



Tweetsie: The “Onliest” Train

Thousands of people each year ride Tweetsie around the mountain and through the entertaining theme park located near Blowing Rock, North Carolina. Tweetsie provides fun, excitement, and thrills to children of all ages. However, Tweetsie played an important role in the settlement and development of Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee. The original railroad line from Johnson City, Tennessee, to Boone, North Carolina, carried iron ore, logs and lumber, coal, mail, and people, from 1875 to 1940. In fact, Tweetsie and the other locomotives of the East Tennessee & Western North Carolina Railroad pulled the “Onliest Train” most mountain folks had ever seen.