

Explore the Wetlands and Wildlife of the Mississippi River by Riverboat

Join the Friends of the Arboretum for a unique four-hour expertly narrated riverboat tour of the Upper Mississippi River.

We'll explore a variety of wetland habitats including open water, narrow backwaters and side channels along riverside cliffs and floodplain forests.

With the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge known as one of the most noteworthy bird corridors in the world, we expect to see a variety of birds, including egrets, ducks, cormorants, geese, great blue herons, bald eagles, white pelicans and hawks.

The 261-mile refuge is the longest river refuge in the continental United States and is well known as a bird watchers' paradise. We hope to have colorful fall foliage on the river to add to the beauty of the area, as well.

We will board our US Coast Guard-inspected eco-boat, especially designed to navigate otherwise inaccessible waters of the Mississippi, at Lansing, Iowa and travel 31 miles south to dock at Prairie du Chien.

Along the way, we will enjoy a narrated tour from USCG-licensed Captain Jack Libby, who has spent a lifetime on the river in towboats, passenger and research vessels as well as exploring endless back waters with the *Mississippi Explorer*.

He especially enjoys sharing his vast knowledge of river lore, legends, navigation, history, people and ecology with his passengers. Before ending our journey, we will experience the excitement of going through Lock and Dam #9.

This tour offers visitors a fantastic opportunity to enjoy the scenic beauty and natural wonders of the Upper Mississippi River in the comfort of the *Mississippi Explorer*, a custom designed, enclosed vessel (with on-board restrooms) offering protection from inclement weather while providing exceptional views. Make sure to bring your cameras and binoculars!

The fee for this trip includes our motor coach transportation from the Arboretum, box lunch and Mississippi River chartered boat.

The trip is limited to 50 people.



September 30, 2010
7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

\$100 for FOA members
\$105 for guests

Hurry! Seats are limited.

Registration deadline
is September 20

Tour leaves from front steps of
the Arboretum Visitor Center.



Mississippi Riverboat Adventure

Please make checks payable to: FOA

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Madison, WI 53711-3726

Please check appropriate box

Member Non-Member
 Special Dietary Requirements

• _____ Number participating @ \$100 each (members)
• _____ Number participating @ \$105 each (non-members)
• \$_____ Total payment enclosed

• Your Name _____

• Guests' names _____

• _____

• Your Address _____

• _____ Zip _____

• Your phone (days) _____ (nights) _____

• Your e-mail _____