

## **Boat Tours, History and Architecture, Oh My!**

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### **Bullets:**

- See a renovated one-room school house and learn about the birth of Dairy Queen
- Visit a house considered the first Prairie Style House designed by Frank Lloyd Wright
- Learn about railroad history and see running model displays
- Experience the luxury of a river boat cruise along the Kankakee River ( limit 8 guests per tour)

### **Description:**

Kankakee County is steeped in history; from the early beginnings with the railroad to more modern architecture designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. Sample all this and more with historic tours and uniquely Kankakee County activities, including a peaceful ride on the Kankakee River.

### **Itinerary:**

Day 1 – Start your tour at Frank Lloyd Wright’s B. Harley Bradley House, situated in the heart of the Riverview Historic District. Guided one-hour tours are available to learn more about how this property marks the beginning of Wright’s Prairie Style period. Afterwards, enhance your experience at the Stable Gift Shop that offers a large array of Wright inspired items. For a more in-depth view of history, arrange for a tour of the Riverview Historic District, full of architectural gems and unique history. Wind down with a relaxing tour on the Kankakee River with a Duffy Electric Boat Cruise on the Kankakee River. The quiet electric engine allows you to relax and listen to the sounds of nature while seeing some fantastic scenery. Enjoy a lunch while US Coast Guard certified captain, Larry Breek, guides you along the banks of the river and relates some interesting historical tidbits about the area.

Day 2 – Be a kid again with a visit to the Kankakee Railroad Museum. The history of the railroad and how the railroad coming to the area made Kankakee County grow. Model railroad displays follow Kankakee’s history and recreate area buildings. For a unique change of pace, reserve the restored railroad dining car attached to the museum for a lunch that takes you back in time when railroad travel was king. Make your last stop of the day at the Kankakee County Museum and Historical Society. Take advantage of the educational tours at the museum where you can see exhibits including items from three Illinois State Governor’s who are from Kankakee County and how Dairy Queen got its start. The museum shop features Barn Quilt items in addition to other gift items. You can also explore a Barn Quilt display up close and photograph historic buildings on the museum campus.