



Backwater Riverboat Tour: Wetlands of the Upper Mississippi River

Leaders: Jon Stravers, Audubon's Upper Mississippi River Initiative & Captain Jack Libbey, Mississippi Explorer
Leaving from Prairie du Chien, WI

RESCHEDULED DATE: Saturday, October 11, 10 AM – 12 noon



June flooding forced us to reschedule our riverboat tour. We're now offering an opportunity to explore Mississippi backwaters during fall migration! On this trip we'll observe a variety of riverine wetland habitats including open backwaters and side channels that border floodplain forests. We expect to see a variety of birds since the Mississippi River Flyway is one of the most noteworthy bird migration flyways in the world and this tour occurs during fall migration for many species. Leader Jon 'Hawk' Stravers, an experienced river naturalist, is recognized as a leading expert on Red-shouldered Hawks nesting along the Upper Mississippi River. He has also conducted research on raptor migration and the effects of human disturbance on Bald Eagles nesting along the Upper Mississippi River. *Tour will be on board a Coast Guard inspected vessel with a licensed pilot.*

Directions: The meeting location is at the south end of Lawler Park on St. Feriole Island in Prairie du Chien. Lawler Park stretches along the west side of St. Feriole Island along the Mississippi River. Coming into Prairie du Chien on 18/35, continue on 35 (Marquette Rd) to the intersection with Blackhawk Avenue, the main east-west street through downtown. Turn left on Blackhawk Avenue and take it as far west as you can until it brings you to a parking area along the river wall and right next to the docking and loading area.

Note: This is a very popular trip and space is limited – register today! Registration fees, which reflect boat rental, fuel costs and other event expenses, are \$20 for WWA Members, \$30 for Non-members and \$15 for children 12 & under. To register, please complete the form below and follow payment and mailing instructions. For more information, contact WWA at 608-250-9971 or admin@wisconsinwetlands.org.

REGISTRATION: Backwater Riverboat Tour of the Upper Mississippi: Oct. 11

To register, complete this form and mail it with check (payable to WWA) or credit card info to:
Wisconsin Wetlands Association, 222 S. Hamilton St. #1, Madison, WI 53703.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Names of additional participants: _____

Registration Fees:

WWA Members: \$20 * _____ = \$ _____

Non-Members* \$30 * _____ = \$ _____

12 & Under: \$15 * _____ = \$ _____

TOTAL = \$ _____

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