

Welcome to Historic Point Basse which is a French term for "low point" or shallows." On June 2, 1837, Robert and Mary Wakely and their two young sons--Chauncey and Robert--arrived at Point Basse on a keelboat that had been poled up the Wisconsin River from Portage City (now Portage). Two years before, they had left their home in New York. The Wakelys found a wilderness basically untouched by the white hand. They began building their dream for their new life on the frontier. They built a trading post, a warehouse, an inn and a home for themselves and their family. Mary was the third white woman to brave this frontier area.

As early as 1846, the Wakely family is reputed to have owned a dozen or so buildings but today only one still exists. All others have burned, been moved, or suffered some other ill fate. Soon after the acquisition of the "Wakely House," a one-room schoolhouse and a log cabin were donated and brought to Point Basse. The Columbia School now doubles as our visitor center complete with restrooms and a kitchen. The log cabin is very rustic and well suited as a setting for our Fur Trade interpretation.

The lives of eleven Wakely family members and their contemporaries are interpreted on the grounds at various events.

The Citizens of Point Basse host open-house affairs, with the focus on historic and nature education. However, they are available for other public appearances any time provided advanced arrangements are made.

Call (715)459-1722

Schedule of Events

Saturday

1730's Voyageur Camp throughout the day
Spinning wheel demonstration in the house
Kids can make a church pew doll or spinner in the house

Butter Churning demonstration in the house

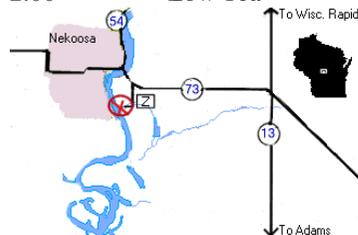
10:00 - 5:00 Ma Wakely Kitchen
12:00 - 1:00 Tomahawk Throwing
12:00 - 4:00 Barn Loom demonstration
2:00 - Low Tea
2:00 - 3:00 Tomahawk Throwing
12:00 - 4:00 Cast Iron Cooking Contest
judging from 4:00 to 5:00

Sunday

1730's Voyageur Camp throughout the day
Kids can make a church pew doll or spinner in the house

Butter Churning demonstration in the house

10:00 - 4:00 Ma Wakely Kitchen
10:00 - 4:00 Soap Making
12:00 - 1:00 Tomahawk Throwing
2:00 - 3:00 Tomahawk Throwing
2:00 - Low Tea



Located on the East Bank of the Wisconsin River, just south of Nekoosa.

300 Wakely Road, Nekoosa WI 54457

20 miles from Adams/Friendship: 60 miles from Wisconsin Dells : Take 13 North, turn left onto 73 West toward Nekoosa, turn left onto County Z, after 6 tenths of a mile turn right onto Wakely Road.

120 miles from Madison: Take I-39/51 North to Hwy 73 west at Plainfield. Turn left onto County Z, go 6 tenths of a mile and turn right onto Wakely Road.

180 miles from Minneapolis: From I-94, at Black River Falls, take Hwy 54 East to Hwy 73 through Nekoosa, then turn right onto County Z, go 6 tenths of a mile and turn right onto Wakely Road.



Presents:

Pioneer Festival

Saturday, June 8, 2019

10:00am to 5:00pm

And

Sunday, June 9, 2019

10:00am to 4:00pm

Admission Fee:

\$5 per adult.

\$2 per child.

Free Parking

For more information about
Historic Point Basse

Go to our web site at:

www.historicpointbasse.com