

## Geocaching a Minnesota Mystery

The Brainerd Public Library has teamed up with Minnesota State Parks to offer a unique reading and Geocaching adventure for kids. The program is called ***Geocaching a Minnesota Mystery***, and it's the first of its kind for the area. Our hope is that programs such as this will expand to other parks in the future. For this "indoor—outdoor" adventure, archaeologists David Mather and Jim Cummings wrote a story titled The Medicine Bottle Mystery: A Geocaching Quest at Old Crow Wing. Then, they hid the chapters in different locations in Crow Wing State Park. The story is *historical fiction*, which means that they mix real historic information with fictional characters. But...reading this short story is going to be different than most reading you have done!

### How do you get started?

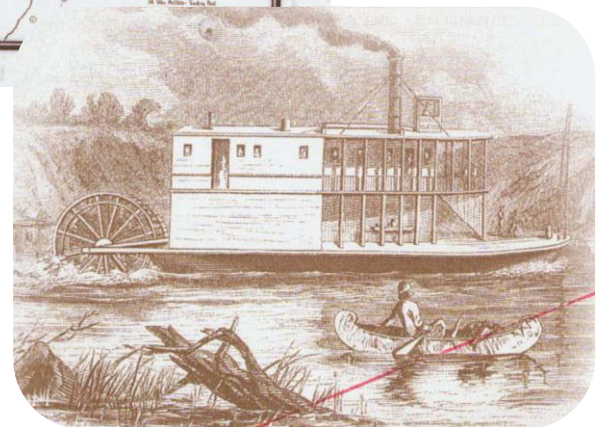
First, go to the Brainerd Public Library and get the first chapter of The Medicine Bottle Mystery. Then.....

- Read the first chapter of the mystery and enter the coordinates from the story into a GPS unit.
- If you do not have a GPS unit, you can borrow one at the Brainerd Public Library or at Crow Wing State Park.
- Pick up a free daily vehicle permit for Crow Wing State Park at the Brainerd Public Library. The Library has a supply of permits for people participating in ***Geocaching a Minnesota Mystery***.

- In order to finish the story, you will follow GPS coordinates to Geocaches (hidden locations) within Crow Wing State Park. Each chapter is in a different cache.
- When you find the final cache, you will learn how the kids in the story solve the mystery!



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