

FALL EXCURSION 2012 FAQ's

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1) What is the price per ticket?

Prices are per trip and shown on page 2 of the brochure as roundtrip per day from Roanoke:

Coach adult....\$150.00

Military Veterans, coach\$135.00

Coach child (aged 12 and under)....\$95.00

Dome Class....\$275.00

Lounge Car....\$215.00

There is no discount for Child in Dome or Lounge Class.

Groups of 10 or more tickets purchased by mail at the same time may take a 10% discount.

For passengers boarding in Abingdon, prices for roundtrip Abingdon to Bristol (available in coach class only) are \$35.00.

For passengers boarding in Shenandoah, prices for roundtrip Shenandoah to Luray (available in coach class only) are \$35.00.

2) What is the price for a Senior ticket?

There is no discount for Senior ticket; price is the same as Adult.

3) Is there a discount for NS employees?

No, this is a private charter. Only group tickets may be ordered for a discount.

4) Is an N&W Pass/Amtrak Pass usable?

No, N&W passes have long since been voided, and Amtrak passes are not usable on private charters.

5) What is the train consist?

2 or 3 Amtrak locomotives, GE P-42's.

9 Amtrak Amfleet coaches

2 Amtrak Amfleet cafe cars (Souvenirs, snacks, drinks)

1 Privately owned coach #539 "Powhatan"

4 Privately owned dome cars

1 Privately owned lounge cars

The 2 cafe cars are used for selling souvenirs and pre-packaged snacks and soft drinks. The privately owned coach is the property of the Watauga Valley Chapter NRHS in Jonesboro, Tennessee, former N&W Powhatan Arrow coach No. 539. The 4 privately owned dome cars are "Southern Hospitality", "The Observatory", "Scenic View #511", and "Sky View #551". The privately owned lounge car is "NYC 38" owned by the Huntington Chapter NRHS in West Virginia

Roanoke Chapter NRHS reserves the right to substitute, remove, or add equipment as necessary.

6) What are the categories of First Class?

First Class is in two categories:

Dome Class is a seat in the dome of one of 4 dome cars.

Lounge Class is a seat in the lower section of the dome cars or a lounge car.

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7) When the flyer says "dome car", does that mean a Superliner or a vintage Budd/AC&F/Pullman-Standard car?

These are not Amtrak Superliners but are privately owned vintage dome cars. See (5) above. "Dome Class" ticket is for a seat in the dome. These are expected to sell out very quickly. "Lounge" is a seat in the lower level of the dome car or other privately owned car.

8) Can you provide a description of the differences between the coach, dome and lounge cars? Better still, links to Photos of cars used?

For car descriptions of the privately owned cars, the website of the AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PRIVATE RAILROAD CAR OWNERS (www.AAPRCO.com) and RAILROAD PASSENGER CAR ALLIANCE (www.RPCA.com) will be helpful. Check the glossary. AAPRCO's site has many photos and layouts of various cars. See question (5) above for car names. Links to dome car photos are:

- a. The Observatory - <http://www.aaprco.com/cgi/cars/cardisplay.pl?observatory:type>
- b. Southern Hospitality - <http://www.rpicturearchives.net/showPicture.aspx?id=1788154>
- c. Scenic View - <http://www.aaprco.com/cgi/cars/cardisplay.pl?scenic-view:type>
- d. Sky View - <http://www.rpicturearchives.net/showPicture.aspx?id=3003537>

9) Can I get seats on private cars?

Boarding passes by car are mailed with order confirmation based on the type of tickets ordered. All First Class tickets are for seating on private cars. Dome Class is for seating in the Dome, which is in a private car.

10) Please give me a description of First Class Services that are included, besides sitting in dome or lower level seating.

- a. Seating in private cars.
- b. Continental Breakfast w/coffee, juice, or soft drinks each morning after departure.
- c. Complimentary soft beverages and snacks during the trip.

11) Will the train be turned in Bristol or Luray? Can the seats be reversed so that passengers will not have to ride backwards?

The train will NOT be turned. At Bristol and north of Luray, the locomotives will be uncoupled and run around the train for the return to Roanoke. Most seats are reversible.

12) What is available on the train to eat?

Only pre-packaged snacks and soft drinks are available for purchase in the cafe cars. It is preferred these be taken back to the individuals seats for consumption as the tables are used for selling souvenirs. There will be no prepared foods available (that is, nothing will be cooked, heated or otherwise "prepared") on board the train. See questions (18) & (19) for food available at the destinations.

13) Will souvenirs be available on the train?

Yes, items such as tee shirts, railroad books, pencils, toys, etc.

14) Are passengers able to go from car to car?

Coach passengers can wander anywhere in the train, except for the domes or other first class section cars. Any private cars on the train are also not accessible. First Class passengers are allowed to go to the coach sections.

15) What is the recommended clothing for the trips?

Casual wear is fine. The train is air conditioned/heated. We recommend comfortable clothes. Depending on the weather, a jacket or raingear is suggested. Closed toe, low heel shoes are required. During the stops in Luray and Bristol while the locomotives are run around the train there will be no heating or air-conditioning.

16) Will there be photo run-bys?

No, due to safety and operating conditions, we are unable to stop for photo run-bys as we did previously. There will be no intermediate stops that passengers will be allowed off the train except in Abingdon and Shenandoah. While there may be some sort of stop for an operational issue, at Shenandoah and Abingdon car hosts will direct passengers to the open doors at locations where they will be able to detrain.

17) Why isn't the 611 or 1218 being used to power the train?

The 611 and 1218 are not currently operational, and at this point in time, there are no plans to make them operational.

18) Will there be a dining car on the train?

No. We will be stopped for lunch in both Shenandoah and Abingdon. There will be other snacks and drinks on board for sale. Box lunches will be available for purchase in advance and will be delivered in Abingdon and Shenandoah. See questions (12) and (19).

19) Where can we eat in Shenandoah/Abingdon?

There are several restaurants in downtown Abingdon. They are aware the train is coming and will be prepared to handle the crowd. The towns will be providing a complimentary shuttle bus to take passengers from the station to the restaurants, museums, etc. Restaurant menus are planned to be mailed to you with your train tickets, and it is suggested you call the restaurant of your choice and make a reservation.

In Shenandoah, the Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad will be holding a fundraiser dinner for train passengers. Sit-down meals will be served at two locations a short walk (or shuttle bus ride) from the stations. Meals are to be ordered in advance (\$12.00), and include tenderloin, mashed potatoes, vegetables, rolls, desserts, and a drink.

However, box lunches are available for all passengers if ordered in advance for \$10.00 if you are interested. See the trip brochure and trip ticket order form if you are interested in purchasing a boxed lunch in advance. For menu, see FAQ #62.

In Bristol, the Timetable does not permit detraining to obtain food. At the stop north of Luray there are no facilities. You are encouraged to purchase a box lunch in advance or you may also bring your own cooler or bag lunch from home.

20) Where can I get information on our destinations? (See also Q63.)

Go to: www.Abingdon.com
www.TownOfShenandoah.com

Also, you may call 1-800-435-3440 or email info@abingdon.com for Abingdon, or call 1-540-652-8164 or email assistantmanager@townofshenandoah.com for Shenandoah.

We also plan to distribute information sheets to you on the train which will tell you about the activities planned for you in Shenandoah by the Town of Shenandoah and the Abingdon Convention & Visitors Bureau. Staff from these organizations will be on the appropriate train to answer questions. Some of the activities planned are listed in Question 63.

21) Why are we going to Shenandoah and Abingdon instead of (insert location here)?

Shenandoah and Abingdon are interesting, historical cities and offer a good opportunity to allow passengers off the train safely. After discharging passengers in Abingdon, the train will continue on to Bristol. Likewise, after discharging passengers in Shenandoah, the train will continue on to north of Luray. These locations offer an opportunity to run the locomotives around the train for the return trip to Roanoke. Both locations offer a reasonable length (+/- 135 miles each way) with good running to allow for a reasonable schedule. We will consider other locations if we are able to operate again in the future. In the past three years we have operated trains to Bluefield, Abingdon, Shenandoah, and Danville. Shenandoah, "Daughter of the Stars", proudly proclaims to be one of Virginia's most picturesque Towns, nestled between the Blue Ridge Mountains and the Massanutten Ridge, along the banks of the beautiful Shenandoah River.

Shenandoah is the only working station between Roanoke, Virginia, and Hagerstown, Maryland.

22) Where is the train kept while in Roanoke?

This is an operational question that is up to NS. However, the train is not accessible to the public while in storage. Remember that railroad property is Private Property, and NS looks very unfavorably upon trespassers, including "lookers" or "photographers".

23) Where is this train kept when not running the excursions?

This train is made up mostly of Amtrak owned equipment, and is in service elsewhere, normally on the west coast routes. It has been pulled together to operate excursions in the east for about a month in October-November this year. The privately owned cars see occasional service in other locations, and are stored where their owners can maintain them when not operating.

24) Where is the train going after it leaves Roanoke?

Generally speaking, back to Washington DC, where it will be broken up and sent back to its regular operating areas.

25) My friends and I want to sit together, but we ordered our tickets at different times, can we sit together?

We issue boarding passes for particular cars mailed to you after your order is received. About the only way to guarantee that you and your friends will be in the same car is to order your tickets at the same time. Now, we cannot guarantee you will all be able to sit together on that car, as we only assign the car, not the seat. We do not give out more passes than there are seats in the car, but we cannot guarantee seating together. If your friends are assigned a different car, than perhaps after boarding you can arrange with someone to swap cars with you.

26) My 3 year old can sit on my lap; do I have to have a ticket?

Yes, we have to consider that any child will be taking a seat, regardless of age. Unfortunately, we are being charged for every seat. Our experience has shown that regardless of what you may think, a child will rarely sit quietly on your lap for the duration of the trip.

27) How much baggage can I carry?

Please be considerate of other passengers about your personal belongings. Carrying a cooler, bags, and other personal items does take up space. We do not have checked bags, or a baggage car; you will need to place all of these items in the overhead baggage racks. Please do not use seats to keep personal items by your side. Small coolers are permissible on board.

28) Can I leave my (insert personal item name here) on the train while we are stopped?

You may leave any item on the train, but be aware that we cannot be responsible for its security or safety at any time. However, for those detraining in Abingdon or Shenandoah, it is suggested that you take your belongings with you. Other passengers will be boarding in Abingdon and Shenandoah for a round trip ride to Bristol or north of Luray. Those passengers will detrain in Abingdon and Shenandoah, so you may reclaim your seat for the return to Roanoke.

29) Can I bring my pet?

No, we have no provisions for handling any pets. Only assistance dogs are allowed.

30) I cannot walk very well. Can someone get my meal for me?

While we fully understand, we cannot guarantee personal services like this. However, you may ask your car host if they can do this for you, but be aware they will have other duties to perform before they may have time for this. It will be best if you have someone with you to do this service.

31) Will there be medical people on board?

We have arranged for EMT's to be onboard for emergencies. Please plan on having any necessary medications with you.

32) What if the train is late getting back?

While we strive to operate on the published schedule, we cannot guarantee it will be met as many factors can cause delays, most of which are outside of our control. It is best not to plan on scheduled arrival to leave town on some other schedule.

33) What happens if it is raining or snowing?

The trains run rain or shine. Only a major disaster may cause cancellation. We will do everything to contact our passengers in this unfortunate event, but your best bet would be to check the website www.roanokenrhs.org to see any immediate announcements.

34) Will your observation-lounge car "Mardi Gras" be on the rear of the train?

No, the "Mardi Gras" has been sold to a group in Arizona and is used in excursion service there. See <http://www.copperspike.com/learn.html#mardigras> and scroll down to Our Cars.

35) What will the profits (if any) from the trip be used for?

Roanoke Chapter NRHS is a not for profit, 501 (c) (3) organization incorporated in the Commonwealth of Virginia. This event is our major fund raising effort of the year. All Roanoke Chapter personnel on the train are volunteers, and donate their time and efforts to making these events a success. We use the money towards rail preservation projects in and outside our area. We support the O. Winston Link Museum, Virginia Museum of Transportation, and Norfolk and Western Historical Society among others with personnel and financial assistance. Our largest project is preservation of the former Virginian passenger station in Roanoke. You can see our website, www.roanokenrhs.org, for details on that and more.

36) Is the engineer a volunteer?

No, most of the on-board staff are volunteers, but Norfolk Southern and Amtrak management is on board, and the train crew is Norfolk Southern employees.

37) I'm coming in from out of town, is there any shuttle service available from the airport or Amtrak in Lynchburg or Clifton Forge?

No, sorry, but you must make your own arrangements for getting to and from the station in Lynchburg or Clifton Forge. Roanoke City recently started a "Smart Way Connector" bus service to connect to the Northeast Regional train in Lynchburg, but reservations are not handled by Roanoke Chapter NRHS. The fare is \$4.00 one way; see www.smartwaybus.com for schedule and more information.

38) From where does the train leave?

Both trips will originate from the former N&W Passenger Station in Roanoke, now the O. Winston Link Museum. The Museum will NOT be open at departure time. Please come to the lower level at trackside. There is no entrance through the building.

39) Where will the train arrive in Shenandoah, Luray, Abingdon, or Bristol?

All trains will arrive and depart at the former site of the train stations, except for north of Luray the train will stop at a passing siding formerly known as "North end of Vaughn" and now identified as "Summit" on NS timetables.

40) Where can I park my car?

There is on-street parking near the station, a paid lot at Hotel Roanoke, and several nearby parking garages. We will provide this information with your tickets.

41) Do you have any hotel rooms reserved? Where can I stay?

We do not have any rooms blocked off; we suggest contacting the Roanoke Valley Convention and Visitor's Bureau for any help. Phone (540) 345-8622. We will provide, on request, a hotel list with your ticket order.

42) How can I work on future excursions?

You must first become a member of the Roanoke Chapter NRHS, attending a meeting or work session. Then you may be selected for training as a crew member. Ask your Car Host for more information and a Membership Application.

43) My mother requires a portable oxygen tank. Are there 110 VAC outlets on the coaches?

Yes, each of the nine Amtrak coaches has a 110 VAC outlet at each seat. However, the privately owned vintage railcars do not.

44) Is smoking allowed on the train?

No. For the comfort of all passengers, no smoking is allowed on any portion of the train. Once you leave the train at Shenandoah or Abingdon you may be able to smoke, depending on the local conditions.

45) Is the train handicapped accessible?

Due to the historic nature of some of the equipment in the train, it is not readily handicapped accessible, but we will make every effort to accommodate you, but we must know the specific details in advance to plan for this. In addition, you may have to travel over rough or uneven ground to or from the train, please be aware of that. Most of the Amfleet coaches are wheel chair accessible and there is a place to store wheel chairs at the end of the seating. Most wheel chair passengers go and sit in a regular seat at the end of the aisle near the vestibule and store the wheel chair at the end of seating area. Also, Amfleet cars do have large doors in the rest rooms. We stress to the passengers that we have no lift to get them up in the car or off the car, and they must bring someone to handle their needs. However, we cannot predict which vestibules will be used for unloading, especially in Shenandoah and Abingdon, so the vestibule where the wheelchair is stored may not be one used for unloading. The Dome, Lounge, and one privately owned coach are vintage historical cars and are not handicapped assessable. See also Question 58.

46) Why are tickets so expensive?

The costs of operating since 1997 have grown considerably. It has grown at a rate higher than the rate of inflation; we are actually spending at least twice as much as we did in 1997 to operate the train. It is to our credit that we did not double the pricing. Insurance is one of the highest cost factors, especially since 9/11.

47) We cannot go, and I have my tickets, can we get a refund?

The refund policy is clearly spelled out in the flyer. If we are fortunate enough to resell your tickets after the deadline, we will refund your money less the handling charge. We do understand that emergencies do come up, but once we are committed to Amtrak and NS, we have no choice. If it is very close to trip dates, it is suggested that you try to sell your tickets train side.

48) Do you offer special ticket handling, such as FedEx or overnight mail?

Generally speaking, we will hold tickets that are charged on a credit card for pick up at the train, rather than send them by expedited delivery.

49) How can I learn about future excursions?

Anyone that purchased tickets for these trips is automatically added to our mailing list for future notification of trips. You can also join our mailing list by submitting your name and address to our post office box. Or check the website for updates. We can also email information much quicker than we can get things into print; we can usually email you a flyer a week or two before a printed piece will be ready. Send your name and email address to Terrapin66@cox.net and request to be placed on the email list.

50) Can you hold tickets for me to pay for later?

No, sorry, we have no provisions for this, tickets must be paid for with check or credit card at the time, and we cannot hold them back. It is first come, first served.

51) My (insert relative here) is a big official with (insert large company name here) and wants tickets and you claim you are sold out; are there tickets left?

No, sorry, tickets are first come, first served; we do not hold back tickets for special guests or VIP's.

52) How do I order tickets?

All classes (Coach, Lounge, and Dome) and Group tickets may be purchased by mail through the *Roanoke Chapter NRHS*, PO Box 13222, Roanoke, VA 24032-3222 using check, money order, or credit card. All classes may also be ordered by phone from Roanoke Chapter NRHS by calling (540) 774-0611.

Coach only may be purchased over the Internet with a credit card by following a link at www.RoanokeNRHS.org to the *Norfolk & Western Historical Society's* website, <http://www.nwhs.org/commissary/excursion.html>

Coach only may be purchased with a credit card by phone by calling any of the following:

Roanoke Chapter NRHS at (540) 774-0611
Virginia Museum of Transportation at (540) 342-5670
O. Winston Link Museum at (540) 982-5465
Abingdon Convention & Visitor Bureau at (800) 435-3440
Shenandoah Town Hall at 540-652-8164

Tickets and additional trip information will be mailed to you by the Agent taking your order.

53) Do you know if anyone will be offering the opportunity to ride to or from Roanoke before or after the trip (presumably from Washington or Lynchburg)?

We know of no one operating any trips into or out of Roanoke before or after the November 10 & 11 Excursions.

54) Could the tickets (boarding pass) be shared? That is, could one person ride to Shenandoah and a different person ride back to Roanoke on the same ticket?

Yes. You may have one person ride one direction, and another back to Roanoke. When you place your order for tickets, please provide the name(s) of the person(s) who will be riding the return. Also, please be sure to inform your on-board Car Host of the name of the person for the return trip, as each car host will have a passenger name manifest.

55) May I bring a bottle of wine for consumption on the train?

Norfolk Southern Corporation and Roanoke Chapter NRHS do not permit any alcoholic beverages to be consumed on the train nor open bottles to be carried on the train. This is stated in NS safety rules and Roanoke Chapter's excursion brochure.

56) What is the meaning of "Shenandoah"?

"Shenandoah" is an Indian word meaning "Daughter of the Stars."



57) We are bringing a group on a bus. Are there complimentary tickets for the bus driver and bus escort?

No. There are no complimentary tickets. Groups of 10 or more receive a 10 percent discount.

58) My wife has limited mobility. Is it possible to just stay on the train during the layovers?

Yes, it is possible to stay on board the train during the layover. However, be aware that, because the locomotives must be moved from the leading end of the train to the other end for the return trip, the electric power will be disconnected for an unspecified time, during which there will be NO air conditioning (or heat, depending on the weather). Also, lighting will be off and the toilets may also be inoperable during that time. If it is a warm day, it does not take a sitting train car long to get uncomfortably hot inside. So, while the answer is yes, you may stay on board, you must understand the situation so that you can make an informed decision. See also Question 45 regarding wheelchairs and handicapped accessibility.

59) Why are you asking for the names/addresses of passengers?

Here is a quote from the Amtrak contract. *“408. Transportation Authorization. A. The Charterer must carry out procedures for boarding passengers which identify persons who are authorized to be on the Charter Train during the Charter Transportation and prevent unauthorized persons from boarding the Charter Train. The Charterer is responsible for and agrees to ensure compliance by all Passengers with Amtrak’s Conditions of Carriage and Terms of Transportation (as defined in section 409 below).”* The ticket with car assignment is the Chapter’s method of complying with the contract “...which **identify persons** who are authorized to be on the Charter Train...” This is probably Amtrak’s way of complying with Homeland Security requirements. This method also provides immediate access to a list of those on board which we could immediately provide to rescue workers in the event of an emergency. The ticket also lists the Car assigned to each passenger, just like airlines give seating assignments. Each Car Host will be given a list of the passengers on his car.

60) Can we visit inside the former train stations?

- a. Roanoke: No. See Question 38.
- b. Abingdon: Yes. The passenger station now houses The Historical Society of Washington County and will be open; there is no admission fee.
- c. Abingdon: Yes. The freight station is now The Arts Depot. You are cordially invited to visit inside; there is no admission fee.
- d. Bristol: No. Passengers are not permitted to disembark in Bristol. The passenger station has been renovated into an Event Center. Also see Question 64 for photos of station interior.
- e. Shenandoah: No. The building is used as Division Point Offices by NS.
- f. North of Luray: Passengers are not permitted to disembark. There was no station at the runaround location. This is a rural passing siding only.

61) What is the planned Timetable?

Our proposed schedule for Saturday, November 10, is:

Leave Roanoke -----8:00am
Arrive Abingdon -----11:45am
Leave Abingdon -----12:20pm
Runaround Train (Bristol)
Arrive Abingdon -----2:45pm or earlier
Leave Abingdon -----3:15pm
Arrive Roanoke -----7:00pm

On Sunday, November 11, our proposed schedule is:

Leave Roanoke -----8:00am
Arrive Shenandoah -----12:30pm
Leave Shenandoah -----1:00pm (short haul)
Runaround train (mp H-82.5)
Arrive Shenandoah -----2:30 pm or earlier
Leave Shenandoah -----3:00 pm
Arrive Roanoke -----7:00pm.

62) What is in the boxed lunch?

The boxed lunch available for purchase in advance for Abingdon is prepared by The Sweet Spot, contains a Club Sandwich on basted bread (turkey, ham, bacon, Swiss slice and bacon on a fresh baked French loaf), organic chip, cookie, pickle & soft drink, and costs \$10.00. The boxed lunch available for purchase in advance for Shenandoah is provided by the Coffee Pot Café, contains a chicken salad sandwich, chips, cookie, & bottle of water, and costs \$10.00.

63) What activities are available in Abingdon/Shenandoah? (See also Q20)

ABINGDON

Disembark at *Depot Square* at the *ex-N&W passenger station*. The station now is the location of *The Historical Society of Washington County*. You are welcome to enter to see the interior of the station. There is no admission charge. www.hswcv.org

Also at Depot Square is *The Arts Depot* located in the *ex-N&W freight station*, home of resident artist studios and exhibit galleries. You are cordially invited to visit inside (free admission) to see artists demonstrating their work (painting, weaving, quilting, sculpturing, etc.), have discussions with them, and to purchase their works. www.abingdonartsdepot.org

Next to the passenger station is *Market Pavilion*. This is a farmers market with food and craft items. A blue grass band will be playing for your entertainment.

About a 10 minute walk from the station is the *Virginia Creeper Trailhead*. This was a Native American path, the ex-“Abingdon Branch” of the N&W to Damascus, and now a National Recreation Trail. www.vacrepertrail.org

At the Virginia Creeper Trailhead, see Abingdon’s “*Mollie*”, *N&W engine 433* on static display. This 4-8-0 Class M, built in 1907, is one of over 100 that served N&W for over 50 years. Only 2 Class Ms survive today, Abingdon’s #433 and #475 under steam on the Strasburg Railroad.

A short 2 block walk from the passenger station is the *pre-Civil War Field-Penn House Museum*. Take a free guided tour of this restored house built in 1858.

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Visit the *Martha Washington Inn*. The center portion was built originally as a home for General Francis Preston, and was later expanded to become Martha Washington College, used as a Civil War hospital, and opened in 1935 as a hotel.

Visit the gift shop at the famous *Barter Theatre*. Built around 1832 as a church, the building has served many functions until 1933, when it became a theatre.

Visit *Barter Stage II*. Built in 1831 and formerly known as The Barter Playhouse, you may purchase a lunch and visit the gift shop.

Take a self-guided walking tour of *Abingdon's Historic District* and see many other historic buildings.

A complimentary shuttle bus will be available to take you to the newly opened *Heartwood, SW Virginia's Artisan Gateway*. Serving locally produced and organic foods, this facility displays SW Virginia's heritage, craft, music, outdoor recreation, and scenic beauty.

www.heartwoodvirginia.org.

The shuttle will take you to restaurants, shopping, museums, and most any in-town location you would like to visit.

SHENANDOAH

Disembark the train at the site of the former N&W passenger station.

Visitor information will be available.

Visit the newly dedicated *Veterans Memorial Park* at 205 Virginia Avenue, dedicated May 2012.

Mayor Clinton O. Lucas is scheduled to welcome visitors with a Veterans Day Service at 2:00 pm.

Visit the craft show vendors located on the street alongside the train station.

Visit the complimentary Town Hall Museum (across the street from the train station) to enjoy the train photographs and other railroad memorabilia on display.

Visit the Stevens Cottage and N&W caboose of the Shenandoah Heritage Center.

Visit the new River Park paved walking trail, 1144 feet long, which was dedicated on Friday, June 25, 2010.

64) I am riding through to Bristol or north of Luray. Can I get off the train in Bristol or Luray?

Unfortunately, no you may not get off the train. Bristol & north of Luray are operational stops only to transfer the locomotives from one end of the train to the other. NS does not allow boarding or unloading while the locomotives are being uncoupled, coupled, and brakes tested. Below are photographs of the Bristol station interior. See also Question 60.



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