

2000 Manitou Days Treasure Hunt  
West Park, White Bear Lake

Clue #1:

*Start at the top and do not stop  
Until it's treasure you've found.  
Don't let your spirits begin to drop  
'Til you've combed all public ground.*

Explanation:

"Start at the top" was a subtly hinted that the medallion was placed in the northern part of the city for this hunt. Participants were also instructed to focus their search to public property.

Clue #2:

*When the summer sun does bake, feel free to partake  
In many activities that require the movement of feet.  
But if it's treasure money you're hoping to rake  
Out of the White Bear Lake area you mustn't retreat.*

Explanation:

"Activities that require the movement of feet" referred to baseball fields, the children's playground, the swimming beach, volleyball courts, and people walking/jogging along Lake Avenue.

Clue #3:

*Most things that you view are shiny and new  
Through that is not the case for all.  
Objects to climb over, under, and through  
Allow the kids to have a ball.*

Explanation:

New playground equipment could be viewed across 11th Street from the medallion's location. Also new are restroom facilities and picnic tables. The baseball diamond, however, is overgrown with grass and lacks that "new look."

Clue #4:

*A sport that is played worldwide should be your guide  
You might just think of stealing and pitches.  
Also, if you detect a couple of ones standing side by side  
They can lead you down to riches.*

Explanation:

Baseball was again referred to the first half of the clue. "A couple of ones standing side by side" referred to 11th Street.

Clue #5:

*Something you must know is that a current of H<sub>2</sub>O  
Bisects the ground for which you yearn.  
Names are different depending on which side you go  
And is quite noticeable as one does discern.*

Explanation:

The “current” of water referred to traffic on Lake Avenue, which separates West Park from Optimist Beach.

Clue #6:

*In order to pick up the pace and win this race  
Locate a presidential name with a double connection.  
It'll guide you past a directional place  
And will aid you in your park selection.*

Explanation:

The “presidential name” is Johnson – and its double connection points to the two US Presidents with that name (Andrew Johnson & Lyndon Johnson). Johnson Street passes West Park (“a directional place”).

Clue #7:

*Positive thought can gain you a lot  
Just focus and you'll think of a name.  
It'll bring you not far from our spot  
And leave you with both fortune and fame.*

*You're getting hot with hints that you got  
Be careful not to ignite!  
Keep on cooking and you'll earn what is sought  
As the clues continue to shed some light.*

Explanation:

The first half of the clue pointed to Optimist Beach (“positive thought”) but hunters are warned that is not the spot (“It'll bring you not far from our spot”). The second clue pointed to the medallion's disguise – it was wrapped in tape, rolled in charcoal dust, and placed beneath a park grill.

Clue #8:

*It can be a long hassle locating a French castle  
In these good ole 50 states.  
In jubilation shake a pompon or tassel  
Because we found one – and a medallion lies outside its gates.*

Explanation:

A French castle is a chateau. The entrance to Chateaugay was located directly east of the medallion's hiding spot.

Clue #9:

*By now you must have nearly had your fill  
But haven't focused on every grill.  
In the park but slightly out of the way  
Will you find the treasure today?*

Explanation:

Narrowing down the search, hunters were told to pursue the grill in a picnic area slightly out of the way of the main park attractions.

Clue #10:

*With this final clue things should finally untangle*

*If you seek an area that resembles a triangle.*

*Beneath and old grill with charcoal as a wrap*

*See: finding a medallion is quite a snap!*

Explanation:

Final hints to the treasure's location.

Treasure's Exact Location:

