



ENCAMPMENT POLICIES

OUR MISSION: The mission of Heritage Hill State Historical Park is to enrich the lives of others by sharing Northeast Wisconsin's diverse cultural and historic ties that bind our communities together.

LIVING HISTORY: Historical encampments at Heritage Hill allow for a more well-rounded interpretation of various time periods and events. Reenactors and living history interpreters are invited to host or participate in encampments at Heritage Hill to help bring the past alive for visitors.

HISTORICAL TIME FRAMES: Encampments must add to and enhance one of the main interpretive areas of the park:

- La Baye Fur Trade Area: French (1670-1760s); British (1760s-1770s); or American (1770s-1830s)
- Courthouse Area: War of 1812 Era
- Fort Howard: 1830s
- Bivouac Area: Civil War Era
- Growing Community: 1870s-1890s
- Agricultural Area: circa 1900

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- Historical encampments add to the interpretation at Heritage Hill.
- Encampments at Heritage Hill are invitation-only events. Only those members of groups and organizations invited or cleared by the staff of Heritage Hill may participate in and be present in the encampment.
- To ensure that Heritage Hill is providing its visitors with the best programming possible, a minimum of **10 reenactors** is required for an event. On your *Encampment Request Form*, please note any special activities or demonstrations you plan on sharing with visitors.
- Reenactment groups will provide marketing materials to Heritage Hill upon booking to assist in event promotion. Heritage Hill reserves the right to modify and determine usage of provided materials.
- Both the reenactment group and Heritage Hill agree that any photos or video taken by either entity can (upon request) be shared with the other and that photos and video may be used for marketing purposes at a later date.
- Participants must sign and return the *Agreement and Release from Liability* to Heritage Hill staff prior to the event or upon arrival.



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- Adherence to the rules and regulations put forth in this document is required. If a participant does not adhere to Heritage Hill policies, that participant will be removed from the event and not be invited to attend subsequent events.
- Reenactors are responsible for the security of their own campsites while at Heritage Hill. Heritage Hill is not responsible for any personal items that are lost, stolen or damaged.
- Participants are required to be in period clothing during the event and all modern items must be kept out of sight during event hours.
- During the event and during normal business hours, participants will remain in their designated historic areas. If they wish to explore the park, they will change into non-period clothing.
- Reenactors agree to place tents and firepits according to the plan agreed upon at booking. Tent stakes may be no longer than 12 inches. This ensures the protection of the historic buildings, water mains, electrical hook-ups, etc.
- Firewood and water hook-ups will be provided by Heritage Hill.
- Participants will enter/exit the park and park their vehicles in the designated areas indicated on the map.
- Encampments take place on Saturdays and Sundays during regular business hours.
- Participants may begin set-up after 2:00 p.m. the day before the event. Please use caution during set-up, as visitors will likely be in the park, and please remove vehicles to the designated parking areas indicated on the map as quickly as possible.
- Participants may begin takedown 30 minutes prior to park closure the day the event ends. However, no vehicles will be allowed in the encampment area until after the park closes.
- Reenactors are expected to be accessible, engaging, and polite to visitors at all times.

REQUESTING AN ENCAMPMENT:

Requests for encampments can be made up to 1-year in advance but reenactment groups must submit an encampment request at least 4 months in advance. This allows Heritage Hill staff time to clear or vet groups requesting to encamp here for the first time. It also provides time for proper marketing to ensure the largest possible audience for the reenactors.

There is no fee for encampment participants at Heritage Hill. We simply ask that you be as historically accurate as possible; engage with visitors and get them excited about history; and leave the park as you found it.

Encampment participants must complete and submit an Agreement and Release from Liability for Heritage Hill State Historical Park. This should be returned to park staff prior to or upon arrival.



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RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. **SAFETY** – Safety is the major concern of all participants in the event. Participants should take extra care to keep watch on axes, knives, firearms, etc. to make sure they are being used and stored properly in order to prevent serious injury.
2. **SECURITY** of each tent/campsite and belongings/valuables is the responsibility of the reenactors. Heritage Hill is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
3. **CAMPFIRES are permitted in designated areas only.** Sod must be watered before digging, replaced and watered when breaking up camp. There should be a filled bucket of water next to your fire pit at all times. In the case of warm, dry weather, all fires should be kept properly under control and watched at all times. Further direction will be given upon check-in. Please return all supplies back to their designated areas before departing.
4. **PERIOD CORRECT FIREARMS may be used if they add to the interpretation of the encampment.** They may only be discharged from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily, and on the grounds of Heritage Hill State Historical Park. **No live rounds may be fired, only blank charges allowed.** All historic firearms should be unloaded except during demonstrations. Misfires should be cleared as soon and as safely as possible.
5. **CONCEAL AND CARRY is not allowed** on Wisconsin State Park property.
6. **PETS** are allowed on Heritage Hill property only if it adds to the interpretation of the encampment.
7. **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** are allowed only after event hours. It is up to the reenactment group to police its members regarding alcohol consumption.
8. **SMOKING** is allowed on Heritage Hill property only if it adds to the interpretation of the encampment.
9. **AUTOMOBILES** (cars, vans, trucks, trailers) must be parked in the designated parking areas indicated on the map. They may be brought on park property to begin set-up after 2:00 p.m. the day before the event. Please use caution during set-up, as visitors will likely be in the park. On the final day of the encampment, no vehicles will be allowed in the encampment area until after the park closes.
10. Heritage Hill constantly strives for authenticity, so we ask that all reenactors adhere to the following guidelines:
 - a. All participants are required to wear appropriate period clothing.



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- b. Participants in period clothing must remain in the historic area of the park appropriate to their clothing.
- c. Please keep **all** modern food, coolers, cell phones, and other accessories out of sight during the event.

11. Children must be supervised at all times.

12. **No one**, other than registered reenactors who have participated in the event will be allowed on the grounds after the park closes without prior approval from Heritage Hill staff.

13. There will be a Heritage Hill staff member on duty each day to assist reenactors. A radio will be furnished to the lead member of the group to allow for communication with staff in case of emergency. An after-hours phone number of staff will be provided upon check-in for any after-hours emergencies.