

# SCENIC TRAIN EXCURSION



## ALL ABOARD!

### THE OFFICIAL RAILROAD OF TEXAS

Vintage steam and diesel locomotives take passengers across the celebrated rails of the Piney Woods Route between the quaint East Texas towns of Palestine and Rusk, as you unplug for a tradition that merges comfort and adventure for the whole family. The ride includes comfortable seating, food and adult beverage service, and historic narration on a rail history that whisks you back into another century.

- History abounds with storyboards in both depots and narration throughout the rail journey coupled with toe-tappin' railroad tunes.
- As the train moves through the undulating country of the Piney Woods it crosses over 24 bridges that span the creeks flowing through the forestland.
- In 1881 prisoners from the East Texas Penitentiary built 1.3 miles of railroad track. In 1909, the final ties were laid, connecting Rusk with Palestine.
- Over 30 films, television productions or documentaries have been shot on this railroad during the last 40 years.



### ★ PRIVATE PARTIES, BUSINESS MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS ★

Whether onboard the train or at the historic depot, lakeside pavilion or quaint clubhouse, Texas State Railroad has the perfect venue for personal and corporate events, birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, retreats and reunions.

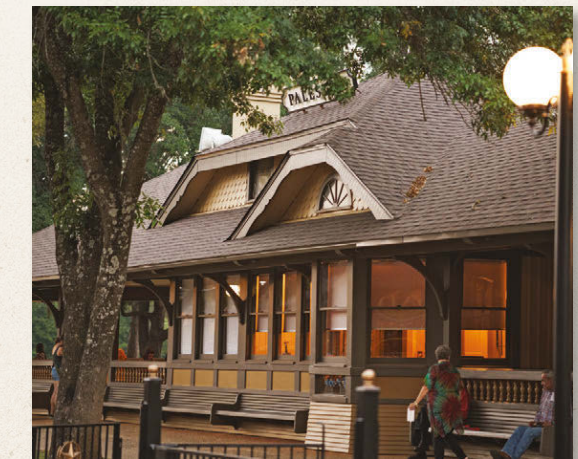


Throughout the year special events highlight the seasons in East Texas. Chocolate Lovers trains, Easter Egg Express, Maydelle Turntable Runs, Romance on the Rails evening excursions, Beer and Wine in the Pines, Pumpkin Patch train rides and The Polar Express™.



### ★ THE DEPOTS ★

Both depots are home to gift stores and a café for the lunchtime stopover. Eye-catching storyboards overflow with details about the Texas State Railroad locomotives, passenger cars, early settlers and other railroad lore.



### PALESTINE TRAIN DEPOT

Inaugurated in 1976, this complex was built by the Texas State Parks & Wildlife Department. The attractive Palestine depot represents the Victorian era of architecture that was popularized when steam locomotives first crisscrossed the American landscape over a century ago.

### RUSK TRAIN DEPOT

Rusk is where the Texas State Railroad began. This beautiful rock structure is a complement to the railroad route built by prisoners in 1883 to transport timber and ore from the penitentiary. In 1972, the area was designated to operate tourist excursions between Rusk and Palestine.



### RUSK DEPOT CAMPGROUND

Live the experience of camping at an historic railroad depot! Clean and secluded campsites with your choice of 50-amp full hook-up or water-only amenities. If primitive camping is your style, enjoy the forested, yet easily-accessible, tent sites.

- Clubhouse • Laundry Facility • Restrooms/Shower
- Train-Themed Splash Pad • Nature Trail • Sundry Store
- Wi-Fi • Historic Chapel • 15-Acre (non-motorized) Fishing Lake

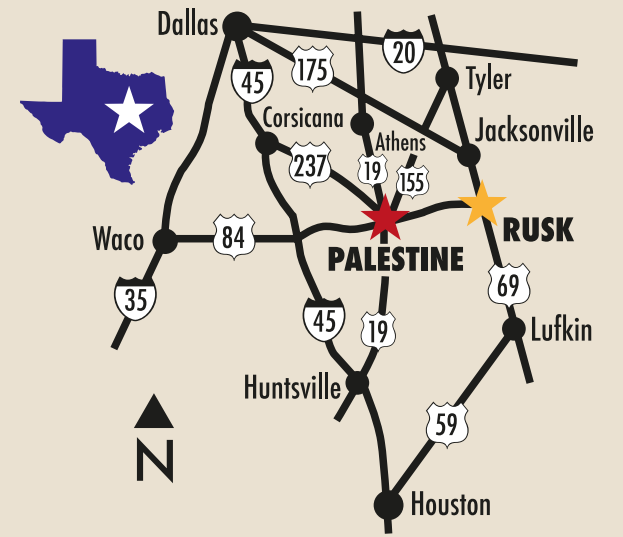


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## TEXAS STATE RAILROAD



WHERE HISTORY IS ONLY PART OF THE JOURNEY







From the moment of stepping on-board one of the handsomely refurbished train cars, you'll feel like you've been transported to a simpler, more leisurely time where the distractions evaporate. Breathe deep, enjoy a drink and relax as you lose yourself on a round-trip, 4-hour, 25-mile rail journey through the Piney Woods of East Texas.

## ★ ACCOMMODATIONS ★

Most cars are climate-controlled, have restrooms and access a concession car stocked with snacks, kid-friendly and adult beverages. The caboose, scenic view dome and presidential cars include a Champagne toast and complimentary appetizers upon boarding and beverage service at one's seat. Non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages are available for purchase in all classes.

- **Caboose:** Exclusive for one party of 8 or fewer. Featuring comfortable, plush over-sized seats, cupola seating for a birds-eye view, private outdoor-viewing platforms and a personal valet. This is the ultimate secluded car. Non-alcoholic drinks are included. Alcoholic beverages are available for purchase.
- **Scenic View Dome:** Glass-top dome car features soft leather seats with booth style tabletops, a personal valet and an unobstructed birds-eye view.
- **Presidential 1511:** Our nostalgic, adult-only car features comfortable seats, intimate table service, large picture windows and access to a private outdoor-viewing platform.
- **Presidential 42:** Art-deco inspired car features plush loveseats and tabletop seating for two, attentive service and large picture windows.
- **First Class:** Comfortable upholstered benches or chairs at tabletops for four, with table service by friendly and knowledgeable attendants. Light snacks and one non-alcoholic beverage included.
- **Open Air:** Historic-style wooden bench seats in cars with no window enclosures, allowing the East Texas air to flow throughout. A concession car also is accessible for purchase of refreshments along the route.



Scenic View Dome



Open-air



First Class



First Class Lower Dome (seasonal)



Caboose

- **Concession Car:** Accessible from all classes, the concession car has multiple snack and drink options available to make a ride aboard a vintage train even more enjoyable. Popcorn with an ice-cold beer, or a soda and a candy bar or chips, are perfect pairings!



Presidential 1511



Presidential 42

## LOCOMOTIVE RIDE-ALONG

If you have ever dreamed of being an engineer on a real railroad, this is the ride for you! Savor the day inside the cab of a steam or diesel locomotive where you'll be seated next to the engineer in one of the Railroad's classic "Old Girls." You'll start the day dressed in complimentary TSR safety gear, ready to assist in preparing for departure. Advanced reservations and a background check are required, along with some clothing restrictions.



## ★ RATES ★

Children's rates start as low as \$10 depending on event, date of ride and class of service. Visit [texasstaterailroad.net/train-rates](http://texasstaterailroad.net/train-rates) for details.

All rates are per person (excluding caboose charter) and do not include taxes.

All major credit cards are accepted.

Cancellations are required at least 48 hours prior to departure.

GROUP and CHARTER RATES are available for parties of 20 or more.

Texas State Railroad meets all ADA requirements.

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