

General Information:

National Park Service staff and over 300 volunteers re-create a lively voyageur Rendezvous at the historic North West Company fur trade depot in Grand Portage, MN. Scheduled events help you learn more about the 18th Century life of traders, clerks, and native Ojibwe. Many activities, such as a waltz workshop and a dainty voyageur contest are open for public participation, or to simply stand back, watch, and enjoy.

If you need information regarding the Monument and Rendezvous activities or require assistance, an information table is set up just outside the Main Gate. Park rangers are also available on site. Rangers in historic dress will have a metal nametag with the familiar NPS arrowhead.

Workshops:

On Friday and Saturday workshops are offered to the public and rendezvous participants. Workshops are limited in size, and participation is on a first-come, first-serve basis. There may also be a minimal charge for some workshops. If you are interested in participating in any of these workshops, please sign up at the information table located just outside the Main Gate.

Please note: Schedule subject to change.

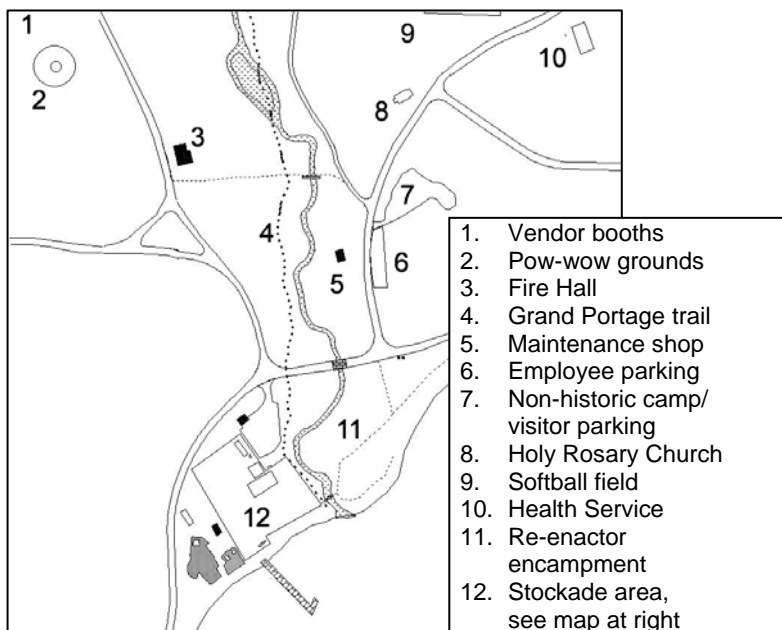
Re-enactor Encampment:

The Re-enactor encampment is located east of the creek and Stockade. Please feel free to interact with historic participants. They are here to help you understand and enjoy this Rendezvous re-enactment and provide you with an opportunity to learn more about Grand Portage and its relationship with the fur trade. Participants are eager to answer your questions, to explain activities going on in their camps, and to show you materials and equipment they have on display.

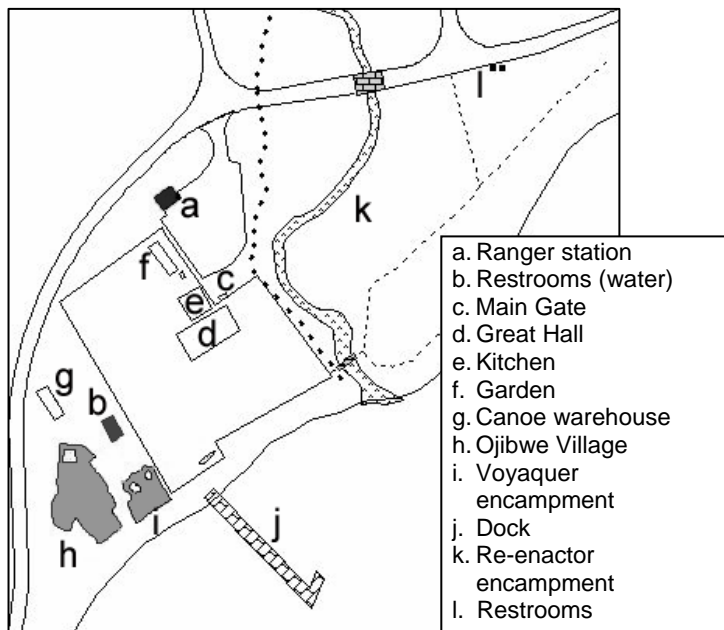
Please be respectful of individual and group camps. If the flap or entrance to a tent or a camp is tied shut or if there are poles placed across the entrance, the camp or tent is closed to the public and should not be entered.

The encampment is closed to the general public between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. each day of the event.

Regular admission fees to the National Monument waived during Rendezvous. Your \$1 donation would help support future events.



Village of Grand Portage



Grand Portage National Monument



Rendezvous Days and Traditional Pow Wow

August 11th - 13th
2006



Imagine it is early August of 1797. Canoe brigades loaded with tons of cloth, kettles, guns and food, and manned by hearty voyageurs arrive after a 3-month voyage from Montreal, a thousand miles to the east. North men transporting canoe-loads of furs in 90 pound bundles have taken equally long to travel from as far away as British Columbia. The final link in this global trade system is a rocky, 8½-mile footpath known as the Grand Portage. At its trailhead is the home of the British-owned North West Company which is having one of its most profitable years. This annual gathering is essential to its business. This Rendezvous also brings together families and friends to renew old ties. The native Ojibwe, voyageurs, agents, and company partners gather to transfer the company's goods, to conduct business, and to celebrate their good fortune.

Come celebrate with us now!

Grand Portage National Monument 2006 Rendezvous

Stockade, reconstructed buildings and historic encampment open to the public

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday

FRIDAY

Presentations and Contests:

All day	Historic Baking	Kitchen
All day	Mackinaw Boat	Dock
8:00	Mandatory Meeting, Registered Re-enactors only	Historic Encampment
10:00	Opening ceremony: Grand Portage Traditional Drum	Front Yard of Great Hall
2:00	LaCompagne de La Verendrye: French Troop Maneuvers and Bayonet Charge	Front Yard of Great Hall
3:00	Tour of Historic Encampment	Meet at the Front Gate
3:30	Military Drum & Voyageur Songs	Front Yard of Great Hall
4:00	Traditional Lacrosse	Front Lawn of Great Hall

Workshops: (register at Main Gate)

10:30	Make Your Own Lacrosse Stick	Canoe Warehouse
11:00	Cornhusk/Voyageur Dolls for Young'uns	Front Porch Great Hall
1:00	18 th Century Medical Practices & The Fur Trade	Historic Encampment
2:00	Tinsmithing for Adults	Inside Stockade
3:00	Finger Weaving for Beginners	Historic Encampment
3:00	The Sum of All Furs: A Glimpse into the Work of a NWCo Clerk	Inside Stockade

SATURDAY

Presentations and Contests

All day	Mackinaw Boat	Dock
All day	Historic Cooking	Kitchen
9:30	Scavenger Hunt for Young'uns	Historic Encampment
10:00	Military Drum & Voyageur Songs	Front Yard of Great Hall
11:00	Golden Galette Contest	Historic Encampment
11:00	Musket Firing Demonstration	Voyageur Encampment
11:30	LaCompagne de La Verendrye: French Troop Maneuvers and Bayonet Charge	Front Yard of the Great Hall
1:00	Musket Firing Demonstration	Voyageur Encampment
2:00	*Rugged Voyageur Contest*	Inside Stockade, West Gate
4:00	Paddle Paddle Paradox Contest	Inside West Gate
4:00	Historic Music and Dancing by Over the Waterfall	Front Porch Great Hall

Workshops: (register at Main Gate)

10:00	Make a Lady's 18 th Century Clothing Pocket	Historic Encampment
10:30	Tinsmithing for Young'uns	Inside Stockade
2:00	Traditional Twining	Historic Encampment
3:00	Coffee & Brews of the Fur Trade	Historic Encampment
3:00	Learn To Waltz	Front Yard of Great Hall

* Open to re-enactors only for safety reasons.

SUNDAY

Presentations and Contests:

All day	Mackinaw Boat	Dock
10:00	Flint & Steel Fire Starting Contest	Historic Encampment
10:30	Bead Hunt for Young'uns	Historic Encampment
11:00	The Yoke's On You! Water Lifting Contest	Inside Stockade
11:00	Musket Firing Demonstration	Voyageur Encampment

12:00	LaCompagne de La Verendrye: French Troop Maneuvers and Bayonet Charge	Front Yard of the Great Hall
1:00	Ranger-led Program	See Program Sign at Front Gate
2:00	Dainty Voyageur Contest	Inside Stockade, West Gate
3:00	Rhythms of the Paddle: Voyageurs Songs	Front Yard of the Great Hall

The Traditional Gathering: Rendezvous Days Pow-Wow

The Grand Portage Band of Minnesota Chippewa holds a traditional Pow Wow adjacent to the National Monument the same weekend as the Rendezvous. Visitors and tribal members alike are invited to watch and participate in ceremonial pow wow dances. Vendors offer a wide selection of arts, crafts and Native American food. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the Grand Portage Band and its heritage.

**Mooseburger Stand opens 4 p.m. Friday
10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday**

All events at Pow-Wow grounds, unless otherwise noted.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

6:00	Old Timers Softball Game	Softball Field
5:00	Bingo	Fire Hall
7:00	Pow-Wow Warm Ups	Pow Wow Grounds

The Grand Portage Pow Wow is a drug and alcohol free event. No drugs or alcohol permitted on the Grounds.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

8:00	Mixed Softball Tournament	Softball Field
9:30	Registration of 1&3 Mile Walk Run	GP Health Services
10:00	Flag Raising Ceremony	
10:30	1 & 3 Mile Walk Run Begins	GP School
1:00	Grand Entry (Honoring Grand Portage Veterans)	
3:30	Junior and Senior Princess/Brave Contests	
5:00	Men's Horseshoe Tournament	Softball Field
5:00	Bingo	Fire Hall
7:00	Evening Grand Entry	
9:00	Dance: Music by "Eagle & Hawk" With Special Guest, Keith Secola	Lodge & Casino

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

8:00	Mixed Softball Tournament resumes	Softball Field
10:00	Flag Raising Ceremony	
10:00	Turkey Shoot	Red Rock Gravel Pit
1:00	Grand Entry	
4:00	Raffle Drawing	
5:00	Pow Wow Ends	