



Blue Ridge Scenic Railway

Locomotive Rides Website Information

Blue Ridge Scenic Railway offers an exclusive opportunity for someone to experience a 1- hour **Locomotive Ride-Along** while seated inside the cab of a powerful railroad locomotive. It is a rare chance to experience 1500 horses under the hood while riding a surge of enormous power. While in the cab, you will rub elbows with Blue Ridge Scenic Railway's engineer and conductor. After the excursion, you will receive a numbered certificate of completion and signed by the General Manager of Blue Ridge Scenic Railway to commemorate your perfect day.

RESERVATIONS REQUIREMENTS:

- All ride-along participants must be 18 years of age or older.
- All ride-along participants must possess and present a copy of valid driver's license (or government-issued identification card).
- Full payment is required when making a reservation. The payment is non-refundable if, on the day of the ride, it is discovered that physical requirements cannot be met.
- If a reservation is cancelled by the participant 48 hours prior to the date of the scheduled ride-along (2 days) in advance, the ride may be rescheduled within the same calendar year. (\$50.00 re-booking fee will be applied).

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

- **All ride along participants Must sign a Release/Waiver form** that he/she is fully aware that safety is a priority, and indicating that he/she has a full understanding of requirements and restrictions, and is healthy and strong enough to:
 - Perform all required physical tasks—to include but not limited to: safely lifting personal body weight when ascending locomotive side ladder and steps; grasping tightly with both hands while climbing, lifting legs to level high enough to board and climb locomotive steps—associated with mounting and dismounting a locomotive properly without delay or assistance from another person or or the aid of any assistive device(s).
 - Walk through a narrow opening.
 - Must sit and stay in designated space for the duration of the train ride and endure potentially uncomfortable temperatures (cold or hot) for approximately a one-hour period.
 - Walk at least 100 yards without hesitation or assistance on potential uneven, shiftable ground.
 - No self-contained breathing equipment (oxygen) or service animals allowed.
 - Riders may find space in the locomotive compact and confining. The Rider can expect and must be prepared to smell diesel fuel and exhaust fumes, hear loud horn sounds, bells, and other mechanical noises as part of the sensory experience.

CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS:

- **PROPER CLOTHING ATTIRE IS REQUIRED** – weather-appropriate shirt having no holes or loose material hanging down, jacket (personal preference), and full-length jeans/pants with no holes, chains or loops present.
- **NO** open-toed shoes (sandals, flip flops, etc.) or high heels. Only close-toed shoes are permitted—boots, tennis shoes, other shoes. Recommend shoes with tread on bottom.
- Further personal protective equipment (PPE), including goggles, ear plugs and Hi-Vis reflective vest, will be provided by Blue Ridge Scenic Railway.

At the Blue Ridge Scenic Railway, safety outweighs all other considerations when conducting our day-to-day operations of transporting our passengers and staff.

CAMERA, RECORDING DEVICE, AND CELLPHONE USE:

The use of a camera, recording device or cell phone while the train is in motion is **NOT** permitted. Due to the safety-sensitive nature of the operating crew's responsibilities, the use of any type of electronic device, including mobile phones, is prohibited. Electronic devices must be turned off and powered down prior to the train leaving the station, or when in motion, at any time. Pictures may be taken only when the train has completely stopped, and the engineer has given the okay to take photographs. **Posting any photographs taken while aboard the locomotive to social media is not permitted.** Since safety is a priority, guests must follow crew instructions at all times.

*All terms and conditions are subject to change without liability and notice. *