

Historic Palmyra Pirate Tours and stories

Ahoy, Matey, called Pirate Captain Whitley as he dismounted his horse, a most unusual way for a pirate to travel, unless he is in disguise. General Thomas Rogers greeted the rugged fellow with a “howdy” and a “welcome to Palmyra”. No first names were used here, case somebody doesn’t wanna be found. I be wantin’ to buy some land and need some contractors. The finest carpenters will only due and men that can be trusted to not tell a tale or two of what they be doin’. The General said, I have a nice property on Market Street with room for a fine building. The contractors name be Sawyer a man that built many a property in Palmyra. Other names come to mind like Abner Lakey and his two sons but he’s been too busy lately and Sawyer just finished a big house on Jackson Street.

This is just a smittin’ of a whale of a tale told by Bloody Mary a friend of Pirate Whitley’s from the 1820’s. She be in great shape for over a 189 years. The stories she’ll be telling are during Pirate Weekend in Palmyra at the four Historic Palmyra Museums is coming August 7th through the 9th 12 high noon and 3 p.m. between all the other festivities that only pirates and scalawags can appreciate. Pirate museum tours are being held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at all the museums on Market Street with the coverlet open the usual 1 to 4 p.m. Your center for Pirate goods at a booth in the front with a discounted admission of \$1 per building, that be for each of the three museums, buccaneers 12 and under be free. Bloody Mary takes no doubloons for her stories but she’ll be given a doubloon or two during the tellin’. Come watch the “Goonies” on Friday night and join in on the kazoos on Saturday, Paint a Window or race a bed. If ye be too faint a heart, come and cheer them on.

A scavenger hunt with treasurer map will be held before the story. The museums are decorated in Pirate garb and will tell a tale or two about the life of Pirate Whitley and his time in Palmyra. We’ll also see other sea farers like Admiral Wm. T. Sampson and Whaling Captain Ira Lakey. Both of these fine men ran into a pirate or two in their time.

The museum crew will be dressed as pirates themselves and will show you around the decks. Come on down and batten the hatches, pull out the belaying pin and prepare for boarding the fine museum ships of Historic Palmyra. For additional information or to volunteer call (315) 597-6981 or check out our web site at www.historicpalmyra.com and Palmyra’s Pirates on the Erie Canal.