

Reaching the Museum..

Portola, California is located along State Route 70 - the Feather River Highway. We are 1 hour northwest of Reno via US395 and CA70, 1 hour north of Truckee via CA89 and County Road A23, 3 hours northeast of Sacramento via Interstate 80, CA89 and County Road A23, or 3 hours east of Chico via CA70.

Visiting the Museum..

The WPRM is open daily May through September, Thursday - Sunday in April and October, hours 10 AM to 5 PM; weather permitting. Call ahead to arrange off-season visits. There is an admission for non-members: \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 4-18 and \$20 for families (2 adults and related children 4-18). Admission is good all day

Caboose train rides are available weekends from Memorial Day through Labor Day weekends. See website for July 4th hours. Ride fares are \$4 for adults, \$2 for children 4-18 and \$10 for families. Cab rides are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. Train ride tickets good all day, cab rides single trip.



Western Pacific Railroad Museum

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The FRRS is a tax exempt California public benefit corporation. Tax ID number 68-0002774.

Membership in the Feather River Rail Society is a rewarding experience. Your contributions will keep the museum and the history of the Western Pacific Railroad family alive. The FRRS is supported by the donations of its members and sales to its visitors. All members get free admission and train rides (must show member card).

As part of its efforts at historic education and preservation, the Society produces two publications which chronicle different aspects of the Western Pacific. The Train Sheet is the official newsletter concerning information on current activities of the FRRS, the Western Pacific Railroad Museum and the Society's archives collection.

The other is The Headlight, which is a glossy, color magazine featuring articles exploring the history of the WP system, its equipment, routes and its people.

Members and their guests are encouraged to visit the museum and join in volunteer activities. Some age restrictions apply. Members must be Active level and above to volunteer in the Operating or Mechanical Departments for insurance coverage.

Associate - \$25.00 annually (40.00 foreign) • no voting rights • receives The Train Sheet, does NOT receive the Headlight • can volunteer at the museum after signing Release form	Life - \$1800.00 one time • voting rights for one • receives The Train Sheet and The Headlight • 15% discount in the Gift Shop (with membership card) • special recognition pin and laminated membership card		
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In December 1982, the last built transcontinental railroad ceased to exist when the Western Pacific Railroad was approved for merger into the massive Union Pacific Railroad system, itself part of the original transcontinental railroad.

Always a frugal and innovative operation, the WP pioneered important industry advances still in use today, including diesel power, turbocharging, centralized traffic control, roller bearing-equipped freight cars, computerization and the use of concrete ties, just to name a few.

In 1983, the Feather River Rail Society was formed with the goal of preserving the legacy of the Western Pacific. The Union Pacific graciously donated several pieces of equipment and granted use of the former WP locomotive facility in the City of Portola. This 37-acre site includes a 16,000 square foot diesel shop in active use from 1954 until 1974 as well as 2-1/2 miles of track.



This facility became home to what is now known as the Western Pacific Railroad Museum at Portola. By the late 1990s, the FRRS had assembled what is considered by many to be one of the premier collections of equipment and archival material focusing on a single railroad family.

Today, this collection includes over 36 locomotives and 120 pieces of rolling stock, as well as an extensive gathering of corporate records, paperwork, artifacts and historic photos and films. Visitors to the Western Pacific Railroad Museum soon discover that this is a hands-on facility where they are encouraged to climb into the cabs of locomotives, sit in the engineer's seats, and browse through the rolling stock on display. The working diesel shop features an exhibit room and a variety of other railroad-related displays are located throughout the building.

Many unique and important items of railroad history are preserved in the Museum's collection including the first diesel locomotive purchased by the railroad, the



last operating locomotive built to pull the *California Zephyr* passenger train, one of only five remaining WP steam engines, a 200-ton rail mounted crane, a passenger car once used for blood donation service during wartime and a majority of the WP's 80 years of surviving corporate records.

The FRRS is a not-for-profit, 501(c)3 volunteer organization that does not receive any government funding. Although the FRRS enjoys a good working relationship with the Union Pacific Railroad, it is also not affiliated with the UP. The continued existence of this museum and archives depends upon revenue gathered from memberships, donations, fundraising, admissions and store sales. Please help support our mission to preserve and protect the legacy of the Western Pacific and its people.

Portola offers many accommodations and services for travelers and is the only incorporated city in Plumas County. Located at an elevation of 4,856 feet in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, Portola is 150 miles northeast of Sacramento and 50 miles northwest of Reno. For additional information on Portola and surrounding communities, plese contact Eastern Plumas Chamber of Commerce at 530.836.6811 or visit their website at www.easternplumaschamber.com.

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The Run A Locomotive program is available from mid-April through mid-November, weather permitting.

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Each single plan is considered as one session.
Limited to six different operators per session.
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Locomotive availability is subject to change due to maintenance requirements or other factors. **Please check our website at www.RunALocomotive.com for special offers and availability.**Prices effective starting **July 1, 2017 and are subject to change**.

The WPRM can also accommodate large groups, including birthday parties, weddings, car clubs and travel groups. Call 530.832.4131 or email info@WPLives.org for information and arrangements.

The WPRM is a paid admission museum.

Tickets available in the Museum Store, located in our Historic Diesel Shop.

FRRS Members and those with Guest Passes get free admission and train rides. Please present your membership card or pass at the Museum Store and get a Visiting Member or Guest badge for your visit. RAL includes admission.

Non-Memb	pers	Museum Admission	Train Rides	Cab Rides
Adult	(19 and over)	\$ 8.00	\$ 4.00	\$20.00
Youth	(4 – 18)	\$ 4.00	\$ 2.00	\$10.00
Child	(3 and under)	free	free	
Family	(2 adults plus childen 18 and under)	\$20.00	\$10.00	