



Tiffany Bottoms Mini-Car Train Ride – May 6, 2012
Registration Information
The Prairie Enthusiasts – Chippewa Savannas Chapter

Please join the Chippewa Savannas Chapter of The Prairie Enthusiasts on Sunday, May 6 2012 as we take a ride in an open-air train deep into remote areas of the Tiffany Bottoms extensive lowland hardwood wetlands, wet meadows, open prairies, and floodplain savannas within the heart of the Lower Chippewa River.

May is the peak of spring bird migration. The 13,000 acre Tiffany Wildlife Area (owned and managed by WDNR) is an excellent location to witness the migration. The Tiffany is a concentration area for waterfowl and songbirds, with numbers exceeding 25,000 on many days in the fall. It is estimated that as many as 30 species of warblers can be found in the Tiffany Wildlife Area. To maximize the bird watching experience, our train will be leaving at 7am so that birders can catch the “dawn chorus”. An ornithologist will be on the train to share knowledge about bird identification, bird behavior, biology, etc.

Along the way, the train will stop and riders will have the opportunity to venture out on foot and explore various habitats. We will be focusing on prairie and savanna areas. Riders will be able to walk with several local experts who will share their knowledge about the region's ecology, natural history, and habitat management.

Cost:

\$30 per person (non-TPE members). \$25 per person (TPE members). Space is limited. Payment will confirm your registration and ensure your seat on the train. **No refunds.** *This is a fundraiser: funds will go towards Chippewa Savannas-TPE efforts to restore prairie and savanna habitats in the Lower Chippewa River area.*

Registration:

Please make checks out to “TPE-Chippewa Savannas”.

Send checks to: Agnes Welsch
952 Rustic Road 3
Glenwood City, WI 54013

Questions?:

Email: aawelsch@gmail.com or call: 715-265-4348

Time:

Arrive: 6:45 AM; Train departs: 7:00AM; Train returns: 12:00 noon.

Lunch / Weather:

There will be a lunch stop during the day. Riders provide their own lunch, snacks, and water. Please dress appropriately for the weather. The ride will occur rain or shine. A porta-potty is available for use on the ride.

Directions:

From Durand take Highway 25 south. As you travel south, you will notice that highway parallels an old railroad track. Approximately 4 miles south of Durand, Thibodeau Road "T's" with Hwy. 25, on the east (left) side of Hwy. 25. To the west (right) there is a small Tiffany Wildlife Area parking lot. Park in the open grass yard on the east (left) side of the road. We will depart on the train from here. If you see a dozen or so railroad cars "in storage" along a track, about 200 feet to the west of the road, you have gone a bit too far south on Hwy 25.