

## **Trail of Death Pilgrimage Itinerary**

*Please note that this projected itinerary is subject to change. A revised itinerary will be emailed to trip participants closer to the start of the pilgrimage. Also, all distances indicated below are approximations and the route is subject to change.*

### **Wednesday, May 31st - Arrive on campus at AMBS**

#### **Special Event: Open to the Public**

7–9 p.m. Special event featuring storytelling from the Trail of Death with Potawatomi author and elder George Godfrey, and an art exhibition of Potawatomi portraits by Sharon Hoogstraten

### **Thursday, June 1st – Day 1**

#### **Orientation and Meeting Pokagon Band Neighbors**

8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Morning in the classroom at AMBS

1–4:30 p.m. Trip to Pokagon Band of Potawatomi headquarters in Dowagiac, Michigan

4:30–6 p.m. Debrief at AMBS, pack lunches for tomorrow

### **Friday, June 2nd – Day 2**

#### **Begin journey**

[Route according to Rich Meyer](#)

1. Elkhart to Plymouth (40.6 miles) – 8:30–9:30 a.m.

MENOMINEE STATUE

(<http://www.potawatomi-tda.org/indiana/chiefms.htm>) erected 1909 is the start of the Trail of Death.

- Meet hosts at Menominee Statue
  - George Schricker will sing Chief Menominee song
  - Commissioning of pilgrims
    - ➔ Walk to visit site of old chapel, then app. 2 miles on county road: south and then east following Old Michigan Rd.

2. Plymouth to Rochester (21 miles) – 12–1 p.m.

- Lunch on the road

MUD CREEK (<http://www.potawatomi-tda.org/indiana/mudcreek.htm>)  
*Drive south of Rochester on Indiana 25 for 5 miles to Mud Creek. The Trail of Death marker is on the west side of the highway and north side of the creek.*  
- Stop at Tippecanoe River and note that Treaty Tree is nearby.  
(<http://www.potawatomi-tda.org/indiana/treatyt.htm>)

3. Rochester to Delphi (45 miles) – 1–3 p.m.
  - Drive past Logansport Hospital – see marker
4. Camp at Delphi at the [Wabash and Erie Canal Interpretive Center](#)  
DELPHI CANAL - Sale of Potawatomi land by the state raised funds for this canal (<http://www.potawatomi-tda.org/indiana/delphicc.htm>). The canal was being dug as Potawatomi deportees passed.
  - Dinner at camp 6 p.m.

### Saturday, June 3rd - Pilgrimage Day 3

- Breakfast: 8–9 a.m.
  - ➔ Morning walk (app. 1.6 miles) near Pretty Bike Trail Road
- 1. Delphi to Battle Ground (14 miles) 9–9:30 a.m.  
BATTLE GROUND (<http://www.tcha.mus.in.us/battlefield.htm>) - Reflect on the historic Battle of Tippecanoe
- 2. Battle Ground to Lafayette, IN (5 miles) 10:30–10:45 a.m.
  - Museum visit: 10:45-12:15 p.m.
    - Tippecanoe County Historical Association - home to a large George Winter collection (in the Tippecanoe County Museum's Genealogy & Research Center, 1001 South Street, Lafayette, Indiana):  
<http://www.tcha.mus.in.us/winter.htm>
  - Lunch: 12:30–1:30 p.m.
    - El Chicano, 6 N Earl Ave, Lafayette, IN 47904
    - Meet Trail of Death descendant(s) for lunch
- 3. Lafayette to Danville (61 miles) – 2–3:30 p.m.  
DANVILLE – 1<sup>st</sup> encampment in Illinois (Marker along the road near golf course)  
<http://www.potawatomi-tda.org/illinois/danville.htm>
  - ➔ Optional: Stop and walk along the way here.
- 4. Danville to Catlin: (6.5 miles) – 3:45–4 p.m.

(<http://www.potawatomi-tda.org/illinois/catlin.htm>).

5. Catlin to Monticello: (55 miles) – 4–5:15 p.m.  
(<http://www.potawatomi-tda.org/illinois/cityceme.htm>) Marker in City Cemetery (recognizing Sangamon Crossing – private property - <http://www.potawatomi-tda.org/illinois/sangcros.htm>).
4. Monticello to [Clinton Lake State Recreation Area](#) (19 miles) – 5:20–6 p.m.
  - Dinner at camp

## Sunday, June 4th - Day 4

➤ Breakfast: 8–9 a.m.

1. Clinton Lake to Decatur: (32 miles): 9–9:45 a.m.
  - Marker in Mueller park, near Lake Decatur  
(<http://www.potawatomi-tda.org/illinois/decaturn.htm>)
2. Decatur to Springfield: (40 miles): 9:45–11:30 a.m.  
SPRINGFIELD
  - Talk about parade through Springfield:  
(<http://www.potawatomi-tda.org/illinois/oldcapb.htm>)
  - See Sangamon Journal article:  
<http://www.usd116.org/mfoley/trail/newspaper1b.html>
    - Spend time in Springfield square

➤ Lunch: 12 - 1:30 p.m.

  - Cafe Moxo: 411 E Adams St, Springfield (217) 788-8084
3. Springfield to Jacksonville, IL: (26 miles): 1:30–2:15 p.m.  
JACKSONVILLE  
(<http://www.potawatomi-tda.org/illinois/centrapp.htm>)
  - Presents given to Indians, band escorted them through town
  - Stop in square to see marker

Options en route: Riddle Hill – visit UMC church  
(<http://www.potawatomi-tda.org/illinois/riddlehi.htm>)

  - Option: Continue on to McCoy's Mill: 4 mile loop back to main road
    - ➔ Walk part of 4 mile loop if not too muddy
4. Jacksonville, IL to Island Grove: 3:30-4 p.m.
  - Trees still standing at Hitt Farm from 1838  
<http://www.potawatomi-tda.org/illinois/islandgr.htm>

- Camp near Hitt farm located west of Jacksonville, Illinois, across the Old Jacksonville Road from Island Grove Church.

## Monday, June 5th - Day 5

➤ Breakfast: 8-9 a.m.

1. Jacksonville, IL - Naples, Illinois River: (26 miles ) 9-9:45 a.m.

NAPLES <http://www.potawatomi-tda.org/illinois/naples.htm>

(No bridge so you cannot cross the river here. You must go north and cross the Illinois River at Meredosia.)

2. Naples to Liberty: (39.8 miles) 9:45-11 a.m.

LIBERTY (<http://www.potawatomi-tda.org/illinois/liberty.htm>)

➔ Option: Walk from Perry toward Fish Hook

2. Liberty to Quincy (crossing Mississippi): (19 miles) 11-11:30 a.m.

(<http://www.potawatomi-tda.org/missouri/wquincy.htm>)

St. Boniface Church: <http://www.potawatomi-tda.org/illinois/stbonifc.htm>

(Church was decommissioned)

➤ Lunch: 12-1:30 p.m.

- Lunch at El Rancherito (McDonald's, Wendy's, and Panera Bread also next door): 307 N 36th St #213; (217) 228-2182

3. Quincy to Palmyra: (17 miles) 1:30-2 p.m.

(<http://www.potawatomi-tda.org/missouri/oclinton.htm>) General Morgan resigned at See's Creek (just past Palmyra), which stirred up dissension among the Potawatomi chiefs.

4. Palmyra to Monroe City: (21 miles) 2:30-4 p.m. Pass See's Creek

(<http://www.potawatomi-tda.org/missouri/monroeci.htm>)

➔ Option: Walk for two or three miles

Drive through Palmyra and go to Mt. Vernon church

- Then go to Old Clinton

5. Monroe City to [Mark Twain State Park](#): (16 miles) 4-4:30 p.m.

➤ Dinner at camp

## **Tuesday, June 6th - Day 6**

- Breakfast: 8–9 a.m.
  - Meet with Alice Dye, Historical Society of Monroe County
- 1. Mark Twain State Park to Paris, MO: (16 miles) 9–9:30 a.m.  
(<http://www.potawatomi-tda.org/missouri/paris1.htm>)
  - Drive through Paris
- 2. Paris to Moberly: (26 mi) 10–11 a.m. (Pick up lunch here)  
MOBERLY (<http://potawatomi-tda.org/missouri/moberly.htm>)
  - Pick up lunch at Subway, 400 N Morley St
- 3. Moberly to Richmond: (94 miles) 11 a.m.–2 p.m.  
RICHMOND (<http://www.potawatomi-tda.org/missouri/richmond.htm>)
  - Walk 2 miles into Richmond
    - Meet at Trail of Death marker at Richmond High School, 551 E South St.
- 4. Richmond to Lexington (12 miles) 2–2:15 p.m.  
LEXINGTON (<http://www.potawatomi-tda.org/missouri/lexingto.htm>)
  - See Trail of Death marker beside Madonna of the Trail in Lexington.
- 5. Lexington to Independence (26 miles) 2:30–3 p.m.  
Possible visit to [National Frontier Trails Museum](#) (open til 4:30 p.m., \$6 admission)
- 6. Independence to [Jackson County Parks Campground](#), Jacomo (15 miles) 4:30–5
  - Dinner at camp

## **Wednesday, June 7th – Day 7**

- Breakfast: 8-9 a.m.
- 1. Jackson County Parks Campground to Heritage Park (36 miles): 9 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
  - Site of North Fork Blue River Encampment
- 2. Heritage Park to Paola, KS (24 miles): 9–9:30 a.m.
  - Drive to Town Square, 15 W Wea St to see Trail of Death marker

3. Paola to Osawatomie, Kansas (8 miles): 10–10:15 a.m.

OSAWATOMIE (<http://www.potawatomi-tda.org/kansas/osawato.htm>)

- Visit former site of Old Land Office on North 6<sup>th</sup> St., Osawatomie, Kansas
- Visit Trading Post museum.

4. Osawatomie to Sugar Creek Mission (20 miles): 10:45 a.m.–11:15 a.m.

<http://www.potawatomi-tda.org/kansas/sugarcre.htm>

→ Walk final miles along dirt road to old Mission

6. Final stop of Trail of Death -

ST. PHILIPPINE DUSCHESNE MEMORIAL PARK

(<http://www.potawatomi-tda.org/kansas/stphilip.htm>)

- Camp at St. Philippine Duchesne Memorial Park overnight

- Read about St. Philippine:

<http://www.potawatomi-tda.org/kansas/stphilih.htm>

- Dinner at Camp
- Group reflections
- Meet with students about assigned projects

<b>Thursday, June 8th – Day 8</b>
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- Breakfast: 8-9 a.m.

1. Visit cultural centers of Prairie Band and/or Citizen Band

- Group reflections with Potawatomi living in Kansas or Oklahoma

2. Start journey home in afternoon - drop people off in Kansas City for pre-arranged travel at the airport/ train station (please arrange travel to leave no earlier than 6 p.m.)

3. For those riding in the van back, we will camp in Missouri or stay at a Mennonite church along the way.

<b>Friday, June 9th – Day 9</b>
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**Returning home**

NOTE: For those returning to Elkhart with us, please plan to meet rides at AMBS around 7 or 8 p.m. since it's approx. a 12 hour drive.