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Original Wisconsin Ducks Reopens Tours Tuesday

WISCONSIN DELLS, Wis. (June 10, 2008) – Original Wisconsin Ducks amphibious tours reopened for business Tuesday in Wisconsin Dells, just one day after a catastrophic event drained nearly the entire contents of Lake Delton. The company, which is in its 62nd season, provides the unique land-and-water tours on scenic trails and makes water entries into the Wisconsin River and Lake Delton. Due to the recent events, the Duck tours will only be entering the Wisconsin River as part of a modified tour.

"After surveying our trails and taking several Ducks out on test runs, we were able to reopen around ten o'clock Tuesday morning and take out visitors who had eagerly awaited the return of the Ducks," said Dan Gavinski, general manager of Original Wisconsin Ducks. The Ducks had been shut down for just one day.

The tour opened on a modified route, still traveling the exclusive wilderness trails managed by Original Wisconsin Ducks and splashing down into the Wisconsin River for the water portion of the tour. The tour still runs its typical one-hour length and gives sightseers an up-close view of the spectacular scenery of the Dells.

Crews and vehicles from Original Wisconsin Ducks were called into action early Monday morning to help sand bag the main dam on Lake Delton and pull large debris such as boat slips and wooden boat deck pieces from the water to prevent the dam from clogging. Unfortunately their efforts were to no avail as the swelling lake found and alternate outlet washing out a road and empting the lake into the Wisconsin River. Later on Monday, crews were busy clearing Duck trails of trees that had been felled by storms earlier during the weekend or that had been washed out by water runoff.

Other companion tours – the Lower Dells Boat Tours (www.dellsboats.com) and Jet Boat Adventures (www.jetboatadv.com), which both operate on the lower Wisconsin River, were suspended all of Monday as well primarily due to high water and debris. Both of the tours opened on Tuesday as well and are running their regular routes. Upper Dells Boat Tours and Jet Boat Adventure Tours on the Upper Dells (above the main dam on the Wisconsin River, which is upstream from Lake Delton) operated with full tours on Monday and were not affected by the draining event.

With more than 90 vehicles, Original Wisconsin Ducks is the largest fleet of amphibious tour Ducks in the United States. Original Wisconsin Ducks' 2008 season runs mid-March through early November, weather permitting. For more information about Original Wisconsin Ducks, please call (608) 254-8751 or visit www.wisconsinducktours.com.

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