



Find History at Wild River State Park

To begin your *Find History* adventure, you need

- a GPS (Global Positioning System) receiver,
- the coordinates of the cache,
- and the answer to a simple question near the bottom of this page.

How far will you go on your adventure? You can complete the *Find History* at Wild River State Park cache in anywhere from a few minutes to an hour, depending on where you are when you put your coordinates into your GPS and start walking. The destination is easy to get to and the hidden container is easy to find. This cache is good practice for a first-time geocacher. But there's more!

The "extra credit" part of the cache opens up an opportunity for you to test your geocaching skills on something more challenging, see more of the park, and learn about it at the same time.

- Your reward for finding the cache and opening the container is a guide sheet which gives you coordinates for six virtual caches scattered around the park.
- At these virtual caches you'll find information about the people who lived in and traveled through the St. Croix River Valley from thousands of years ago up until the early 1900s.
- You could spend from half a day to two days traveling to all the locations, depending on how you choose to travel and how much sightseeing you do along the way.

Hint: if you decide you're willing to take a BIG challenge, try Wild River State Park History Cache I, a puzzle cache with a 5-star difficulty rating. If you do it after you get the Find History cache guide sheet, you'll have coordinates which will help you get to almost all the locations you need to visit in order to solve the puzzle. History Cache I instructions and clue sheets are available at the park office or visitor center, or at this link:

http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/wild_river/wild_river_cache.pdf

Find History at Wild River State Park coordinates, in degrees decimal minutes (dm)

Latitude N45° 31.142', Longitude W092° 44.132'

To open the cache you will need to know:

- **What year did Wild River State Park officially open to the public?** (Hint: look at the back of a paper copy of the park trail map, or click this link and search for the answer: http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/maps/state_parks/spk00254.pdf)
- At the cache, you will need to key in the year, followed by an asterisk (star *)

Will you settle for the beginner-level cache, or will you do the extra credit challenge and *find your place in history* as the most recent person to visit this part of the St. Croix River Valley? Are you ready? Start your adventure!