

In 1849, Virginia began a bold railroad expansion toward the Ohio River and its lucrative trade connections. The projects plan covered 423 miles and called for piercing two mountain chains with three railroads. The Blue Ridge Railroad was the shortest of these but crossed the most mountainous terrain. At times, hired slaves, who prepared the tracks, and Irish immigrants, who blasted the tunnels, faced challenges that seemed almost insurmountable. Many were killed by explosions and falling rock. Those deaths often resulted in labor strikes. The unrest slowed progress and haunted chief engineer Claudius Crozet for seven years. In this first full-length history of the Blue Ridge Railroad, award-winning author Mary E. Lyons uses a wealth of historical documents to describe construction on what Crozet called dangerous ground.

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The Virginia Blue Ridge Railroad. In , Virginia began a bold railroad expansion toward the Ohio River and its lucrative trade Series: Transportation.

For 65 years a railroad that at one time measured but 16 miles in length, the Virginia Blue Ridge Railway made its way through the foothills of the Blue Ridge .

The Virginia Blue Ridge Railway (VBR) is a historic intrastate short line railroad that operated in operations on the VBR ended on August 1st, with ex-U.S. Army #9 being the honor of pulling the last steam powered freight train. A sample itinerary of the railroad history for train lovers in Roanoke in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. The Virginia Blue Ridge Railway began as a small, timber line during the early However, this traffic was short-lived and after nearly going under the railroad. Hotel Roanoke Train Lovers' Package National Railway Historical Society, Blue Ridge Chapter History Museum & Historical Society of Western Virginia. Transportation through the Blue Ridge region has evolved from its most primitive In the mountainous western regions of Virginia and North Carolina, this was the heightened development of the railroads across the states.

The original train station has been renovated as has the caboose that was operating when the Virginia Blue Ridge Railway ceased operations in

The Blue Ridge Scenic Railway is located in downtown Blue Ridge, Ga Phone Number: TRAIN (). Depot Street. Blue Ridge, GA. Courtesy of the Virginia Museum of Transportation, Roanoke, Virginia. in and pulls excursions across the Blue Ridge Mountains.

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