



Mendocino County's World Famous **SKUNK TRAIN**

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TWO NEW WAYS TO RIDE THE RAILS: SKUNK TRAIN ADDS LUXURY AND LOCAL FLAVOR TO THE LINE

Fort Bragg & Willits, CA — (August 20, 2025) — This summer, California's most iconic railroad turned up the heat and adventure with two unforgettable new offerings on the Skunk Train: the Presidential Class Car and the Highball Express.

Whether you're looking to sip cocktails in plush comfort or dance your way through the redwoods with a drink in hand, these experiences are elevating what it means to ride the rails.

Presidential Class Car: Ride Like a Railroad Tycoon aboard the Redwood

Departing from Fort Bragg, the newly introduced Presidential Class Car transforms a classic railcar into a relaxed yet luxurious lounge setting. Riders can enjoy wide, cushioned seating with beautiful views of the redwood corridor, along with thoughtful extras like custom crafted cocktails and attentive onboard service.

Guests also receive exclusive boarding access at the rear of the train and a photo-worthy moment at the vintage Skunk Train drumhead, a nostalgic nod to railroading's golden age. Whether celebrating a special occasion or simply treating yourself, it's an invitation to slow down and ride in luxury.

Highball Express: The Redwoods' Best Kept Party Secret

For those craving more energy with their redwoods, the Highball Express, launching from Willits, is the perfect pairing. This two-hour journey climbs to the highest elevation along the Skunk Train route, winds through Tunnel #2, and descends into the wild beauty of the Noyo River Canyon.

On board, the atmosphere is upbeat and lively. Guests can purchase a selection of local spirits, wines, craft beers, and snackables while enjoying the ride. A stop at scenic Crowley offers a

chance to stretch your legs, explore the peaceful forest surroundings, and relax by the fire pits. It's the perfect spot to roast s'mores and enjoy the twinkling lights before the return trip. Ideal for date nights, weekend plans, or anyone seeking a refreshing mix of nature and celebration.

Now booking at [Presidential Class Car](#) and [Highball Express](#).

With these two exciting additions, the Skunk Train continues to reimagine rail travel for the modern explorer, while honoring its deep Mendocino roots.

Spots are limited. Don't wait to experience these standout new journeys through the redwoods. The **Highball Express** departs from Willits off Highway 101, while the **Presidential Class Car** sets off from our coastal Fort Bragg Depot.

California Western Railroad / Skunk Train, located in the redwood forests of Northern California's Mendocino County, is a heritage railroad that has been operating both freight and passenger service since 1885. Initially used to move redwood logs to the Mendocino Coast sawmills from the rugged back country, the Skunk Train has become a beloved institution touted as one of the "10 Best Rail Tours in the Country" (USA Today), and a "Top 10 Family Activity in California" (National Geographic Traveler). The Skunk Train journey covers 40 miles of scenic delights and 30 bridges, all while retaining its original charm—minus the historic pungent aroma that once preceded its arrival. Operating year-round, this multi-generational experience welcomes passengers to bring along their families and even their dog, ensuring a memorable and inclusive adventure.

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