

BROWN FARM PIONEER DAYS **WAGON TRAIN**

Saturday July 16, 2010
9:00 AM departure
Central City, IA



Greetings all!

We welcome you to another adventure, by horse or by hitch, through the rolling hillsides surrounding the Brown Farm Historical Site in rural Central City. Whether you gather with us for a relaxing ride in the country or come to visit with old friends and maybe meet a few others of like mind, please join us!

Your travel may be by whatever equestrian means you wish. We welcome wagons, lone riders, ponies and carts...bring what you have. As we embark on our journey there will be gravel roads and wide open places as well as a small amount of traffic so please plan accordingly and consider your mount. Water stops will be provided along the way. The route will be wooded in areas and should provide for some nice scenery.

Parking will again be in the designated area just off Sawyer Road at the Jordan's Grove Rd. entrance to the Brown Farm. Our Wagon Train will depart from Brown Farm at 9:00AM and travel East on Sawyer Rd. We will cross the Buffalo River and follow it for a time before turning onto Wagner Rd. This charming and winding road will take us North towards Prairieburg, Ia where we will be stopping a spell at Prairiemoon Bar & Grille for food, refreshment and merriment.

There is much history at this site for those of us who came from far and wide to visit the Prairiemoon Ballroom! Unfortunately, it burned to the ground in 1994 or 95 but has since been rebuilt as a restaurant.

When we are ready again for travel we head West on Prairie Main Rd. to Hill's Mill Rd. Here we will pass an old house on the south bank of Buffalo Creek, all that remains of Hill's Mill, a 3 story mill built in 1853 and used to grind grist and flour. There are a couple of bridges along the way and many stories to share. From here we will follow to Edgerly Rd. and be on Duck Pond Rd. before we take Brown Rd. a short while. From Brown Rd we turn on to Drexler Rd. then pass a small quarry, Plower Quarry. We come South on Drexler until we again are on Sawyer and headed back to Brown Farm. The trip in it's entirety is about 12.5 miles. and may take approximately 6 hours or so.

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Our Wagon Train is part of a two day event so consider coming back on Sunday if you wish to partake in events including threshing, corn shelling, plowing, and more. Check out our website for more details. If you have a team or equipment you've been wanting to use-walking plows, harrow, hay rake, bring it on Sunday and we will be happy to put it to use! Saturday's ride is free of charge. Those with working teams will be granted free admission for Sunday's events.

For those of you traveling longer distances and wanting to stay over night, Matsel Park Equestrian Area has primitive horse camping and trails to ride. Contact a ranger for availability at (319)438-6616. Linn County Fair Grounds in Central City also has area to stay with electric. Contact Don Henle for details at (319)558-7110 and go to www.thelinncountyfair.com .

You must also sign a Release of Liability Form. Please have this signed by all members of your party and ready to hand in before the drive begins. This is designed to be a family oriented event, so please be courteous. We ask no dogs or loose foals on the drive. We also request no alcohol.

Pre-registration for this event is not necessary but is helpful to us for planning and preparation. If you are interested in helping in any way or have ideas to share don't hesitate to call. We are always looking for ideas to add to our event and help is needed to make it successful!! We hope to have you join us!

Merry we meet, and merry we part, until merry we meet again!

For a map to find Brown Farm Pioneer Days and a map of the Wagon Train go to: www.brownfarmiowa.com

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