

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 workshops and games/contests 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 North Gate. Park rangers are also available on site and at our Heritage Center. 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 materials 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 North Gate.

Please note: Schedule subject to change.

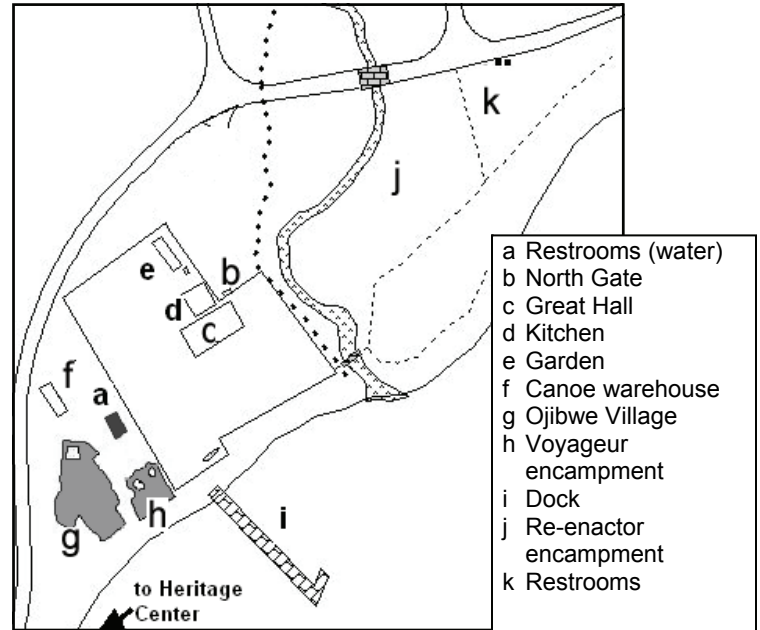
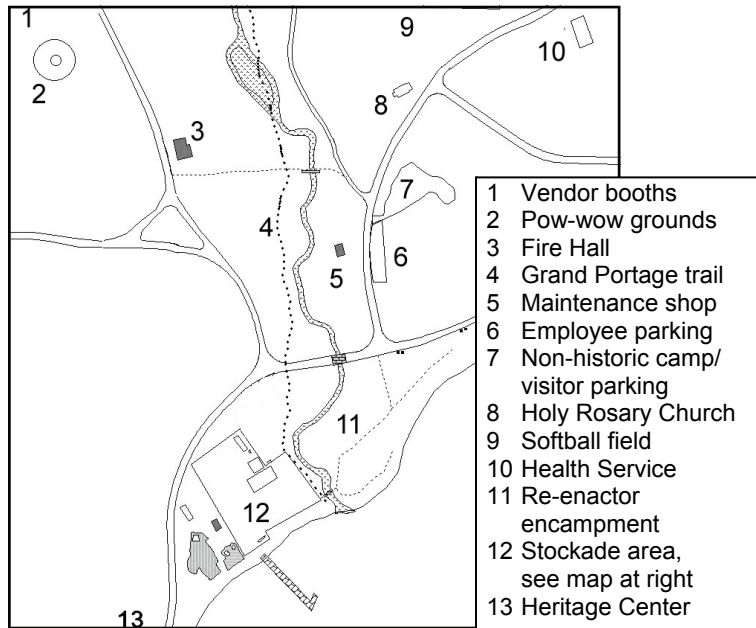
Re-enactor Encampment:

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.

Admission to Rendezvous and the monument grounds is free. Donations to support future events and interpretive programs are appreciated.



Rendezvous Days and Traditional Pow Wow

August 12th - 14th
2011



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 2011 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	NWCo Partners Arrival Ceremony	Dock and Great Hall
11:30	Dainty Voyageur Contest	Inside Stockade, West Gate
12:00	Tour of Historic Encampment	Meet at North Gate
1:30	18th Century Music Jam!!	Front Yard of Great Hall
3:30	Tour of Historic Encampment	Meet at North Gate

Workshops: (register at North Gate)

11:00	Cornhusk Dolls/Voyageurs For Young'uns	Front Porch Great Hall
11:00	Moccasin Making**	Historic Encampment
11:30	Scottish Music & Haggis Making	Historic Encampment
1:00	Tinsmithing for Kids	Inside Stockade
1:30	Having a Ball: 18th Cent. Boules	Inside Stockade
2:00	18th Century Puppetry	Historic Encampment
2:00	Basic Blacksmithing Techniques	Inside Stockade

SATURDAY

Presentations and Contests

All day	Historic Cooking	Kitchen
9:30	Scavenger Hunt for Young'uns	Historic Encampment
10:00	Traditional Game: Run & Scream For Young & Young at Heart!	Front Yard of Great Hall
11:00	Stories For Young & Young at Heart	Historic Encampment
11:00	Lacrosse in the 18th Century	Front Yard of Great Hall
12:00	Live Lacrosse Match	Front Yard of Great Hall
1:00	Golden Galette Contest Judging	Historic Encampment
1:00	Tour of the Historic Encampment	Meet at the North Gate
2:00	Rugged Voyageur Contest*	Inside West Gate
3:00	Enjoy Historic Music with: "Over the Waterfall"	Front Yard of Great Hall
5:00	Monument closes for the day	Thank You for Visiting!

Workshops (register at North Gate)

10:00	Historic Dice Games	Historic Encampment
10:30	Basic Blacksmithing Techniques	Inside Stockade
11:00	Wild Edibles & The Ojibwe	Ojibwe Village
2:00	Learn the Dress of the Voyageur	Historic Encampment
3:00	Learn French Fur Trade Terms	Historic Encampment

* Open to Re-enactors only for safety reasons.

** Materials Fee

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
1:00	18th Century Puppet Show	Front Yard of Great Hall
2:00	Early Medical Practices	Great Hall
5:00	Monument Closes for the Day	Thank You for Visiting!

Workshops (register at North Gate)

10:00	Tinsmithing for Adults	Inside Stockade
11:00	Art of First Person Interpretation	Historic Encampment

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 9:00 a.m. Sunday**

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

6:00	Old Timers Softball Game	Softball Field
7:00	Pow-Wow Warm Ups	Pow Wow Grounds

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

8:00	Mixed Softball Tournament (Begins)	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 Chris Knienke and Straw Dog	Lodge & Casino

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

8:00	Mixed Softball Tournament (Resumes)	Softball Field
9:00	Turkey Shoot	Blaze's 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	