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**Get a close-up view of life in the mid-19th-century during a special Father’s Day weekend**

**at** **Wade House**

*The horse-powered world of Wade House comes alive through a bounty of activities from Stagecoach rides to a petting zoo*

Greenbush, Wis. -- Step into the world of horse-powered travel when Wade House Historic Site, an 1850s stagecoach inn and Wesley W. Jung Carriage Museum, opens its doors for a special “Pet, Play and Picnic” Father’s Day weekend on Saturday, June 14 and Sunday, June 15 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Celebrate dads at Wade House this Father’s Day weekend. Take a horse-drawn wagon to the 1850s stagecoach inn. Meet furry and feathery friends like backyard chickens, Cotswold sheep and Morgan horses—and visit goats, pigs, llamas, cows and more courtesy of Bulitz’s Petting Zoo from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. Families will meet tradespeople and learn the tools and techniques used hundreds of years ago to craft buildings, carriages, and other essential items. The gardener and cook will also show how Betsey Wade – one of the inn’s founders – grew and prepared food for travelers on the Plank Road. Families who complete a photo-based scavenger hunt will receive a special item from the gift shop.

On Saturday, June 14 only, families will have the unique opportunity of traveling back in time on a slow-paced stagecoach journey through the picturesque rolling landscape of the Kettle Moraine. Each ride in the replica Concord stagecoach lasts approximately 30 minutes and will give guests a true feel for travel in a bygone era. Six can comfortably be accommodated per ride, and pre-registration is strongly recommended. There is an additional fee for the stagecoach rides.

Picnic food including brats and hamburgers as well as beverages will be available for purchase.  This event is $15 for adults (18-64) and teens (13-17), $13 for seniors (65+), $8 for children (5-11) and free for children under five. Society members receive free general admission for this event. For further information or to purchase tickets, go to wadehouse.wisconsinhistory.org.

**About Wade House**

Wade House is one of the Wisconsin Historical Society’s 12 historic sites and museums. Located in Greenbush, the site includes an 1850s stagecoach inn that was built to serve traffic along a plank road connecting Fond du Lac and Sheboygan. The site tells the story of frontier entrepreneur Sylvanus Wade and his family during the 1850s and 1860s. In addition to the inn, the historic site includes the Dockstader blacksmith shop and Herrling sawmill, one of the few working, water-powered sawmills of its kind in the nation. Wade House is also home to the Wesley W. Jung Carriage Museum, which houses the state's largest collection of antique carriages and working wagons, including one owned by famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright. For more information and a list of upcoming events call (920) 526-3271 or visit [wadehouse.org](https://wadehouse.wisconsinhistory.org/). Wisconsin Historical Society members receive free admission to this site during regular operating hours.

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