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George Rogers Clark and the march to Fort Sackville.

*A companion journal for walking in your community.
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George Rogers Clark 225th Anniversary Committee

George Rogers Clark and approximately 175 American and French volunteers marched across the flooded prairies of Southern Illinois during the winter of 1779. This arduous journey led to their destination of Vincennes and the British Fort Sackville. The battle that followed resulted in the capture of this key frontier post and ultimately would result in the British surrender of the Northwest Territory. For these men however, it was a daily struggle just to stay alive.

Much of what is known about the trip comes from a journal kept by Capt. Joseph Bowman. Though many entries were only one line, he was descriptive. This gives the reader an understanding of what drove this group and of the hardships they faced. The other written account comes from Clark himself. Though written approximately 10 years after the march it also provides vital information about the journey.



Notes/Journal	Extra log page	
	Daily miles	Total miles

MY DEAR FRIENDS AND FELLOW COUNTRYMEN, it is with the most profound pleasure that I inform you and do hereby certify that

_____ has traversed 157 miles and has maintained a journal throughout the experience. I further acknowledge that this feat was accomplished between the dates of February 5 and July 4, 2004. And that the named individual has completed all other requirements necessary to earn the honor of being included and recognized as one of Clark's allies for the 225th anniversary of the surrender of Fort Sackville.

Given under my hand on this ____ day of _____ in the year Two Thousand and four.

George Rogers Clark National Historical Park, Park Ranger