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# Grand Portage State Park

## Park Overview



This park is unique in many ways: it borders Canada, it has Minnesota's tallest waterfalls, it's one of the smallest state parks in Minnesota, and the Grand Portage Band of Chippewa play an important role in it's ownership and management.

Visitors will immediately feel the strong influence of the Grand Portage Band in the visitor center and along the trail. Interpretive signs and displays give context for how Native Americans have used and managed the land historically and today.

Visitors can view the majestic High Falls by walking half a mile to the observation deck. It's a sight to behold.



## Land Projects at a Glance

  
PROJECTS

**3**

  
ACRES  
PROTECTED

**278**

  
LAND VALUE  
(non-inflation adjusted)

**\$508K**

  
LAST  
PROJECT

**2008**





## 2) Preserving the viewshed

1998 - 2000 | 22 acres |

Sometimes we acquire land outside of a state park knowing that it is essential for the integrity of the park. Such was the case in 1998 when land on the Canadian side of the Middle Falls waterfall went up for sale. We acquired the land and it became an extension of the provincial park that offers protection of these majestic falls.



## 3) Land for a Welcome Center

2007 - 2008 | 6.3 acres |

While discussions with the landowner adjacent to this park started years before, in 2007 acquiring that land became urgent, as it was identified as the preferred site for a new visitor center. Parks & Trails Council re-entered into talks with the owner and successfully secured the land.

In another cooperative arrangement for the park, this land was eventually conveyed to the Minnesota Department of Transportation. The site is now used for the dual purpose of a wayside for road travelers and state park visitors.