

"FLANDRAU: A MINNESOTA STATE PARK RECORDS CHECK
AND RECOMMENDATIONS"

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Flandrau State Park

DNR planning personnel, working on a management plan for Flandrau, requested a summary of what is currently known about cultural resources in the park.

This brief report will point out what has been done in the area of Flandrau, suggest what needs to be done, and what it will cost to accomplish it. This is not a literature search, but rather a simple records check with recommendations.

Inventory

There are no recorded archaeological sites within the statutory boundaries of Flandrau State Park. There are five known sites just downstream from the park.

Background

A recent survey of Brown County, undertaken by Tom Trow of the State Historic Preservation Office, located or relocated some thirty-three prehistoric sites in the Cottonwood River valley or near its confluence with the Minnesota River. Flandrau State Park was excluded from the survey, but Mr. Trow believes that, based on other nearby site locations, some predictions can be made for the park's cultural resources.

Mr. Trow notes that generally Archaic sites (5000-1000BC) appear to be found on the river blufftops and lake shores. The Woodland sites (1000BC-1700AD) were at nearly all of the tributaries of the Minnesota River. And Mississippian sites (1000-1700AD) were found in the river valleys.

An examination of the USGS Quad map (New Ulm) of the area of Flandrau shows that it is possible for all three time periods to be present within the park. Potentially, sites could exist almost anywhere in the park.

Recommendations

A complete survey of Flandrau State Park should be undertaken to determine what cultural resources are present. If this is not financially feasible, then at the very least, every proposed development project (new buildings,

roads, trails, camp areas, etc.) should be surveyed before plans are finalized, with the idea that the construction plans can be changed, if historic or pre-historic sites are encountered.

A reconnaissance level survey of the park could be accomplished in about two weeks (14 days) of field work. This would include shovel tests of those high potential areas shown on the map. While this level of survey could not delineate site boundaries or detailed cultural affiliation of the sites, it could at least identify those areas to avoid in future development.

Flandrau Budget for Reconnaissance Level Survey

1. Field Survey (2 weeks - 14 days)

A. Salaries

1. Field Director (112 hrs x \$10/hr)	1120.00
2. 20% fringe on F.D.	224.00
3. Field assistant (112 hrs x \$6/hr)	<u>672.00</u>
	\$2016.00

B. Expenses

1. Per diem (14 days x \$40/day x 2)	1120.00
2. Supplies (14 days x \$15/day)	210.00
3. Vehicle	<u>395.00</u>
	\$1725.00

2. Lab (3 weeks - 15 days)

A. Salaries

1. Field Director (120 hrs x \$10/hr)	1200.00
2. 20% fringe on F.D.	240.00
3. Laboratory assistant (120 hrs x \$6/hr)	<u>720.00</u>
	\$2160.00

B. Expenses

1. Supplies	100.00
2. Report	<u>100.00</u>
	\$200.00

TOTAL \$6101.00

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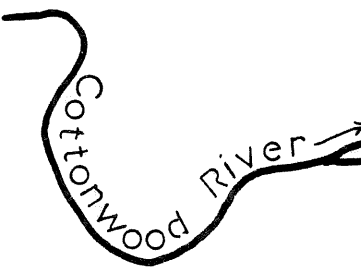
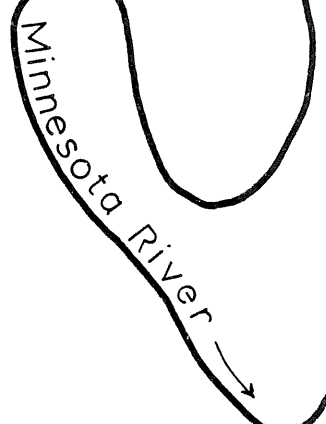
Projected

Archaeological Areas

- ≡ Mississippian Sites
- /// Woodland Sites
- |||| Archaic Sites
- BW 2 Known Sites

NEW

ULM



Flandrau
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BW 2 BW 3
BW 4

