

2026 Feather River Rail Society Event Calendar

January

Museum Closed to the Public

- 1 New Year's Day
Director Nominations open for 2025 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 2025 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

- 3 Good Friday
- 5 Easter
- 6-24 Mechanical Department Work Session
- 11 Board Meeting – 1 PM – WPRM, Portola
- 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):
Thur. and 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 1PM 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

28 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. 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

October

Museum Hours through 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 10/5, Museum Closed except for Special Events

- 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
- 14 Board Meeting – 1 PM – WPRM, Portola
- 11 Veterans Day
- 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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