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Tweetsie Railroad Honors its History as it Celebrates Railroad Heritage Weekend

Blowing Rock, N.C. (August 15, 2022) – Tweetsie Railroad is commemorating the history of the East Tennessee and Western North Carolina Railroad (ET&WNC) during Railroad Heritage Weekend on August 27 and 28. Guests can immerse themselves in the golden age of railroads with Tweetsie’s historic narrow-gauge steam locomotives and many other activities throughout the weekend.

“We are fortunate to be home to the only surviving steam locomotives from the ET&WNC Railroad, and we take pride in preserving the locomotives and celebrating their legacy each year,” said Cathy Robbins of Tweetsie Railroad. “No. 12’s and No. 190’s pasts intertwine our history as North Carolina’s first theme park with the railways in our state.”

Throughout the weekend, locomotive No. 190 will pull an 1870s vintage coach car to recreate the experience of the ET&WNC Railroad, and the No. 12 locomotive will pull a separate train taking riders on a Wild West adventure. The Sunday of Railroad Heritage Weekend is the only day each year where locomotives No. 12 and No. 190 run at the same time.

In addition to the train rides, guests can tour the original Tweetsie Railroad Locomotive Shop to get a glimpse into work done to preserve Engines No. 12 and No. 190. Tweetsie’s Locomotive Shop is one of the few places in the country that restores, rebuilds, and creates impossible-to-find parts for old steam-powered locomotives. Guests are also invited to visit the Memorabilia Room to see historic artifacts from the park itself and the ET&WNC Railroad.

For more information on upcoming events, ticket prices, and more visit Tweetsie.com.

About Tweetsie Railroad

Tweetsie Railroad, North Carolina’s first theme park, has been creating memories and offering family-friendly Wild West adventure since 1957. The park is located on US 321 between Boone

and Blowing Rock in the cool, scenic Blue Ridge Mountains. Visitors to Tweetsie Railroad enjoy a variety of interactive experiences including an unforgettable and exciting three-mile trip into the Old West on a train pulled by historic narrow-gauge steam locomotives. Other attractions include live shows, classic amusement rides, the Deer Park Zoo, gem mining, and more. For more information about Tweetsie Railroad, visit [Tweetsie.com](https://www.tweetsierailroad.com) or call 800-526-5740.