

Tiffany Bottoms Train Ride

See the largest and one of the highest quality floodplain forests in the Midwest

Where: On Highway 25 about 4.5 miles south of Durand, Buffalo County, Wisconsin

When: Saturday, September 9th, 1-5 p.m.

Leaders: Steve Eggers, Jennifer Kamm

Come join Steve Eggers and Jennifer Kamm for the unique experience of an open air, antique train ride into an expansive, high quality floodplain forest of the Chippewa River. The event is hosted by the Chippewa Valley Motor Car Association. Enjoy stops with short hikes into floodplain forests, savannas and prairies. Tiffany Bottoms Wildlife Management Area—covering 13,000 acres—captures the transition between the typical floodplain forest of silver maple (*Acer saccharinum*), river birch (*Betula nigra*), ashes (*Fraxinus* spp.) and basswood (*Tilia americana*) and the more oak-dominated forest (swamp white (*Quercus bicolor*), bur (*Q. macrocarpa*) and black (*Q. velutina*)). The bottoms abound in wildlife. Characteristic floodplain flora we expect to see, in addition to the tree species, includes common bur sedge (*Carex grayi*), cattail sedge (*C. typhina*), swamp oval sedge (*C. muskingumensis*), hop sedge (*C. lupulina*) and cut-leaf coneflower (*Rudbeckia laciniata*). A short hike into a mesic prairie is included.

This field trip is limited to members of the Minnesota Native Plant Society. Participants should arrive 12:30 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. to ensure that they don't miss the train boarding. A porta-potty is on the train. There are no other facilities along the travel route. The trip will run in light rain but will be cancelled in the event of severe weather.

Cost: A minimum of a \$5.00 donation to the Chippewa Valley Motor Car Association is suggested.

Items to bring: Hat, sunglasses, insect repellent and other tick protection, water/snacks, binoculars, hand lens, plant and bird identification guides. Poison ivy and nettles are common so wear appropriate clothing.

To register for this field trip contact: Jennifer Kamm by email at jennifer.kamm@stantec.com

Please register by September 7th.



