

Tweetsie Railroad® 2026 Season Fact Sheet

Overview

Tweetsie Railroad® is North Carolina's original family-friendly Wild West theme park, proudly family-owned and operated since 1957. Designed especially for families with children age 12 and under, Tweetsie offers immersive experiences where children can use their imaginations, parents can relive childhood memories, and grandparents can create new ones with the next generation. Admission is all-inclusive, with no additional fees or taxes for rides and shows, what you pay at the gate is what you pay for the day.

Key Attractions

- **Wild West Train Adventure:** Ride behind an authentic narrow-gauge steam locomotive on a scenic 3-mile adventure.
- **Live Entertainment:** All-new Can-Can Show and the Clogging Jamboree join returning favorites with interactive, family-focused performances.
- **Classic Amusement Rides:** A mix of gentle and thrilling rides designed for young children and families to enjoy together.
- **Miners Mountain:** Pan for gold, mine for gems, and explore.
- **Deer Park Zoo:** A hands-on petting zoo with friendly animals.
- **Imaginative Wild West Setting:** A themed environment that encourages play and exploration for young guests and nostalgia for adults.

2026 Operating Calendar

- **Opening Day:** April 4
- **Regular Daytime Operations:**
 - Open Saturdays & Sundays: April 4 – May 31
 - Open Memorial Day Monday
 - Open 5 Days a Week (Closed Tuesdays & Wednesdays): June 1 – August 8
 - Open Saturdays & Sundays: August 9 – November 1
 - Open Labor Day Monday
 - Hours: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm (unless otherwise noted)

Seasonal Events

- **Meet the Easter Bunny:** April 4-5 – Hop along with the Easter Bunny during Diamond Lil's Can-Can Revue and meet him afterward for photos.

- **Day Out With Thomas™:** June 12-15 & 18-21 – Ride with Thomas the Tank Engine™, meet Sir Topham Hatt™, and enjoy a full day of family fun. Tickets include one train ride and park admission. Guests must select a train ride time when purchasing tickets. (Not valid with season pass Bring-a-Friend benefit.)
- **July 4th Fireworks Extravaganza:** July 4 – Park open from 10:00 am to 9:00 pm. Fireworks begin at 9:30 pm. Free parking.
- **K9s In Flight:** July 25-27 & July 30 - August 2 – Watch high-flying rescue dogs perform frisbee-catching and dock-diving stunts. Shows at 11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm, and an extra 5 pm show on Saturdays.
- **Riders In The Sky:** August 8-9 – Enjoy cowboy-style musical entertainment from the Grammy-winning quartet. Shows at Noon and 3:00 pm.
- **Railroad Heritage Weekend:** August 29-30 – Celebrate steam railroading history with special programs and historic locomotive spotlights.
- **Ghost Train®:** Every Friday and Saturday evening, September 25 – October 31, 7:30 – 10:30 pm – A family-friendly Halloween celebration featuring the Ghost Train®, a Haunted House, Freaky Forest, Boneyard, Warp Tunnel, Black Hole, Creepy Carnival rides, black-light puppet show, and a dance party with the Spice Ghouls.
- **Tweetsie Christmas®:** Select evenings, November 27 – December 30, 5:00 – 10:00 pm – Celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Tweetsie Christmas® with a nighttime train ride through thousands of holiday lights, a live Christmas show, Santa meet-and-greet in the Gingerbread House, amusement rides, festive treats, and more.

Visitor Information

All-Inclusive Daytime Admission:

- Adults (13+): \$65
- Children (3-12): \$45
- Children (2 and under): Free

Tickets include all rides and shows. Additional cost for food, retail, gem mining buckets, and animal feed. No extra fees or taxes. Parking is always free.

After 3 pm Ticket Special: Buy a daytime ticket after 3 pm and come back the next daytime operating day for free. Not valid June 11 or during evening events.

Re-entry: Same-day re-entry with a hand stamp.

Golden Rail Season Pass:

Adults \$150 | Children \$110

Includes unlimited daytime admission, one complimentary ride with Thomas the Tank Engine™, \$20 off one Ghost Train® ticket, \$20 off one Tweetsie Christmas® ticket, one free Bring-a-Friend ticket (daytime only), and early reservation access for special events.

All-Inclusive Special Event Admission

- Adults (13+): \$65
- Children (3-12): \$45
- Children (2 and under): Free

Tickets include one train ride and all special event attractions. Additional cost for food and retail items. No extra fees or taxes. Parking is always free.

Amenities & Services:

- Free parking
- Wheelchair and stroller rental: \$10/day, first-come, first-served
- Group rates available for 15+ paying guests (restrictions apply)

Locomotive Update:

Locomotive No. 12, the heart of the Tweetsie Railroad® legacy, is undergoing full restoration during the 2026 season.