

BROWN FARM PIONEER DAY
WAGON TRAIN

Saturday July 17, 2010
9:00 AM sharp
Central City, IA

Wagons Ho!!



So you have a sense of adventure? Maybe just a nostalgic feeling for days gone by. Maybe you have an interest in history and have always wondered what it would be like to travel cross-country on horse back or via wagon? Maybe you just enjoy gathering with friends and enjoying the great outdoors. Well, join us then for all of the above!!

If you have a team and wagon, pony and cart, or simply want to participate as an outrider bring whatever you have, we'll point you in the right direction! Parking will be in a designated area just off Sawyer Rd. at the Jordan's Grove Rd. entrance. Our Wagon Train will depart from Brown Farm Historical Site at 9:00 am and head East on Sawyer Rd. We go to Boulder Cemetery Rd., which winds through a tree canopy, to Maxwell Rd. and then travel cross country to Wapsi Banks Rd. This charming, winding road follows the Wapsi River to Waubeek where we will take a lunch break at FB&Co., a unique limestone building right on the Wapsi. You may buy lunch here or bring your own, as we do not provide a meal. After our bellies are full and our legs stretched, we head back out the way we came in only keep going on Boy Scout Rd. to Game Club Rd. and all the way to Jordan's Grove Rd. which takes us back to Sawyer Rd. and back to Brown Farm. All in all the trip is approximately 12.5 miles and may take around 5-6 hours to complete.

There is quite a bit of gravel roading and some wide open places as well as shade and timber, so plan accordingly and consider your mount. There will be places to water along the way if you choose. Some of the route is hilly and there are two bridges to cross. We think the scenery will be most enjoyable and make for a wonderful day!

No need to hurry home, though. Our Wagon Train is part of a two day event...so stay or come back on Sunday to Brown Farm Pioneer Days to enjoy demonstrations of threshing, plowing, corn shelling and much more! If you have a piece of equipment such as a disc, harrow, walking plow, etc. that you would like to learn how to operate or just try once, bring it along! We are also in need of teams to shuttle people throughout the day. Teamsters wanting to participate in these events are more than welcome to and are granted free admission to partake.

For those of you who wish to camp at Brown Farm, it will be a primitive camping area only. There will be one central fire for gathering Saturday night, as individual fires will not be permitted. (Can you pick a banjo? Play a guitar? How 'bout a harmonica? Bring it a long!!) We are, however, very close to Matsel Park Equestrian Area and outriders may be interested in making this part of their weekend plans. Check out our website for more details on Sunday's events.

Enclosed you will find 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. No dogs or loose foals on drive! We also request no alcohol.

Pre-registration for this event is not necessary but is helpful to us for planning and preparation. We sincerely hope to see you there! Until then, happy trails!

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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