2026 Feather River Rail Society Event Calendar

January Museum Closed to the Public

1 New Year's Day
Director Nominations open for 2026 elections
Nominations go to Nomination and Election Committee

10 Board Meeting – 1 PM – WPRM, Portola

19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

31 Director Nominations close for 2026 elections

February Grounds Clean-up Museum Closed to the Public

9 Election – Candidates Statements and Payments due (2nd Monday of the month)

14 Board Meeting – 1 PM – WPRM, Portola

16 Presidents Day

28 – Mar 1 Great American Train Show - Sacramento

March Museum Closed to the Public

2 Election Withdrawal Deadline (1st Monday in March)

8 Daylight Savings Time Starts

14 Board Meeting – 1 PM – WPRM, Portola

April Museum Closed to the Public except 4/8/26

3 Good Friday

5 Easter

6-24 Mechanical Department Work Session

8 UP Big Boy Event – Museum open 9 AM to 5:30 PM – Special Admissions

18 Board Meeting – 1 PM – WPRM, Portola (Note new date.)

20 Election Ballots mailed to membership by this date (3rd Monday in April)

30 Train Sheet Deadline

May

Museum Hours Starting 5/1 (see notes about hour / event changes):
Fri. 12 Noon to 4 PM
Sat. and Sun. 10 AM to 5 PM
Train Operations begin Memorial Day Weekend

1 Museum Opens to Public

9 Board Meeting 4:30 PM Portola, CA
Appoint Election Tellers
Operating Department Crew Training – 10 AM Portola, CA

10 Mother's Day

23 Opening of Regular Operating Season – Train operations 11 AM to 2 PM
RAL Season Opens
- see note about hour / event changes

23-24 Operating Department Engine Wash and Caboose Cleaning Session

25 Memorial Day – Museum Open 10 AM to 5 PM
Train operations – 11 AM to 2 PM

29 Ballot Return Deadline – 5 PM (no later than seven days before the annual meeting)

June

Museum Hours (see notes about hour changes):
Thur. and Fri. 12 Noon to 4 PM
Sat. and Sun. 10 AM to 5 PM
Train Operations:
Sat. & Sun. 11 AM to 2 PM

6 Board Meeting – 3:30 PM WPRM, Portola
Members Dinner – 5:30 PM
Annual Membership Meeting – 7:00 PM
Election Results
Open Cab Day

12-13 Lost & Found Gravel Grinder Race

21 Father's Day

July

Museum Hours (see notes about hour changes):
Thur. and Fri. 12 Noon to 4 PM
Sat. (except July 4) and Sun. 10 AM to 5 PM
Train Operations:
Sat. & Sun. 11 AM to 2 PM
July 4 11 AM to 2 PM

4 Independence Day – Museum Open 9:30 AM to 5 PM – Train Operations 11 AM to 2 PM

11 Board Meeting – 4:30 PM – WPRM, Portola
Installation of New Board

31 Hot August Nights Reno (July 31 to Aug 9)

August

Museum Hours (see notes about hour changes):
Thur. and Fri. 12 Noon to 4 PM
Sat. and Sun. 10 AM to 5 PM
Train Operations:
Sat. & Sun. 11 AM to 2 PM

1-9 Hot August Nights – Reno (July 31 to Aug 9)

8 Board Meeting – 4:30 PM – WPRM, Portola
Appointment of Committees & Officers

31 Train Sheet Deadline

September

Museum Hours (see notes about hour changes):
Fridays Noon to 4 PM
Sat. and Sun. 10 AM to 5 PM
Labor Day 10 AM to 5 PM
Train Operations:
Sat. 9/5/26 11 AM to 2 PM
Sun. 9/6/26 11 AM to 2 PM
Mon. 9/7/26 11 AM to 2 PM

7 Labor Day - Museum Open 10 AM to 5 PM
Last Day of Operating Season
Train Rides 11 AM to 2 PM

12 Board Meeting – 1:00 PM – WPRM, Portola
Calendar Review, Budget Notice to all Departments (Revised Budget Requests)

~~26 2026 Portola Railroad Day - Train Rides 11 AM to 4 PM~~ Canceled

26 Western Pacific Celebration 2026

October Museum Hours until Sunday 10/5 (see notes about hour changes):
Friday 10/3, 10 Noon to 4 PM
Saturday 10/4 & Sunday 10/5, 10 AM to 5 PM
After 10/4, Museum Closed except for Special Events

1-4 2026 Western Pacific Historical Convention -Oroville

4 RAL Season Closes
Last Day Museum Open for 2026 Season

10 Board Meeting – 1:00 PM – WPRM, Portola
Budget Deadline

17 Pumpkin Patch Express – open: 12 noon - 6 PM, trains: 1 PM - 5 PM
Evening trains on Saturday 7 PM – 9 PM

18 Pumpkin Patch Express – open: 12 noon - 6 PM, trains: 1 PM - 5 PM

24 Pumpkin Patch Express – open: 12 noon - 6 PM, trains: 1 PM - 5 PM
Evening trains on Saturday 7 PM – 9 PM

25 Pumpkin Patch Express – open: 12 noon - 6 PM, trains: 1 PM - 5 PM

31 Halloween

November Winter Prep Museum Closed to the Public

1 Daylight Savings Time ends

11 Veterans Day

14 Board Meeting – 1 PM – WPRM, Portola

26 Thanksgiving

December Santa Trains Museum Closed except for Special Events

4 Portola City Tree Lighting - Main Park, Portola

5 Santa Trains – gates open 4 PM – 8 PM, train rides start 5 PM

11 Santa Trains – gates open 4 PM – 8 PM, train rides start 5 PM

12 Board Meeting – 1 PM – WPRM, Portola
Santa Trains – gates open 4 PM – 8 PM, train rides start 5 PM

18 Santa Trains – gates open 4 PM – 8 PM, train rides start 5 PM

19 Santa Trains – gates open 4 PM – 8 PM, train rides start 5 PM

25 Christmas

31 Train Sheet Deadline / New Year's Eve

NOTE: All events and hours are subject to change due to weather, public health and volunteer conditions.
In particular, special events in October and December are WEATHER PERMITTING, as are Run-A-Locomotive availability. If you have a question about operations when weather is questionable, please call 530-832-4131 for the latest information.

APPENDIX: **Train Schedule 2026**

Weekend Train Schedule
11:00
11:30
12:00
13:00
13:30
14:00

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6/19/26	Rev 8	Paul Finnegan	- RR Days canceled by Chamber of Commerce
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