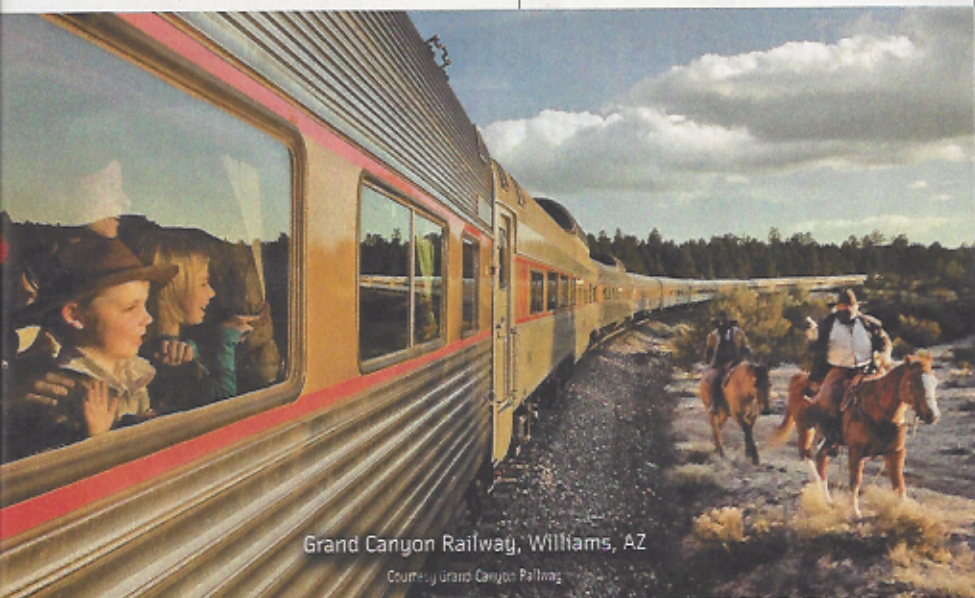
WILLIAMS, ARIZONA

Gateway to Grand Canyon National Park, Williams (WilliamsAZ.gov) lies in the Kaibab National Forest and on historic Route 66. Shops and restaurants from the early 1900s line the main street.

Blending adventure, history and the area's culture, a ride on the Grand Canyon Railway (TheTrain.com) delivers passengers to Grand Canyon's South Rim. Watch terrain change from high desert to pine and experience sunrise or sunset over the Grand Canyon.

SEEING AND DOING

"Walk through Williams and you'll find it's a Route 66 Open Air Museum," reports a local. Pete's Route 66 Gas Station Museum, housed in an old station, contains a collection of vintage vehicles.



Grand Canyon Railway, Williams, AZ

Courtesy Grand Canyon Railway

Drive through Bearizona (Bearizona.com) wildlife park and see animals rescued from across the country. Bill Williams Monument Park stands in tribute to the town's founder.

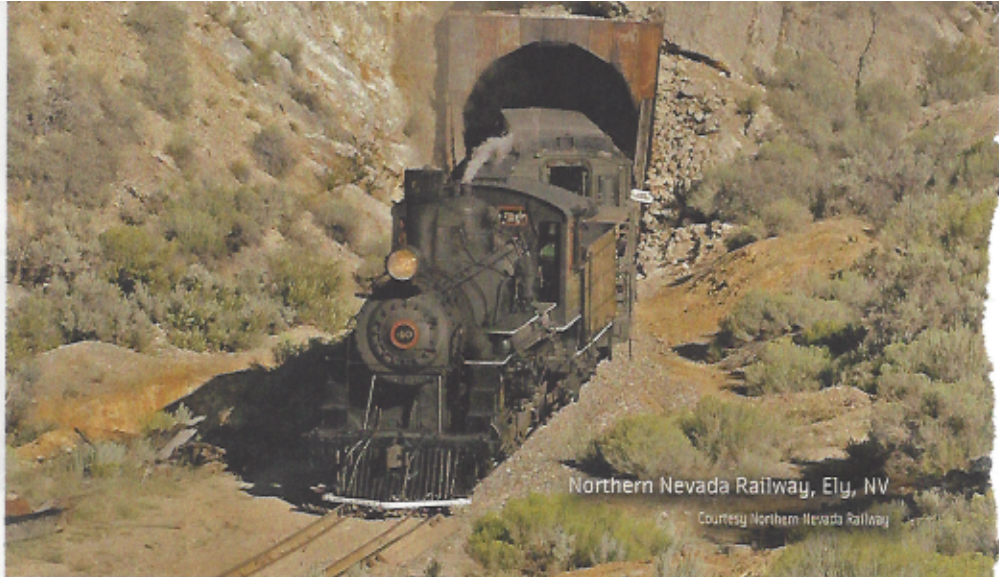
EATING AND SLEEPING

In downtown the Red Raven Restaurant (RedRavenRestaurant.com) offers fine casual dining. Grand Canyon Brewery (GrandCanyonBrewery.com) features locally brewed beer.

Visitors can rest at the Red Garter Inn (RedGarter.com), an historic four-room inn which began life in 1897 as an upstairs brothel and ground-floor saloon. Twelve-foot ceilings and antique furnishings capture the 1890s atmosphere.

Trapper's Rendezvous B&B boutique hotel (TrappersAZ.com) has six cabins on five acres. Next door to the train station, the 298-room Grand Canyon Railway Hotel (TheTrain.com) features a pool and hot tub.

At Wild West Junction (WildWestJunction.com), stay in a Western-themed room at the Drover's Inn. Enjoy Western hospitality and a cold beverage at the Long Horn Saloon. Try the Branding Iron Restaurant next door for amazing BBQ.



Northern Nevada Railway, Ely, NV

Courtesy Northern Nevada Railway

ELY, NEVADA

Founded as a stagecoach and Pony Express stop, Ely, Nevada (ElyNevada.org) became a copper mining boom camp in 1906.

Exchanging stagecoaches for a train, The Nevada Northern Railway (ElyNevada.net), a working steam-engine passenger train, travels through ghost towns and mines offering a variety of trips. The Northern Railway Museum (NNRY.com) includes restoration and operation of historic railroad equipment.

SEEING AND DOING

Experience what it was like, how it worked at the East Ely Railroad Depot (ElyRailroadMuseum.org). Guided tours of the rail yards complete the day. Visit White Pine Public Museum (WPMuseum.org) featuring original settlers, Shoshone Indians, gold rushes and Pony Express.

Ward Charcoal Ovens State Historic Park (Parks.NV.gov) protects 19th-century beehive-shaped charcoal ovens. Spend time at Renaissance Village where six restored historic houses

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EATING AND SLEEPING

The Cellblock Restaurant (JailhouseCasino.com) takes visitors back to Wild West days. Nardi's Homestyle Restaurant (NardisFamilyRestaurant.com) serves healthy meals and plant-based food. Shooters Bar & Grill (ShootersBarGrill.business.site) serves stir fry to burgers. Racks Bar & Grill (RacksBarMevada.com) offers a full-service restaurant with an outdoor courtyard.

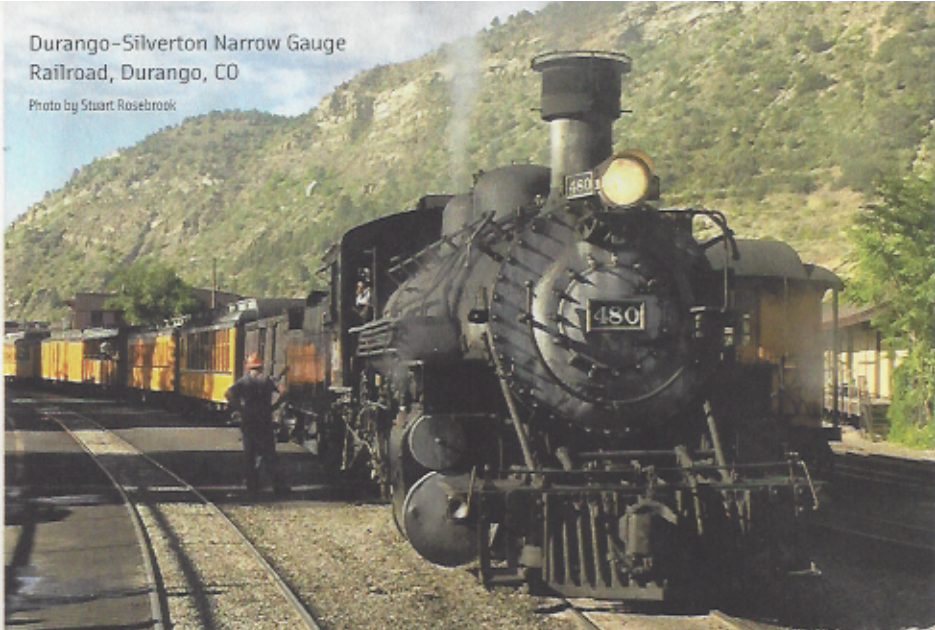
Now offering lodgings, Nevada's oldest brothel and bar, the 1880 Big 4 Ranch (Lodging-World.com), provides five generously appointed rooms. The tallest building in the state for years, Hotel Nevada and Gambling Hall (HotelNevada.com) remains in its original glory, but with modernized amenities.

DURANGO, COLORADO

Chosen as an 1880 site for railroad facilities, by 1895 Durango (Durango.org) had mushroomed into a town of restaurants, saloons, and hotels. Railroad aficionados will enjoy riding the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge (DurangoTrain.com). This 1882, 45-mile track,

Durango-Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad, Durango, CO

Photo by Stuart Rosebrook



travels mountains and canyons from Durango to Silverton.

SEEING AND DOING

Tucked behind the depot, the Railroad Museum (DurangoTrain.com) features the history of railroading, transportation and mining. Chronicling the story of the Ute people, the Southern Ute Museum (SouthernUteMuseum.org) has photos, tipi replicas, a cabin and a schoolroom. The Animas

Museum (AnimasMuseum.org) is housed in a transformed 1904 Animas City School.

Sorrel Sky Gallery (SorrelSky.com) showcases jewelry, paintings and sculptures. Earthen Vessel Gallery (EarthenVessel.com) offers unique ceramic, jewelry, glass and mixed-media art.

Accessible by car or train, Silverton (SilvertonColorado.com) is snuggled in the San Juan Mountains' ancient caldera bowl. A year-round recreation destination, the area offers

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Georgetown
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trails, camping, panning, skiing, snowboarding, river rafting, and more.

For over 700 years, Ancestral Pueblo people built communities on the mesas and cliffs of Mesa Verde (48 miles west of Durango). Today, 26 Pueblos and Tribes offer visitors a window to the past, notably the massive Cliff Palace.

EATING AND SLEEPING

Animas Brewing Company (AnimasBrewing.com) offers a brewpub inside a cabin and serves Irish-influenced food. You can't get more "cowboy" than spending an evening at the Bar D Chuckwagon Supper (BarDChuckwagon.com)

where singing along with the Bar D Wranglers is encouraged. Family-friendly cowboy supper is served on tin plates.

The Strater Hotel (Strater.com) has it all. In addition to 88 unique, period-appointed Victorian rooms, the 1887 Strater offers fine dining at the Mahogany Grille. Ingredients are sourced from local family-owned farms and ranches.

Durango's 1898 Victorian hotel, The General Palmer (GeneralPalmerHotel.com), sits next to the train station. Rochester Hotel's (RochesterHotel.com) guest rooms are decorated with Western charm.

GEORGETOWN, COLORADO

"The Silver Queen of the Rockies" has grown from a silver mining camp into a lively small town. Well-preserved buildings reflect its 1859 founding.

The 1884 Georgetown Loop Railroad (GeorgetownLoopRR.com), considered a marvel of its time, is a narrow-gauge heritage railroad running between Georgetown and Silver Plume. The 4.5-mile trip ascends 640 feet through Rocky Mountain terrain.

SEEING AND DOING

Little has changed since Georgetown's mining days. The Hotel de Paris Museum (HotelDeParisMuseum.org) is a former 1875 French inn. The Hamill House Museum (HistoricGeorgetown.com) interprets 19th-century residential living. Georgetown Energy Museum (GeorgetownEnergyMuseum.org) is in a fully functioning and operational hydroelectric generating plant.

The oldest co-op in Colorado, Georgetown Fine Art Gallery (GeorgetownGalleryCo.com), displays works by Colorado artists. Grizzly Creek Gallery (GrizzlyCreekGallery.com) sells photography of Colorado and Southwestern scenes.

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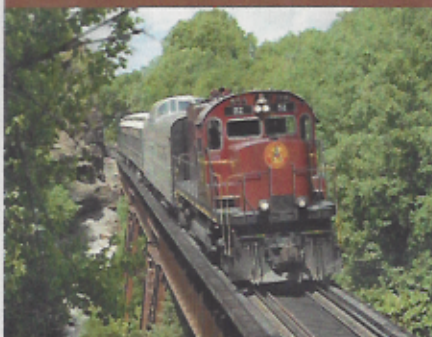
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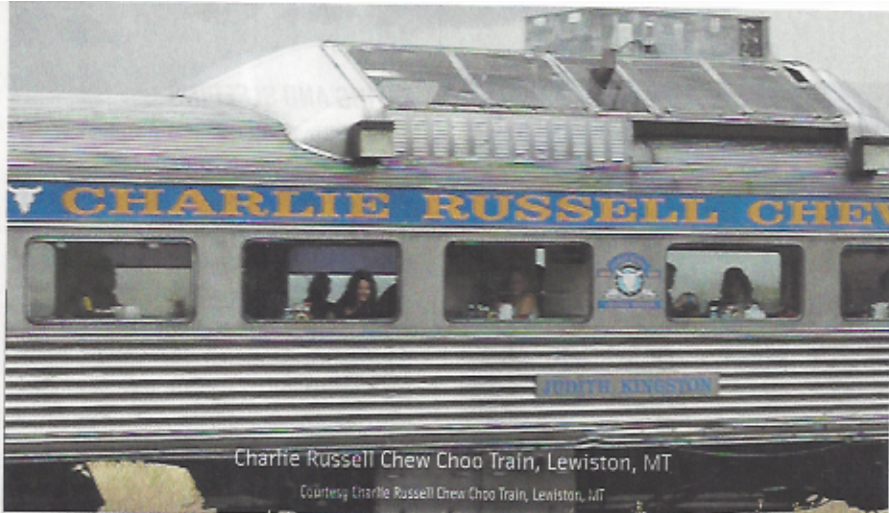
EATING AND SLEEPING

Locally owned Cooper's on the Creek (CoopersOnTheCreek.com) serves lunch, dinner and pub fare—pizza, sandwiches and Italian basics all made from scratch. The Alpine Restaurant and Bar (AlpineRestaurantGeorgetown.com) offers live music. On Georgetown Lake, family-friendly Cabin Creek Brewing (CabinCreekBrewing.com) offers foods, beer and cocktails.

Recharge at the Georgetown Lodge (GeorgetownLodge.com). The Hotel Chateau Chamonix's (HotelChateauChamonix.com) luxury lodging offers a "touch of Europe." The Silver Lake Lodge (TheSilverLakeLodge.com), for "romantic adults only," is nestled in the Rocky Mountains in nearby Idaho Springs.

LEWISTON, MONTANA

An agricultural community at the center of Montana, Lewiston (EnjoyLewistown.com) features well-preserved historic businesses and



Charlie Russell Chew Choo Train, Lewiston, MT

Courtesy Charlie Russell Chew Choo Train, Lewiston, MT

homes. Train enthusiasts enjoy the 46-mile Charlie Russell Chew Choo excursion (MontanaDinnerTrain.com) which includes a full-course meal, live music and Western entertainment as riders travel through Big Sky country. The train cars are 1950s vintage stainless steel and travel on a 1912 spur track.

SEEING AND DOING

Charles Marion Russell lived the Western life he captured on canvas. The C.M. Russell Museum (CMRussell.org) in nearby Great Falls shares his life through his work and that of other artists. Central Montana Historical Museum (VisitMT.com)

features displays and photos celebrating the central area of the state.

Day trippers can retrace the path explorers Lewis and Clark (VisitMT.com) took as they paralleled the Missouri and Yellowstone Rivers. Or visit Bear Gulch (BearGulch.net), 27 miles southeast of Lewiston, a well-preserved pictographs and petroglyphs site with guided tours.

The 37th annual Montana Cowboy Poetry Gathering, set for August 11-14, 2022, (MontanaCowboyPoetryGathering.com) celebrates Western ranching lifestyle and the heritage of the American Cowboy of the Upper Rocky Mountains.

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An inviting coffee shop atmosphere at the 406 Café (406Cafe.com) features breakfast and lunch. Central Feed Grilling Company (CentralFeedGrillingco.com) is a steakhouse, wine bar and craft beer haven under one roof.

The Yogo Inn (YogoInn.com) features a year-round heated indoor pool and spa. Perfect for the business traveler, The Calvert Hotel (TheCalvertHotel.com) offers a "Grab and Go" breakfast. For something unusual, stay at the Montana Bunkhouse (MontanaBunkhouse.com), a converted old schoolhouse, now cabin, perfect for special events or visitors wanting to "get away."

AUSTIN, TEXAS

Full of history, Austin (AustinTexas.org), a melting pot of cultures, is a hub for technological businesses and musical experiences.

Austin Steam Train (AustinSteamTrain.org) runs three routes on vintage cars from the '30s, '40s and '50s on 1882 lines. Choose from the 66-mile Hill Country Flyer, the 44-mile Bertram Flyer or the Sunset Express, which follows the Bertram Flyer route.

SEEING AND DOING

The Central Texas Hill Country town of Driftwood (AustinTexas.org) is resplendent with farm tours, wine tasting, wildlife, hills, Texas Oaks, walking trails, restaurants and breweries. Seventy-five miles west of Austin, Fredericksburg (VisitFredericksburgTX.com) displays its 1846 German heritage with museums, cuisine, music and residents who speak "Texas German."

Bullock Texas State Museum (TheStoryOfTexas.com), a few blocks north of the state capitol, interprets the "Story of Texas." One of the largest university art museums, the Blanton Museum of Art (BlantonMuseum.org) displays a collection of over 21,000 works.

View collectible art at the Prickly Pear Galleries (PricklyPearGalleries.com) located

in Driftwood. Austin's Shelton Smith Art Gallery (SheltonSmith.com) features Western art, Native American antiques and Western Americana.

EATING AND SLEEPING

Vic & Al's (VicAndAls.com), is a third-generation restaurant, that serves up Southern Louisiana and Texas Gulf Coast cuisines. Blue Corn Harvest Bar & Grill in Cedar Park and Georgetown, support local farms and distilleries.

Stay at the 189-room historic Driskill Hotel (DriskillHotel.com) in the heart of downtown Austin. For relaxed European elegance with vintage furnishing, enjoy the 10-acre retreat, the Commodore Perry Estate (AubergeResorts.com). Located in the heart of Austin, Stephen F. Austin Royal Sonesta Hotel (Sonesta.com) sports an Art Deco facade and sophisticated decor.

ABILENE, KANSAS

Home of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Abilene (AbileneKansas.org) began as a stagecoach stop in 1857. Ten years later, the railroad came through; the town mushroomed as the Chisolm Trail cowboys ended their drive there, making Abilene a railhead.

Enjoy a ride aboard the Abilene Smoky Valley Railroad Train (AbileneKansas.org) pulled by a 1919 Baldwin Santa Fe steam engine. Ride the 10.5-mile trip through the Smoky Hills River Valley in an open-air car or dine aboard the dinner train.

SEEING AND DOING

Spend a day at Old Abilene Town (OldAbileneTown.org) filled with Old West reenactors, cattle drives and entertainers. Tour the 1905 Seelye Mansion (SeelyeMansion.org) containing many original features—11 bedrooms, a ballroom, bowling alley, dining room and music room with a Steinway piano.



Austin Steam Train,
Austin, TX

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RAILROAD MUSEUMS NOT TO MISS

Nevada Train Museum Carson City, NV

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Arizona State Railroad Museum

Williams, AZ • AZStateRRMuseum.org

Golden Gate Railroad Museum

Redwood, CA • GGRM.org

East Ely Railroad Depot Museum

Ely, NV • GreatBasinHeritage.org

Nevada State Railroad Museum

Carson City, NV • NSRM-Friends.org

Utah State Railroad Museum

Ogden, UT • TheUnionStation.org

Colorado Railroad Museum

Golden, CO • ColoradoRailroadMuseum.org

Pueblo Railway Museum

Pueblo, CO • PuebloRailway.org

Galveston Railroad Museum

Galveston, TX • GalvestonMuseum.com

Ridgway Railroad Museum

Ridgway, CO • RidgwayRailroadMuseum.org

Museum of the American Railroad

Frisco, TX • MuseumOfTheAmericanRailroad.org

The St. Louis Museum of Transportation

St. Louis, MO • TransportMuseumAssociation.org

The Durham Museum

Omaha, NE • DurhamMuseum.org

Golden Spike Tower & Visitors Center

North Platte, NE • GoldenSpikeTower.com

Tennessee Valley Railroad

Chattanooga, TN • TVRail.com

Northern Pacific Railway Museum

Toppenish, WA • NPRYMuseum.org

Kettle Valley Steam Railway

Summerland, BC • KettleValleyRail.org

Amarillo Railroad Museum

Amarillo, TX • AmarilloRailMuseum.com

Arkansas Railroad Museum

Pine Bluff, AR • ArkansasRailroadMuseum.org

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The Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library (EisenhowerLibrary.gov) features Kansas, World War II history and Eisenhower's story. An 11-foot bronze statue of Eisenhower greets visitors. Making history a lot of fun, the Dickinson County Heritage Center (DickinsonCountyHistoricalSociety.com) houses a buffalo head, hand-carved carousel, pioneer cabin's cookstove, horse-drawn fire engine and other items from the past.

EATING AND SLEEPING

A family restaurant serving home-cooked meals, the Hitching Post Restaurant and Saloon (AbileneKansas.org) offers take-out and dine-in. "A small-town gem," Joe Snuffy's Old Fashioned Grill (AbileneKansas.org), home of the Chisholm Trail Steak, serves breakfast and lunch.

Built in 1887 and close to museums and downtown Abilene, the Victorian Inn B&B (AbileneVictorianInn.com) serves a gourmet breakfast. This was the home of Eisenhower's boyhood friend Swede Hazlett. A mission arts and crafts home, the 1910 Historic Engle House B&B (EngleHouse.com) offers elegant rooms and tasty meals.

SPRINGDALE, ARKANSAS

"Poultry Capital of the World," Springdale (SpringdaleAR.gov), is nestled on the Springfield Plateau, deep in the Ozark Mountains.

Experience the area with a trip on the Arkansas & Missouri Railroad (AMTrainRides.com). A variety of tours offer day-long rides and shorter trips, taking visitors through tunnels, over trestles and through the Ozarks.

SEEING AND DOING

Explore life on the frontier and Indian Territory at Fort Smith Historic Site (NPS.gov) located in Fort Smith. Visit historic buildings and displays. Spend time in the heart of the Ozarks at Eureka Springs (EurekaSprings.org), where Victorian homes hug cliff sides and the entire downtown is listed on the Register of Historic Places.

Ed Cooley Gallery (EdCooleyGallery.com) in Rogers represents work from award-winning photographer Ed Cooley with over 500,000 images. At Art Ventures (ArtVentures-mwa.org) in Fayetteville, the educational organization provides access to art for everyone.

Learn about the history and culture of north-west Arkansas at the Shiloh Museum of Ozark History (ShilohMuseum.org). Explore exhibits and six historic buildings on the museum's grounds. Outdoorsmen will enjoy visiting the 61-acre Ozark Highlands Nature Center (AGFC.com) to learn about the area's nature and outdoor recreation. Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in Bentonville (CrystalBridges.org) offers art, tours, exhibitions, a museum and nature trails.

EATING AND SLEEPING

Wright's Barbecue (WrightsBarbecue.com) in Johnson and Fayetteville believes true barbecue flavor uses an open-flame wood pit. Susan's Restaurant (SusansAr.com) in Springdale serves breakfast and lunch and says it's "internationally famous here locally." Try the MarketPlace Grill (MarketPlaceGrill.com) for lunch or dinner.

Rest at Springdale's Inn at the Mill (InnAtTheMill.com), where "past meets the

present." In Fayetteville, stay at "The University's Front Porch," the boutique Inn at Carnal Hall (InnAtCarnalHall.com).

BRYSON CITY, NORTH CAROLINA

Gateway to Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Bryson City (BrysonCityNC.gov) is an outdoor adventurer's paradise, offering fly fishing, arts, local breweries and the Smoky Mountains Railroad.

Completed in 1883, a branch of the Southern Railway connected small towns. Today, Great Smoky Mountains Railroad (GSMR.com) operates excursions to various destinations using two Baldwin steam locomotives. The route passes through fertile valleys, a tunnel and across Smoky Mountains river gorges.

SEEING AND DOING

Camp, hike or fish the Deep Creek area (NPS.gov), celebrated for its many streams and waterfalls. Or travel the Road to Nowhere (AtlasObscura.com), a six-mile unfinished road from Bryson City to Deals Gap that ends at a quarter-mile-long tunnel.

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Great Smoky Mountains Railroad, Bryson City, NC

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Watch artisans make pottery or browse the gallery at Sawmill Creek Pottery (TripAdvisor.com) in Bryson City. Great Smoky Mountain Trains Museum (GSMR.com) has a collection of 7,000 Lionel engines, cars and accessories in an operating layout. Located in the downtown 1908 historic courthouse, Swain County Heritage Museum (SwainHeritageMuseum.com) offers photos, exhibits and videos about the life of early settlers. Fly Fishing Museum of the Southern Appalachians (FlyFishingMuseum.org) exhibits equipment and the history of Southeast fly fishing.

EATING AND SLEEPING

Loretta's Snak Shak offers budget-friendly meals of burgers, soups and pasta salads. Serving hamburgers, hotdogs, ribs, chicken and more. Bar-B-Que Wagon is a Bryson City staple.

Close to downtown and the trains, the Fryemont Inn (FryemontInn.com) offers front-porch views of the Great Smoky Mountains from its historic lodge. Breakfast and dinner are served at the dining room.

Enjoy views from the deck running behind Riverbend Lodge (RiverbendLodging.com). Try wading, fishing and kayaking from the motel. Known for unfussy and unpretentious accommodations, the Lakeview at Fontana (LakeviewAtFontana.com) offers treetop soaking cabanas nestled in nature.



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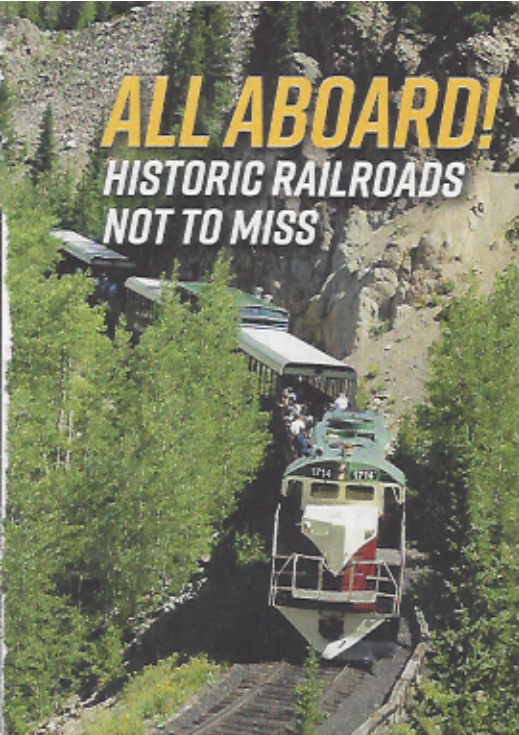
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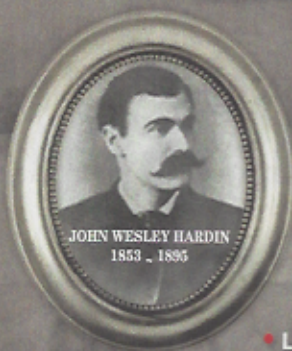
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