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Great Lakes Region 1700-1840

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About 200 vendors of pre-1890-related wares and thousands of visitors interacted for two days last weekend at the **50th annual Kalamazoo Living History Show** at the Kalamazoo County Expo Center, Kalamazoo, Michigan. Artists, gunsmiths, artisans, skilled demonstrators and sellers of reenactment supplies gather at Kalamazoo each year for the largest trade fair in the Midwest.

Next year's even is set for March 20-21, 2027.



## News & Notes

### Ohio's Roscoe Village seeking to start new event

Historic Roscoe Village in Coshocton, Ohio, is seeking interest for a possible living history reenactment at their restored 1830s canal town. Possibilities would include a reenactment in conjunction with Canal Day Aug. 22, during Apple Butter Stirrin' Oct. 16-18, 2026, or another time suggested by interested parties. Reenactors would receive a pass to tour all of the village buildings.

To discuss the possibility, contact Angie Brillhart, [sabrillhart@gmail.com](mailto:sabrillhart@gmail.com). In addition, the village is seeking vendors of handmade wares and crafts to sell at its Apple Butter Stirrin' festival Oct. 16-18.

For more information on Roscoe Village and its events, visit [www.roscoevillage.com](http://www.roscoevillage.com).

### Painesville, Ohio, RR museum invites reenactors for America 250 event

Paul McFee of the Painesville Railroad Association museum, 475 Railroad St., Painesville, Ohio, is seeking reenactors for the organization's Heritage Days Aug. 22, which is celebrating the nation's 250th anniversary.

Revolutionary War, homestead pioneers and Civil War reenactors are invited to participate. Event hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on that Saturday. Contact him at [usa\\_chief@yahoo.com](mailto:usa_chief@yahoo.com), 440-840-5164.

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**April 9-12, 2026 - School of the Longhunter**, Pricketts Fort, 88 State Park Road, Fairmont, West Virginia 26554. Contact 304-363-3030 or register at [www.prickettsfort.org/register.html](http://www.prickettsfort.org/register.html). Space is limited and registration is required.

**April 10-17, 2026 - NRLHF Southeastern Primitive Rendezvous**, Reavis Family Farm, 297 Reavis Road, Yadkinville, North Carolina. Contact Ronnie Willis, 336-521-5461, [ronald\\_willis@hotmail.com](mailto:ronald_willis@hotmail.com), or Greg Bagshaw, 336-918-7411, [vengier@vengier.com](mailto:vengier@vengier.com), [www.nrlhf.org/2026-southeastern-primitive-rendezvous](http://www.nrlhf.org/2026-southeastern-primitive-rendezvous).

**April 11-12, 2026 - Association of Ohio Long Rifle Collectors Show**, Lafayette Hotel, 101 Front St., Marietta, Ohio. Contact Mark Herman, [papamh44@gmail.com](mailto:papamh44@gmail.com), [Facebook page](#). Ohio-made rifles and related items, Kentucky rifles, accoutrements of the 18th and 19th centuries.

**April 11-12, 2026 - Old Northwest Trade Fair**, Kuhlman Center, Wayne County Fairgrounds, 861 Salisbury Road, Richmond, Indiana. Contact Steve and Roxann McFarland, [mcfamily788@yahoo.com](mailto:mcfamily788@yahoo.com) or 337-764-1994. Pre-1840 indoor trade show. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday.

**April 11-12, 2026 - Fort de Chartres Colonial Market Faire**, Les Amis du Fort de Chartres, Prairie du Rocher, Illinois 62277. Contact Jason Duensing, [lesamisdufortdechartres@gmail.com](mailto:lesamisdufortdechartres@gmail.com), [www.fortdechartres.us](http://www.fortdechartres.us), [Facebook page](#). Juried event: 1750-1790. Pre-registration and jury applications required. For

application, visit [www.fortdechartres.us/2024-fdc-colonial-faire](http://www.fortdechartres.us/2024-fdc-colonial-faire). Public hours 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday.

**April 18-19, 2026 - Buck Creek Muzzleloaders Spring Rendezvous**, Linton, Indiana. Contact [Facebook page](#).

**April 18-19, 2026 - Fort Toulouse F&I Encampment**, Fort Toulouse - Fort Jackson Park, 2521 W. Fort Toulouse Road Wetumpka, Alabama 36093. Contact 334-567-3002, <https://fttoulousejackson.org>, [Facebook page](#).

**April 22-26, 2026 - Amarugia Spring Rendezvous**, London Mills, Illinois 61544. Contact Larry Schatz, 309-370-1174, [larryws@frontiernet.net](mailto:larryws@frontiernet.net), [Facebook page](#). Pre-1830 event on private property. Period dress Friday-Sunday. Bow shoot, hawk & knife.

**April 23-26, 2026 - Spring Thaw Rendezvous**, Ball & Arrow Primitive Weapons Club, 5190 Days Lane, New Philadelphia, Ohio. Contact Duane Winkler, 330-343-4880 or [winky4@roadrunner.com](mailto:winky4@roadrunner.com), [Facebook page](#).

**April 24-26, 2026 - Grassy Run Heritage Rendezvous**, Grassy Run Historical Arts Committee, Cook Log Cabin Heritage Center, 6707 Goshen Road, Goshen, Ohio 45122. 1760-1840 event. Contact booshway 513-520-2882, [grassyrun@gmail.com](mailto:grassyrun@gmail.com), [Facebook page](#). Registration address is Grassy Run, P.O. Box 562, Williamsburg, Ohio 45176.

**April 24-26, 2026 - Phil Cravener Memorial Spring Campout**, Old Westmoreland Rifles, 188 McCullough Road, Derry, Pennsylvania 15671. Contact Darryl Myers, 724-522-1729; John Kaminsky, 724-887-7265; or Duane King, 724-850-7305, [www.oldwestmorelandrifles.com/schedules.html](http://www.oldwestmorelandrifles.com/schedules.html).

**April 24-26, 2026 - Prairieland Frontiersmen 50th Annual Spring Rendezvous**, club grounds, 1426 County Rd 800 North, Sullivan, Illinois 61951. Contact Vicki Newberry, 217-620-2281, [www.prairielandfrontiersmen.com](http://www.prairielandfrontiersmen.com), [Facebook page](#).

**April 25-26, 2026 - Ashville Ohio Reenactment Timeline/Grove of Heroes**, 165 Walnut St., Ashville, Ohio 43103. Contact Roger Bechtel, 614-214-0827, [vikingfestival@gmail.com](mailto:vikingfestival@gmail.com), <https://ashvilleohvikingfestival.com/Reenactor-Application.html>, [Facebook page](#). Takes place in conjunction with the Ashville Viking Festival and includes all eras.

**April 25-26, 2026 - Bridgeton Rendezvous**, Downtown Bridgeton, Indiana 47836. Sponsored by Bridgeton Covered Bridge Association. Contact [bton1878hse@aol.com](mailto:bton1878hse@aol.com), 765-548-2093 for camping information, [bridgetonindiana.com](http://bridgetonindiana.com), [Facebook page](#).

**April 25-26, 2026 - Spring Rendezvous**, Patoka Valley Long Rifles, 1579 E. Logtown Road, Winslow, Indiana 47598. Contact [pvlr.info@gmail.com](mailto:pvlr.info@gmail.com), [Facebook page](#).

**April 25-26, 2026 - Redbud Trail Rendezvous**, Fulton County Historical Society, 37 E. 375 N, Rochester, Indiana 46975. Contact 574-223-4436, [www.fultoncountyhistory.org/redbud-trail-rendezvous](http://www.fultoncountyhistory.org/redbud-trail-rendezvous), [Facebook page](#).

**April 25-26, 2026 - Michigan Antique Arms Collectors Inc.**, Madison Place Events Center, 876 Horace Brown Drive, Madison Heights, Michigan 48071. Contact Greg Zemsta, 248-556-6590, [mauserman98@hotmail.com](mailto:mauserman98@hotmail.com), [www.michiganantiquearms.com](http://www.michiganantiquearms.com). Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday. Members admitted at 8 a.m. Admission fee \$8.

**April 28-May 3, 2026 - Lancaster County Longrifles Rendezvous**, Northern Lancaster County Game & Fish Protective Association, 180 Forest Road, Denver, Pennsylvania 17517. Contact Hudson Hughes II, 717-343-0548, [pabackwoodsman@yahoo.com](mailto:pabackwoodsman@yahoo.com), or Mallory Bell, 717-566-9983, [mallorybell16@gmail.com](mailto:mallorybell16@gmail.com), [www.lancastercountylongrifles.com](http://www.lancastercountylongrifles.com), [Facebook page](#). Pre-registration due April 1.

**April 28-May 3, 2026 - Bloody Lake Rendezvous**, Black Hawk Memorial Park, Woodford, Wisconsin. Contact Dave Haring, [lae52@yahoo.com](mailto:lae52@yahoo.com), or Alex Olson, [olsonfamily4@tds.net](mailto:olsonfamily4@tds.net), Yellowstone Flint and Cap Club, [Facebook page](#).

**April 30-May 3, 2026 - Root River Riflemen Rendezvous**, Chatfield, Minnesota. Contact Chuck, 507-867-3093, or Tim, 507-421-7373, [rootriverriflemen@mchsi.com](mailto:rootriverriflemen@mchsi.com).

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