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SKUNK TRAIN NAMED A NOMINEE FOR USA TODAY 10BEST BEST SCENIC TRAIN RIDE

FORT BRAGG, CALIFORNIA - April 13, 2026 - Mendocino Railway - The Skunk Train is thrilled to announce its nomination for the prestigious USA TODAY 10Best Readers' Choice Awards in the category of Best Scenic Train Ride.

The annual awards highlight top destinations, attractions, and experiences across the United States. The nomination reflects the Skunk Train's commitment to delivering memorable journeys through some of the most scenic landscapes in the country.

Voting will commence on Monday, April 13th at noon EDT and will continue until Monday, May 11th at 11:59am EDT. Daily participation is crucial, as voters are permitted one vote per day, per device. Over the years, we have witnessed the remarkable impact of sustained voting efforts. Last year, the Skunk Train secured a place in the top 10. This year, we are determined to ascend to the top spot, but we cannot achieve this without your continued support and dedication.

To cast your daily vote for the Skunk Train, simply [VOTE HERE](#), and help us claim the title of the Best Scenic Train Ride in the USA TODAY 10Best Readers' Choice Awards.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our passengers, supporters, and enthusiasts for your unwavering loyalty and enthusiasm. Together, let us embark on this journey to showcase the unparalleled magic of the Skunk Train to the world.

California Western Railroad / Skunk Train is a Class III common carrier public utility railroad located in the redwood forests of Northern California's Mendocino County. This heritage freight railroad, which has been operating since 1885, added passenger service after its founding, initially moved redwood logs from the rugged back country to Mendocino Coast sawmills, later transporting finished lumber out to the national railroad network. In 1925, the railroad became known as the "Skunk Train" and, since that time,

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’s journey covers the same 40-mile route that its freight trains use, crossing over some 30 bridges, all while retaining its original charm—minus the historic pungent aroma that once preceded the train’s arrival. Freight, passenger, and excursion trains operate year-round. For tickets and more information, visit www.skunktrain.com or call (707) 964-6371.

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