

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 North 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 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.

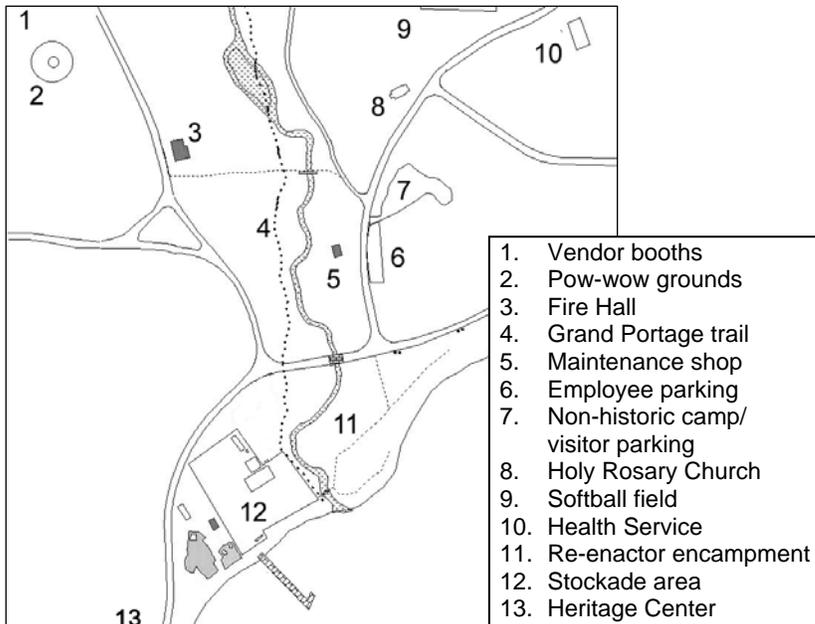
Please be respectful of individual and group camps. If the flap or entrance to a tent or a camp is tied shut or if there are poles placed across the entrance, the camp or tent is closed to the public and should not be entered.

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.

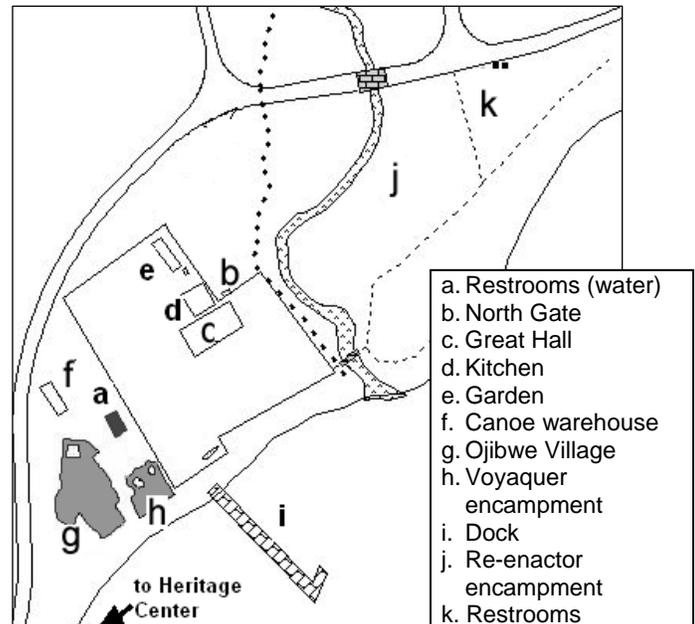
Regular admission fees to the National Monument
waived during Rendezvous.

Your \$1 donation would help support future events.

Village of Grand Portage



Grand Portage National Monument



Rendezvous Days and Traditional Pow Wow August 8th - 10th 2008



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!