

Geocaching at the National Great Rivers Museum



Do you want to learn more about Geocaching? Then come to the National Great Rivers Museum. The Museum will be hosting geocaching programs every Saturday in June, July, and August at 9:00 AM. The two-hour program will teach participants how to use a handheld GPS receiver.

Following the instructional portion of the program participants will go outdoors to find caches (hidden objects) with the skills they have learned. This Program is free and open to the public. People of all ages are welcome. Class space is limited.

For more information go to the Museum's geocaching website:
www.mvs.usace.army.mil/Rivers/geocaching.html

For questions and reservations call the Museum at 877-462-6979 or direct your e-mails to:
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**Located 2 miles south of the Clark Bridge
off of IL-143 (River Heritage Parkway)
adjacent to Melvin Price Locks and Dam**



Cub-Scout
Pins and Belt Loops
at the
National Great Rivers Museum

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About the National Great Rivers Museum

The National Great Rivers Museum is operated by the US Army Corps of Engineers in cooperation with the Meeting of the Rivers Foundation.

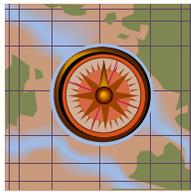
The NGRM is open seven days a week from 9:00 to 5:00 offering public Locks and Dam tours at 10:00, 1:00 and 3:00 daily. Groups of 10 or more should schedule a private tour by contacting the Alton Regional Convention and Visitors Bureau at 1-800-ALTON-IL.



In addition to Locks and Dam tours, the NGRM features a hands-on facility educating visitors about life along the Mississippi River.

There is no admission fee to the NGRM, however donations are accepted and appreciated.

The available Cub-Scout pin and belt loop programs and a brief description are listed as follows:



Map and Compass

How do you get there from here? Scouts will learn the ins and outs of compasses and maps.

Activities include making your own map and making a simple compass. Scouts will also learn about famous explorers who used compasses to explore and map uncharted wilderness.

Geography

Why are there bluffs along the Mississippi River? Scouts will learn about the physical and manmade features of this area. Scouts will also learn about different countries and where they are located.



Geology

How are rocks formed? Scouts will learn about the different types of rocks and how each is formed. They will explore how wind, water and ice effect the landscape around them.



Wildlife Conservation

Discover why wildlife conservation is important while visiting the Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary. Scouts will learn about endangered species and the food chain. To top it all off the scouts will build a bird house to take home!



Science

What is the scientific method? Scouts will learn about the scientific method and how to apply it. They will learn why the river erodes its banks, and about the creatures that live in the river.

Program Scheduling

March is Scout Month at the National Great Rivers Museum!

On March 8th and 22nd 2008 the Museum will host workshops at 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM for Cub-Scouts to earn the Geography pin and belt loop. To sign up for this program please contact the National Great Rivers Museum at 618-462-6979.

Sundays in March, will be open for scheduled programs. Cub Scout troops with 10 or more scouts can reserve one of the listed programs at either 11:00 AM or 2:00 PM.

Throughout the remainder of the year, the first Saturday of every month will be available for Scout reservations at 11:00 AM.

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