Adult

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Children (3-12)

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\$15

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# **Round Trips**

**March through May** (Saturdays & Sundays)

Plus Thursdays & Fridays: Last 2 weeks in March & first week of April

June and July (Thursdays through Sundays)

August (Saturdays & Sundays)

# **School Runs**

April & May - Call for dates

## KIDS RIDE FREE June through August

Payment is required when reservations are made. Visa, MasterCard, Discover and checks accepted. Tickets are to be picked up one hour before train departure. Unpaid hold reservations will be released and sold 30 minutes prior to departure. To receive a refund, reservation must be cancelled 72 hours prior to departure.

# RAILROAD GIFT SHOP



Both the Rusk and Palestine Train Stations feature a gift shop filled with a wide assortment of railroad gift items and collectibles for rail fans both young and young at heart. Choose from postcards, custom magnets, railroad charms, toys, books, locomotive mugs, T-shirts, railroad clocks, pocket watches and hickory-striped railroad engineer caps, all chosen with the railroad enthusiast in mind.

# RESERVATIONS

Reservations highly recommended!

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# TRAIN TIMETABLE

### **Rusk Station**

**Regular Seating** 

Climate-controlled

Round trip

One way

Round trip

One way

Depart Rusk Train Station II a.m.

Arrive Palestine Train Station 12:30 p.m.

Train Layover

Depart Palestine Train Station 2 p.m.

Arrive Rusk Train Station 3:30 p.m.

### **Palestine Station**

Depart Palestine Train Station 11 a.m.

Arrive Rusk Train Station 12:30 p.m.

Train Layover

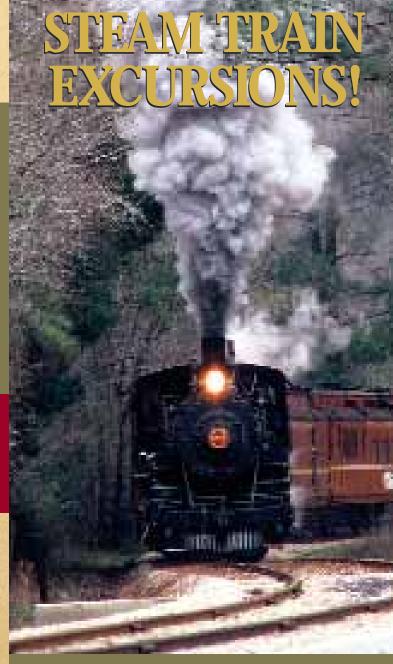
Depart Rusk Train Station 2 p.m.

Arrive Palestine Train Station 3:30 p.m.

# SPECIAL NOTES OF INTEREST

- All one-way riders must furnish their own transportation to and from stations.
- Guests are welcome to store picnic containers on trains.
- The TSRR State Park reserves the right to alter schedules and events or substitute engines and coaches as operating conditions require.

Texas State Railroad March - August 2007



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TEXAS STATE RAILROAD
IN THE LATE 1800S THE TEXAS PRISON SYSTEM BUILT A
SHORT RAIL LINE FROM THE STATE PENITENTIARY FACILITY IN
NORTH RUSK, SOUTHWESTWARD TO HARDWOOD TIMBER
STANDS, WHERE CHARCOAL WAS MADE FOR USE IN FIRING
THE PRISON'S IRON ORE SMELTING FURNACES. THE LINE
SERVED AS THE FOUNDATION OF THE TEXAS STATE RAILROAD,
WHICH WAS ORGANIZED IN 1894 IN AN EFFORT TO MAKE
THE PRISON MORE SELF-SUFFICIENT BY PROVIDING NEW
MARKETS FOR PRISON PRODUCTS. TWO TEXAS GOVERNORS,
JAMES STEPHEN HOGG AND THOMAS M. CAMPREIL BOTH NATIVES OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, WERE INSTRI

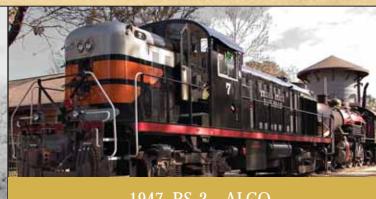
THE RAILROAD'S DEVELOPMENT.

BUILT BY PRISONERS AND SUPERVISED BY THE STATE
PRISON SYSTEM, THE LINE WAS COMPLETED IN 1909 TO AND THE PRISON UNIT, LIMITED THE RAILROAD'S SUCCESS HOWEVER, UNDER A BOARD OF MANAGERS APPOINTED BY THE LEGISLATURE, THE LINE WAS LATER LEASED TO THE TEXAS RAILROAD, IN 1972 CONTROL WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT AS A STATE PARK. IT NOW SYMBOLIZES THE SIGNIFICANT ROLE THI RAILROAD INDUSTRY PLAYED IN TEXAS HISTORY.

# STEAM TRAIN EXCURSIONS

Lince 1881, trains have rolled along the tracks of the Texas State Railroad (TSRR), passing through the beautiful pineywoods and hardwood creek bottoms of East Texas. Today, the historic state railroad is still maintained as a fully self-contained railroad system. Its train crews maintain and operate four steam engines, four antique diesel locomotives and a complete steam-engine restoration shop, while its track crew maintains over 25 miles of track and 24 bridges.

Passengers board the historic train at the Rusk depot. Both ends of the line have Victorianstyle train stations. The trip takes  $1^{1/2}$  hours to reach the Palestine station. Once visitors have arrived, they have  $1^{1/2}$  hours to enjoy lunch, browse through the depot's train store or take a short nature hike. Passengers then re-board for the return trip home. The State Park's 50-mile round-trip steam-engine excursions take 41/2 hours.



1947 RS-2 ALCO



# RUSK AND PALESTINE STATE PARKS



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State park camping and picnicking facilities are adjacent to both depots. Rusk State Park offers shaded picnic tables, a scenic 15-acre lake, group picnic pavilions and full-hookup camping. Palestine State Park has shaded picnic tables and water-only camping sites.

# EILENBERGER'S BAKERY



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