



## Visit Bdote at Historic Fort Snelling

**Saturday, August 17, 9:00 a.m.**

Join the Mount Olive community to continue our education about the Dakota people who have lived on the land for thousands of years. We will share brunch and a brief presentation at Mount Olive and then carpool to Bdote, a site of both extreme spiritual significance and horrendous tragedy for the Dakota people.

*Bdote is the traditional site of creation in Dakota spirituality, perhaps the most sacred site in the Dakota religious tradition. This is also the site of a concentration camp established by the US government after the US-Dakota War of 1862. Hundreds of women, children, and elders were placed in horrible conditions and many died at this site.*

We will begin our visit at Historic Fort Snelling Planck Museum and Visitor Center, a new installation located at 200 Tower Avenue, St. Paul. After viewing the museum, we will either walk or drive to Fort Snelling State Park and visit the memorial to the concentration camp. You may also enjoy the park's walking and biking trails or tour Historic Fort Snelling.

### **Possible Costs**

- Freewill offering for lunch
- Parking at Historic Fort Snelling: \$6 (\$4 for Minnesota Historical Society [MNHS] members)
- Fort Snelling Museum and Visitor Center: \$8–12, depending on age (free for MNHS members)
- Fort Snelling State Park daily vehicle fee: \$7 (free for Minnesota state parks vehicle permit holders)

*As always, confidential assistance for these costs is available if needed. Please speak with Pr. Crippen or Vicar Mildahl.*

### **Accessibility**

Both visitor centers are accessible, and the trails leading to them are paved. However, any additional trails around the state park are not easily navigable by walker or wheelchair.

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