

Cookeville National T Tour Daily Events

Friday August 16

Trailer parking is available at the Fairgrounds. We will need your Name and Vehicle and trailer license plate numbers so that you may be contacted if there are any issues.

Saturday August 17

Registration opens at the Hospitality Room in the Country Inn and Suites at 9 am thru 5 pm. You will need to have your insurance documentation and Inspection Form at the registration desk.

There will be a get acquainted with Cookeville tour that you can do at any time after you register. This will allow you to become familiar with Cookeville. Places to eat and shop as well as other areas of interest. This is an opportunity to see if your T is ready to tour.

Dinner is on your own. There are many restaurants near the host hotel. There will be an ice cream social meet and greet followed by a driver meeting in the Sam's Club Parking lot located behind the host hotel. Drive your Ts to the event so that folks on the tour and in the community will have an opportunity to see the Model Ts.

Sunday August 18

The suggested time to leave the Host Hotel is between 8 and 9 am. Our first stop will be at the town of Baxter. This is a small town on the Tennessee Central Railroad. We will have coffee and doughnuts at the Baxter Rail Road Museum.

Today's drive will be along mostly scenic narrow roads thru the Buffalo Valley of the Caney Fork River and Smith Forks. There is a stop at the Center Hill Dam. Our lunch will be at the Appalachian Craft Center. The craftsmen will have some demonstrations for us to enjoy. Historic downtown Smithville will be our next stop. More model t country roads will take us thru the Temperance Hall and

Lancaster communities. After a short climb up onto the Highland Rim we will visit the DelMonaco Winery and Vineyards.

Monday August 19

The drive today will continue to be on mostly narrow and scenic roads. Take your time to stop and enjoy. Remember it is the journey not the destination. Our first stop will be in the community of Algood where you will pick up your box lunches. Lunch will be at the Standing Stone State Park. After lunch you will have the option of taking a more primitive road or a paved road to Livingston. We will have ice cream at the Livingston Community Park. Our return will be thru the Alpine Community to some favorite roads up onto the Cumberland Plateau.

Tuesday August 20

Water falls are on today's menu. Our first stop will be a Burgess Falls State Park. There is a trail with some steps along the river with views of three water falls. You may wish to take an easier path along a park road to see the main feature Burgess Falls. Twin Falls at Rock Island State Park will be our next stop. After visiting the falls, we will stop by the Fog Light Food House where the Chef Edward Philpot has prepared our box lunches. Lunch will be at the Beach in Rock Island State Park. More scenic roads will take us thru Bone Cave and White Cave Natural Areas. There is a short walk to Lost Creek Falls. Our return to Cookeville is thru Sparta, the home of country music legend Lester Flatts.

Wednesday August 21

A visit to the historic river town of Granville is on today's travel plans. This town in its day was the hub for riverboat travel and commerce on the Cumberland River. We will have lunch and be entertained by country music. The town is a museum. You will certainly want to visit the T B Sutton General Store the site of weekly Saturday night live radio broadcast of country music. Beautiful roads will take us to Gainesboro. Roaring Creek and Blackburn Fork roads are your route home. You will pass Cummings Falls State Park. This is a popular swimming hole for the locals.

Thursday August 22

This is the last day of the tour. It features one of the favorite roads in the area, Railroad Grade Road. This is six miles of forested road on an abandoned railroad grade. We will travel thru the communities of Pleasant Hill and Mayland before arriving at our lunch stop at the Monterey Depot Museum. A short but scenic route will take us back to Cookeville with plenty of time before the closing banquet at the Leslie Center in downtown Cookeville.