

ALL ABOARD!!

A suggested tour for Train Enthusiasts



DAY ONE

The Rasmussen Blacksmith Shop & Narrow Gauge Railroad Museum - Lewistown, IL

The last reminder of the narrow gauge railroad system that ran from 1878 to 1905 along a route that extended for 61 miles from Galesburg to West Havana. The site is also home to a caboose which is available for tours. Open 12pm-5pm on weekends from April through October and by appointment. Please call 309-547-4306 to make arrangements.

Overnight at Wildlife Prairie State Park - Peoria, IL

Spend the night in an authentic Santa Fe Train Caboose. Advanced reservations are required for overnight lodging. Call (309) 676-0998.

DAY TWO

Wildlife Prairie State Park - Peoria, IL

After your night in the caboose you can spend the morning discovering the animals that called Illinois home during the pioneer days. This unique 2,000-acre zoological park is home to wolves, bison, black bear, cougar and much more. Take in a scenic train ride and stop in the small train museum located within the train depot. On Sunday mornings you can enjoy an award winning Sunday Brunch buffet.

Wheels O'Time Museum - Peoria, IL

Displays of vintage and classic autos, steam trains, gas engines, fire engines, airplanes, tractors, musical instruments, juke boxes, toys, dolls, animated miniature circus, and many "hands-on" displays. Open May-October 12pm-5pm Wed through Sun.

Rock Island Depot Historical Museum - Chillicothe, IL

A restored train station of the Rock Island Lines that is now used as a museum by the Chillicothe Historical Society. The museum (also home to an ATSF 999130 Caboose) is open from 1pm-4pm on Wednesdays and Sundays and by appointment by calling 309-274-9076. Free admission, donations appreciated.

Other points of interest for train enthusiasts along the Illinois River Road

C& IM (Chicago & Illinois Midland) Depot - Pekin, IL

This is one of several depots in the Pekin, IL area and is located at Third St. & Broadway St. The building is now use for non railroad businesses.

World War II Canteen Monument - Streator, IL

The old Streator Station is now home to a monument that honors the millions of volunteers that served soldiers and sailors passing by on troop trains. The canteen was open from November 26,

1943 to May 29, 1946 and served an estimated 1.5 soldiers and sailors. The troops would be fed by volunteers boarding the train while it was serviced.

Amtrak Depot - Princeton, IL

A historic railroad depot that was built in 1911 and is still in use today. There is a Burlington Route 13593 Caboose on display near the Amtrak depot.

Railroad Depot - Marseilles, IL

This beautiful historic railroad depot build in 1917 was one of several along the main line of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific (Rock Island) Railroad from Chicago to Rock Island, IL. It was in operation as a rail depot until 1974 and then added to the U.S. National Register of Historic Places in 1995. It is now used as a healthcare facility.