

WELCOME TO SOMERSET

We have an interesting and challenging tour set up for this week and we hope you enjoy being here in Somerset. Below is a quick description of what we think is a fun filled and adventure filled tour. See the white board in the lobby of motel for changes and notifications. Overflow for the breakfast area, if needed, will be in the hospitality room.

Please be sure to start the tour with a fully maintained Model T! You are responsible for the function and performance of your car, as we are going to test you on this! Also, you will use your bands and your brakes, please be certain that you have low band and brakes in tip top working order, you will need it; and properly working emergency brakes as well.

Here is a recommended list to bring on the tour:

- Extra Gas Can (filled)
- Flashlight (for each person)
- Jacket for cave
- Good Shoes for hiking
- Hat to repel bats
- GPS
- Extra bands (ready to use)
- Water wings
- Snorkel for you and the car
- Folding chair
- Survival Kit
- Folding Shovel
- Bib, for ice cream spill prevention
- Ear plugs for train horn and water ear
- Portable Radio (for Drive In Theater)
- Tow strap
- Fire Extinguisher
- Tire chains
- Rubber pants and shoes
- Extra socks, incase you forget above
- Bug Spray
- Bear Spray (they have bugs too)
- Running board cooler

You never know what you might need in Kentucky, so come prepared!

Alternate routes are noted in your directions, this is in case of high water. If there are heavy rains on the day of the tour, you may want to follow the alternate route, otherwise we recommend following the base route. Watch white board in lobby for recommendations. The alternate routes are not shorter; they are just to get you around in case of high water and will be mostly paved.

Because of all the hills and hollers (and yes you will travel on roads named "hollers"), make sure to get gas at the recommended stops. It might not be a bad idea to have a gas can on board, just in case. Remember, while we won't leave you stranded, there is "NO TROUBLE TRUCK FOLLOWING THE TOUR". We do have at least one modern car/truck following the routes. They are on the tour too.

Here we go with a brief description of each day.

Anyone that is arriving Saturday, you may be interested in Renfro Valley, where you can go see a Grande Ole Opry type of show. 1-800-765-7464 for more information. Recommend driving modern to this as it is in the evening and about 45 min drive on fast roads.

Drive In Theater is only a mile or two from the hotel!

There are also a couple antique shops in the area. There is a nice store on the north side of town. For directions, follow the Tuesday route; the store is listed in the directions.

You will also receive many recommended attractions from the visitor's center in your goody bag.

Sunday, Mill Springs Mill and Battlefield Tours

These are a couple of shake down tours, short in length, but fun and interesting. We recommend if going to the Mill Springs Mill to pack a picnic lunch and bring everything you need with you. There are restrooms and picnic tables here, on a first come basis. There is some highway travel to and from the mill, so be careful. It's Sunday and traffic is usual lighter. Mill Springs Battlefield and National Cemetery is very interesting and informative. This will be a great stop later in the afternoon. They are open 10:00 – 4:00 Saturday and 1:00 – 4:00 Sunday. If you do the museum, there is a \$2.00 fee not included in your tour fees.

Monday, Stearns Railroad day

This is a fun day with great roads and a train ride. Leave the motel no later than 7:29. The train leaves at 10:30 and you need to be checked in and on the train before that so don't be late. The train ride and lunch is included in your tour fees. (Pick up your box lunch and beverage once you get on the train). Eat at your leisure on the train or at a stop. Please be courteous and clean up after yourself after lunch. The train ride is about 3 hours and will travel deep into the coal mining operations of the Stearns Coal Company.

After the train ride, if you want to take a quick trip to the ice cream shop, go off of the route by turning right out of the depot parking area and go up the hill. In about 2 miles, see the Dairy Bar on the left. Return to the depot after Ice cream to rejoin the tour.

Enjoy your day. There is some highway travel today so be cautious and also some wilderness roads that have been tested and are amazing, if you are not brave enough for the creek crossings, you will be on main routes back to Somerset, and miss the back woods and unusual terrain.

Tuesday, Liberty Day

Today is a fun day with an excellent buffet that is not included in your tour fee. Leave no later than 8:04. After going through Somerset, there is a neat antique mall on the right. It normally opens at 10:00 and we have requested them to open at 9:00, just for us. We hope they open early.

Nice roads today with alternate routes for those less adventurous, and you be the judge of the route you want to take. Get gas at recommended gas stations and look for the kettle corn shack near lunch. The kettle corn in your goody bag came from this nice young man.

You need to be back in Somerset by 5:45 to go to dinner, sponsored by Somernite's Cruise organization. This is a no charge for dinner. Enjoy "Doc's" signs, cars and gas pumps. Park anywhere you like. He is a car guys and grass is an acceptable parking spot. You have instructions on how to get to the dinner and back.

Wednesday, Falls Day

Cumberland falls has been labeled "little Niagara" and while not that big (we lie about stuff in KY), it is still a gorgeous sight to behold. Lunch today is at the Dupont lodge and lunch is on your own. This park road was planned and tested with a Model T! Look for pictures in the lodge. This buffet is good and offers soup and salad as a lighter fare for lunch. You're on vacation. Watch Roy Stone and eat what he eats. (if you can)

After lunch, you will cross Laurel Lake Dam. After the dam you have the option to go to the bottom of the dam and look up to where you just came from (see signs). There is a little climb coming out from the dam base, but is a fun side trip. There is a hydro plant here and because of 9/11, tours are no longer available. There are restrooms at the bottom as well. (Sometimes the restrooms are not open)

Rejoin the tour route if you have taken this side trip. Ice cream is just ahead. (if Bill Robinson has not eaten it all)

Thursday, Cave Day

OK, we lied about this being originally a half day tour. It is now a full day tour and the best day to finish off the week. BJ found this cave and there are a lot of local folks that don't know it exists. First mined in 1809, this could be the highlight of your time in Somerset. We will also visit Short Creek. Short Creek is often called the shortest creek in the world, as it only

flows for about 150 feet. It's actually a portion of an underground river that comes up above the ground in this small section that lies between two caves. Because the water runs underground, it is typically a bright turquoise color and is a chilly 52 degrees year round.

If you made your motel reservation to leave today, you are going to get back around 5:00 pm. You may want to extend your stay a day or you are going to get home late.

The drive to the cave is on mostly paved roads. We will have lunch at the cave and the cave entrance fee is included in your tour cost. The cave is well lighted but has some rough walking inside, as the floor is natural and not smooth. We saw some signs for handicap accessible tours and you will have to ask the tour guide as to your particular needs. A jacket, flashlight, good shoes are recommended. We saw folks wearing sandals. And you're more than likely are going to come in contact with moisture. The tour organizers take no responsibility for you getting wet and cold. After all, it is a cave that is 200 years old.

Leave the park if you decide to take the rough (and fun route) turn right and get ready for a sore left leg. This is a big, long, low pedal hill. Low pedal band needs to be adjusted properly here. If you take the milder return trip, turn left at the exit of the park.

You rough riders are going to go through 31 creeks (remember, we lie a little) hard up and down gravel roads, 12" of water (no lie) and a few alligators.(this is a lie) We recommend snorkels and goggles for you and your "T". (we are not sure if this is a lie or not)

The rough return trip is really fun and you get to see how some of the back woods KY residents live. Tom says this is the best and most challenging model T road he has ever been on. Any good running, properly adjusted "T" will have no problems navigating these roads.

Enjoy your day, no matter what route you choose to take.

Emergency phone numbers for the week: (this assumes cell service is available)

TOM MOOREHEAD 502 553 9592 (Verizon)

LINDA MOOREHEAD 502-727 3887 (AT&T)

BJ/CASEY MILLER 513-300-3391 (Hooterville Cellular, AKA, string and can cellular)

Thanks for coming to Somerset. We hope you had a good time. Have a safe trip home!

Bluegrass Backroads T's

NoKen T's

And anyone else who helped make this week possible.

