

2010 Train Schedule

- January 1st thru April 9th closed for season.
- April 10th @ 11am, 1pm & 3pm
- May 8th & 9th 11am, 1pm & 3pm Art's Wild West Show
- May 15th @ 1pm & 3pm
- May 15th @ 5pm "Wine Train"
- May 22nd & 23rd 11am, 1pm & 3pm Art's Wild West Show
- May 29th & 30th @ 1pm & 3pm
- June 12th & 13th @ 1pm & 3pm
- June 20th @ 1pm & 3pm "Fathers Day Ride" Fathers ride for ½ price.
- June 26th & 27th @ 11am, 1pm & 3pm
- July 10th & 11th @ 11am & 1pm
- July 24th & 25th @ 11am & 1pm
- August 7th & 8th @ 11am & 1pm
- August 21st & 22nd @ 11am & 1pm
- September 4th & 5th @ 11am, 1pm & 3pm
- September 18th & 19th @ 1pm & 3pm
- October 2nd & @ 1pm, 3pm & 5pm
- October 3rd @ 1pm & 3pm
- October 9th & 10th @ 1pm & 3pm "Fall Foliage Rides"
- October 9th @ 5pm "Wine Train"
- October 16th & 17th @ 1pm & 3pm "Fall Foliage Runs"
- October 22nd & 23rd @ 7pm & 8pm "Spirit of Halloween Rides"
- October 31st @ 1pm & 3pm
- November 6th & 7th @ 1pm & 3pm Veterans ride free both days
- November 20th & 21st @ 1pm & 3pm
- December 4th & 5th @ 1pm & 3pm "Spirit of Christmas Rides"
- December 11th & 12th @ 1pm & 3pm "Spirit of Christmas Rides"

2010 Ticket Prices

Adults are \$12

Children (ages 3-12) are \$9/under 3 is Free

Adult Tour Bus Groups of 20 or more are \$11

One Group Leader & the Bus Driver are Free

School Groups (K-12) of 20 or more are \$4

Chaperones & Aides are \$6 \$ Teachers are Free

Wine Train are \$25 (age 21 or older & only 150 tickets)

All Wild West Show Tickets are \$15

All Halloween Tickets are \$8

Fathers Day Weekend, Fathers Ride for \$6

Veterans Day Weekend, Vets Ride Free

All tickets are available at our Byesville depot one hour before the first train departs and are sold on a first come basis. Advance regular train run tickets, Special Event runs and Wine Train tickets may be purchased in advance by contacting us on our web site.



AAA Members save \$2 off adult and \$1 off child tickets

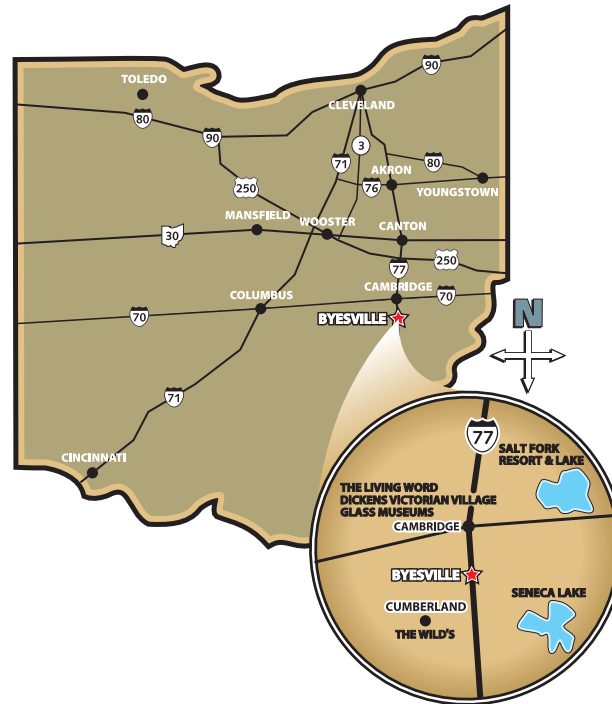
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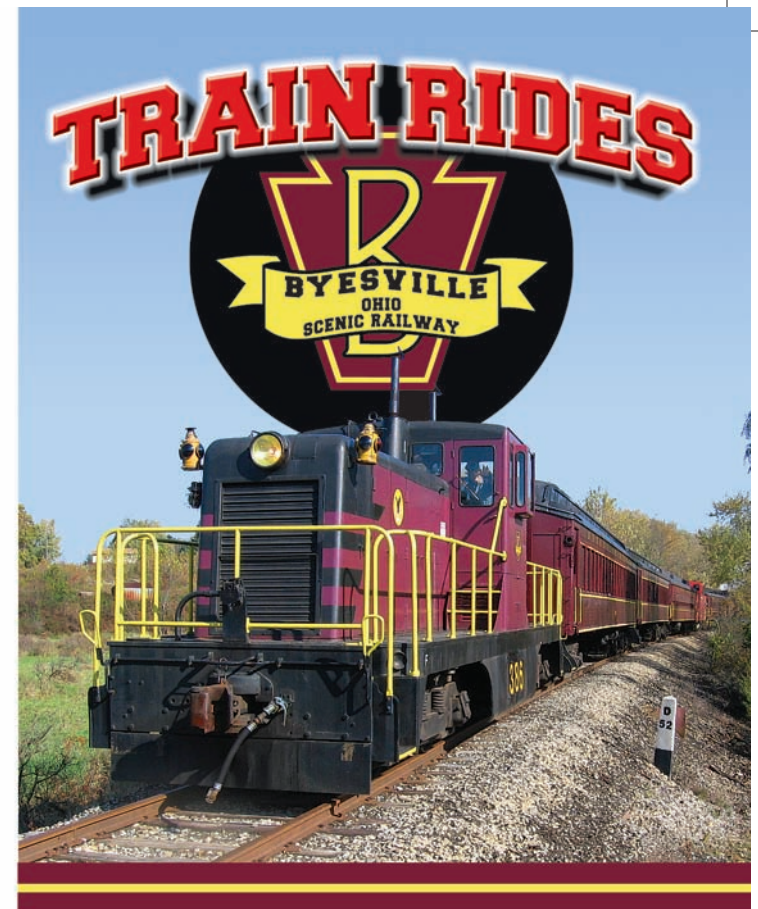


Fares, schedules, routes, and equipment are subject to change. All train routes operate rain or shine. Please note that air conditioning is not available on the train. Smoking/alcoholic beverages & firearms are not permitted on the train. Restrooms are not available on the train. The train consists of vintage railroad equipment and therefore is not wheelchair accessible. Byesville Scenic Railway cannot be held responsible for unscheduled delays or accidents. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to departure time.

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The Heart of Ohio's Coal Country

Climb aboard and enjoy our one, to one and one half hour round trip train excursion departing from Byesville. During your trip you will see the beautiful countryside of southeastern Ohio. On board you'll learn about the life, heritage, and culture of the coal miners that worked underground in the once many deep mines along the Marietta Branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Web Site: www.bsrw.org

History of the Byesville Scenic Railway

The Marietta Branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad

Originally, 1871-1873, the "Marietta & Pittsburgh" Railway, 103 miles long, hauled coal from Marietta to Dover.

Coal Mining and the Marietta Branch

At one point in the early 1900's, over a dozen deep mines were located in over a three and a half mile route south of Cambridge. These mines generated hundreds of carloads of coal everyday and employed thousands of miners.

The Longest Straight Stretch on the Marietta Branch

A two and one half mile stretch in the 3.6 mile Byesville to Derwent section was the longest straight stretch on the Marietta Branch.

"N Cabin" or (C & M Crossing)

A crossing between the Marietta Branch and the B & O Railroad's "Eastern Ohio Branch", is situated halfway between Derwent and Pleasant City. A telegraph operator would hand up orders to trains crossing the "diamond". The B & O sometimes called it the Albin, after the family that owned the land prior to the railroads.

The Abandonment of the Marietta Branch 1976

In May 1976, the last train ran from Marietta to Dover. The only portion left was that east of Cambridge Union Station, south to N Cabin, and was considered part of B & O's "Eastern Ohio Branch."

B & O Trains Continue to Run 1976-1986

B & O Trains continued to haul carloads of ammonium nitrate for Central Ohio Coal from Cambridge to Cumberland. In the 1980's the track from south of Cambridge to N Cabin was rebuilt. Because of the new continuous welded rail you do not hear the clickety-clack of the wheels while riding.

The End of Rail Service to Cumberland 1986-1993

In 1986, regular rail service to Cumberland ended when bulk transfer silos were built at Woodlawn Ave. to store the ammonium nitrate. As the line became less important, maintenance of the track was deferred, and the line began to deteriorate. The last train to Cumberland via Byesville was a small diesel switcher engine for Muskingum Electric Railway in October 1993.

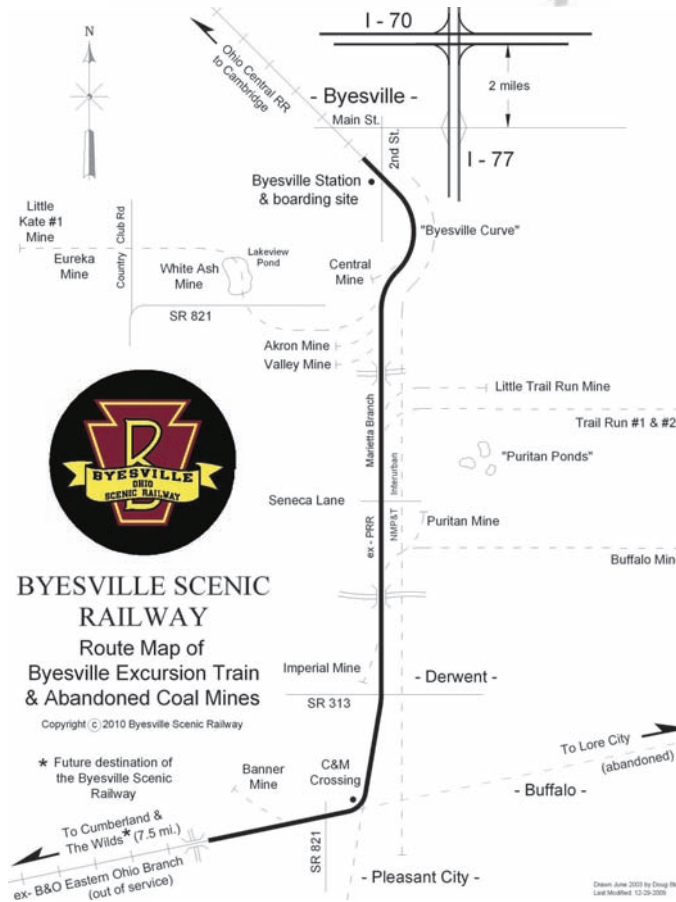
Train Returns to Byesville in 2003

The Buckeye Scenic Railroad excursion train arrived in Byesville just in time for the Jonathan Bye Days Festival 2003.

The Byesville Scenic Railway 2006

In June of 2006, the Byesville Scenic Railway resumed operations of the Byesville excursion train with its own locomotive. The mission of the Byesville Scenic Railway is to preserve, restore, maintain, and operate historic and vintage railway equipment, and to provide scenic train rides featuring a living history of the local coal mines. To promote, create, and maintain a railroad and coal mining museum and display site for the education and entertainment of the general public. To assist in the economic development of the area and to operate as a non-profit organization.

Route Map



BYESVILLE SCENIC RAILWAY
Route Map of
Byesville Excursion Train
& Abandoned Coal Mines
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Update & Future for the Byesville Scenic Railway

We are working to reopen the remaining 6.5 miles of the old B&O Eastern Ohio Branch line from mile post 10 near Pleasant City southwest to Cumberland. This will extend our route to a 25 mile round trip. Upon your arrival in Cumberland you will be able to depart our excursion train to enjoy a WILDs Safari Tour Adventure.



- Byesville was the "Coal Mining Capital" of Guernsey County as there were 14 mines surrounding the town.
- More than 15,000 coal miners toiled in the Great Guernsey Valley.
- Seventy-seven (77) mines were served by the railroads.
- Coal seams averaged 5 to 6 feet thick.
- Guernsey County ranked 1st in Ohio coal production for many years.
- The Inter-Urban street car ran every 30 minutes due to the large number of miners who needed transportation to and from the mines for work.
- At times coal trains loaded full of "buried sunshine or rocks that burn" departed for the Great Lakes area every 20 minutes.
- 100 years later almost all evidence of the mines has been erased.

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