

# Big South Fork Scenic Railway

## BIG SOUTH FORK - Scenic - RAILWAY

A National Park Concessionaire



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OPEN APRIL - DECEMBER

PLUS:

Mother's Day Special  
Father's Day Special  
October "Halloween" Trains  
November "Run to the Gorge"  
December "Santa Express" Trains



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### Family Railroad Adventure

The **Big South Fork Scenic Railway** allows passengers to experience one of the last remaining company towns, with an operational railroad and reconstructed coal camp originally built during the early nineteenth hundreds. The Scenic Railway is located in the National Historic District of Stearns, Kentucky, which is on the northern end of the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area. Your family will enjoy the 16 mile round trip upon the 110 year old, Kentucky & Tennessee Railway, known as the "Route of the Painted Rocks." This ride is full of spectacular vistas, lush vegetation and free flowing mountain streams as it descends 600 feet into the river gorge. The Big-South Fork of the Cumberland River and remnants from the communities that once lined the railway now serve as reminders of days gone by.

Regular departures, April through October, upon the K&T Special take 3 hours and include a new section of track through the mining camp of Worley. Worley was the largest mining community along the K&T. The train makes a stop at Blue Heron Coal Mining Camp, a National Park Service outdoor interpretive site. Blue Heron was built by the Stearns Coal & Lumber Company in 1937 and operated until 1962. The coal camp contains "ghost structures" and each structure has visual and oral history exhibits. Visitors to Blue Heron can walk into the face of the mine as well as cross over the river on the tippie bridge. The Railway offers additional experiences by taking a Cab Ride, Caboose Rental, a Rivers & Rails Package, and a new Saturday Pass for those folks that would like more time to hike and explore Blue Heron.

Your ticket aboard the K&T Special also includes admission to the [McCree County Museum](#). The Museum is located in the Historic District and is within walking distance of the Depot. The Museum focuses on early pioneer life through the boom times of the Stearns Coal & Lumber Company. You should allow 1½ to 2 hours to spend touring the Museum as well as shopping in one of the many unique craft and gift shops in downtown Stearns. The railway has live bluegrass music in the depot half an hour before each train departs.

In November, take a trip on the new "Run to the Gorge." Enjoy riding in heated cars into the Gorge of the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area. The November excursion will allow passengers to experience our beautiful area without the foliage. You'll be amazed by the difference. Round trips are 1 ½ hours in length and depart rain or shine.

The Big South Fork Scenic Railway has special event trains like the Haunted Hollow Express in October and the Santa Express Train in December. Many new exciting activities are planned for 2012, so be sure to visit our website for more details.

The BSFSR excursion cars range from enclosed to open air and passengers are seated first come, first serve. Passengers should dress accordingly for the weather. The Railway operates rain or shine and all trains depart on Eastern Time. For more information or reservations on Big South Fork Scenic Railway, go to [www.bsfsry.com](http://www.bsfsry.com) or call 800-462-5664.

