


Day 1 – History & Mechanics of Train Travel

9:00 am – 11:30 am

 **Train Travel & Regional History (History/Social Studies/Engineering)**

Activity: Ride the Beaver's Bend Train

- Learn about the history of train travel in the region
- Discuss the development of the Beaver's Bend Train
- Observe train mechanics in action (steam or diesel discussion)
- Identify the roles of the conductor and engineer
- Ask staff questions to deepen understanding
 -  [Beaver's Bend Depot and Trail Rides](#)

Lunch (11:30 am – 12:30 pm)

 **Picnic lunch or dine at a family-friendly restaurant nearby**

Recommendation: *The Blue Rooster Fry House or Abendigo's Grill*

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

 **Team Building & Kinesthetic Learning (Math/Problem Solving/PE)**

Option 1: The Maze of Hochatown – work in teams, use maps, and apply spatial reasoning.

Option 2: Hochatown Escape Room – use logic, teamwork, and problem-solving to "escape."

3:30 pm – 7:00 pm

 **Family Cabin Activities (Art/Life Skills/Creativity)**

- Draw or paint your favorite part of the train ride
- Create a mini-model train with recyclables
- Play a board game like "Ticket to Ride"
- Cook dinner together (suggested: "Train Station Tacos")

- Practice train travel etiquette with a pretend ticket/check-in role-play
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7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

 **Relaxation & Reflection (Emotional Development)**


- Read train-themed books (e.g. *The Little Engine That Could*)
 - Share favorite parts of the day + highs/lows
 - Wind down in the hot tub or with cocoa and storytime
 - Conversation cards over dinner (on the table)
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Day 2 – Nature, Geography & Environmental Awareness


9:00 am – 11:30 am

 **Scenic Exploration (Geography/Science/Environmental Studies)**

Activity: Hike Friends Trail

- Compare what you saw from the train with the ground-level view
 - Identify plants and ecosystems near the tracks
 - Discuss conservation efforts around Beaver's Bend
 -  [Friends Trail Loop](#)
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Lunch (11:30 am – 12:30 pm)

 **Grateful Head Pizza** (gluten-free options available)

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1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

 **Science & Observation (Biology/Environmental Science)**

Activity: Visit **Beaver's Bend Safari Park**

- Compare modern transportation (cars) to trains
- Discuss animal habitats seen on the train vs. in the park
- Talk about the environmental impact of different transport modes

 [Safari Park](#)

3:30 pm – 7:00 pm

 **Cabin-Based Learning (Art/Reflection/Review)**

- Create a travel journal page about the trip
 - Color in a train-themed geography map
 - Retake the “Exploring Train Rides” quiz
 - Cook dinner together (suggested: “Conductor’s Spaghetti Night”)
 - Use conversation cards themed around “travel memories”
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 **Family Wind Down (Reflection & Emotional Growth)**

- Read a Book from the children's secret library
 - Share travel gratitude and memory-making moments
 - Look at photos from the trip and tell a story with them
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