



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 from spring through early fall, weather permitting. Visit our website, www.WPLives.org, for open days, open hours, Caboose Train Rides and special events. Call ahead to arrange off-season and large group visits.

Western Pacific Online Store: shop.WPLives.org

Visit our online store to purchase Western Pacific shirts, hats, books, gifts, toys and other items, memberships, Run-A-Locomotive gift certificates or to donate.



Western Pacific Railroad Museum

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of Portola, California

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Home of the World Famous Run-A-Locomotive



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The WESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD and the FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

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 to preserve the legacy of the Western Pacific. The UP graciously donated many 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 is now home to 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. This collection includes over 30 locomotives and more than 125 pieces of rolling stock, as well as corporate records, artifacts and historic photos and films. Visitors to the museum discover this is a hands-on facility where they are encouraged to climb into the cabs of locomotives and even run a locomotive themselves. 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 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 many of the WP's surviving corporate records.

The FRRS is a not-for-profit, 501(c)3 volunteer organization. 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.

Please join us and help preserve the WP



Home of the ORIGINAL ***RUN-A-LOCOMOTIVE***

You can operate one of our vintage diesel locomotives with your own private instructor. Our World Famous *Run-A-Locomotive* program allows you to rent a vintage locomotive and operate it on the museum grounds with your own private instructor. A unique experience!

Different locomotive types and power available in blocks of 1, 2 or more hours! Groups welcome.



Gift certificates are available in the Museum Store or online. The *Run-A-Locomotive* program operates spring to early fall, weather permitting.

Locomotive availability subject to change

**Go to www.RunALocomotive.com
or call 530.832.4532 for more information**

VISITING THE MUSEUM

When arriving at the museum, purchase admission and train ride tickets in the Museum Store, located in our Historic Diesel Shop. You can also purchase Locomotive Cab Ride tickets in the Museum Store.

FRRS members and those with guest passes get free admission and train rides.

Run-A-Locomotive includes admission.

GROUP EVENTS AT THE MUSEUM

We welcome special group events! Celebrations, wedding receptions, vehicle clubs, community groups, scouting troops and school field trips. For more info, call us at 530.832.4131 or email at groups@WPLives.org

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