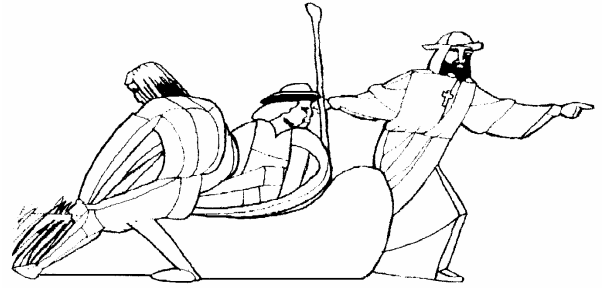


Friends of the Chicago Portage

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Tour Chicago's Hidden History

Lyons, IL. - Friends of the Chicago Portage will present the "Discovery of Chicago" bus tour on Saturday, June 19th, 2010. The bus tour will begin in Portage Woods Forest Preserve at 10 AM. The tour will visit the hidden places where Chicago was born by following the route of Joliet and Marquette who, in 1673, were the first Europeans to record their passage through the Chicago area.

Following a brief look at historic Portage Creek, the tour will board a deluxe air conditioned mini-bus to visit the places Joliet and Marquette portaged their boats over "a half a league" into the South Branch of the Chicago River.

The tour will continue downtown to see the location of DuSable & Kinzie's trading post and historic Wolf Point. After a lunch break the tour will follow the development of Chicago from Marquette's return to Chicago in 1674, to the creation of the I&M Canal, before returning to Portage Woods Forest Preserve. The tour will conclude before 3:00 P.M.

The four hour tour begins at 10am in Portage Woods Forest Preserve located at 4800 S. Harlem in Lyons, IL. Portage Woods is on the west side of Harlem Ave. just 2 blocks north of the Stevenson Expressway (I55). The tour costs \$40 for adults with a \$5 discount for students and seniors. To make a reservation, visit www.chicagoportage.org or call Jeff Carter at (312) 771-6855.

Friends of the Chicago Portage promotes the historic interpretation, ecological restoration and appropriate development of the Chicago Portage National Historic Site through volunteer advocacy, public events and other projects that raise public awareness of the site's history and significance.

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