

MILWAUKEE PBS 2026 TRIPS

The Great Train Ride, Naniboujou & The Driftless Area

July 7–11, 2026

Trego, WI, Grand Marais, MN, Coon Valley, WI



Description:

All aboard for an unforgettable 5-day adventure through time, nature, and nostalgia! Begin your journey on **America's only moving bed & breakfast train**—complete with elegant dining, cozy cabins, and 1950s charm as you roll through Wisconsin's scenic countryside. Then, escape to the iconic **Naniboujou Lodge** on the wild shores of Lake Superior—once the secret hideaway of legends like Babe Ruth. Discover the rugged beauty of the **Gunflint Trail**, immerse yourself in local history at the **Chik-Wauk Museum**, and explore the serene wilderness. Wrap up your journey in the stunning **Driftless Area**, dining at the beloved **Driftless Café** and experiencing sustainable farming firsthand at **St. Brigid's Meadows**.

With all meals, lodging, admissions, and transportation included, this trip blends rich history, majestic landscapes, and culinary delight into one extraordinary experience.

Itinerary:

July 7, 2026

8:30 AM – Departure from Watertown Plank Park & Ride. Enjoy lunch (l) in route as we make our way north to Trego, Wisconsin.

4:30 PM – Check into your private stateroom aboard a restored 1950s-era train—complete with your own bathroom! Sip a cocktail in the **Ranch Car Bar**, then enjoy a leisurely ride through fields, forests, and alongside the Namekagon River as you savor a gourmet multi-course dinner in the First-Class Dining Car (l).

After dinner, relax in the lounge, gather around the fire pit, or simply unwind in your cozy cabin parked overnight at the station.

July 8, 2026

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Grab a shower before enjoying a continental breakfast of coffee, juice, danish and muffins from 6 am to 8 am. Between 8 am and 9 am, a hot breakfast (I) is served in the dining car.

At 10 am we depart Trego and head for **Grand Marais, MN** with a lunch (I) stop along the way. Our next home for two nights: the **iconic Naniboujou Lodge**, a historic retreat once frequented by Babe Ruth and Jack Dempsey.

Enjoy a relaxing evening with dinner at the lodge (I), surrounded by the wild beauty of Lake Superior's North Shore.

July 9, 2026

After a hearty breakfast (I), we venture up the famed Gunflint Trail to visit the **Chik-Wauk Museum & Nature Center**—where history, geology, and wilderness come alive. Learn about ancient meteor strikes, see historic artifacts, and discover the area's vibrant natural life. Lunch (I) is followed by a return to Naniboujou for exploration time and a delicious lodge dinner (I).

July 10, 2026

After breakfast, we say goodbye to Naniboujou and journey through the breathtaking **Lutsen Mountains**, heading south toward **Viroqua, WI**.

Enjoy scenic stops and lunch (I) along the way as we enter the magical Driftless Area.

July 11, 2026

Lunch is served at the beloved **Driftless Café** (I), known for locally sourced, creative cuisine. Then, we dive into hands-on fun at **St. Brigid's Meadows Farm**—get up close with the cows, learn about sustainable agriculture, and explore life on a regenerative family farm.

A delicious farm-fresh dinner (I) wraps up the tour. You'll even have a chance to order farm products and bring home a taste of the land—with extra coolers on hand to transport your purchases.

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(I) Meal Included

(NI) Meal Not Included

Inclusions:

- All-Inclusive Pricing – Transportation, Lodging, All Meals & Admissions

Pricing:

- \$2,450 Per Person, Double Occupancy
- \$3,159 Single
- Deposit of \$600 now to hold your seat.
- Balance is due June 7, 2026. June 7, 2026 is the last day to cancel and get a refund.

Important Notes:

- **Trip Insurance:** Offered at sign-up only; birth date required
- **Physical Requirements:** Stair climbing, above average walking, getting on and off the bus many times per day. Uneven surfaces and standing in one place during the tours.
- Itinerary and venues on the tour are subject to change

For more information or to sign up for the trip, and payment, call Lori at (414) 477-0155.