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FALL SCENIC RAILWAY EXCURSION PLANNED FOR THE MOUNTAINS OCT. 8, 2023.

On Sunday, October 8, 2023, the George L. Carter Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society (NRHS) and East Tennessee State University's George L. Carter Railroad Museum* will sponsor a **"FALL EXCURSION"** to The Great Smoky Mountains Railroad through the beautiful Nantahala Gorge in Western North Carolina.

The trip will start from ETSU's parking lot 9 (a-d) at the corner of State of Franklin Road and University Parkway. Passengers will board motor coaches departing no later than 7:45am for Bryson City, N.C. Upon arrival, passengers will have time to enjoy the Smoky Mountain Trains Museum (admission included with the train ticket), shopping, sight-seeing, and dining in Bryson City before our 1:30pm train departure. Afterward, we will depart Bryson City at 8:00pm and return to ETSU at approximately 10:30pm. Detailed itinerary and trip information will be included in your ticket confirmation letter.

The route travels the banks of the Little Tennessee and Nantahala Rivers and crosses the Fontana Lake Trestle standing 100 feet above the lake and spanning 780 feet before entering the gorge. The total train ride is 44 miles round trip from Bryson City and lasts 4 ½ hours, which includes a one-hour layover in Nantahala Outdoor Center.

Ticket order forms and liability waivers are available to download online at glcarternrhs.com or memrr.org with button below the press release or at www.etsu.edu/railroad/ by choosing "Events" and then "Rail Excursions."

We have a limited number of seats available so please make your ticket requests as soon as possible. Ticket sales must be cut-off on September 22, 2023. Payment may be made by check or money order (no electronic payment available) payable to the G.L. Carter Chapter, NRHS. Payment, ticket order forms, and liability waivers should be mailed to:

**G.L. Carter Chapter, NRHS
Attn: Catherine Cummins
PO Box 70697
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For more information, contact Catherine Cummins at (225) 229-5653 or email her at

excursions@glcarternrhs.com

*Note: The George L. Carter Railroad Museum is moving from the ETSU campus and will reopen in a new location in January, 2024. Please watch for our "Grand Opening" announcements. Thank you for your patronage.