

DISCOVER FORT OSAGE

TIMED TOURS & ACTIVITIES

9:00 POP UP CHILDREN'S STORY TIME (Fort Osage Education Center)

Be delighted with children's stories focused on the many stories that are part of Fort Osage's history. Coffee, juice, water, and snacks provided.

9:30 TOUR – BEFORE THE FORT: THE OSAGE (Tour starts at the Fort Osage Education Center)

Dr. Tai Edwards, author of *Osage Women and Empire*, associate professor of history and Director of Johnson County Community College's Kansas Studies Institute, will guide guests on a 30-minute walking tour of the land around Fort Osage National Historic Landmark. Participants will learn about the Osage way of life, their connection with the land, and some of their history.

10:00 POP UP CHILDREN'S STORY TIME & CRAFTS (Factory)

Listen to great children's stories and make crafts inspired by the history of trade that took place at the Factory.

10:30 TOUR – MILITARY LIFE AT FORT OSAGE (Fort Osage, near Flag Post)

Fort Osage National Historic Landmark's historical interpreters and volunteers will shed light on how soldiers and officers stationed at Fort Osage from 1808 to 1827 lived and worked. Explore the barracks, wander through the newly-restored officer's quarters, and climb to the top of a blockhouse to see if you would be able to spot a threat outside the walls of the fort.

11:00 15-STAR FLAG RAISING&MILITARYDEMONSTRATIONS

Children and adults are invited to join us in raising the 15-star flag, watch soldiers drill, and experience the sights, smells and sounds of firing a musket and cannon like those used in the 19th Century.

11:30 TOUR – GEORGE SIBLEY & CAPTAIN CLEMSON: THE FORT, THE FACTORY, AND THE FEUD (Factory)

George Sibley, factor at Fort Osage, and Captain Eli B. Clemson, leader of the military outpost. These two had much in common, both living and working high atop the Missouri River. But the relationship between the leaders of the trade and military operations was often tense. Join interpreters as they assume the roles of these men, share highlights of their experiences, and read from the more terse letters the two men exchanged while living mere yards from each other on the edge of an unexplored frontier.

12:00 ACTIVITY: ARTS, CRAFTS & STORIES (Factory)

Make a tin ornament, practice working with beads, and hear specially-selected children's stories.

12:30 TOUR – WOMEN & FORT OSAGE (Factory)

Learn about the lives and experiences of the women who lived and worked around Fort Osage. Enjoy the smells of a meal being cooked over the hearth, see how women made soap and candles, and more.

1:00 A CELEBRATION OF TRADITIONAL MUSIC WITH THE EAST CREEK GIRLS

(Missouri River Overlook) Local musicians Becky Stevens and Kaylee Thomas of the [East Creek Girls](#) take you back in time with the sounds of old-time banjo, fiddle, guitar and vocals. Enjoy gorgeous views of the river as you watch this mother/daughter duo play an acoustic set. Music will continue until 2:30pm.

1:30 TOUR – GROWING FOOD ON THE FRONTIER (Interpretive Garden)

There were many differences between the civilians, service members, and Native Americans who lived and worked around Fort Osage, but they all enjoyed food. Join our interpreters at the interpretive garden for a 30-minute talk and demonstration about one of the plants all people living and working around Fort Osage relied upon, differences in gardening techniques between the Osage and the settlers, and a demonstration of processing a specific food.

2:00 ACTIVITY: TUG-OF-WAR COMPETITION & HISTORIC GAMES

Bring your team of four or form one on site as you compete for the title of Fort Osage Tug-of-War Champions. If individual competition is more your speed, try your hand at atlatl and tomahawk throwing.

2:30 TOUR – HISTORIC CEMETERY TOUR

Dating back to 1810, the Sibley Cemetery is the oldest cemetery in Jackson County. Join John Peterson, Interpretive Resource Specialist with the Missouri State Museum, for a unique tour exploring the history around some of the 600 known graves in the Sibley Cemetery, including soldiers from Fort Osage, Veterans of the War of 1812 and the Civil War through the Vietnam War, and civilians.

3:00 POP-UP PAINTING CLASS – THE VIEW FROM FORT OSAGE

The views of the Missouri River from Fort Osage National Historic Landmark are unlike any others. [Happy Trees Painting Company](#) will guide you step by step in creating your own painting of the view from Fort Osage. *Limited to 25 people. There is a \$10 fee for this 30-minute pop-up painting class. Payment will be accepted at the class. The required \$10 fee includes all supplies and instruction. Guests will get to keep their canvas painting of the river.*)

3:30 TOUR- FORT OSAGE AFTER IT CLOSED (Fort Osage Education Center)

Join Site Administrator Fred Goss as he explores the incredible story of the making of a

national historic landmark. Learn more about the work done at Fort Osage today. Explore the Fort Osage Education Center, learn about our work with kids and the community, hear the amazing story of the fire that almost burned the site to the ground, and the efforts to rebuild.

4:00 MILITARY DEMONSTRATIONS & 15-STAR FLAG LOWERING

Experience the sights, smells and sounds of firing a musket and cannon like those used in the 19th Century. At the end of the demonstrations, children and adults are invited to join us in lowering and folding of the 15-star flag.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Atlatl & Tomahawk Throwing

Historic Games

Wax Flint Napping and Medallion Making

Blacksmithing

Historic Cooking

Living history Interpretation

Self-Guided Tours of the Museum

Concession Stand