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2023 Calendar of Special Events
Last Revised March 3, 2023

Dates, Events and Pricing are subject to change at any time.
Events may be cancelled or rescheduled due to weather or maintenance.
We are running our antique gas-powered locomotive for all 2023 train events.

Tickets are \$15 per person, children under 6 free (may differ for special events.)

**Due to the owner's retirement, we will only be running select dates,
from March 18 through September 2, 2023**

March 18, 2023

Historic Jefferson Railway

St. Patrick's Day Spring Express – gas-powered locomotive

\$15 per person, children under 6 are free.

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

Saturday Narrated Historical Day Tours: 12:30 and 2:30.

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

March 23, 24, and 25, 2023

Historic Jefferson Railway

Spring Break Special – gas-powered locomotive

\$12.00 per person, children under 6 ride free – Special pricing

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

Thursday and Friday Narrated Historical Day Tour: 2:30

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

April 8, 2023

Historic Jefferson Railway

Easter Egg Express – gas-powered locomotive

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

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

Come ride the Easter Egg Express and participate in an Easter Egg Hunt for children under 10.

May 6, 2023

Historic Jefferson Railway

Pilgrimage Express – gas-powered locomotive

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

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

Special train narration commemorating The Jessie Allen Wise Garden Club's 76th Jefferson Pilgrimage. Enjoy the unique wildlife and wetlands of a ride along the Big Cypress Bayou to include stop at the alligator pit. **NOTE:** Historic Jefferson Railway **WILL NOT** be conducting The Great Locomotive Chase this weekend – that event has moved to May 20-21, 2023, as our re-enactors and owners have conflict on the calendar and won't be able to attend. Diamond Don RV Park is open to the public and re-enactors. Bring out the RV and spend the weekend.

May 13, 2023

Historic Jefferson Railway

Mother's Day Express – gas-powered locomotive

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

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

Mothers receive a 10% discount when accompanied by their children.

May 19, 2023

Civil War Living History, complete with a gunboat and cannons.

9:00 – 2:30 at Diamond Don RV Park

Open to the public, special pricing \$4 for Living History.

Historic Jefferson Railway

The Great Locomotive Chase/The Andrews Raid – gas powered locomotive.

Train departs from Diamond Don RV Park

Open to the public, special pricing of \$6 per train ride when you purchase a Living History ticket.

ALL TRAINS SELL OUT – RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED.

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

www.JeffersonCivilWarDays.com

May 20-21, 2023

Historic Jefferson Railway

Train departs from downtown Jefferson Depot

The Great Locomotive Chase – The Andrews Raid Re-enactment – gas powered locomotive.

Complete with a gunboat and cannons.

Saturday Narrated Historical Day Tours & Train Battle: 11:00, 12:30, 2:30

Sunday Narrated Historical Day Tour & Battle: 12:30

Come experience the re-enactment of The Andrews Raid, the Civil War's most gripping railroad story. The Train Battle of Port Jefferson joins the skirmish as a replica ironclad gunboat fires its cannons on the banks of the Big Cypress Bayou River. See the Living History Camps along the river and the North and South battle around the train and gunboat. Re-enactors welcome at the Diamond Don RV Park. Saturday/Sunday train tickets available online. Modern RV sites for the public and re-enactors available at the RV Park.

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May 27, 2023

Historic Jefferson Railway

Memorial Day Celebration at Historic Jefferson Railway – gas powered locomotive.

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

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

Celebrate Memorial Day at the Historic Jefferson Railway. Come see the **Support Our Troops** display that honors the United States Military. Active Military personnel ride free.

June 17, 2023

Historic Jefferson Railway

Father's Day Express— gas-powered locomotive

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

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

Fathers receive a 10% discount when accompanied by their children.

July 1-4, 2023

Historic Jefferson Railway

4th of July Weekend – gas powered locomotive.

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

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

The Historic Jefferson Railway will offer a special July 4th weekend as the history of Independence Day unfolds in the narrated day tours on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday with trains departing at 12:30 and 2:30. Come see the **Support Our Troops** display that honors the United States Military. Active Military personnel ride free.

September 2, 2023

Historic Jefferson Railway

Labor Day Celebration at Historic Jefferson Railway – gas-powered locomotive

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

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

Celebrate Labor Day at the Historic Jefferson Railway 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 2-10, 2023

Diamond Don's 21st Annual AHRMA International Vintage Motocross

International AHRMA Vintage Motocross which includes golf outing on Wednesday at an area golf course; Dual Sport Adventure Ride on roads throughout NE Texas and the Jack Thompson Memorial Tiddler run 100cc – 125cc on Thursday. Cross Country and Trials on Friday; Vintage Motocross on Saturday with Post-Vintage on Sunday. 100cc and XR200cc Revenge races on Saturday and Sunday.

The weekend will be full of motocross legends. Come out and see Brad Lackey, Steve Wise, Trampas Parker and his son, Ricky and brother Heith, Trey Jorski, Guy Cooper, JoJo and brother, Ron, Johansen, and event legend world-famous Gerrit Wolsink. Be sure to watch for the Diamond Don Racing Team, a full contingent of very fast racers. Vintage friendly motocross track at Diamond Don RV Park with great spectator viewing areas. More than 1000 people from all over the world turn out for this event. Open to the public – gate fees apply.

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September 16, 2023

5th Annual Jefferson Antique Tractor Show

Tractor Show: Saturday, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM; early registration on Friday.

The main streets in Jefferson will be closed to traffic to accommodate antique tractors, antique trucks, working and stationary antique engines. Swap meet vendors welcome. Event includes tractor parade, slow tractor race and lots of unique awards. Setup early on Friday 11:00-7:00. Free admission to the public and exhibitors.

September 29, 30, October 1, 2023

38th Land O' Pines Norton Owners Association Rallye and Bike Show

The rallye draws more than 300 people displaying over 100 of the finest vintage motorcycles anywhere in the country. Join us at Diamond Don's RV Park & Event Center which is just one mile outside of Jefferson, Texas. Participate in Field Events, display your bike in show and ride in the Rolling Concours. Come enjoy a weekend full of great entertainment and fun. Open to the public – gate fees apply.

<http://www.ntnoa.org>