

# JOIN US IN Owatonna, MN



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The T-Totalers Chapter is excited to welcome you to Owatonna, MN, this July! We are planning a week full of beautiful driving routes, good food and fellowship, and interesting places to visit. Routes throughout the week will be along gently rolling terrain. The majority of the routes are paved, with a minimal number of gravel roads along the way.

The DoubleTree by Hilton in Owatonna is the host hotel and where many of our tour activities will take place. This brand new, full-service hotel includes an on-site restaurant and kids of all ages will enjoy the indoor water park! Trailer parking is located within a short walking distance.

## The week's itinerary

Tour registration will be open on Saturday afternoon, Sunday, and for a short time on Monday morning.

### Sunday: Get to Know the Area Tour

Explore the many historic sites in the river town of Owatonna in your Model T on a self-guided tour (directions will be included in your tour book). That evening the opening banquet will take place at the Four Seasons Centre.

### Monday:

The car show and judging will be held in the morning at historic Mineral Springs Park. This wooded and shady setting will also be our lunch venue. You can have your tour photo for the *Model T Times* taken as you leave to embark on the afternoon tour to Zumbrota, famous for covered bridges. Monday evening we will host car games and an informal parts swap at the DoubleTree, so be

setting aside all those extra car parts that are taking up valuable space in your garage!

### Tuesday:

We will retrace a portion of the route used by the James-Younger Gang in 1877. We will also be treated to a full re-enactment of the Northfield raid at the actual bank located in downtown Northfield. Today, Northfield is a picturesque college town with many shops and points of interest. After lunch we will visit a local winery, where you can relax with a glass of wine on the patio. They also have non-alcoholic beverages for the kids and plenty of space for them to run around before returning to your hotel. In the evening, we'll have an "enhanced" fashion show at the Village of Yesteryear featuring costumes from all eras — anything goes! And if you don't want to compete, you can still dress up — it's all for fun! Treats like popcorn, Minnesota-made soda, and, of course, ice cream will be available. The public will be invited to enjoy the fun costumes as well as the cars.

### Wednesday:

We will travel west to Mankato to visit Minneopa State Park where you can see live buffalo up close, a waterfall, and other natural beauty. In the evening, the Youth Auction and awards ceremony will take place at the DoubleTree, along with a variety of youth activities.

### Thursday:

We will visit FarmAmerica, a vast complex with farm sites representing many eras — restored buildings are everywhere! A corn maze will be ready for you to explore, and live animals will be on the loose for you to enjoy. After lunch, we will visit Faribault Woolen Mills,

one of only two remaining functional mills in the USA. We will go on a full factory tour, and there will be plenty of time to visit their store to grab a new blanket to keep you warm the next time you're on a chilly Model T ride, as well as shop for other unique gifts. In the evening, we will assemble on Main Street in Owatonna for a car show with a vast array of food trucks, street vendors, and live music. Kids will enjoy a bouncy house, face painting, and other fun activities. This monthly event is always well attended by the public — in fact, they're hosting this one just for us — so be prepared to show off your car to a large crowd.

Friday:

We will travel east to the Kasson-Mantorville area to visit a historic Civil War recruitment center. Reenactors will be on hand with muskets and cannons, so expect a show. That evening we'll finish out the week with the closing banquet and awards at the Four Seasons Centre.

### Youth Activities

Our Youth Activities coordinators are busily preparing for the tour, and we will share more details in a future issue. Remember that registration and youth activities for all youth age 17 and under are free, thanks to the Steve and Dianne Bumgarner Youth on Tour Fund.

### Model T parts will be available

Birdhaven Vintage Auto Supply and Mader's A & T Parts will be set up onsite for parts you may need during the week.

### Tour registration is open now!

The tour registration form is on the back of the label sheet included with this issue of your magazine, or you can download a copy at [www.modelt.org](http://www.modelt.org). Don't forget to purchase tour t-shirts when you register! Registration deadline is May 31, 2025.



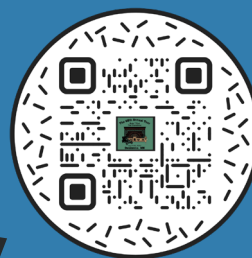
### For more information

Follow us on Facebook at **Model T Ford Club International tour Owatonna Minnesota 2025** for updates as new information becomes available. If you have questions, contact Mark Cameron at [tmodelmark@gmail.com](mailto:tmodelmark@gmail.com).



### **HOST HOTEL:**

**DoubleTree by Hilton**  
2365 NW 43rd St.  
Owatonna, MN  
507-888-7300



**More hotel options here!**

[www.visitowatonna.org/modelt2025](http://www.visitowatonna.org/modelt2025)

### **CAMPING:**

**Steele County Fairgrounds**  
1525 South Cedar Avenue  
Owatonna, MN

For reservations, call 507-451-5305

Daily site rate: \$40

(includes water/electrical)

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