

Wayside Cabin Activities

“Little House in the Big Woods” Sat. 10-5 and Sun. 11-4
N3238 County Rd Cc, Stockholm, WI 54769 (7 miles north of Pepin on County CC)

Come visit the “Little House in the Big Woods” during the Laura Days festival. Each year, hundreds of guests visit the reconstructed cabin on the same land as where Laura Ingalls Wilder was born in 1867. The cabin is maintained by the Laura Ingalls Wilder Memorial Society of Pepin. During the festival, the cabin is decorated with quilts and period items. The Wayside Cabin Activities was formerly known as the Wayside Cabin Quilt Show and Sew, which originated in 2005. It is handicapped accessible. Please be aware that there is no electricity and no running water on the site. However, there are restroom facilities on the property. A shuttle bus runs from the Main Park in Pepin on Saturday afternoons to the cabin. The activities are run by volunteers and coordinated by Julie Frances Miller. Activities are free of charge, and donations are welcome.

Children and adults are welcome to participate in the activities listed below (subject to change):

- Read the historical marker (located outside by the parking area) and take your picture by it
- Hear a story about the Ingalls' wagon trip from the cabin to Pepin, told through quilt blocks. Learn the names of quilt blocks and play the guessing game at the end to win a prize.
- Design your own 9 Patch quilt block to take home, made out of fabric, paper, and glue
- Make a quilt pattern using tiny colored triangular magnets
- Look at and read through the materials inside of the display board. Enjoy exploring the cabin to see what is displayed.
- Meet “Jack” and “Black Susan”, the Ingalls' pets (stuffed animals children may pet)
- Learn how to hand sew your own 4 Patch quilt block to take home using squares of fabric, just as Laura and Mary did (located at the shelter house outside of the cabin)
- Weave a string around the holes to complete the wooden sewing cards
- Learn to play Hoop-and-Stick (all three ways!)
- Learn to play “Little Graces”
- Try out small pioneer toys, including Cup-and-Ball, Jacob's Ladder, Yo-Yo's, Spinning Tops, and more
- Listen to pioneer music (CD's inside the cabin). Musicians are welcome to come to the grounds to play their instrument (fiddle, mandolin, guitar, harmonica, etc.). Any songs you can play from the books are a plus!
- Take a family picture in front of the cabin, or pictures inside of the cabin
- Wear pioneer clothes! We have many visitors of all ages wear parts of or whole costumes (bonnets, straw hats, pioneer dresses, aprons, suspenders, Civil War attire, etc.)

Have a wonderful time at the “Little House in the Big Woods”