



## Wisconsin Wetlands Association's 2010 Field Trip Series



### Train Ride into Tiffany Wildlife Area Buffalo County: Saturday, September 18, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm Leaders: Kathy Bibby, Karen Voss, Sean Hartnett, Matt Molback and Brent Weaver



Take a ride in an antique open-air train eight miles into the Tiffany Wildlife Area, part of the **Lower Chippewa River Delta Wetland Gem**. Located along the Chippewa River as it flows into the Mississippi River in Buffalo and Pepin counties, Tiffany Wildlife Area protects one of the most extensive river deltas in the Midwest. This unique wet forest is characterized by transitions and patches, two elements of landscape diversity that often result in high biodiversity. From the Chippewa delta moving upstream, the site transitions from floodplain forest of silver maple, river birch, ashes, and basswood to a more oak-dominated forest (swamp white, bur, and black). Participants will see expansive lowland hardwood forests, sloughs of the Chippewa River, and open wet prairies with blooming flowers and grasses exceeding six feet in height. The area also offers excellent birding opportunities. We will take several hikes (1/4 - 1/2 mile each) to visit various wetland and prairie habitats. Bring lots of water and a bag lunch for a picnic stop. We also recommend binoculars, long sleeves, long pants, sun hat and sturdy shoes that can get wet. Bring raingear; trip will run in light rain. If heavy rain or electrical storm during our scheduled departure, we will NOT run and will wait to see if the storm passes.

**Directions:** Durand is ~15 miles northeast of the Mississippi River in Pepin County (~3.5 hours/200 miles from Madison and ~45 minutes/30 miles from Eau Claire). From Durand, take State Highway 25 south; you will notice that Hwy. 25 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) look for a small Tiffany Wildlife Area parking lot – park here. If you see a dozen or so railroad cars "in storage" along a track, ~200 feet to the west of the road, you have gone too far.

**Register today -- this popular trip fills early!** Registration fees are \$13 for WWA Members, \$22 for Non-members and \$8 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 [register@wisconsinwetlands.org](mailto:register@wisconsinwetlands.org).  
*Cancellation Policy: WWA will refund registration fees for cancellations made on or before Friday, September 3, 2010. No refunds will be made after this date. Thank you for understanding our need for this policy.*

### REGISTRATION: Train Ride Into Tiffany Wildlife Area, September 18, 2010 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Names of additional participants: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Non-Members\* \$22 \* \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
12 & Under: \$8 \* \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**TOTAL = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

\* Join WWA today to receive member rate – see membership info online at [www.wisconsinwetlands.org/membership.htm](http://www.wisconsinwetlands.org/membership.htm).

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*All aboard!* Take a ride in an antique open-air train into the Tiffany Wildlife Area and explore the extensive lowland hardwood wetlands and open wet prairies near the mouth of the Chippewa River.

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From a passenger on  
last year's trip:  
*"Fantastic trip! I felt I was  
in another world!"*

