

The Doswell Special

Sunday, April 26, 2026



Photo by Jim Fetchero

It has been **50 years** since the last **Amtrak passenger train** traveled the Chesapeake & Ohio rail line between Doswell and Gordonsville, Virginia! Now you can ride this freight-only line for the **first time in decades** on **Sunday, April 26, 2026** departing at 10:00AM out of Louisa, Virginia!

Join us as we board our special **Virginia Scenic Railway** train in historic Louisa. Louisa was where the C&O first got started as the Louisa Railroad, which was chartered in 1836 and **began operations in 1850**. Currently operated by the **Buckingham Branch Railroad**, you can travel with us through Louisa and Hanover Counties to **Doswell, the famous junction** with the RF&P (now CSX) Railroad and the site of several **Civil War battles** and operations. We will pass through the **beautiful towns** of Beaverdam, Hewlett and Noel as we travel through the **gentle-rolling fields, farmlands and forests**. Lunch will be served during our trip and if the weather permits, we hope to be able to make at least one or more **photo stops**. At Doswell we reverse direction and head back to Louisa and continue west through Louisa County via Bumpass, Frederick Hall and Mineral before arriving in **Gordonsville** in beautiful Orange County. After our locomotive changes ends we return to Louisa to finish off a **great day of railroading!**

PER PERSON FARES

Includes rail transportation from Louisa to Doswell to Gordonsville and return and your preselected lunch served while enroute (see reverse side of flier for menu choices).

DCNRHS Members: \$269*

Nonmembers: \$299*

***Includes nonrefundable \$8 online reservation convenience fee.**

CONDITIONS:

1. The Washington D.C. Chapter, NRHS makes every effort to accommodate the physically challenged; however, the Virginia Scenic Railway's rail cars as historic railroad cars are not wheelchair accessible. Operator requires those physically challenged passengers requiring special assistance from others to travel with someone who is able to assist them.
2. Those with special dietary needs such as food allergies or vegetarian/vegan meals must notify the reservations agent in writing at least two weeks in advance of the trip. Please include a note in the comments line when placing your order or send an email to reservations@dcnrhs.org.
3. **No refund or credit of purchased tickets** other than by operator's cancellation of the trip or reselling of the space. The operator suggests that passengers obtain trip insurance to cover cancellations resulting from personal emergencies, illness or other causes.
4. No transportation to / from Louisa VA is provided; participants must make their own way to the excursion starting point. No overnight accommodations are included; tour participants must make their own arrangements if they plan to stay overnight in the area.
5. Persons wishing to sit together must order their tickets together on the same order.
6. The General Conditions for tours, trips, excursions, and events as published on the DCNRHS web site (www.dcnrhs.org) apply. By making a reservation, participants agree to be bound by both the General and these specific Conditions.



Virginia Scenic Railway photo

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION/BUY ONLINE NOW
at www.dcnrhs.org

on our secure online reservation system which is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week using your VISA/Mastercard credit or debit card.

To receive the member discounted fare, a valid DCNRHS Member number is required to be entered for each member in your order.

Reservation confirmations are sent by e-mail.

Please ensure your spam filter is set to accept e-mails from noreply@etix.com. Contact us at reservations@dcnrhs.org if you do not receive email confirmation within one week of booking.

For questions or assistance, call 202-627-6978
(calls will be returned by a volunteer reservations agent within 48 hours)

Or, e-mail to reservations@dcnrhs.org.

NOTICE: As of January 1, 2026, all DCNRHS trip, tour and event reservations must be made online. No mailed in orders will be accepted.



The Doswell Special – Lunch Menu Selections

Please select your lunch meal choice from the following menu.
All meals must be pre-ordered by selecting the entrée/dessert combination for each passenger when making your reservation.

ENTREES

#1 - Spiced Turkey Meatballs and Couscous

with carrot and beet slaw, cucumber, yogurt and herb dressing. Served with flatbread and greens

#2 - Spiced Falafel and Couscous

with carrot and beet slaw, cucumber, yogurt and herb dressing. Served with flatbread and greens (Vegetarian)

#3 - Pork Schnitzel

with German red cabbage, potato salad and flatbread

#4 - White Bean and Celery Salad/Tuna

with pickled red onions, garlic, herbs and feta, and tuna with capers and lemon. Served with gluten-free focaccia (Gluten Free)

#5 - White Bean and Celery Salad

with pickled red onions, garlic, herbs and feta. Served with gluten-free focaccia (Gluten Free/Vegetarian)

#6 - Charred Carrot and Miso Soup

with a dollop of yogurt and herb sauce, za'atar, and toasted pepitas Served with carrot and beet slaw and gluten free focaccia (Gluten Free, Vegetarian)

DESSERT

A - Strawberry Shortcake with Whipped Cream

B - S'mores Brownies with Caramel Sauce

C - Ice Cream Sandwich (Gluten Free)

A selection of non-alcoholic beverages are included with your meal. Adult alcoholic beverages will also be available aboard the train for purchase at additional cost with a credit/debit card only (no cash) if you wish to partake.