

Chicago River Day 20/20 Scavenger Hunt Site Cluster: North Forks

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1. Chick Evans confluence (as seen from the Beckwith Road bridge)

This is where it all comes together. At this point in the river, all three of the three tributaries (the West Fork, the Middle Fork and the Skokie River) form the North Branch of the Chicago River. Be careful if you plan on visiting this site by car as there is no parking. It would be wise to visit this one on bike (there is a bike path). Count the number of stone pillars in the foundation of the far bridge (the bigger one for vehicles). Count through the alphabet to find the letter that corresponds to your number (1=a, 2=b, 3=c, etc.).



2. Glenview Woods

Visit Glenview Woods, located west of Harms Road between Old Orchard Road and Glenview Road. This is a great site for a walk or a bike trip. There is a nearby bridge with great views of the Chicago River. Locate the Preserve Keepers Corps and note the name of the school on it. Look up the school's zip code and add the 5 digits together to get a total. Count through the alphabet to find the letter that corresponds to that number (1=a, 2=b, 3=c, etc.).



3. Willow Road dam

Park along Forestway Drive just north of Willow Road. Parking is available on the western shoulder of the road. Walk the path out to the dam where you'll have a great view of the river. The Willow Road dam was built in the 1930s, creating the Skokie Lagoons. The lagoons contain seven inter-connected waterways totaling about 190 acres, and it is stocked for sport fishing. Find the sign describing size and daily creel limits for fish. What is the 2nd letter in the name of the species that has a size limit of 18 inches.



4. Techny Basin

Visit Techny Basin. This Metropolitan Water Reclamation District site is a little hard to find. It's at the end of Claire Court off of Ravine Way in Glenview. If you drive by the Chicago Wolves training facility you're going the right way. Take a walk on the North Navy Ditch Trail if you have the time. In the meantime, locate the trail marker sign for the Ditch Trail. What is the 37th letter on the sign?



5. Northbrook Village Green

Visit the Northbrook Village Green located in downtown Northbrook. The Northbrook Historical Society and the Village Green Center are both good places to visit and good starting points for this search. Locate the gazebo in the middle of the park. From within the gazebo, look toward the river. You will see a bench between the path and river. There is a plaque on the bench that commemorates an annual event. The event name has only one letter that is doubled next to itself. What is it?



6. Chipili Woods

Visit Chipili Woods, and bring your boots with you. At the point where Grant Road bends – there's a east-west portion and a north-south portion – park and walk the trail about ¼ of a mile (1500 feet) to where it meets another trail. Follow the trail to the right a short way to the river. Under the railroad bridge there is a lot of graffiti. Find one of the largest, most prominent pieces of artwork, a word written in lime green paint. It's four letters long, but is not a four-letter word. What is the 6th letter in the title of the 1980 album recorded by this band of this name?

How to Play

Unscramble the six letters from your scavenger hunt to spell a river-related word. To submit your entry, please email your six-letter unscrambled word to scavengerhunt@chicagoriver.org. Please include the site cluster name in the subject line of your message. Include your full name, address and phone number. All entries must be received by 5:00 pm on May 11, 2012. Winners will be randomly selected from all correct entries. Prizes – First prize: (1) Two spots on one of Friends' guided canoe trips in the 2012 season (Children over 5 are welcome if accompanied by an adult). Second prize: (10) Chicago River Day 20/20 T-shirts. Third prize: (20) The Chicago River from Your Window Guides. In addition, the first 500 entries receive one free admission to the McCormick Bridgehouse & Chicago River Museum. Be an adventurer! The more sites you visit, the better your chances to win!

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