

Inside this itinerary, you'll find a map showing the route of the Staunton-Parkersburg Turnpike. Sites are in alphabetical order, with corresponding numbers on the map.

The back of this brochure lists visitors' centers along the turnpike. Contact them prior to your visit for more in-depth information about sites in their area. This will only enhance your trip!



The Staunton-Parkersburg Turnpike was a toll road built by the Commonwealth of Virginia in the mid-19th century to connect Staunton (VA) with Parkersburg (present-day WV). Running through Highland and Augusta Counties in Virginia, and Pocahontas, Randolph, Upshur, Lewis, Gilmer, Ritchie, Wirt, and Wood Counties in West Virginia, control of this road became crucial during the Civil War.

The turnpike in West Virginia was designated a National Scenic Byway in 2005. Today, visitors can follow much of the original route, via US 250 from Staunton to Elkins, US 33 to Troy, and WV 47 to Parkersburg.

Staunton-Parkersburg Turnpike

National Scenic Byway

PO Box 227 / 4 Court St.

Beverly, WV 26253

(304) 637-7424

spturnpike.org



Greater Parkersburg CVB

350 7th St., Parkersburg, WV 26101

(800) 752-4982

greaterparkersburg.com

Ritchie County Tourism & Visitors Bureau

PO Box 116, Harrisville, WV 26362

(304) 869-4070

visitritchiecounty.com

Lewis County CVB

499 US Hwy 33 East, Weston, WV 26452

(800) 296-7329

stonewallcountry.com

Upshur County CVB

16 S Kanawha St., Buckhannon, WV 26201

(304) 473-1400

visitupshur.org

Elkins Depot Welcome Center

315 Railroad Ave., Elkins, WV 26241

(304) 635-7803

elkinsdepot.com

Randolph County CVB

1302 N Randolph Ave., Elkins, WV 26241

(304) 636-2780

randolphcountywv.com

Pocahontas County CVB

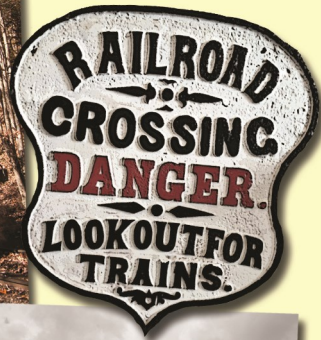
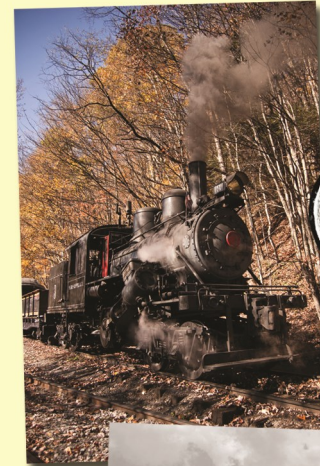
708 2nd Ave., Marlinton, WV 26954

(800) 336-7009

pocahontascountywv.com



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**STAUNTON-
PARKERSBURG
TURNPIKE**



Hear the train whistle! Smell the coal smoke! Visit the train station!

Train lovers traveling the Staunton-Parkersburg Turnpike will want to make plans to spend a few extra days in Randolph and Pocahontas Counties. Two companies offer six unique train rides in the mountains of West Virginia.

The **Durbin & Greenbrier Valley Railroad** offers train rides from two historic train depots: Durbin and Elkins.

From Durbin:

The *Durbin Rocket* is a 2-hour ride on a rare steam train. Old #3 is one of only three operating Climax logging locomotives in the world.

Stay overnight along the Greenbrier River in the *Castaway Caboose*, a refurbished Wabash caboose. It's a perfect balance of seclusion and modern amenities.

From Elkins:

The *New Tygart Flyer* for a 4-hour ride along the Shavers Fork to the High Falls.

The *Cheat Mountain Salamander* offers a 6-hour ride to Cheat Bridge or a 9-hour ride to the former logging town of Spruce.

The *Mountain Explorer Dinner Train* is an evening trip to the High Falls, complete with a four-course meal.

THE POLAR EXPRESS™ is based on the Warner Bros. movie and the beloved children's book by Chris Van Allsburg about a doubting young boy who takes an amazing train ride to the North Pole on Christmas Eve.

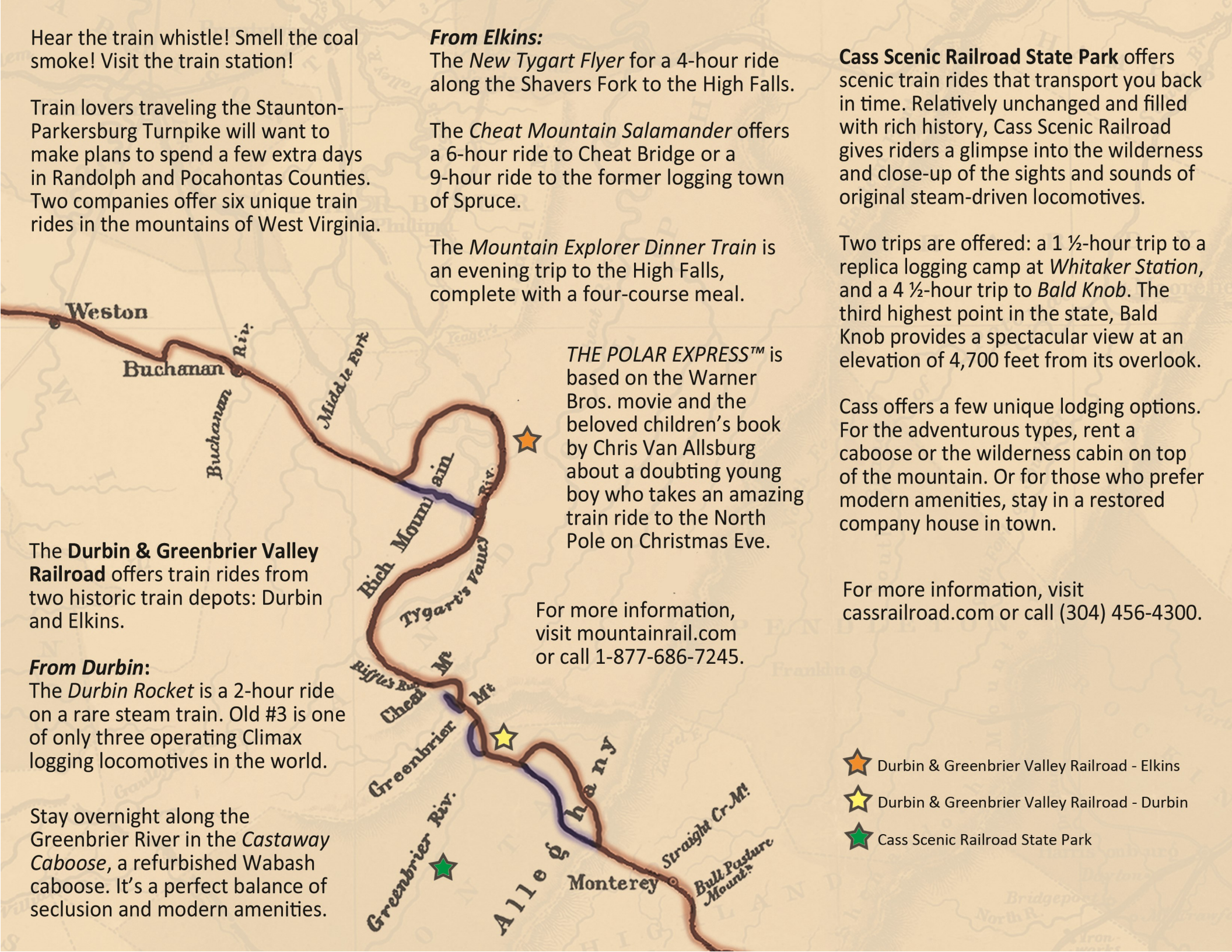
For more information, visit mountainrail.com or call 1-877-686-7245.




Cass Scenic Railroad State Park offers scenic train rides that transport you back in time. Relatively unchanged and filled with rich history, Cass Scenic Railroad gives riders a glimpse into the wilderness and close-up of the sights and sounds of original steam-driven locomotives.

Two trips are offered: a 1 ½-hour trip to a replica logging camp at *Whitaker Station*, and a 4 ½-hour trip to *Bald Knob*. The third highest point in the state, Bald Knob provides a spectacular view at an elevation of 4,700 feet from its overlook.

Cass offers a few unique lodging options. For the adventurous types, rent a caboose or the wilderness cabin on top of the mountain. Or for those who prefer modern amenities, stay in a restored company house in town.

For more information, visit cassrailroad.com or call (304) 456-4300.



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