

Overview

We are pleased to offer a fall Amtrak excursion train again this year. For operating details, schedules and prices, please see the other side of this flyer.

We are only able to provide a very limited food service consisting of light snacks and beverages: no hot foods can be provided. Food will be available at our destinations. Information will be sent with ticket orders. On board, a limited souvenir service is offered.

Boarding and detraining sites may well have uneven footing, and walking is required at all locations. Passengers with limited mobility need to be aware of these limitations and expect situations and be prepared to deal with such.

Handicapped Passengers: Due to the historic nature of much of the rail equipment utilized, the train is not generally handicap accessible. The coaches are better equipped, but we must know of your need in advance. We will make every effort to assist you. If you are traveling in a wheelchair or other such devices, you are responsible for providing any person(s) necessary to assist in loading, unloading or onboard mobility.

Lodging Assistance

We highly recommend making advance reservations at any area hotels or motels during this weekend. Due to the many activities in the area, it is sometimes difficult to reserve a room at a late date.

A list of hotels will be included in the trip instructions sent with your tickets. For further lodging information and assistance, you may contact the Roanoke Convention and Visitors Bureau at (540) 342-6025. or at www.VisitRoanokeVa.com.

In Roanoke for the weekend? Take a look at some of these activities available :

- Enjoy a stay at exquisite Hotel Roanoke directly across the street from the former N&W passenger station from which our excursion trains will depart. Hotel Roanoke was built and owned by the N&W Railway until 1990 then donated to Virginia Tech and the City of Roanoke. It is now operated by them through Doubletree Hotels.
- Other hotels across the full price range are providing special rates for this weekend. A list with telephone numbers will be provided.
- On Friday morning, November 4th, take a tour of Freight Car America in the former N&W Roanoke shops and watch coal cars being constructed at the rate of one every 30 minutes. (Fee: \$10.00)
- Enjoy lunch in the historic and lively Roanoke Market District in any of a dozen fabulous restaurants or in the newly-restored Market Building.
- On Friday afternoon, try our bus tour of Roanoke's "Ghost Rails" (former rail lines no longer operating). (Fee \$10.00).
- On Friday and Saturday the Virginia Museum of Transportation offers admission at a special discounted rate (\$6.00). Walk four blocks on the "Rail Walk" to the O. Winston Link Museum in the former N&W passenger station. The Link Museum will also provide a special discounted rate (\$4.00). Then walk across the street to Hotel Roanoke or return to your other participating hotel.
- Alternatively, visit the N&W Historical Society Archives Friday or Saturday afternoon from 1-4 to see drawings and documents recording 125 years of N&W and Virginian Railway history. (Free, donations accepted)

**For ticket information, first class or coach sales, return the order panel of this flyer with check or credit card information or call
Roanoke Chapter NRHS
540-774-0611**

For internet sales, see: www.RoanokeNRHS.org

**Coach tickets are also available from:
O. Winston Link Museum – 540-982-5465
Va. Museum of Transportation – 540-342-5670
Norfolk and Western Historical Society
Internet only: www.nwhs.org
Abingdon CVB (800) 435-3440
Bluefield CVB (304) 325-8438**

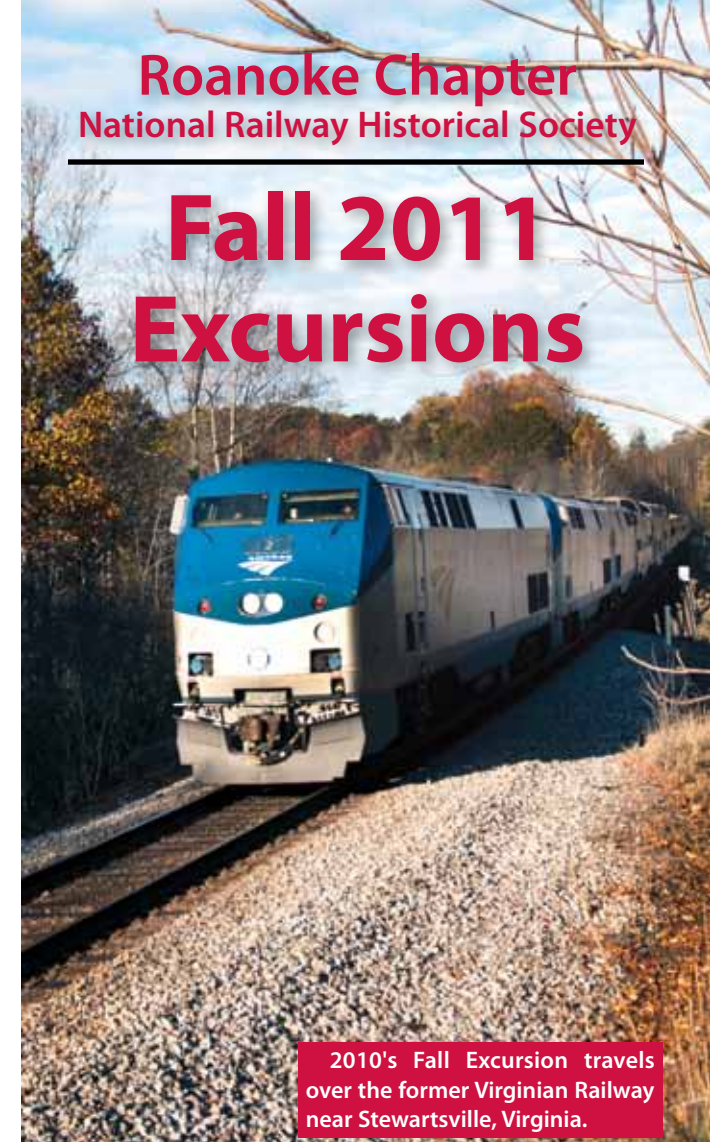
**Roanoke Chapter NRHS
P.O. Box 13222
Roanoke, VA 24032-3222**



**Offering
Two Great
Fall Excursion
Trains
Hurry, seats are
very limited!**

**Roanoke Chapter
National Railway Historical Society**

Fall 2011 Excursions



2010's Fall Excursion travels over the former Virginia Railway near Stewartsville, Virginia.

K.L. Miller Photo

**Two Great Day Trips
Saturday, November 5 and
Sunday, November 6**

This train is a special charter using Amtrak equipment and vintage equipment, sponsored by and operated by The Roanoke Chapter, National Railway Historical Society and Amtrak, under contract. This charter is not a regularly scheduled Amtrak train and cannot be booked or ticketed through Amtrak or Norfolk Southern. You must call (540) 774-0611 for reservations and information.

Make Roanoke and Southwest Virginia Your Fall Railroad Weekend Destination!

Ride One or Both of Our Fall Excursions and take in the sights and activities at the heart of railroad activity in Virginia!

November 5, 2011

Roanoke to Abingdon, VA (Bristol) ♦ Round-Trip

Avoid the interstate highway and travel in a leisurely manner through scenic countryside on board our special excursion train over the original rail route completed over 150 years ago to historic Abingdon, VA, from Roanoke. Passengers will have approximately 3½ hours to take advantage of a variety of historical attractions along with the newly opened Southwest Virginia Artisan Gateway "Heartwood". This brand new repository of mountain culture, art and music opened this June. It is a viable complement to the popular traditional attractions such as the "Barter Theater" and the "Martha Washington Inn". Detailed information on many other Abingdon attractions including restaurant information will be included with your ticket order. An optional box lunch including a chicken salad sandwich can be purchased in advance (use order form). Passengers have the option of remaining on board to Bristol where the units will switch ends of the train before returning. If remaining on the train we suggest that you purchase the box lunch or bring your own food as passengers will not be able to get off.

We are offering two types of first-class service on these trips, dome class and lounge class. These cars offer an exceptional glimpse into the past of the golden days of passenger service and are very limited in their availability; tickets for both classes of service are available **ONLY** by mail order or by calling 540-774-0611. Please submit your order early to avoid disappointment!

November 6, 2011

Roanoke to Bluefield, WV ♦ Round-Trip

This all-day trip to Bluefield, WV, offers mountain railroading at its finest. Over the years, this trip has been our most popular. It features a climb up Christiansburg Mountain, the beautiful New River Valley, the Narrows, and the grade into Bluefield. A number of tunnels and bridges are featured, as well as beautiful scenery. Bluefield was known as the "Heart of the Million Dollar Coalfields" and is still the gateway to coal moving east and south. We follow the meandering New River for some 38 isolated, scenic miles. Upon arrival in "nature's air-conditioned city" we will be within a short walking distance of several restaurants and out door food vendors. A list will be provided with your ticket order.

In addition to comfortable, carpeted Amfleet coaches with convenient rest room facilities, hosted by courteous and informative car hosts. We also offer two types of first class service on these trips. These cars offer an exceptional glimpse into the golden days of railroad passenger service following World War II. Lounge class offers the luxury of a rolling parlor while dome class provides a stunning view in all directions. First class service includes breakfast, snacks and beverages throughout the trip. For coach passengers, light snacks and beverages will be for sale on the train. Complete food service will be available at our destinations - information will be sent with ticket orders. We will also have souvenirs for sale along with daily roving musical entertainment for your enjoyment by Richard Kiser.

For those visiting Roanoke for the weekend, there are a variety of other activities available, information will be included with your ticket order, see other side for an overview and some details.

General Information

- **No open-toed or high-heel shoes allowed on the train.**
- No photo stops will be made.
- No refunds after October 1, 2011. Refunds less 20% handling fee before October 1, 2011.
- Train will originate and terminate trackside at the former N&W passenger station in Roanoke.
- We reserve the right to substitute equipment as necessary.
- Alcoholic beverages or illicit drugs strictly prohibited. **Small** coolers with food are welcome.
- For the comfort of all, there is no smoking onboard.
- Roanoke Chapter and Amtrak assume no liability for inconvenience caused by delays.
- Trains to run rain or shine. Schedules are not guaranteed.
- Train to consist of Amtrak equipment with diesel power, coaches, privately owned dome and lounge cars.
- Cars will be assigned by ticket purchase; riders desiring to sit in the same cars are required to order their tickets together. When ordering, please provide a list of all riders and addresses for our records. A government-issued photo ID is **required** for all riders 18 or over.
- Group tickets (for 10 or more) purchased by mail or via the Chapter line 540-774-0611 at the same time qualify for a 10% discount.
- Roanoke Chapter NRHS is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation, and these trips are a major fund-raiser for historic rail preservation projects.

Fares For Either Trip

Coach	Adult	\$ 150
	Child (12 and under)	\$ 95
Dome Class		\$ 275
Lounge Class		\$ 215

Please note: children's ticket price is ONLY for coach class. All others are priced regardless of age.

Schedule

Saturday, November 5, 2011

	Roanoke-Abingdon (Bristol) Round-Trip (EDT)	
LV	Roanoke	8:00 AM
AR	Abingdon.....	11:45 AM
LV	Abingdon.....	3:15 PM
AR	Roanoke	7:00 PM

Sunday, November 6, 2011

	Roanoke-Bluefield Round-Trip (EST) Note Time Change	
LV	Roanoke	8:00 AM
AR	Bluefield	11:30 AM
LV	Bluefield	2:00 PM
AR	Roanoke	6:00 PM

(Schedules subject to change, final schedules will be provided with your tickets if different.)

Detach and mail with
check or money order payable to:
Roanoke Chapter NRHS
P.O. Box 13222, Roanoke, VA 24032-3222
or use your Visa®, Discover® or MasterCard®!
Please print your information below.

Sat. Nov. 5, 2011 • Roanoke to Abingdon (or Bristol) and return

_____ Adult Coach Tickets at \$150 per ticket	\$ _____
_____ Child Tickets (12 and under) (coach only) at \$95 per	\$ _____
_____ Dome Class Tickets at \$275 per ticket	\$ _____
_____ Lounge Class Tickets at \$215 per ticket	\$ _____
_____ Box Lunches at Abingdon at \$10	\$ _____

Please choose one:
I/We'll be detraining at Abingdon or ride through to Bristol

Sun. Nov. 6, 2011 • Roanoke to Bluefield and return

_____ Adult Tickets at \$150 per ticket	\$ _____
_____ Child Tickets (coach only) at \$95 per ticket	\$ _____
_____ Dome Class Tickets at \$275 per ticket	\$ _____
_____ Lounge Class Tickets at \$215 per ticket	\$ _____

Optional Roanoke Activities

Fri. Nov. 4, 2011

_____ Freight Car America Tour \$10 per ticket ...	\$ _____
_____ Ghost Railroads of Roanoke \$10 per ticket \$	_____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

E-mail _____

Check Money Order

VISA MasterCard Discover

Enter card number below

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Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

Important! : Include a list with the name and address of each passenger for whom you are purchasing tickets.

Please do not send your credit card number via e-mail.
Note: Any personal information we collect is not used outside this organization. We will use e-mail to communicate with you as necessary.