



Boulders of varying sizes may be encountered throughout the Vermilion River Watershed, located in farm fields, along and within watercourses, and upon woodlots. The stones, oftentimes being quite large in size, are known as “glacial erratics” and are not native to this area. These granite boulders were sheared off of the Canadian Shield bedrock by giant glacial ice sheets, thousands of years ago. The rock material was scooped up in the glaciers, tumbled around, and once the glaciers melted back, these stones were deposited in their present locations.

*This particular view, via Diane Nahorn, shows Col. Nahorn beside a substantial example of a glacial erratic located on a bluff overlooking the Vermilion River, at the Franks Site. The stone is likely very near where it was deposited by the glacier.*