

Press Release

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You'll be Red, White & Blue aboard the Historic Jefferson Railway

For a revolutionary July 4th celebration, climb aboard an antique narrow-gauge train for an excursion that circles the historic Piney Woods along the scenic Big Cypress Bayou in open observation cars that still carry the emblems from Six Flags in Ocala, Florida – the original location of the cars, before their move to Jefferson.

The Historic Jefferson Railway will offer special trains celebrating July 4th as the history of Independence Day unfolds on the narrated day tours on Saturday, July 2, Sunday, July 3, and Monday, July 4, with trains departing at 12:30 and 2:30 each day. Come see the **Support Our Troops** display that honors the United States Military. Active Military personnel ride free.

Historic Jefferson Railway recreates the golden era of railroading. As you roll through the history laden Piney Woods, you'll view a Confederate Powder Magazine and traverse the site of one of the oldest, historical towns in Texas, with historical ruins from the 1800's. The train ride includes a stop at the Diamond Don Gator Pit to view the alligator feeding and provides great photo opportunities.

Stay in the Diamond Don RV Park, just a short one mile from Jefferson, on the Big Cypress Bayou, which keeps you close to the action. Beautiful wooded RV sites with lots of wildlife. Many of the RV sites have views of the Big Cypress Bayou. Free WIFI, showers, rest rooms and dump station. Launch your kayak or canoe right from the park. Enjoy fishing off the banks of the river. Tent campers welcome.

Union Pacific recognizes Jefferson in their "Train Town USA" registry, so make it a full train weekend in Jefferson by including a visit to the R.D. Moses T & P Model Railroad Museum and touring Jay Gould's "Atalanta" private railroad car.

While on the train, learn about the unique ecology of the area and hear a tale or two about Bigfoot. Bigfoot (also known in these parts as the Boggy Creek monster) has been sighted running along the railroad tracks as the sun begins to set. Is the tale of the Bigfoot sightings fact or fiction?

There is a lot to do in Jefferson. Come out and enjoy City of Jefferson's July 4th activities at Otstott Park starting at 6:00 pm. Children's parade line up at 5:45, cake auction at 6:30. Please come and bid on some yummy deserts and help a wonderful cause. Proceeds will benefit the children's program at the Jefferson Carnegie Library. Homemade ice cream judging at 6:15. Stay for Fireworks Extravaganza on the river front at 9:30 pm. Come join a fun, family day in Jefferson.

Jefferson is nestled deep in the Piney Woods of East Texas and seems frozen in time. It is a charming town and an elegant reminder of a bygone era. There are over a hundred buildings in the city with historical markers. Many historic homes offer bed and breakfast accommodations. Dozens of other historic buildings house museums, craft and antique shops and restaurants. Dine, shop, stay and play.

Saturday, Sunday and Monday

July 2, 3 and 4, 2022

Schedule and Fares

Historic Jefferson Railway

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Jefferson, TX 75657

Call 866-398-2038 or text 903-742-2041 to reserve your tickets

Email: Info@JeffersonRailway.com

www.DiamondDonEmpire.com

Depot opens at 11:00

Trains depart at 12:30 & 2:30

Includes stop at Diamond Don Gator Pit for gator feeding

\$12, plus tax, children under 6 free

Active Military ride free