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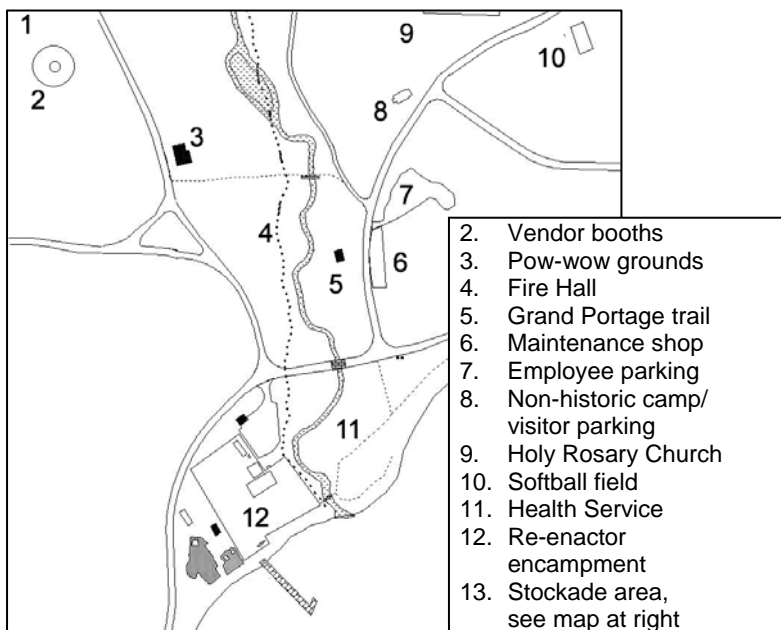
National Park Service staff and over 300 volunteers re-create a lively voyageur Rendezvous at the historic North West Company fur trade depot in Grand Portage, MN. Scheduled events help you learn more about the 18th Century life of traders, clerks, and native Ojibwe. Many activities, such as a waltz 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 and Sunday, 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.



Village of Grand Portage

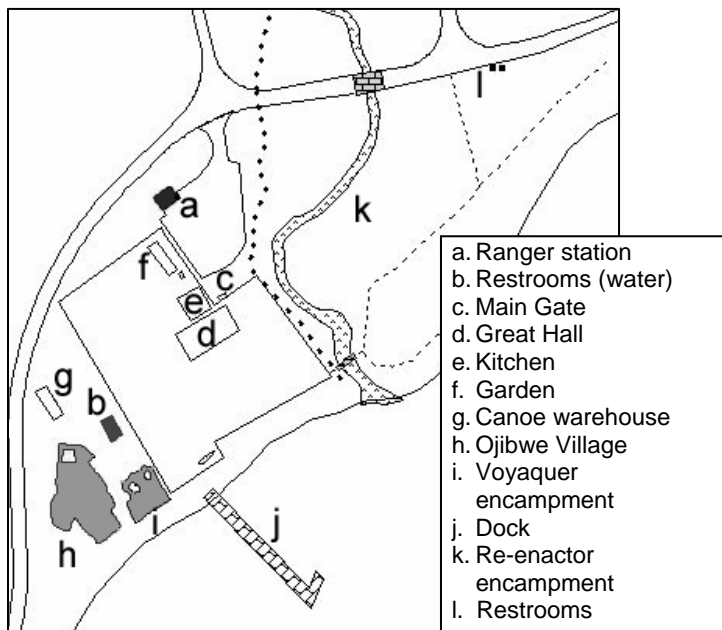
Re-enactor Encampment:

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-encampment 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.

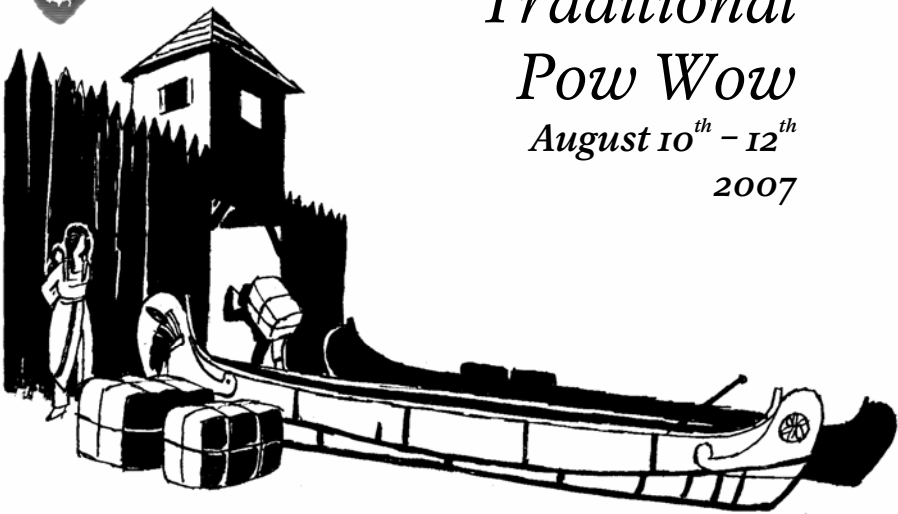


Grand Portage National Monument



Rendezvous Days and Traditional Pow Wow

August 10th - 12th
2007



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 2007 Rendezvous Program

The Stockade, reconstructed buildings and historic encampment are open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Heritage Center is open 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

FRIDAY

Presentations and Contests:

All day	Historic Baking	Kitchen
10:00	Opening ceremony	
	Grand Portage Traditional Drum	Front Yard of Great Hall
11:30	Dainty Voyageur Contest	Inside Stockade, West Gate
12:00	Tour of Historic Encampment	Meet at the Front Gate
1:30	Celebrating the Fur Trade in Song & Story by Mr. Ted Longbottom	Front Yard of Great Hall
2:30	Paddle Paddle Paradox Contest	Inside West Gate
3:30	Grand Opening Ceremony and Dedication of Heritage Center	Heritage Center

Workshops: (register at Main Gate)

11:00	Cornhusk/Voyageur Dolls for Young'uns	Front Porch Great Hall
11:30	For Ladies: Make Your Own Forged "S" Hook	Inside Stockade
1:00	Tinsmithing for Kids	Inside Stockade
1:30	Willow Basket Making	Inside Stockade
2:00	Make Your Own Dorsette Buttons	Historic Encampment

SATURDAY

Presentations and Contests

All day	Historic Cooking	Kitchen
9:30	Scavenger Hunt for Young'uns	Historic Encampment
10:00	Scavenger Hunt for Old'uns	Historic Encampment
10:00	French Troop Maneuvers and Bayonet Charge by LaCompagne de La Verendrye:	Front Yard of Great Hall
11:00	Golden Galette Contest	Historic Encampment
11:00	Musket Firing Demonstration	Voyageur Encampment
11:30	Celebrating the Fur Trade In Song & Story by Mr. Ted Longbottom	Front Yard of Great Hall
1:00	Musket Firing Demonstration	Voyageur Encampment
2:00	Rugged Voyageur Contest*	Inside West Gate
3:00	Learn to Waltz	Front Yard of Great Hall
4:00	Historic Music and Dancing by Over the Waterfall	Front Porch of Great Hall

Workshops: (register at Main Gate)

10:00	The War of 1812 & The Fur Trade	Front Porch Great Hall
10:30	Blacksmithing For Men	Inside Stockade
11:00	Make A Voyageurs Cassette	Historic Encampment
2:00	History of Pencils	Historic Encampment
3:00	Learn the Art of Lucette	Ojibwe Village Area
4:00	Fur Trade Trivia Contest	Historic Encampment

* Open to re-enactors only for safety reasons.

SUNDAY

Presentations and Contests:

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	French Troop Maneuvers and Bayonet Charge by LaCompagne de La Verendrye:	Front Yard of Great Hall
1:00	Ranger-led Program	See Program Sign, Front Gate

Workshops: (register at Main Gate)

10:00	Tinsmithing for Adults	Inside Stockade
11:00	Make a Voyageur/Sailor Ditty Bag	Historic Encampment
2:00	Bow & Drill Workshop	Front Porch, 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**

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

4:00	Bingo	Fire Hall
6:00	Old Timers Softball Game	Softball Field
7:00	Pow-Wow Warm Ups	Pow Wow Grounds
9:00	Dance: Music by Dreamcatchers	Lodge & Casino

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	Pow Wow Arena
10:30	1 & 3 Mile Walk Run Begins	GP School
1:00	Grand Entry: Honoring Grand Portage Veterans	Pow Wow Arena
1:00	Bingo	Fire Hall
3:30	Junior and Senior Princess/Brave Contests	Pow Wow Arena
5:00	Men's Horseshoe Tournament	Softball Field
7:00	Evening Grand Entry	Pow Wow Arena
9:00	Dance: Music by Keith Secola & Special Guest Gary Farmer	Lodge & Casino

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

8:00	Mixed Softball Tournament resumes	Softball Field
9:00	Flag Raising Ceremony	Pow Wow Arena
9:00	Turkey Shoot	Red Rock Gravel Pit
1:00	Grand Entry	Pow Wow Arena
1:00	Bingo	Fire Hall
4:00	Raffle Drawing	Pow Wow Arena
5:00	Pow Wow Ends	