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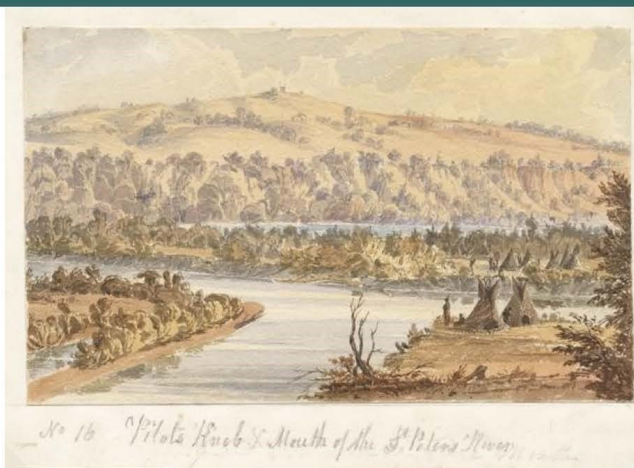
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Oak Grove Presbyterian Dakota Sites Tour

Saturday, October 23, 2021 (8:30 am–3:30 pm)



Painting by Seth Eastman of Oheyawah (Pilot Knob) in the background with Bdote, the confluence of the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers, in the foreground.

Please join us for a **tour of important Dakota sites** in the Twin Cities area including:

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| 8:30 am | Meet at Oak Grove Presbyterian Church (2200 W Old Shakopee Rd, Bloomington 55431) |
| 9–10:00 am | Bde Maka Ska (formerly known as Lake Calhoun) |
| 10:30–11:30 am | Coldwater Spring |
| 1–2:00 pm | Oheyawah (Pilot Knob) |
| 2:30–3:30 pm | Fort Snelling Prison camp where 1,600 Dakota women, elders and children were imprisoned, and more than 130 people died during the winter of 1862–63. |

The tour will focus on **Bdote**, the center of the Dakota homeland, how it was taken over by the United State Government in the 19th century, how Dakota people were exiled from the state, and how they have returned to their homeland. The tour will be guided by Jeff Williamson, John Crampton, Thomas Shaw, Corinne L. Monjeau-Marz, Syd Beane, Bruce Forbes, and others whose descendants, both native and white, were at these sites.

Participants will provide their own transportation, lunches, and admittance to the Fort Snelling State Park (annual state park pass or \$7 daily permit per vehicle). Participants will receive maps and relevant historical materials. A free will donation of \$10 or more will be accepted. The tour will be outside, so dress for the weather. Participants must follow all Covid safety protocols, including masking and social distancing. Space is limited, so please register today at: <https://www.oakgrv.org/2021/08/30/dakota-sites-tour/>

For more information call the Oak Grove Presbyterian Church office (952-888-4621).

Events at Pond Dakota Mission Park

The Pond House is open year round on Saturdays from 1 – 4 pm. Admission to programs and tours is free. Donations are welcome.

OCTOBER

Dipping Candles

Saturday, October 2, Drop-in program 1-4 pm

Try your hand at dipping candles, and make one to take home! Learn first-hand why the Pond family was so pleased when kerosene lamplight became available.

Mystery House Tours

Saturday, October 9, Drop-in program 1-4 pm

Examine the Pond House as a history detective! What are the mysterious markings on the bricks, why is the window glass wavy, and why is there a door on every side of the house? Correctly answer these and other curious questions to win a detective gadget

Native Beading

Saturday, October 16, Drop-in program 1-4 pm

Make your own bead project to take home with Lakota artist Carol Charging Thunder. Carol has been beading for over 50 years. Some of her beadwork has been exhibited at the Tweed Museum of Art in Duluth. All supplies will be provided.

The Battle of Shakopee

Sunday, October 17, 2 pm

David Schleper will speak on the Battle of Shakopee in 1858 when about 150 Anishinaabe warriors ambushed a group of Dakota and their leader, Sakpedan, near present-day Shakopee. The battle lasted for five hours until the Anishinaabe retreated north toward Lake Minnetonka. Learn about the Native and white people who were there.

Jumping Jacks

Saturday, October 23, Drop-in program 1-4 pm

A favorite toy for frontier children, Jumping Jacks are flat figures whose joints are connected to a pull string. Pull the string and the Jumping Jack will dance. Now you can make your own vintage Jumping Jack to take home! All materials provided.

Braid a Mini Rug

Saturday, October 30, Drop-in program 1-4 pm

Try out this frontier craft while making your own coarser-sized “rug” to take home. Choose fabric strips, learn to braid them, then hand stitch your braid into a mini rug. All materials provided.

NOVEMBER

Rope Making

Saturday, November 6, Drop-in program 1-4 pm

Use a simple rope-making tool to fabricate a section of rope to take home. Learn all about rope – a very important item on the frontier.

Mystery House Tours & Tours of the Park & Trails

Saturday, November 13, drop-in program 1-4 pm

Examine the Pond House as a history detective. What are the mysterious markings on the bricks, why is the window glass wavy, and why is there a door on every side of the house? Correctly answer these and other curious questions to win a detective gadget! Then take a guided tour of the Park and Trails. Free.

Historic House Tours

Saturday, November 20, Drop-in program 1-4 pm

Take a guided tour of the historic Gideon and Agnes Pond House and see how their home was furnished in 1878. Hear stories of the courageous Pond family and their mission work with the Dakota people.

The Dakota of Oak Grove (Bloomington) and Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 21, 2 pm

Jeff Williamson will speak about the Dakota living in Oak Grove and Bloomington and especially Cloudman’s group and their connection to Gideon Pond and Oak Grove Presbyterian Church. He’ll also talk about Dakota burials at Bloomington Cemetery and Gideon Pond’s Dakota burial ground. Jeff is descended from 10 early missionaries to the Dakota.

Spelling Bee

Saturday, November 27, Drop-in program 1-4 pm

A curiously American spectacle in which our competitive spirit encounters the idiosyncrasies of the English language, the spelling bee was a favorite community event on the frontier. Test your spelling in a friendly contest at the historic Pond House!

DECEMBER

King of the Prairie

Saturday, December 4, Drop-in program 1-4 pm

Acquaint yourself with the American bison! Examine an entire bison hide and other bison parts. Discover how each was used by Native people to create over 50 different articles and food items. Play Bison Bingo for bison-themed prizes and watch a documentary on Bison.



Parlor Games

Saturday, December 11, Drop-in program 1-4 pm

Try your hand at old-fashioned parlor games like Fox & Geese, Nine Pins, Ball & Cup, Checkers, Marbles, and Jacob's Ladder. Friendly competition is encouraged!

Frontier Christmas Celebration

Saturday, December 18, Drop-in program 1-4 pm

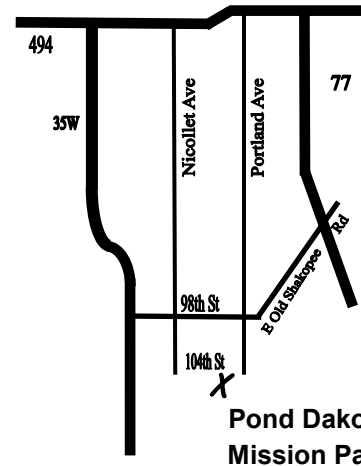
Join costumed re-enactors at the historic Pond House as we gather 'round the 19th century pump organ to the sing carols. Agnes Pond will read the Christmas story, and Rev. Pond will present excerpts from his 1862 Christmas sermon. Enjoy tasty holiday refreshments while warming yourself by the fireplace and make paper star ornaments to take home.



Saturday, December 25

House closed for the holidays.

Pond Dakota Mission Park
401 East 104th Street
Bloomington, MN 55420



Interpretive signs describing the history of the Dakota in the Minnesota River Valley, and Gideon and Samuel Pond, missionaries who arrived in 1834, are located along the walking trails in the park. The 1856 Gideon and Agnes Pond House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The park is open daily until 10 pm.

For more information about Pond Dakota Mission Park or private tours of the Gideon and Agnes Pond House, contact Mark Morrison, City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation, 952-563-8693, or mmorrison@BloomingtonMN.gov. More about the Pond House at www.BloomingtonMN.gov. Follow us on facebook at www.facebook.com/GideonAgnesPondHouse

The Pond Dakota Heritage Society hosts speakers at the Pond House. The Society's mission is to preserve the rich history of the Dakota and their relationship with early Minnesota settlers and Christian Missionaries, and to explore contrasting cultural and religious viewpoints. Lifetime Individual Membership is \$20. Join today! Go to www.ponddakota.org or learn more at www.ponddakota.org. Email ponddakota@gmail.com or send mail to PDHS, P.O. Box 20511, Bloomington, MN 55420.

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- Receive this newsletter in your home by mail or email
- Volunteer at Pond House programs
- Suggest a new hands-on history program
- Schedule a private tour with your group

Get started by sending an email to Jay Ludwig at
jludwig@bloomingtonmn.gov