

Optional Activities

Minnesota Historical Society

Forest History Center

2609 County Road 76, Grand Rapids, MN

www.mnhs.org/foresthstory



The Forest History Center brings the history of the area alive. Discover the history and ecology of the north woods through hands-on exhibits and activities. See how the lumberjacks lived and worked. Visit this recreated 1900-era logging camp featuring a blacksmith and lumberjacks. Discover the moored river “wanigan”, a floating cook shack and bunkhouse used by river drivers when moving logs down to the mills. (Access weather permitting) Learn how rangers spotted fires from the state’s only 100-foot fire tower and how they communicated where the fires were burning. There are also five miles of trails and learning programs. Don’t miss the 8 minute theater experience about the Cloquet / Moose Lake fire, complete with accounts from survivors. There is a gift shop which has unique gifts and souvenirs to take home. Cost is \$15.00 and includes transportation to and from the site. If you choose this activity, please indicate it on your registration form.

Judy Garland Museum including Home

2727 Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids, MN

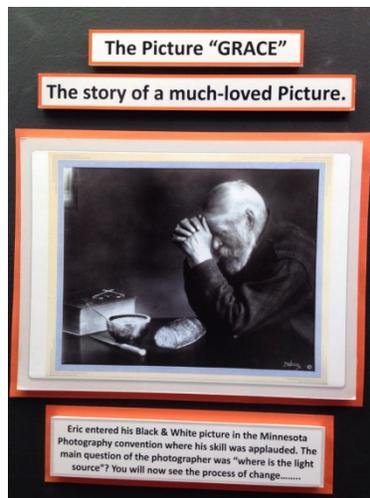


The Judy Garland Museum is one of the first celebrity museums to open in the United States in 1975. The Judy Garland Museum was founded by Jackie Dingmann as a way to honor this great 20th Century artist, and Grand Rapids native, Judy Garland. The new 15,000 square foot Museum observed its grand opening in June 2003. Paired with the Children's Discovery Museum, the Judy Garland Museum provides the largest collection of Judy Garland & Wizard of Oz collectibles. You can visit the restored Judy Garland Historic House next door to the museum and the Memorial Gardens and Gazebo. The museum features educational exhibits, interviews and Judy singing some of her signature songs. Highlights of her life, including her birth certificate as issued by the Itasca Hospital, are displayed. The Museum store has vintage albums, books and CD recordings as well as Ruby Slipper jewelry. This is an optional activity to do on your own. The entrance fee is \$10.00



Itasca Historical Society

201 N. Pokegama, Grand Rapids



In 1948 a group of concerned citizens realized that in fast-changing times, there is a need to preserve the rich and intriguing history of Itasca County. Thus was formed the Itasca County Historical Society (ICHS). After a few moves to larger quarters, the Society purchased to its current home. The new location houses the Itasca Museum, Gift Shop, the Karjala Genealogy and Historical Research Center, and preservation room filled with all its objects. There is a very good display of "Grace", Minnesota's official picture.

This is an optional activity to do on your own. The museum visit is free, you just sign the guest book. Of course, donations are always welcomed.