



## Arkansas Post National Memorial

# Calendar of Events – Fall /Winter 2011



**September 24 – National Public Lands Day** – In partnership with the US Army Corps of Engineers, Arkansas Post National Memorial welcomes volunteers for a clean-up of the Arkansas Post Water Trail (if accessible) and the shore line of Post Bend Lake. Activities start at 7:30 AM. Volunteers who participate may qualify for two nights of free camping at Merrisach Lake. Contact Jerome Kirkland 870-548-2291 for details. Register at the Arkansas Post Project Office, Merrisach, Pendleton Bend, Wilbur Mills, Ste. Marie and Rising Star Parks.

**October 22 – The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Ghosts of the Past** - Join park staff and volunteers for a guided candlelight walk through Arkansas History. Living History presentations will portray events from the exploration and settlement of Arkansas Post, Colbert's Raid, and the Civil War. Tours start every 15 minutes from 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM. Tours last approximately one hour, a limited number of wheelchairs will available for loan. Reservations are strongly recommended by calling 870-548-2207.

**November 12 – The Fall Bayou Float** – When rivers were the highways of the old world, the Quapaw and early Europeans used canoes to travel the Bayous around Arkansas Post. This float will travel from Moore's Bayou to Post Bayou on the Arkansas Post Water Trail (if weather and vegetation permit). Please wear seasonally appropriate clothing. If you cannot bring your own canoe or kayak, some seats may be available. The program is free, but registration is required. Call Joe Herron for more information 870-548-2207.

**December 10 – Open House** – In partnership with the Arkansas Post State Park Museum, the park will hold an open house starting at 1 PM. This year, the park commemorates 325 years of Arkansas Post. A Ranger program, "Rivers and Bayous: Superhighways of the Old World" will be held in the park theater at 1:30 and 2:30.

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Arkansas Post National Memorial is located off State Highway 169, approximately 5 miles south of Gillett on Highway 165.

The Visitor Center is open 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM everyday (excluding Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.)

Guided tours and programs for groups are available by advance reservation. Admission is free.

Park grounds (Trails, Parking, Picnic, and Fishing areas) are open 8:00 AM till dark. Dog's must remain on leash. Fireworks and Hunting are prohibited on park grounds. Fishing is allowed along the banks of the lakes and bayous. (Arkansas Game & Fish regulations apply.)

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