Day Tripping July 2024

I do not know about you, but I really enjoy train rides. When our boys were young, we road so many trains. One of our favorites was Cass Scenic Railroad in Cass, WV. So much so we went to Cass 3 times with them to ride the train. That is more than a day trip from here, however, we are fortunate in NEPA to have several great scenic train excursions.

Probably the one that comes first to everyone's mind is the **Lehigh Gorge Scenic Railway** presented by the Reading & Northern Railroad. This is the one that you board in downtown Jim Thorpe and takes you on a 16 mile, narrated round-trip alone the majestic Lehigh /River over bridges, through Glen Onoko, and into Lehigh Gorge State Park. If you are more adventurous, they also offer a Bike train. This will take you from Jim Thorpe to White Haven, 25 miles north. You then return by bike for the 25 mile ride slightly downhill on the Lehigh Gorge Trail. The Reading & Northern Railroad also offers 2 other excursions. One of them leaves the station in Reading, making stops in Port Clinton, and Tamaqua before arriving in Jim Thorpe. You have about 5 hours to visit Jim Thorpe before returning to your station of origin. The other excursion leaves from Pittston, making stops in Mountain Top and White Haven before arriving in Jim Thorpe, giving one about 4 hours to tour Jim Thorpe before the return trip. Information on all of these excursions can be found at: https://www.rbmnrr-passenger.com/

The next scenic train is **The Stourbridge Line**, operated by the Delaware, Lackawaxen, & Stourbridge Railroad Company. going out of Honesdale to Hawley. . This excursion gives the experience of a relaxing, scenic train in vintage railroad coaches along the Lackawaxen River. They offer a variety of themed train rides from March through December. The themed trips include a dinner, wine & cheese, beer tasting, murder mystery, fall foliage, Santa, and many more. They have a Private Venue in White Mills where they take the train for some of the events such as a Jurassic Adventure or a Tiki Luau Party. All of the information for the Stourbridge Railroad can be found at: https://thestourbridgeline.net/

The **Colebrookdale Railroad** is in Boyertown. Coalbrookdale and offers scenic excursions through picturesque landscapes while immersing you in rich history. They also offer a variety of themed excursions such as a wine tasting, mimosas brunch, and dinners. Colebrookdale also has Railbikes. These are people-powered rail vehicles. The bikes seat up to four people so you can bring your family and friends for a fun trip on the rails. Information can be found at: https://www.colebrookdalerailroad.com/

Pennsylvania Rail Bike is a railbiking adventure. They have electric pedal assist rail bikes that offer an accessible and enjoyable experience for all ages. The routes span about 10-20 miles along the Lackawaxen River in Hawley. They have either tandem bikes or a quad bike. Information can be found: https://parailbike.com/

A bit different train excursion from the above is the **#9 Coal Mine and Museum** in Langford. This is a mine car that travels over 1600 feet into the mountain. Once inside, you embark on a 600 ft, guided walking tour. The mine was first opened in 1855 by the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company and operated until 1972, making it the longest continuously operated deep Anthracite coal mine in the world. For more information see: https://no9minemuseum.wixsite.com/museum