



RIVER RAISIN

National Battlefield Foundation

July 2023 Edition



Major's Exposé: July News on the River Raisin

Black Powder Days, craft programs and more is happening this summer at the River Raisin National Battlefield Park!

The Visitor Center is open 7 days a week with summer hours of 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

[See Calendar of Events](#)



Black Power Days

July 29 & August 26, 2023

Join the muster at the River Raisin National Battlefield Park Visitor Center on **Saturday, July 29 and Saturday, August 23 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Black Powder Days is a family fun event to learn all about black powder uses and drilling in the War of 1812. Watch living historians drill and provide musket, rifle, and cannon firing demonstrations! Black Power Day is sponsored by the Friends of the River Raisin Battlefield.



Canoes & Voyageurs Program

August 5, 2023

Join in a free summer crafting program Visitor Center on Canoes & Voyageurs! Water transportation in Michigan in the 1800's was vital for survival. The voyageur was like the modern truck driver whose role was to transport trade goods to towns requiring them to portage and carry the canoe and supplies. You will learn about their life and make a leather canoe and voyageur sash. **Class times are at 11 a.m. or 1 p.m.**

Pre-register by calling (734) 243-7136.

RANGER LED BATTLEFIELD WALKING TOUR



SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
12PM AND 2PM

THE TOURS WILL MEET AT THE
PICNIC PAVILION AT 1403 E. ELM
AVE MONROE, MI 48162

PLEASE BRING WATER AND WEAR
WEATHER APPROPRIATE
CLOTHING. NO PRIOR
RESERVATIONS ARE NEEDED.

Battlefield Walking Tours

Summer battlefield walking tours return! **Tours will be offered Saturdays and Sundays at 12:00pm & 2:00pm.**

These tours can last up to 30 minutes to 45 minutes, so plan accordingly.

NOTE: Programs may be cancelled at any time due to weather or staffing. For more information or questions about accessibility accommodations, please call the Visitor Center at (734) 243-7136.



Cool off in the Theater

Need a place to cool off this summer? Stop in to see the many films at the Visitor Center state-of-the-art theater! We have a variety of short films including "Untold Legacy of the River Raisin" and "Mitigo Jiimaan: The Dugout Canoe". Admission is free with the financial support of the Wyandotte Nation of Oklahoma.

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Partner Spotlight

DTE Energy Foundation

is a wonderful partner at the River Raisin! Our friend **Lynette Dowler**, president and chair of the DTE Energy Foundation and vice president of Public Affairs for DTE Energy, has recently retired and we want to wish her all the best! She is shown here at the Inaugural Tomahawk Challenge Fund A Need event held in November 2022. **Thank you Lynette!**



River Raisin Trade Depot open seven days a week!

Stop in the gift shop for Michigan art, apparel, and trade goods! For those on "lake time" we carry books and offer early 1800's period games including tops, marbles, recorder/fifes, and Shut the Box game you see played by our re-enacting friends! Gift Shop open during Visitor Center hours.



SAVE THE DATE!

Foundation Events

- **August 25** - Legislators Education & Advocacy Event (By Invitation Only)
- **August 25** - Members Only Event
- **October 18** - Members Only Eric Hemenway Meet and Greet Reception
- **November 9** - Second Annual Tomahawk Challenge Fund A Need Fundraising Event [Email us for Sponsorship INFO HERE](#)

TOMAHAWK CHALLENGE SPONSORS:



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Are you a member?

Foundation membership supports our educational and programming efforts of the River Raisin National Battlefield Park including the under-construction Education Center inside the Visitor Center. Members Only events showcase our progress and offer special themed activities.

The next Members Only event is August 25, 2023 on the National Park Service birthday!

Become a member TODAY!

[Looking for Volunteer Opportunities? CLICK HERE](#)

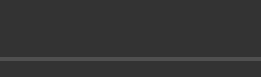


About the River Raisin National Battlefield Park Foundation

The mission of the River Raisin National Battlefield Park Foundation is to build enduring, diverse relationships through a world-class experience that shares the untold stories of the Battles and their aftermath inspiring conversation, understanding, and respect.

The River Raisin National Battlefield Park Foundation is the nonprofit partner of the National Park Service dedicated to preserving and enriching the River Raisin National Battlefield Park with expertise, private funding and in-kind support for development, construction and restoration projects. To learn more and to support our mission please visit/contact us:

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