Scouts BSA

Historic Trails Weekend

Fri - Sun, Sept. 8-10, 2023

Earn the Historic Trails Award!

Scouts from across the region are invited to gather at the Historic Indian Agency House to learn, earn the entire Historic Trails Award over the weekend, and make memories while walking in the footsteps of Native Americans, explorers, traders, soldiers, and many others who made significant marks in Portage history! Explore over two miles of scenic hiking trails. Take a tour of the museum. Help restore the historic prairie landscape of the Fox-Wisconsin portage. Camp one night or two.

Registration form is available at agencyhouse.org/events

Friday:
- 3 pm or later: Check in & set up camp
- 5 to 7 pm: Help work on a fire-wrought dugout canoe (optional)
  www.agencyhouse.org/dugout-canoe

Saturday:
- 8 to noon: Work on historic prairie reclamation along trail system
- 2 pm: Group A: Self-guided history hike on interpretive trail
  Group B: Learn about the historic portage trail by touring the Agency House
- 3 pm: Group A: Learn about the historic portage trail by touring the Agency House
  Group B: Self-guided history hike on interpretive trail

Sunday:
- FREE TIME
  Hike the Marquette Trail - Try out some 19th century games (hoop rolling & graces) - Canoe the Fox River if you bring equipment - Do troop activities

THIS EVENT IS FREE
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**WHAT TO EXPECT:**

When you check in at the visitor center on Friday, September 8, set up your campsite and get ready for a great weekend! (Alternatively, you may arrive and check in between 7 and 8 am on Saturday, September 9.)

On Saturday morning, you will begin working on the **Historic Trails Award**. From 8 am to noon, you will work on prairie restoration / trail maintenance. This area was part of a prairie landscape at the time of the Indian Agency House (1832). Our interpretive trails weave through this area that still hosts several acres of original prairie, and your part in restoring it is helping reclaim the historic landscape of the Fox-Wisconsin Portage. Find more details about the prairie reclamation project on YouTube here: [https://youtu.be/YzZPO5G24Hg](https://youtu.be/YzZPO5G24Hg)

**WHAT TO BRING:**

Bring all of your meals, as well as enough bottled water for the weekend. (We do have bottled water for sale in the gift shop, as well.) Scouts may choose to bring spending money for our gift shop. Bring **heavy duty work gloves**. If you have pruners or loppers that you wouldn’t mind using, bring those. (We will have a few on hand, as well.) Bring a tent and everything you need for overnight camping. We will have a port-a-potty available. If you want to bring canoes or kayaks to explore the Fox River which runs along our property, please do so!

**HOW TO REGISTER**

Complete and return (email or postal mail) the registration form found at [agencyhouse.org/events](http://agencyhouse.org/events). Please contact us with questions: 608-742-6362 or historicindianagencyhouse@gmail.com.

The Historic Indian Agency House and grounds are rich with fascinating history. This area was an important geographic crossroads where cultures intersected. The history that happened here played an important role in shaping our state and our nation. The house and site are on the National Register of Historic Places.