



Tiffany Bottoms Mini-Car Train Ride

May 6, 2017 12:45 to 5 pm

The Prairie Enthusiasts

Chippewa Savannas Chapter

Please join the Chippewa Savannas Chapter of The Prairie Enthusiasts on Saturday, May 6, 2017 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. This remarkable area contains 25% of Wisconsin's remaining native prairie remnants.

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.** An ornithologist will be on the train to guide our bird identification and share knowledge about bird behavior.

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 and educational events.*

Registration: Please make checks out to "TPE-Chippewa Savannas". Include your name and names of those who are accompanying you, your email address and telephone number in case we need to contact you and to email you a confirmation of your registration. (We do not share email addresses.) Send checks to: Caroljean Coventree, W3419 850th Avenue, Spring Valley, WI 54767

Questions: Email: theprairieenthusiasts.csc@gmail.com or call: 612-868-7598

Time: Arrive: 12:45 p.m.; Train departs: 1:00AM; Train returns: 5 o'clock.

Weather: Riders provide their own lunch, snacks, and water. Please dress appropriately for the weather. If you participate in the walks off the train, there will be occasional rough terrain that may be wet. You'll want sturdy footwear. 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. The train will be on the west side of 25. To park: drive into the DNR parking lot on the same side as the train, turn right, drive through the gate and drive into the field to park. You can then take a trail through the trees to the end of the train. For a map, click on the red points on the following Google map: <https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=zfe31R4TuqmU.kEludaW-UPoo>