Grand Portage National Monument 2015 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 5 p.m.

FRIDAY

Presentations and Contests:

10:00	Grand Portage Drum: Stone Bridge Singers	Front Yard of Great Hall
11:00	Music Jam for Young'uns	Historic Encampment
11:00	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
3:00	Throw the "Dough" Contest	Front Yard of Great Hall
3:30	Tour of Historic Encampment	Meet at North Gate

Workshops: (register at info. tent outside of North Gate)

10:00	Buttonholes, Hems & Finishing Tips	Workshop Tent
11:30	Cornhusk Dolls/Voyageurs For Young'uns	Workshop Tent
11:30	Scottish Music & Haggis Making	Historic Encampment
1:00	18th Century Sausage Making	Historic Encampment
1:30	Tinsmithing for Kids	Inside Stockade
**2:00	Basic Blacksmithing Techniques for Men	Inside Stockade
All Day	Mackinaw Boat Under Sail	Dock & G.P. Bay

** **Materials Fee For This Workshop**

SATURDAY

Presentations and Contests

All day	Historic Cooking/Baking	Kitchen
9:30	Scavenger Hunt for Young'uns	Historic Encampment
10:30	Gentlemen of the NWCo Conduct a Business Meeting	Great Hall
11:00	Live 18th Century Lacrosse Match!	Front Yard of Great Hall
12:00	Lacrosse in the 18th Century Demo	Front Yard of Great Hall
1:00	Tour of the Historic Encampment	Meet at the North Gate
*2:00	Rugged Voyageur Contest	Inside West Gate
3:00	Historic Music by: Over the Waterfall	Front Porch of Great Hall
All Day	Mackinaw Boat Under Sail	Dock & G.P. Bay
5:00	Monument closes for the day	Thank You for Visiting!

Workshops (register at info. tent Outside of North Gate)

10:00	Sewing: Make a "Housewife"	Workshop Tent
**10:30	Basic Blacksmithing Techniques for Women	Inside Stockade
11:00	Beads of the Fur Trade	Historic Encampment
2:00	18th Century Paper Marbling	Workshop Tent
2:00	Ojibwe-Style Finger Weaving	Ojibwe Village
All Day	Mackinaw Boat Under Sail	Dock & G.P. Bay

* **For safety concerns: Re-enactors only, please.**

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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	Warehouse Yard
1:00	Traditional Fiddling in the Fur Trade Era	Workshop Tent
2:00	Bagpipes of the NWCo	Front Yard of Great Hall
5:00	Monument Closes for the Day	Thank You for Visiting!

Workshops (register at info. tent outside of North Gate)

10:00	Tinsmithing for Adults	Inside Stockade
11:00	Birch Bark Canoe Repair Techniques	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.

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7th

4:00	Bingo!	Fire Hall Garage
6:00	Old Timers Softball Game	Softball Field
7:00	Pow-Wow Warm Ups	Pow Wow Grounds

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8th

8:00	Mixed Softball Tournament (Begins)	Softball Field
9:00	Registration for 1& 3 Mile Walk Run 25th Anniversary Run	GP Health Services
10:00	Flag Raising Ceremony	Pow Wow Arena
10:30	1 & 3 Mile Walk Run Begins	G.P. School
1:00	Grand Entry: Honoring Grand Portage Veterans	Pow Wow Arena
2:00	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: Sweet Papa Dave	Lodge & Casino

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9th

8:00	Mixed Softball Tournament (Resumes)	Softball Field
9:00	Turkey Shoot	Blaze's Pit
1:00	Grand Entry	Pow Wow Arena
2:00	Bingo	Fire Hall
4:00	Raffle Drawing	Pow Wow Arena
5:00	Pow Wow Ends	

General Information:

National Park Service staff and over 300 volunteers re-create a lively v 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 tent is set up outside the North Gate (Gate closest to the Great Hall). 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, 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 tent located outside the North Gate.

Re-enactor Encampment:

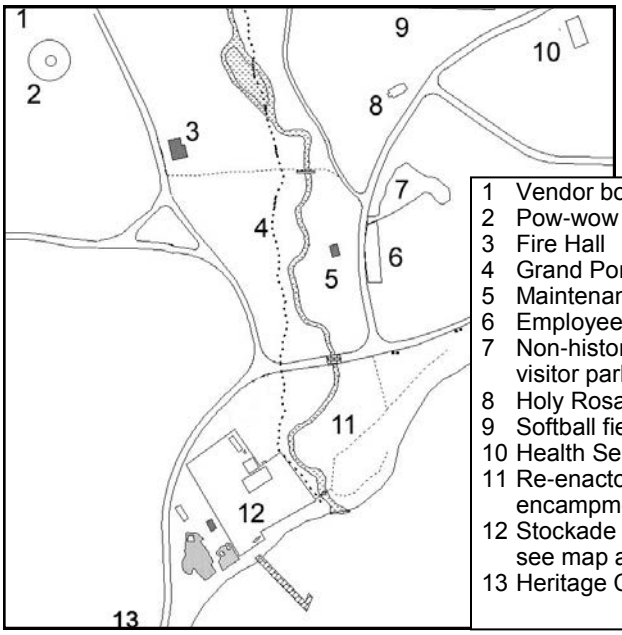
The re-enactor encampment is located east of the creek and Stockade. Please feel free to interact with historic participants. They are here to help you understand and enjoy this Rendezvous re-enactment and provide you with an opportunity to learn more about Grand Portage and its relationship with the 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.

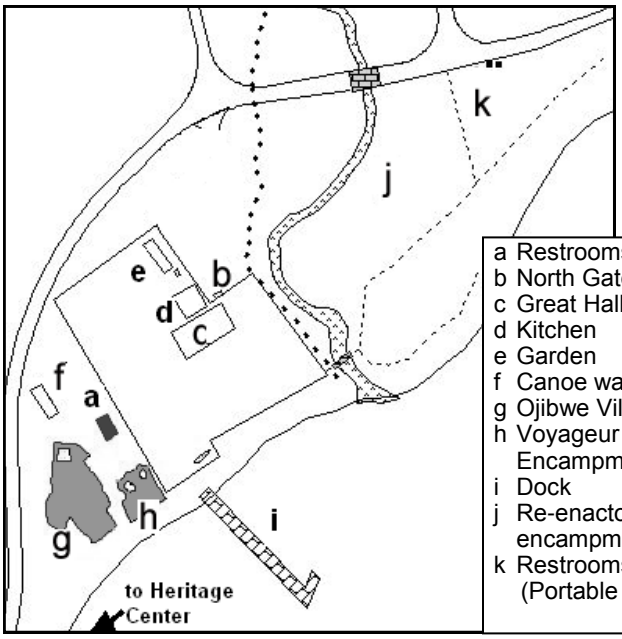
The encampment is closed to the general public between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. each day of the event.

Please note: Schedule subject to change.

Admission to Rendezvous and the monument grounds is free. Donations to support future events and interpretive programs are appreciated. Thank you for your support!!



1 Vendor booths
2 Pow-wow grounds
3 Fire Hall
4 Grand Portage trail
5 Maintenance shop
6 Employee parking
7 Non-historic camp/ visitor parking
8 Holy Rosary Church
9 Softball field
10 Health Service
11 Re-enactor encampment
12 Stockade area, see map at right
13 Heritage Center



a Restrooms (water)
b North Gate
c Great Hall
d Kitchen
e Garden
f Canoe warehouse
g Ojibwe Village
h Voyageur Encampment
i Dock
j Re-enactor encampment
k Restrooms (Portable Toilets)

Rendezvous Days and Traditional Pow Wow

August 7th – 9th

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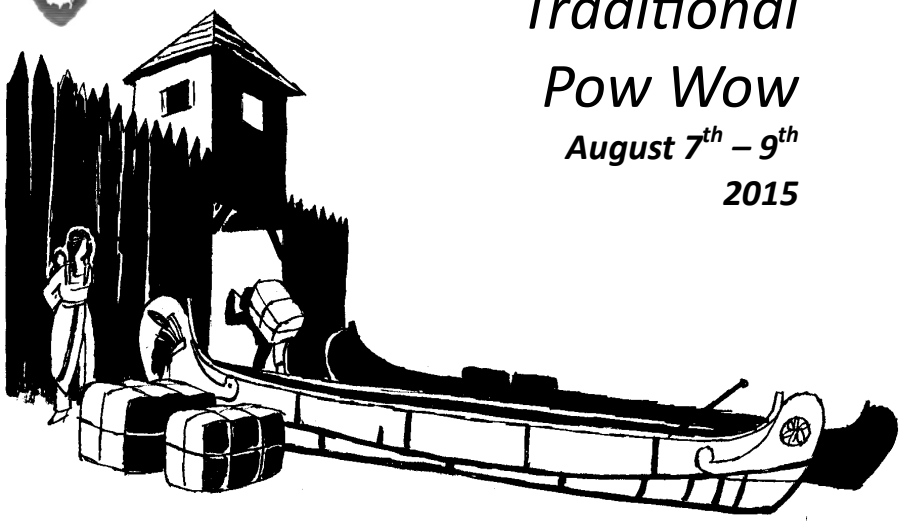

Imagine it is early August of 1797. Canoe brigades loaded with tons of cloth, kettles, guns and food, and manned by hearty voyageurs arrive after a six-week voyage from Montreal, a thousand miles to the east. North men transporting canoe-loads of furs in 90-pound bundles have taken equally long to travel 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!