

National Fur Trade Symposium Schedule of Events

(updated September 8, 2024)

Thursday, September 12, 2024 – Guided Auto Tours of fur trade sites

Auto Tour #1 – Smith, Clymen & Fitzpatrick Adventures of 1824 (Casper to Pinedale), guided by Scott Walker

Auto Tour #2 – Pierre's Hole to Pinedale, guided by Jim Hardee

5:00pm – 6:00pm: Tour of One With the Land art exhibit

5:00pm – 8:00pm: Visit to Mountain Man Camp

6:00pm: Reception & Dinner at the Museum of the Mountain Man Pavilion

Friday, September 13, 2024 - Symposium

8:30am – 9:00am: Welcome & Naming of Horse Creek – Clint Gilchrist & Tim Tanner

9:00am – Noon: Presentations at Pinedale Library

The 1823-1824 Enterprise of Jedediah Smith's Fur Brigade by Jay Buckley & Steve Banks

Who Led the First Trappers Across South Pass in 1824? by Clay Landry

John Henry Weber's Trappers Explore Green River and Beyond by Jerry Enzler

Noon – 1:00pm: Lunch served at Pinedale Library

1:00pm – 5:00pm: Presentations at Pinedale Library

The Evolution of Rendezvous by Jim Hardee

The Use of Elk Hide Tipis by Brad Bailey

Booze of the Fur Trade by Bill Gwaltney

Feast and Famine: Dining with the Mountaineers by Doyle Reid

5:00pm – 8:00pm: Visit to Mountain Man Camp

6:00pm: Rendezvous Dinner Mountain Man Camp, Museum of the Mountain Man

Saturday, September 14, 2024 - Symposium

9:00am – 11:00am: Special Session at Rendezvous Grounds, DeSmet Monument

Noon – 1:00pm: Lunch served at Pinedale Library

1:00pm – 4:00pm: Presentations at Pinedale Library

Andrew Henry by Mark Kelly

William Clark: Tripod Stool Geographer by Sheri Wysong

Mountain Man Hall of Fame: Who was the Greatest of all Time? Panel Discussion

4:00pm: Business Meeting

5:00pm – 8:00pm: Visit to Mountain Man Camp

6:00pm: Banquet at the Museum of the Mountain Man Pavilion - Keynote Speaker Jim Hanson:

A Swirling Mass of Humanity: Migration, Exploration and Trade before the Rendezvous

Sunday, September 15, 2024 – Guided Auto Tours of fur trade sites

Auto Tour #1 – Smith, Clyman & Fitzpatrick Adventures of 1824 (Pinedale to Casper), guided by Scott Walker

Auto Tour #2 – Museum of the Mountain Man to Pierre's Hole, guided by Jim Hardee

All tours commencing at Museum of the Mountain Man and ending by 5pm or earlier.

Same routes as Thursday, but in reverse.

Thurs, Fri, Sat: Museum of the Mountain Man open 9am-8pm.

Free Admission during Symposium with registration.

Email symposium@mmmuseum.com to be added to email list.

For the latest information and schedule updates, see www.MuseumoftheMountainMan.com/symposium

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Mountain Man Living History Camp in partnership with the American Mountain Men

The camp will be set up every evening Thursday, Friday and Saturday (5pm to 8pm) on the large lawn at the Museum for guests to visit and learn about camp and gear from the mountain man. Thursday & Saturday evenings the camp will be separated into subject areas that guests can visit to listen to discussions and ask questions about the daily lives of the mountain men. Friday evening, the AMM will host a rendezvous dinner.

Rendezvous Dinner at Mountain Man Camp

The AMM will host dinner around the campfire in a series of messes (5 to 10) each around a campfire with at least one host and interested guests. Each mess will be cooking a different period food and brave individuals can have a taste. There will be no formal presentations, but hosts will be prepared to talk about food, cooking and daily lives in general.

Catered Food – The main meal will be based around smoked bison meat and side dishes served adjacent to the camps. Guest are invited to enjoy their meal seated around the fire.

Alternative to messes – For those who do not want to sit around campfire to eat, tables and chairs will be set up on the small lawn adjacent to the camp to eat and guests can then join the camp when done. Tasting of period food would be at the campfires.

Bad weather alternative – If too windy or wet weather, the same meal will be served in the Pavilion at tables and chairs.

Rendezvous Grounds Session

Guests are invited to a special Saturday morning session at DeSmet Monument overlooking the historic rendezvous ground to listen to the significant stories that happened on this spot during the 1833, 1835, 1836, 1837, 1839, & 1840 rendezvous. The two-hour session will feature a series of short presentations by different speakers to talk about each rendezvous. Chairs, bathrooms, and a speaker system will be set up on site. There is plenty of parking and good roads for guests to make the 25-minute trip to the site in their own vehicles. This special on-site event is open to the public. The session is timed in the morning to try and avoid afternoon winds/storms. But, the bad weather alternative is to hold the same presentations in the Pinedale Library and invite guests to visit Trappers Point or DeSmet Monument on their own at another time.

Auto Tours

Two guided one-way auto tours have been developed for people to join on their way to Pinedale on Thursday, September 12 as if you are on the road to rendezvous. The first tour comes from the east starting near Casper, Wyoming and ending in Pinedale. Along the way, you will visit sites related to Smith, Clyman and Fitzpatrick adventures in 1824 (re)discovering South Pass. The second comes from the west, starting in Pierre's Hole, Idaho and ending in Pinedale, visiting Pierre's Hole, Teton Pass, Hoback Canyon and fur trade sites along the way. Each tour will be repeated in reverse leaving Pinedale on Sunday, September 15, so you can attend both (one Thursday and one Sunday) if interested. The tours are free, but please register to help us manage. You will use your own automobile in a caravan to join the tour.

The Naming of Horse Creek by Tim Tanner

Artist Tim Tanner is creating an original painting depicting the story of Thomas Fitzpatrick and his small band of trappers having their horses stolen in the spring of 1824 on what has since been known as Horse Creek. This will be unveiled during the opening Symposium session, on display throughout the Symposium and will be a permanent part of the Museum of the Mountain Man collection.

One With the Land Art Exhibit

Through the summer of 2024, the lower gallery of the Museum of the Mountain Man will feature over 70 original pieces of mountain man art by more than 35 contemporary artists. Guests are invited to a reception and viewing on Thursday evening of the Symposium (September 12, 2024), or stop by anytime the Museum is open. The art will be on display May through October, 2024. All of the art work is on loan from the Peterson Family Collection.