

Dairyland Tin Lizzies

Wild Rose Fish Hatchery / Covered Bridge Tour

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Wonderful Model T type roads, lots of trees, lakes and fish. And, not much traffic. Yes, it was that nice!

That's what this tour was all about, plus 9 Model T's and about 20+ club members and guests.

The tour was hosted by Denis and Melodie Pulvermacher, and in addition to them, others on the tour included Dennis and Dena Gorder, Keith and Carol Gumbinger, Todd Pluvermacher and Family, Dan and Phyllis Schultz, Jim and Colleen Rodell, Kevin Brusso and friends, Bob and Dan Brusso, Rich Edler & Ken Lefeber.

The tour was based at Pulvermacher's place just outside of Princeton, Wisconsin. Some of us arrived on Friday Evening and enjoyed a campfire and roasted marsh mellow.

The tour began on Saturday Morning at about 9:30. We headed out around the outskirts of Princeton on nice country roads. At the edge of town, we went over an abandoned railroad bridge that is now owned by the City of Princeton. It has been planked over and is only a little wider than is needed for a Model T. You have to drive down a grass pathway to get to the bridge 'cause it's so

hidden. That bridge was so nice that we came back to it on the return trip to take pictures. We continued driving on these nice country roads. After passing through some small towns with really neat murals on the buildings we stopped for lunch in Wild Rose. We had to watch the time carefully so we wouldn't be late for the 1 PM tour at the Fish Hatchery. The Visitor Center at the Fish Hatchery is really a good place to visit. They have lots of displays describing the fish and what they do there. We had a nice tour guide who explained what they do there, and also saw a video about their whole operation. Next, we walked around the old hatchery area and saw big fish in the original raceways, before driving up to the other end of the grounds where they have completely new and state-of-the-art breeding and hatchery facilities. Our Tour Guide was very knowledgeable and explained the entire process thoroughly.

Leaving Wild Rose, we drove for a few miles to a Covered Bridge that was built in 1999. We read about the History of the bridge and took our time taking pictures of the bridge and the surrounding park. After that, we drove through lots of beautiful and scenic state wildlife areas and marshes. We again went over the old railroad bridge and lingered long enough for pictures before entering Princeton and there it was: The Ice Cream stop named "All in Good Taste"!!! We really enjoyed the ice cream... 😊

Continuing on, it was only a few more miles and we were back at Pulvermacher's and the tour was over. Soon we were loaded up, said our good byes, and were on our way.

This was a nice, laid back, enjoyable tour, like they should be. A big THANK YOU to Denis and Melodie Pulvermacher who were our hosts for the tour. You did a really great job!!!

Submitted by Keith Gumbinger