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2017 Calendar of Events
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Dates, Events and Pricing are subject to change at any time.
Events may be cancelled or rescheduled due to weather or maintenance

Enjoy a narrated day excursion running along the Big Cypress Bayou.

See historic remains from the 1800's, native wildlife and hear the history of Jefferson and ecology of the area.
The regularly scheduled day trains include a stop at Diamond Don Gator Pit to view our daily feeding of live alligators with a photo opportunity, too. (weather permitting).

We will run our Steam Train for most of our special events, as noted below.
Other weekends, we run our antique gas-powered locomotive

Saturday March 4, 2017 through September 2, 2017

Depot opens at 11:00 am each Saturday

12:30, 2:30 and 4:30 Saturday Narrated Historical Day Tours

Includes stop at the Diamond Don Gator Pit for alligator feeding (weather permitting)

Open Air Coach

Adults \$12; children under 6 are free

All Fares, plus tax.

(Schedule and pricing may be adjusted for special events)

Enclosed Coach

Adults \$15; Lap Children are free

All Fares, plus tax.

(Schedule and pricing may be adjusted for special events)

March Spring Break Special, \$10 train rides, plus tax. Under 6 free

March 9, 10, 16, and 17, 2017

Includes stop at the Diamond Don Gator Pit for alligator feeding (weather permitting)

2:30 Narrated Historical Day Tour

March 18, 2017

St. Patrick's Day Express

Includes stop at the Diamond Don Gator Pit for alligator feeding (weather permitting)

Saturday Narrated Historical Day Tours: 12:30, 2:30 and 4:30

Celebrate the Green aboard the St. Patrick's Day Express and drink green punch. The historic depot will be decked out in green.

March 17-18 2017

6th Annual Route 49 Rally & Festival & BBQ Cookoff

Live Music, Vendors, Concessions, Poker Run, Bike and Car Show, Church Service, and more – to be held at the Diamond Don RV Park. Appropriate for all ages. Includes Kid Corral with bounce house, games and crafts (weather permitting). BBQ Cookoff – judging sanctioned by IBCA. Rally for anything on wheels, 2, 3, 4 – bring them all out for a great time. Weekend pass includes free camping (no hookups).

info@route49rally.com

www.route49rally.com

972-226-7205

April 1 & 2, 2017

Charles Garrett Memorial Metal Detecting Hunt

In partnership with Texas Assn of Metal Detecting Clubs

Come out for a great weekend of metal detecting honoring the late Charles Garrett. There will be six different hunts, including “free range” hunting in the historic park itself. Best Finds Hunt, Lights Out Hunt, Free Range Hunt, and Kids Hunt (for those 12 and under). Optional Silver Hunt and Relic Hunt. Prize tokens will be hidden in each hunt area. Find one and you could win Garrett detectors, *Pro-Pointers*, and more! Each hunt package includes free tent camping in the park -- to be held at Diamond Don RV Park. Many artifacts from the 1800’s have been found on the property and part of the property was also the City Dump for more than 100 years.

www.garrett.com

hunt@garrett.com

800-527-4011

April 15, 2017

Easter egg Express

Includes stop at the Diamond Don Gator Pit for alligator feeding (weather permitting)

Saturday Narrated Historical Day Tours: 12:30, 2:30 and 4:30

Come ride the Easter Egg Express and participate in an Easter Egg Hunt for children under 12

April 20-23, 2017

Diamond Don’s 15th Annual AHRMA International Vintage Motocross

International Vintage Motocross which includes Charity Golf Tournament on Thursday, Cross Country and Trials on Friday, Vintage Motocross on Saturday with Post-Vintage on Sunday. 100cc Revenge races on Saturday and Sunday. The weekend will be full of motocross legends from around the world. Come out and see Brad Lackey, Steve Wise, Trey Jorski, Guy Cooper and event legend Warren Reid. International legends include Adrian Lappin from Northern Ireland, 9 times Irish Enduro Champion.

www.DiamondDon.com

May 5, 2017

Civil War Living History, “Day of Learning”, complete with a gunboat and cannons

9:00 – 2:30 at Diamond Don RV Park

The Great Locomotive Chase/The Andrews Raid, aboard a live steam train

Train departs from Diamond Don RV Park

Friday Narrated Historical Day Tours: 9:30, 10:30, 11:30, and 12:30

Additional trains may be added depending on demand

www.JeffersonCivilWarDays.com

May 6-7, 2017

Target Jefferson – A Red River Campaign Objective and Civil War Re-Enactment

Hosted by Blue Gray Alliance, Cleburne's Division

Sponsored by Historic Jefferson Railway and Diamond Don RV Park

Saturday 2:00 Battle Re-Enactment

Sunday 1:00 Battle Re-Enactment

Jefferson was the shipping port to the Mississippi. Event includes horse drawn artillery, large cannons, gunboat, steam train, weapons demonstrations, trades and sutlers. Everyone Welcome – spectators, civilian and military re-enactors.

www.JeffersonCivilWarDays.com

www.cleburnes-divison.com

May 6-7, 2017

Special Train Schedule for Jefferson's Civil War Weekend

The Great Locomotive Chase – The Andrews Raid

SPECIAL – STEAM TRAIN

Trains depart from downtown Jefferson depot

Saturday Narrated Historical Train Day Tours, scouting probes & skirmishes: 11:30, 2:00, 3:30 & 5:00

Sunday Narrated Historical Train Day Tours, scouting probes & skirmishes: & Naval Battle: 11:30 and 1:00

Come ride a live steam train and experience the story of The Andrews Raid, the Civil War's most gripping railroad story. See the living history camps along the river, and the soldiers from the North and South in scouting probes & skirmishes, complete with cannons and gunboat. Keep your seat on the train as the battle rages around you.

May 13, 2017

Mother's Day Express

Includes stop at the Diamond Don Gator Pit for alligator feeding (weather permitting)

SPECIAL – STEAM TRAIN

Saturday Narrated Historical Day Tours: 12:30, 2:30 and 4:30

Mothers receive a 10% discount when accompanied by their children. Come ride an antique STEAM TRAIN.

May 20 & 21, 2017

Jefferson Train Days & Model Train Show

SPECIAL – STEAM TRAIN

Saturday Narrated Historical Day Tours: 12:30, 2:30 and 4:30

Sunday Narrated Historical Day Tours: 12:30 and 2:00

Jefferson's 6th Annual Train Days & Model Train Show. Enjoy rough and ready cowboys, from Lonely West Gun Show, aboard a live steam train, complete with cannon, gunfights and a train robbery, on every train. Combo Tickets available online for all four destinations: Jefferson Train Show, T&P Model Train Depot, Jay Gould Car and Historic Jefferson Railway. Tickets available at each venue during event weekend.

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www.JeffersonTrainDays.com

May 21, 2017

Sunday Social and Shoot-Out

Jefferson Train Days & Model Train Show

12:00-2:30

Come join an old fashioned Sunday Social at the General Store on Austin Street in downtown Jefferson. Purchase a root beer float, nostalgic candy and one-of-a-kind souvenirs. Gunfights in the street; strolling musicians, Riverport Ambassadors in period dress and a band make this an event you will want to see. There will be plenty of time to participate in the Jefferson Train Days & Model Train Show. Combo Tickets available online for all four destinations: Jefferson Train Show, T&P Model Train Depot, Jay Gould Car and Historic Jefferson Railway. Tickets available at each venue during event weekend.

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May 27, 2017

SPECIAL – STEAM TRAIN

Includes stop at the Diamond Don Gator Pit for alligator feeding (weather permitting)

Memorial Day Celebration at Historic Jefferson Railway

Saturday Narrated Historical Day Tours: 12:30, 2:30 and 4:30

Celebrate Memorial Day at the Historic Jefferson Railway aboard a live steam train as we begin our summer season. Come see the **Support Our Troops** display that honors the United States Military. Active Military personnel ride free.

June 10, 2017

Flag Day

Includes stop at the Diamond Don Gator Pit for alligator feeding (weather permitting)

Saturday Narrated Historical Day Tours: 12:30, 2:30 and 4:30

In celebration of Flag Day, the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 and inspired by three decades of state and local celebrations, The Historic Jefferson Railway will offer a special Flag Day Weekend with a celebration of Flags along the Big Cypress Bayou. Come see the **Support Our Troops** display that honors the United States Military. Active Military personnel ride free.

June 17, 2017

Father's Day Express

Includes stop at the Diamond Don Gator Pit for alligator feeding (weather permitting)

SPECIAL – STEAM TRAIN

Saturday Narrated Historical Day Tours: 12:30, 2:30 and 4:30

Fathers receive a 10% discount when accompanied by their children. Come ride an antique STEAM TRAIN.

July 1, 2, 3, 4, 2017

4th of July Celebration & Fireworks

Day trains include stop at the Diamond Don Gator Pit for alligator feeding (weather permitting)

SPECIAL – STEAM TRAIN WEEKEND

Saturday, Sunday, Monday - Narrated Historical Day Tours: 12:30, 2:30 and 4:30

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Saturday, Sunday & Monday, 9:00 pm ride with Fireworks.

The Historic Jefferson Railway will offer a special July 4th weekend, aboard a live steam train, with a celebration of flags along the Big Cypress Bayou as the history of Independence Day unfolds in the Narrated Historical Day Tours. Come see the **Support Our Troops** display that honors the United States Military. For our evening trains, we will have a fireworks show and a cannon firing a dramatic "dragons breath". (Note: we will be closed on the evening of July 4, so that we don't conflict with City of Jefferson activities).

September 2, 2017

SPECIAL – STEAM TRAIN

Includes stop at the Diamond Don Gator Pit for alligator feeding (weather permitting)

Labor Day Celebration at Historic Jefferson Railway

Saturday Narrated Historical Day Tours: 12:30, 2:30 and 4:30

Celebrate Labor Day at the Historic Jefferson Railway aboard a live steam train as we end our summer season. Come see the **Support Our Troops** display that honors the United States Military. Active Military personnel ride free.

September 28-30 & October 1

33rd Lake O' Pines Norton Owners Association Rallye and Bike Show

The rallye draws more than 300 people displaying over 150 of the finest vintage motorcycles anywhere in the country. Join us at Diamond Don's Motorsports & RV Park which is just one mile outside of Jefferson, Texas. Participate in Friday's Field Events, display your bike in Saturday's bike show and ride in the Rolling Concours. Come enjoy a weekend full of great entertainment and fun.

<http://www.ntnoa.org>

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214-402-1436

October 7, 12-14, 19-21, 26-28, 2017 (gas-powered locomotive)

Runaway Fright Train

As you ride through the dark woods, you'll feel the spirits reaching out for you. The scenes and haunters along the track will give you a startle and a laugh now and then, too. This Halloween Theater on wheels features Nightmare on the Bayou and is appropriate for ages 2-92. This event is more like a Halloween Play than a Haunted House. Family-friendly. Movie, children's crafts and games inside the depot. Concessions and Halloween products available.

November 23-25 & 30, December 1-3, 7-10, 14-17, 21-24, 2017 (closed November 26)

STEAM TRAIN

Rail of Lights Christmas Train

Make this a Christmas to remember aboard the Rail of Lights Christmas Train – a live steam train. The unforgettable ride aboard an antique narrow-gauge steam train departs on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Thanksgiving through December 23. (Closed November 26). Passengers will enjoy lighted vignettes along the Cypress Bayou River as they hear the story of the Spirit of Christmas.

December 28-31, 2017

STEAM TRAIN

Rail of Lights New Year's Train

Blast into the New Year aboard the Rail of Lights New Year's Train, a live steam train. Passengers will enjoy lighted vignettes along the Cypress Bayou River as they hear the tale of New Year's traditions, customs and superstitions from Around the Globe. Each of the trains will feature beverages, noisemakers and a simulation of the New Year's Eve Ball dropping in Times Square followed by a fantastic fireworks show and a cannon firing dramatic "dragons breath".