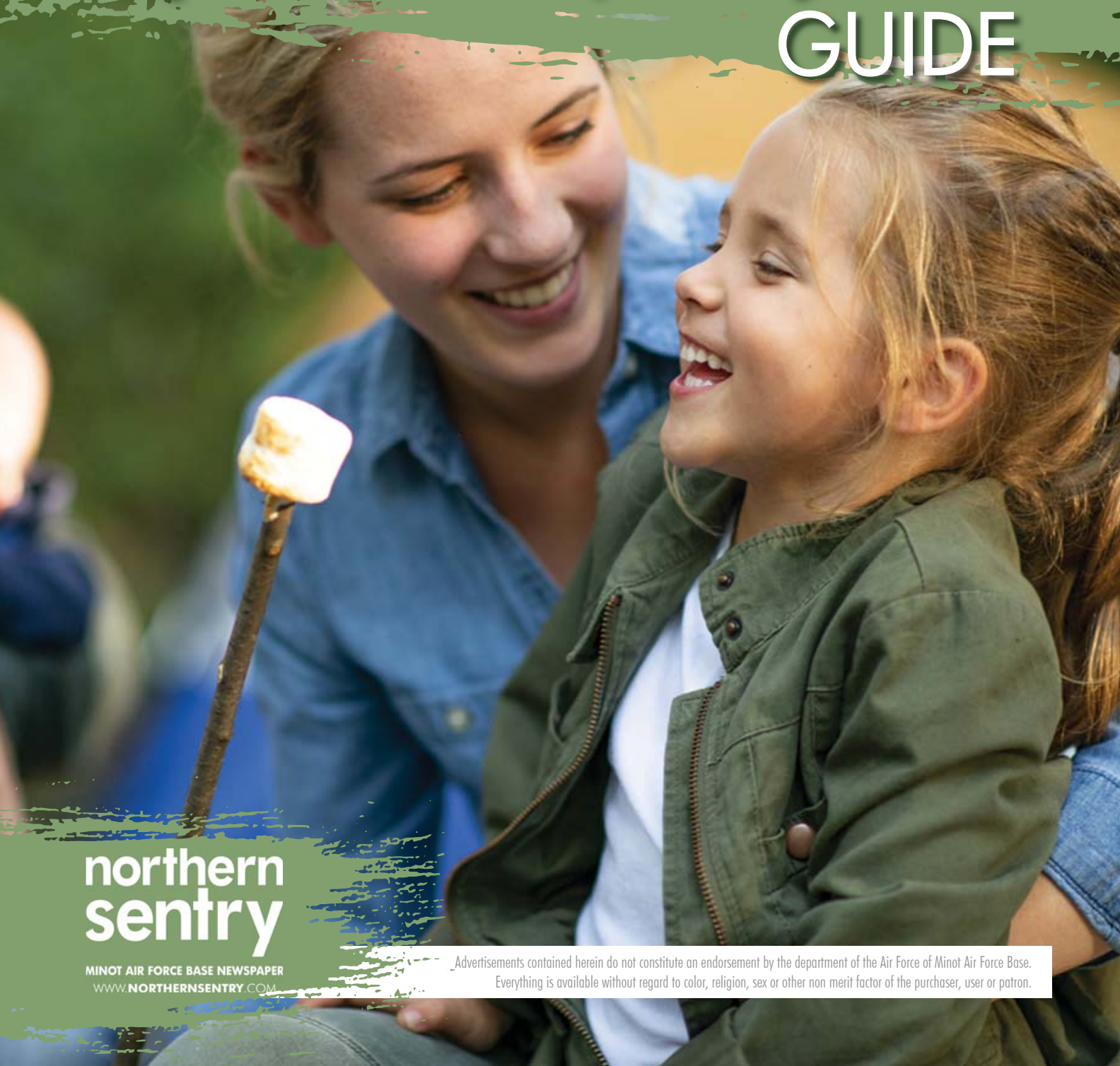


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Secret" locations for those of you who want to take the path less traveled.

In combination with several state agencies, we also offer editorial content that will give a little more information about activities and how to best enjoy them.

We also want to thank our many advertisers who are eager to help you enjoy summer 2023 to it's fullest. Got questions? Give them a call. It is our mid-western personality to give you friendly advice and encouragement.

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# Things to Love about Minot AFB

As many of us know, Minot Air Force Base tends to get a reputation as one of the less desired duty stations. However, many of the longtime residents and Minot enthusiasts would beg to differ. It's easy to get stuck on base and forget about all of the amazing things that Minot AFB and the surrounding areas have to offer, especially during the summertime. If you take a moment to get out of the house and experience what the base has to offer, Minot can turn into one of the best places to be stationed in the Air Force! Here are a few things to love about Minot AFB:

## 1. The Community

The close-knit, small-town feel is one of the most common reasons why people love Minot AFB. We all have to brave the cold together and we all definitely have to brave the demands of the mission in one way or another. The upside? We have a much smaller, more tightly knit community to lend support. There's something about living in Minot that brings people together.

## 2. The Recreation and Activities

Bases near large cities undoubtedly have a huge variety of activities, restaurants and social scenes. Despite its size, Minot AFB has tons of pastimes to get involved in, between the Spouses Club, 5th Force Support Squadron events, and many other local organizations that hold fun get-togethers for Air Force families. There are car shows for enthusiasts. There is a booming art scene in downtown Minot. There is a giant wildlife preserve just up the road, and there are many unique facilities on base to host every hobby. If there isn't a group that shares your interests yet, it's easy to reach out and find people to create a new one!

## 3. The Sunsets

The sunsets at Minot AFB bring extra special meaning to those unbearably windy days and long winters. Vibrant colors often explode across the sky and cast shadows beneath the towering clouds. With North Dakota's unending plains it's pretty easy to understand why the sunsets look so beautiful, especially in the summertime.

## 4. The Northern Lights

Just as beautiful as North Dakota's sunsets, this unique natural phenomenon is one that many people don't get to experience in their lives. While the Northern Lights are sometimes difficult to see on base due to light pollution or cloudy skies, a quick drive up the highway can offer up an incredible nighttime spectacle. If you're lucky, you'll even be able to catch a glimpse right from your back yard!

## 5. The Bombers

Sure, other bases may have planes and helicopters constantly flying overhead, and some may even catch a glimpse of the historic B-52 Stratofortress from time to time, but Minot AFB is one of very few installations that hosts one of America's longest standing planes full-time. There's something to be said about the feeling that many people get when they're outside doing yard work or driving down the highway when a BUFF roars overhead. It's majestic and impressive, to say the least.

There are a lot more things to love about Minot AFB if you just open your mind, get out, and look for them. As Brunella Costagliola, a former Team Minot resident, once said, "The military is not punishing us by sending us to Minot. On the contrary. The military was showing us how much they value and trust us by sending us here, where they know they will be able to count on you and your commitment to this powerful mission. We're not just military life resilient, but Minot AFB resilient. After all, only the best come north."



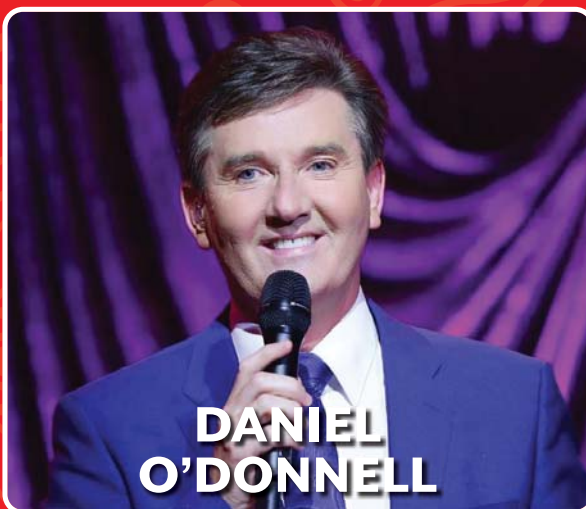
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# MINOT AFB OUTDOOR RECREATION

## Everything you need for summer

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### Lawn and Garden

If you're looking to do some housework, Outdoor Recreation rents out lawn and garden tools to help. They offer ladders, lawn mowers, wheel barrows, rakes, shovels, power washers, and much more at affordable hourly, daily, and weekly rates.

### Camping

Whether you're new to camping or are missing a few essentials, Outdoor Recreation has everything you need to have the best campsite out there. You can rent sleeping bags, two or six person tents, backpacks, ice chests, lanterns, A-frames, and more. Don't want to buy an expensive camper? Rent one, prices start at only \$75/day! They even offer camping packages, bikes and trailers to help you get outdoors and experience the best of North Dakota's scenery.

### Boating, Fishing, and Hunting

Visit the on-base pools or go off-base to spend some time doing your favorite hobbies this summer with the help of Outdoor Recreation. They offer jet ski, canoe, kayak, boat, and fishing equipment rentals for a relaxing day at the lake. If hunting is more your speed, they offer a variety of decoys and hunting blinds to help you out.

### Entertainment Equipment

It's easy to host the best block party when you can get your equipment so easily! For every event— family picnics, birthday parties, or work get-togethers— Outdoor Recreation offers tons of rentals to get you started. They have bouncy castles, dunk tanks, corn hole equipment, grills, horseshoes, ladder ball, and even sumo wrestling suits for some extra crazy fun. Tables and chairs are also available for rent.

### Archery Membership

Why not start up a new hobby this summer? Outdoor Recreation sells single and family archery memberships that give exclusive access to the archery ranges and indoor simulator.

### Garden Plots

If you don't have enough space in your yard for a garden, Outdoor Recreation has your back. Rent a garden plot for \$20 for the whole season (Late May-October) and take pride in your hard work with home-grown, fresh food!

### Getaways

Not only does Outdoor Recreation offer equipment, but they have experiences as well. From tandem skydiving and camping trips to escape rooms to whitewater rafting adventures, they offer many affordable trips for Active Duty and dependents. For updates on upcoming trips and events, see their Facebook page.

Outdoor Recreation and the 5th Force Support Squadron work hard to provide Airmen and families with exciting, affordable activities year-round. This summer, get out of the house and experience all that Minot AFB and North Dakota have to offer you! Create lasting memories or find your new outdoor passion with Outdoor Recreation.

For more information on summer rentals, pick up a brochure at their location (146 Missile Ave, Minot AFB), check out their Facebook page at Minot AFB Outdoor Recreation, or visit [www.5thforcesupport.com](http://www.5thforcesupport.com).



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# How Spending Time Outdoors Actually Benefits Your Mind & Body

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"Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better." If a man such as Albert Einstein, the world-renowned physicist & inventor who is attributed this quote, can appreciate the value of nature in comprehending his scientific explorations, then there must be something to the impact the outdoors can have on one's mind and body. It has been a leading ideal over the course of mankind's existence.

Why do positive physiological symptoms appear when humans engulf themselves with the blue skies, crashing waves or even snowy mountaintops? Biologist E.O. Wilson asserted that "nature holds the key to our aesthetic, intellectual, cognitive, and even spiritual satisfaction." Simple outdoorsy acts, like strolling through the woods, soaking up the sun or walking barefoot on the grass, can improve one's well-being and help your brain relax, getting much-needed breaks from the never-ending technology-fused world we live in now.

Being connected to the earth, nature or a higher being allows humans to unknowingly experience a sense of appreciation for a world so much larger than themselves. Humans getting out into nature and thinking about the bigger universe has really caused a lot of positive results. Here's some of what the American Physiological Association says will happen to people who live more of their lives outdoors:

1. Your mood will improve
  2. Your cognitive abilities will be healthier: meaning you will be able to concentrate better
  3. You will have less unhealthy stress
  4. You may be able to contribute more positively to social interactions
  5. You can help buffer the negative effects of loneliness
  6. You will have lower anxiety
  7. You will have a higher gratitude for the world
- And so much more!

Whether each person accepts the belief that nature is healing within itself or not, there are also theories that nature can lead to amazing healing for both physical and mental capabilities. That's great news because here in North Dakota, summers are practically begging to be lived outdoors, and the opportunity to improve ourselves has never been easier.

Studies have shown that even spending as little as two hours outside each week can create some of the positive benefits from nature. So, doing a workout outside instead of at the gym, or taking a quick hike or go full on and take a camping trip to some of North Dakota's beautiful state parks. This summer is the perfect time to breathe in the prairies sunshine, and appreciate the natural beauty of the surroundings.

"It is not so much for its beauty that the forest makes a claim upon men's hearts, as for that subtle something, that quality of air that emanates from old trees, that so wonderfully changes and renews a weary spirit." —Robert Louis Stevenson



*Roosevelt Park, Minot, ND*

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## LOCAL PARKS



### Scandinavian Heritage Park

#### Dakota Bark Park

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#### Green Valley Park

Minot, ND | Souris Drive & 27th St SE  
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#### Hammond Park

Minot, ND | 8th Ave & 3rd St NE  
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#### Leach Park

Minot, ND | 2400 Block of 2nd Ave SW  
Leach Park features Basketball Courts, Tennis Courts, Horseshoes, Playgrounds, a Picnic Shelter and Bathroom Facilities.

#### Moose Park

Minot, ND | 400 9th St SW  
Moose Park features a Playground, Picnic Shelter, Sand Volleyball Court, Horseshoe Pit and Bathroom Facilities.

#### Oak Park

Minot, ND | 11th to 14th Block of 4th Ave NW  
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#### Old Settlers Park

Burlington, ND | 305 Park Rd  
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#### Polaris Park

Minot, ND | 712 26th Ave NW  
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#### Radio City Park

Minot, ND | 37th Ave SE & 2nd St  
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#### Scandinavian Heritage Park

Minot, ND | South Broadway & 11th Ave SW | 852-9161  
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#### Velva City Park

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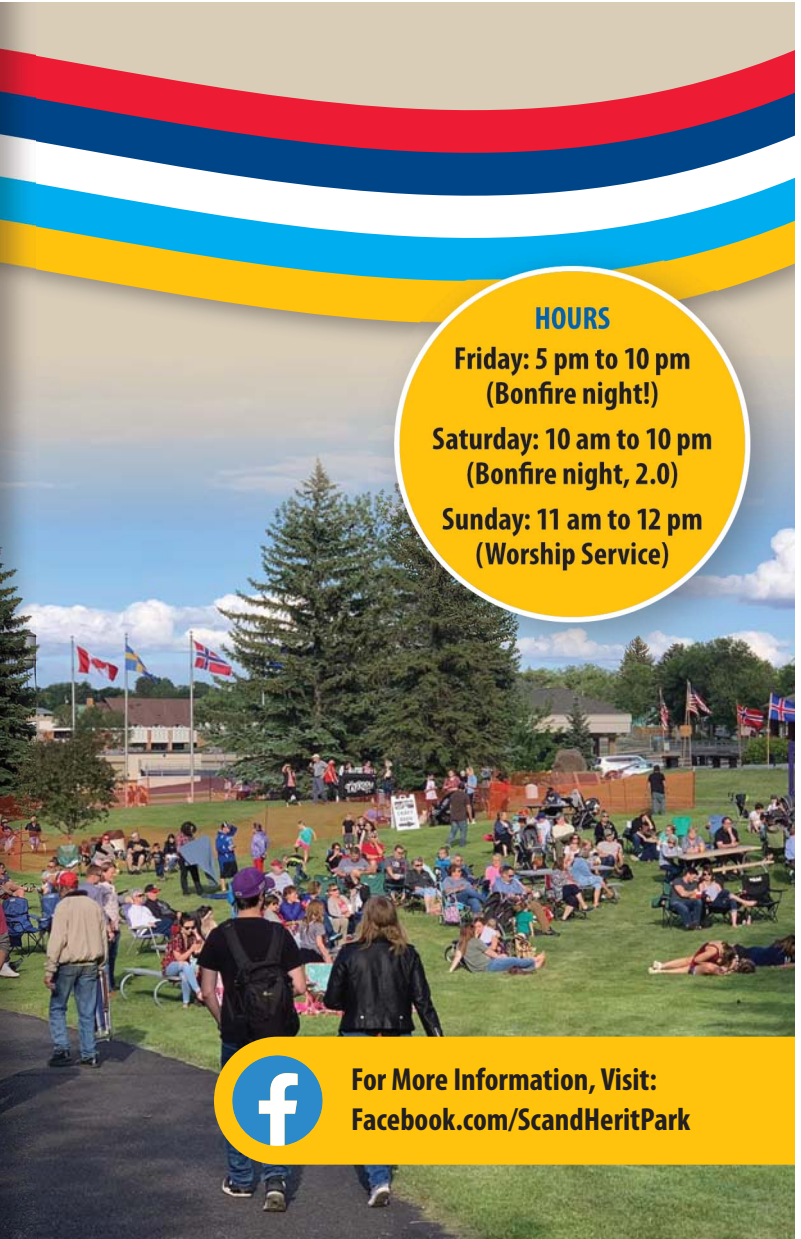
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## Artspace Suite 1 Gallery

Minot, ND | 3 Main St. S Suite 1

Hours: Thurs. & Fri. 2:30-5:30pm, Sat. 11am-4pm

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## Bismarck Art and Galleries Assoc

Bismarck, ND | 422 E. Front Ave | [www.bismarck-art.org](http://www.bismarck-art.org)

Hours: Tues. - Fri. 10am-5pm, Sat. 1pm-3pm

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## Bismarck Downtown Artist Co-op

Bismarck, ND | North 4th Street, Suite 202

[www.bismarckdac.com](http://www.bismarckdac.com)

Hours: Thurs. 12-8pm, Fri. 12pm-6pm, Sat. 10am-4pm

Downtown Artist Cooperative is an art gallery and working studio space operated by and for local artists.

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# NORTH DAKOTA ARTS



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## Minot Symphony Orchestra

Minot, ND | 500 University Ave W  
www.minotsymphony.com

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## MSU Summer Theater

Minot, ND | 500 University Ave W  
www.minotstateu.edu/theatre

Located behind the MSU Dome, MSU Summer Theatre performs multiple plays and musicals each June and July.

## North Dakota Museum of Art

Grand Forks, ND | 261 Centennial Drive  
www.ndmoa.com

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9am-5pm, Sat.-Sun. 12pm-5pm  
Serves as the official art museum of the State of North Dakota. The Museum's purpose is to foster and nurture the aesthetic life and artistic expression of the people living on the Northern Plains.

## Northwest Art Center

Minot, ND | 500 University Ave W  
www.minotstateu.edu/nac/

Minot State University is home to two art galleries managed by the Northwest Art Center; one located in Hartnett Hall the other in the Library. Best known for its diverse contemporary and traditional art, The Northwest Art Center hosts exhibitions by local, regional, national, and international artists.

## Plains Art Museum

Fargo, ND | 704 1st Ave N | www.plainsart.org

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Thurs. 11am-9pm, Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. Closed

Art gallery serving the Fargo-Moorhead region.

## Sleepy Hollow Theatre & Arts Park

Bismarck, ND | 2899 E Divide Ave | www.shst.org  
Summer theatre serving Bismarck-Mandan.



Sleepy Hollow Theatre & Arts Park

## Taube Museum of Art

Minot, ND | 2 N. Main Street | www.taubemuseum.org  
Hours: Tues.-Fri. 10:30am-5:30pm, Sat. 11am-4pm

The Taube Museum offers a full range of art classes throughout the year for kids aged 9 months through adults. There are also Paint the Town Red classes for adults who want to make a night of it with wine and instructed painting. Since there are two galleries, the main gallery & the lower gallery, the Taube is able to accommodate a vast amount of art. They also have a gift shop full of local art.

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Jamestown, ND | 115 2nd Street SW  
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## NORTH DAKOTA HISTORIC SITES

### Fort Union Trading Post

#### Chateau de Mores Historic Site

Medora, ND | 3426 Chateau Rd | 701-623-4355  
A 26-room, 1883 hunting lodge built by the Marquis de Mores, an entrepreneurial French aristocrat who hoped to find his fortune in the Dakota Territory, overlooks Medora. His meatpacking business failed, but the town he named for his wife, Medora, prospered. The lavish home where he and his wife lived still contains many original furnishings. Eager docents stationed throughout Chateau de Mores State Historic Site offer insights and tours.

#### Fort Union Trading Post

Williston, ND | 15550 ND-1804 | 701-572-9083  
Now reconstructed, Fort Union was the most important fur-trading site on the upper Missouri from 1828 to 1867. A self-guided tour, ranger-guided tours and living history programs are available for visitors.

#### Fort Totten State Historic Site

Fort Totten, ND | 417 Cavalry Cir | 701-766-4441  
The Fort Totten State Historic Site got its start in 1867 when soldiers built a log structure that in no time was enlarged and expanded to include dozens of buildings. There is a lot more history to explore.

#### Fort Seward Military Post

Jamestown, ND | 605 10th St SW | 701-252-6682  
An active military fort from 1872-1877, Fort Seward now houses an interpretive center displaying artifacts excavated from the site's archaeological digs. The grounds are also home to a Veterans' Memorial and scenic views of the James River Valley. Also, the largest United States flag on display in North Dakota flies here when weather permits.

#### Knife River Indian Villages

Stanton, ND | 564 County Rd 37 | 701-745-3309  
Explore a reconstructed, furnished Hidatsa earth lodge, 15 miles of trails and a museum. A rich culture thrived along the banks of the Missouri River in west-central North Dakota when Meriwether Lewis and William Clark arrived in 1804. Today, trails weave through the sage and wildflower-dappled prairie to the remains of villages, including one where Sakakawea lived before she joined Lewis and Clark.

#### Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center & Fort Mandan Historic Site

Washburn, ND | 2576 8th St SW | 701-462-8535  
Meriwether Lewis and William Clark spent more of their epic journey in North Dakota than in any other state. Stop first at the striking Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center and take in its exhibits about the expedition and area history. Then, continue to a replica of the fort, authentically reconstructed with 800 cottonwood logs, where the explorers weathered the brutal winter of 1804-1805.

#### Fort Buford State Historic Site

Near Williston, ND  
Here, where two great rivers meet, people have gathered for thousands of years. At the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center, take in the history of a place little changed since Lewis and Clark visited two centuries ago. At nearby Fort Buford, tour original and reconstructed building of the military post where Sitting Bull laid down his rifle.

#### Ronald Reagan Minuteman Missile State Historic Site

Cooperstown, ND | 555 113th 1/2 Ave NE  
701- 797-3691  
The Ronald Reagan Minuteman Missile State Historic Site consists of two sites telling the story of the Cold War years in North Dakota; Oscar-Zero Missile Alert Facility and the November-33 Launch Facility. They are the last remnants of the 321st Missile Wing, a cluster of intercontinental ballistic missile launch sites that were spread over a 6,500-square-mile area around the Grand Forks Air Force Base. Both played an integral part in the Cold War in North Dakota and the world.

#### Fort Abraham Lincoln Custer House & Commissary Bookstore

Mandan, ND | Fort Abraham State Park  
701-667-6340  
Guided tour of Gen. George and Libbie Custer's home. Self-guided tour of Fort Abraham Lincoln, home of the 7th Cavalry. Commissary Bookstore houses a large collection books about Custer and the history of Fort Abraham Lincoln.



Former Governors' Mansion

### Fort Abercrombie

Abercrombie, ND

Fort Abercrombie once served as a gateway to the West and the spear point of the army's advance into the Northern Plains. The original guardhouse and the reconstructed blockhouses and stockade attest to the bloody conflict that spilled into the Dakotas from Minnesota. Explore the buildings and visitor center.

### Fort Stevenson Guardhouse

Garrison, ND | 1252A 41st Ave NW | 701-337-5576

The Guardhouse Interpretive Center was reconstructed to tell the story of the frontier military history of Fort Stevenson. Step back in time and experience military life during Frontier Military Days held each year the fourth weekend in June.

### Camp Hancock

Bismarck, ND

Before Bismarck, there was Camp Hancock. Once a bustling military supply post and later a weather station, Camp Hancock is now home to the oldest building in Bismarck as well as an 1881 church and locomotive from the glory days of steam transportation.

### Former Governors' Mansion

Bismarck, ND

Explore the home of 20 former governors and their families at the Former Governors' Mansion. A lovely staircase leads from the public rooms to private areas where children played, servants worked, and families enjoyed privacy from 1894 to 1960. A carriage house on the lot features exhibits from the time the house was occupied.



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## EXPLORE MEDORA

Medora, North Dakota may only have a population of 130 people, but it holds an immeasurable impact on those who visit. Nestled between the rugged buttes of Theodore Roosevelt National Park and the bright lights of the city, Medora offers a unique blend of experiences that make it one huge destination.

The vastness of the horizon is one of Medora's most defining features. With its rolling prairies and towering buttes, the landscape is nothing short of breathtaking. It's no wonder that a young Theodore Roosevelt was captivated by the beauty of the area, which later led to the establishment of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. The way the horizon expands in Medora is awe-inspiring and has the power to leave visitors feeling both humbled and empowered.

But Medora's charm extends beyond its natural beauty. The town itself has a unique character that draws people in. Despite its small size, there is always something going on in Medora. The summer months are especially busy with nightly performances at the Medora Musical, which has been entertaining audiences for over 50 years. The show is paired with the Pitchfork Steak Fondue which is just like it sounds, great big pitchforks loaded up with steaks and deep fried cowboy style are the star of the evenings menu. The experiences of Medora expand deep into the world of history where visitors can take in the sights at the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame or learn about the namesakes of the town at the Chateau de Mores State Historic Site.

**Medora buggy rides in Downtown Medora**  
ND Tourism photo

One of the best things about visiting Medora is the way time seems to slow down. Afternoons move at their own good time, giving visitors the chance to soak in the beauty of their surroundings and disconnect from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. It's a chance to unplug and appreciate the simple things in life, like a warm summer breeze or the sound of birds chirping in the distance.

Medora is the perfect year-round destination for travelers. In the fall, visitors can enjoy the breathtaking views of the changing leaves, the slower days and crisper air of a stroll through town. Plus, a special Broadway style show playing at the Old Town Hall Theater in September and October. Winter, brings a peaceful winter wonderland with snowcapped Badlands, a roaring fire at the Rough Riders Hotel, and delectable food at Theodore's Dining Room. Spring brings new life to Medora, with a great view of wildflowers and baby animals, perfect for hiking, biking, and horseback riding. Bully Pulpit Golf Course also welcomes golfers mid-April. No matter the season, Medora offers a unique blend of natural beauty, small-town charm, and year-round activities, making it the perfect destination any time of year.



While Medora may be a tiny dot on the map, it holds a big place in the hearts of those who visit. The memories made in this small town are larger than life, and the impact of the experience is immeasurable. From the stunning natural beauty to the unique character of the town, Medora offers a one-of-a-kind vacation that is sure to leave visitors feeling rejuvenated and inspired.

In a world where bigger is often perceived as better, Medora proves that sometimes the most extraordinary experiences can be found in the most unexpected places. So why not plan your next vacation to this little town with a big heart? With 1883 reasons to visit, there's never been a better time to discover the magic of Medora.

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## EXPLORE MEDORA

# MEDORA

## *Musical*

## Medora is a **MUST** ERIN BEENE

Medora, both the town and its renowned musical, is the 'Pride of North Dakota!' You will be amazed with the natural beauty and state pride that resonates from this small town. If you are like me, from a large and very proud state (ahem Texas), then thinking that any other state -especially one as seemingly obscure as North Dakota- can have state pride is unimaginable. However, if you still think that, you haven't yet attended the world-famous Medora Musical in its purpose-built outdoor amphitheater set amidst the badlands of southwestern North Dakota. It will change your mind.

Located just west of Dickinson, and not too far from the South Dakota and Montana borders, is the town of Medora, North Dakota, population 129. The entire town encompasses less than one square mile, but the quaint feel will make any one feel at home and maybe start to fall in love with the state. Medora town offers a few blocks of 'mom and pop' restaurants, historic sites and intriguing shops. The shops are more than your average gift shop, including lots of hand-crafted and made-in-state items from local vendors. I fell in love with handcrafted vases made from trees and unique spiral candles. If you need (or want) North Dakota items, Medora is the place to go! The completely-walkable town is only a block or two but is packed with things to do. It has the most amazing log and fort playground for the kids. This maze-like play structure has sand pits with toys, a special area just for toddlers, plenty of stairs and obstacles for climbing kids and includes shady places for parents to sit. Plus it is located right next to the free public bathrooms. Next to that, is a fun perk for all ages, the Theodore Roosevelt National Park themed, Medora Mini Golf. Right next door is also the "Point to Point Park," which features a free splash pad, kids ziplines, pickleball courts and a bounce pillow. For a fee there is also a luxurious pool with a lazy river and a larger zipline for those who dare.

While there is plenty to do in the tiny town, there are only a few places to stay within the town itself. Since Medora hosts only local accommodations (no chain hotel or restaurants in sight), the center of town is home to the Badlands Motel. This motel is perfectly located to walk to all Medora attractions (besides the Musical) and is so close to the playgrounds and Point Park that kids and parents alike will love the ease. The motel is updated, offering the comforts of any hotel but with the amenities so nearby it almost has a resort feel. The photos posted online don't do this place justice, and the lobby has free coffee and lemon-infused water for its guests. Since camping is so popular with the state, I would be remiss not to also mention the Medora Campground located just out of town. This beautiful campground has all types of sites and the cottonwood trees and beautiful nature to accommodate it. It also has a playground and basketball court, plus a small store for camping items and is a very short walk to the city swimming pool. While a drive (and parking) will be required when visiting the town, the campground is the perfect stay for those who love the outdoors.

Finally, any stay in Medora would not be complete without a visit to the Musical! This Broadway-like performance may seem a bit out of place in a tiny town in North Dakota, but once you visit, you'll get it. The amphitheater is placed high on a butte with gorgeous views of the landscape, and when the sun sets it offers the viewers an open-skied image that looks like a painting. Besides the breathtaking views, the Musical is filled every year with The Burning Hills Singers, an ensemble of some of the best singers/dancers from all over the country. This group of a dozen performers really will knock your socks off with professional-level talent. The Musical is slightly different each year, and always offers new performers and hosts to entertain all ages. In 2022, they featured renditions of classic country songs that had the entire 1000+ seat amphitheater smiling and swaying along. Besides the musical sensations and live music performances, the Musical features several entr'acte performances which entertain for a few weeks during the summer. This year's guests haven't been announced yet, but you can be sure they will be sure to have you cry-laughing, I know they did last year.

As the under two-hour show comes to an end, guests are treated to the dusk sky and sparkling lights lighting the MEDORA sign backdrop. The entire night is magical, impressive and worth it to go back year after year! This in itself will awe any North Dakota skeptic that doubts there is anything spectacular about this state. I almost teared up at the overwhelming beauty, love, and joy that this musical brings.

All in all, Medora is one of North Dakota's proudest places! Something about the quaint small town, filled with smiling residents, simple, yet enjoyable activities meshed with the natural beauty of the surroundings and the light breeze that always passes through North Dakota, makes Medora an enlightened vacation spot for everyone. Don't let your time in Minot pass without a visit (or two or three) to this lovely town full of North Dakota pride!

The Musical also loves their military guests and offers a whopping 50% off to military and dependents all summer long! If that's not enough to get you down there, kids are completely FREE on Wednesdays and Sunday evenings. You have officially run out of excuses to not make it down and experience Medora and the Musical this summer!



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## EXPLORE MEDORA

### Teddy Roosevelt National Park Bison

Medora is located in the Badlands of North Dakota. Plan a vacation to this historical town and enjoy the beautiful scenery it has to offer. Theodore Roosevelt National Park is an outdoor enthusiasts dream offering amazing bike and hiking trails, camping and relaxation.

### Family Fun Center

No family trip to Medora would be complete without an afternoon spent at the Family Fun Center! The kids can have a blast on our massive Inflatable Water Slide, catch some air on the bungee jump, scale a kid-friendly rock wall, or soak each other in Water Wars -- a water balloon sling shot stand off!

### Bully Pulpit Golf Course

Some courses impose themselves on the landscape, but at Bully Pulpit Golf Course you'll find yourself climbing through meadows and woodlands and meandering along the Little Missouri River, fully immersed in the beauty of the landscape all around you! As you climb out of the shadow of the bluff on thirteen green, our signature holes await. "The Badlands Holes" number 14, 15, and 16 will take you through a rugged fairway gorge. From butte-top tee boxes to a green among a sea of Badlands, this is one golfing adventure you're not soon to forget.



### Bully Pulpit Golf Course

Every evening our chefs load steaks onto pitchforks and fondue them western style. Savor your steak as you overlook the picturesque Badlands from atop a bluff at the Tjaden Terrace. Your steak comes with all of the fixin's. Plus, you'll be serenaded with western melodies performed live by members of The Coal Diggers from the Medora Musical. Don't miss this unique dining experience that was featured on the national television show, Best Of, on The Food Network!

### The Medora Musical

The Medora Musical is the rootin'-tootiest, boot-scootiest show in all the west! There's no other show quite like it. Set in the outdoor splendor of the rugged North Dakota Badlands, this professionally produced, high energy, western-style musical show is proudly dedicated to the legacy of America's 26th President, Theodore Roosevelt, and the time he spent here in the Badlands of the Dakota Territory.

### Teddy Roosevelt National Park

Encompassing over 70,000 acres of breathtaking North Dakota Badlands, there's an adventure for everyone at TRNP. For starters, drive through the south unit of the park on the 36-mile scenic loop through the buttes and Badlands. The winding drive features striking overlooks with unbelievable views, trailheads for 12 different hiking trails (more on those below), interpretive signs about the Park's history and natural wonders, and real prairie dog towns – plus, you might even get a close up with a buffalo! Experience this unique wilderness through daily Ranger programs which include short talks, guided walks, tours of Roosevelt's Maltese Cross Cabin and evening programs at the campground amphitheater. Or set out on an experience all your own!

### Theodore's Dining Room

Enjoy this fresh culinary experience in a historic and elegant atmosphere. You will be in the well-trained hands of our executive chef. Whether you're craving a scrumptious steak, or a refreshing after dinner drink, stop at Theodore's and treat yourself.

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# NORTH DAKOTA GARDENS

## International Peace Garden

### Angelic Garden

Minot, ND | 6200 11th Ave SE | 701-500-7713  
Venture through the Walk Through Victorian Garden or visit the Produce garden and Pick your own produce! This ensures that very little goes to waste and that you produce is as fresh as it can possibly be.

### Dakota Sun Gardens and Winery

Carrington, ND | 955 73rd Ave. NE | 701-674-3316  
Dakota Sun Gardens and Winery has many wines made on site available for tasting and purchase. The wines are also sold at many North Dakota bottle shops. We use as much locally and regionally grown fruits and grapes as possible. The winery is always interested in fruit purchase from other growers. Our extensive gardens and water features exhibit flower and shrubbery displays using natural rock, driftwood, and metal sculpture as accents. Meetings, groups or individuals may be arranged, with prior reservations. Beautiful garden wedding venue. The nominal per person charge includes guided garden tours and wine tastings.

### Elaine's Garden and Guesthouse

Balfour, ND | 3238 Highway  
A beautifully restored 1915 home with a large porch, veranda, theme-decorated bedrooms, completely furnished for all overnight guests as well as hunters. Acres of hunting land and a warm place to clean your birds. Added attraction on the farm site is a restored one-room schoolhouse and beautiful gardens during the growing season.

### Floral Flag Display

International Peace Garden | 10939 Highway 281  
The Floral Flag Display is the only display remaining the same each year. The American red, white and blue, stars and stripes and the Canadian red Maple Leaf are located in the Formal Garden area.

### International Peace Garden

15 Miles North of Dunseith, ND | 701-263-4390  
Since 1932, nestled in the Turtle Mountains of North Dakota and Manitoba, the International Peace Garden is one of the continent's most symbolic and scenic attractions. Thousands of tourists flock to this unique tribute to peace and friendship between the United States of America and Canada. The park plants over 150,000 flowers each year. Main features of the garden include an 18-foot floral clock display, fountains, a chime, and twin 120-foot concrete towers straddling the border with a peace chapel at their base. The Arma Sifton bells were a gift from Central United Church of Brandon, Manitoba, in 1972. The tower was supplied by North Dakota Veterans and dedicated in 1976. Some building remains of the World Trade Center attacks of September 11, 2001, have been placed in part of the garden. The International Peace Garden, "Like No Other Place on Earth," is a perfect and memorable retreat, where people and nature meet.

### Japanese Garden

Grand Forks, ND | 11th Avenue and 34th Street  
701-746-2750  
This lovely and unique garden - featuring the beauty of rocks, water, hills, trees and plants - graces the landscape of Sertoma Park. A gift from the residents of Grand Forks' sister city, Awano, Japan, it commemorates the recovery from the 1997 Red River Valley flood.

### Rainbow Garden & Sculpture Walk

Mayville, ND | 367 3rd St SW (HWY 200)  
Rainbow Garden has seven plots, each demonstrating a different theme. Their goal is that the variety in the gardens gives visitors ideas for their own yards. The seven gardens are The English Garden, The White Garden, The Cottage Garden, The Rock Garden, The Children's Garden, The Herb Garden, and The Labyrinth. Since they have become fairly competent at the craft of gardening, they have graduated to the art of design by concentrating on color, texture, shape and arrangement. They are building a collection of commissioned sculptures from artists around the nation. Currently there are 15 sculptures and poems in the Sculpture Walk.

### Sunken Garden

International Peace Garden | 10939 Highway 281  
Interestingly, a series of five uniform terraces extend down to the Sunken Garden area. Located in the center of each terrace are small pools that have connecting water channels that spill into each pool on the next level. So ultimately, water flows from one ornamental pool on each terrace to the next, and finally down to the reflecting octagon shaped pond in the center of the Sunken Garden, where the water is pumped back to the first terrace to begin its round again! Along the mazed walkways of The Sunken Garden are two stone garden houses financed by the North Dakota and U.S. National Homemakers' Clubs. The placement of these original houses marks the Avenues of America and Canada and both leads to their respective countries. Thousands of perennials, flowering shrubs and annuals fill the mosaic-like beds surrounding the focal pond in the Sunken Garden. Within walking distance is the Interpretive Center housing the cafe, retail store, moderate horticultural library and conservatory.

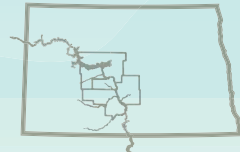
### Northern Plains Botanic Garden

Fargo, ND | 1201 28th Ave N | 701-281-2568  
Open throughout the year from sunrise until sunset and free to the public, the Botanic Garden is an incredible destination for those in the entire region. It consists of 7 separate gardens including the Woodland Garden, Alerus Financial Butterfly Garden, Chrysanthemum Test Garden, Alphabet Garden, Rain Garden, The Turnaround Garden, Seeds of Opportunity Garden and a humming bird patio. The next project slated is the development of the Garden of Mind which is a Japanese-style garden.

# Visit the NORTHERN PLAINS NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

The Northern Plains National Heritage Area points visitors to the natural, cultural, recreational and historic sites along the Missouri River in central North Dakota. For a deep dive of the sites you absolutely need to visit, come to the Northern Plains National Heritage Area's Orientation Headquarters at the Landing, 1700 River Road N., in Bismarck, North Dakota.

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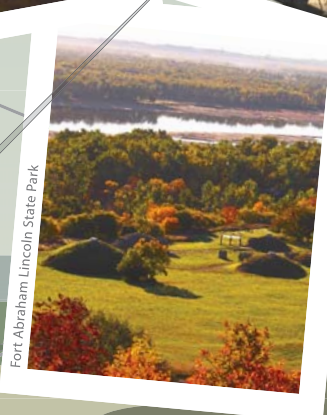
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## NORTH DAKOTA SCENIC DRIVES

### Turtle Mountain Scenic Byway

#### Chan SanSan Scenic Backway

Begins at Highway 46 and continues south through Adrian, Dickey, Grand Rapids and LaMoure to the intersection of the County Line Road.

#### Des Lacs Scenic Backway

Begins at US Highway 52, 6 miles south of Kenmare and continues to the north end of the refuge where it terminates at the intersection of Ward County Road 1.

Points of Interest

- Historic Danish Mill: Built in 1902 on a homestead, the Mill was used by area farmers for grinding grains into flour. Now located in the center of the Park on the Square in Kenmare.
- Des Lacs National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center: The visitor center at Des Lacs National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters features displays of local history and native wildlife.
- Munch's Coulee National Recreation Trail: From this trail, excellent bird watching opportunities abound.

#### Enchanted Highway

Just off of 94 (Exit 72) approximately 20 miles east of Dickinson, ND. Here you will find six sculptures (The Tin Family, Grasshoppers in the Field, Pheasants on the Prairie, Teddy Roosevelt Rides Again, Geese in Flight and The Deer Family) that are spread out along the 32 miles. The works of art are created by Gary Greff, a native of Regent, North Dakota. Make sure to stop in Regent, ND at the Enchanted Highway Gift Shop, the Hettinger County Historical Museum and the Enchanted Castle.

Killdeer Mountain Four Bears Scenic Byway

Begins north of Manning on Highway 22 through Killdeer to Highway 23, then east to New Town.

#### Old Red Old Ten Scenic Byway

Begins at the Mandan Depot on Main Street in Mandan and travels west along Old Highway 10 to Dickinson. There is a 12-mile section of gravel road near Almont known as the Curlew Loop. Caution: 12-foot railroad underpass 11 miles west of Hebron.

#### Rendezvous Region Scenic Backway

Begins on Highway 55 in Vang proceeding east to Walhalla, turning southeast for 22 miles traveling past Icelandic State Park to Highway 5 ending in Cavalier.

#### Sakakawea Scenic Byway

This byway highlights fantastic views of the Missouri River Valley along with some of the state's most outstanding Lewis and Clark destinations. Visitors are able to follow the course of this great journey and discover the history and culture of the people who lived in the rolling hills and wooded valleys of the Missouri and Knife Rivers. Begins at Highway 200A from Washburn to Stanton.

Points of Interest

- Fort Clark State Historic Site: protects the archeological remains of a large earth lodge village, cemetery, two fur trade posts, and was the scene of devastating smallpox and cholera epidemics that decimated most of the inhabitants of a Mandan and later an Arikara Indian village.
- Fort Mandan Historic Site: The reconstructed Fort Mandan rests in the riparian forests of the Missouri River and features refurbished rooms filled with the equipment of the Lewis & Clark Expedition. On-site interpreters provide programs and year-round tours of Lewis & Clark's 1804-1805 wintering post.

#### Sheyenne River Valley National Scenic Byway

Begins at Getchell Township Hall on Barnes County Highway 21, along Highways 17 and 19, through Valley City, proceeding on Highway 21 to Ransom County Highway 13 to Lisbon.

Standing Rock National Native American Scenic Byway

Begins at the Cannonball River and continues south along Highways 1806 and 24 to the South Dakota state line.

Theodore Roosevelt National Park North Unit Scenic Byway

This byway provides the colorful North Dakota Badlands as a scenic backdrop with its sweeping vistas of one of the last remnants of wilderness in the Northern Great Plains. Theodore Roosevelt National Park memorializes the 26th president for his enduring contributions to the conservation of our natural resources. Visitors are provided a unique opportunity for wildlife viewing. In the park you will find open prairie, hardwood draws, bison, other wildlife, and the Little Missouri River. Begins 15 miles south of Watford City from US Highway 85 and proceeds west on the scenic drive through the North Unit of the park.

#### Turtle Mountain Scenic Byway

Begins 3 miles north of Rolla to St. John and proceeds west on County Highway 43 to State Highway 281. Continues west on State Highway 43 until it terminates on State Highway 14.



# NORTH DAKOTA TRAILS

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## Beaver Lake State Park

Trails: Beaver Lake Nature Trail, Old Settlers Trail, Woodland Trail, Moraine Loop Trail, Lake View Loop Trail and Rolling Prairie Loop Trail. Beaver Lake State Park's non-motorized trail system covers 5.34 miles in a series of loops and several connecting segment trails that are open for hiking and biking. The Beaver Lake Nature Trail is a self-guided nature trail open to hiking only. Most of the trail system surface is either grass, dirt or hard-packed single-track, with manageable grades with only a few steeper sections.

## Bison Plant Trail

This is Minot's little jewel, located a few miles east of Minot off of Highway 52. The 3.5 mile trail is now entirely comprised of single track trail looping through a beautiful stash of city owned wooded land. It offers excellent shade and varies from fast hard pack dirt cruising sections to tight technical sections. Its location just outside of town makes it a great place to go pump out a couple laps after work. There is also a shorter variation of the trail (2.1 miles) used for running. All trails are well maintained.

## Black Butte Adventures Trail

Located near Sawyer, this is a beautiful ride that traverses pasture land above the river and climbs over Black Butte. The trail is a tight single track with occasional rock technical sections, and one muddy water crossing. The main loop is about 5 miles and there is a secondary 3 mile loop across the cattle guard in the southwest.

## Burlington Walking Path

The Burlington Walking Path is a paved trail through rural, rolling countryside that connects the cities of Minot and Burlington in north-central North Dakota. It parallels County Road 15 for most of its length, which becomes 4th Avenue as the trail approaches Minot.

## Cross Ranch State Park

Trails: Matah "River" Trail, Ma-ak-oti "Old Villiage" Trail, Cottonwood Trail/Gaines Trail, Levis Trail and TNC Self-Guided Prairie Trail. Situated along the west bank of the Missouri River, the 589-acre Cross Ranch State Park and adjacent 6,000-acre Cross Ranch Nature Preserve are one of the few areas in North Dakota to offer a true primitive outdoor experience. Over 16 miles of trail wind through Cross Ranch State Park and Nature Preserve. Trail posts identify the trail names.

## Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park

Trails: Scouts Trail System, Little Soldier Loop Trail, Young Hawk Interpretive Trail, Bob Tailed Pass, Little Sioux Trail, Bloody Knife Trail and Nature Trail. Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park's non-motorized trail system covers approximately 6.75 miles in a series of loops and several connecting segment trails that are open for hiking, biking and horseback riding. Most of the trail system surface is either grass, dirt or hard-packed single-track, with manageable grades with only a few steeper sections.

## Fort Ransom State Park

Trails: North Country National Scenic Trail, Redetzke Ridge Trail, Pederson Hills Trail, North Fork Trail, Nelson 80, Firebreak Trail, Little Twig Nature Trail, Ridgeline Nature Trail, Valley View Trail, Oak Ridge Trail, Meadow Run Trail, Riverside Trail and Southgate Trail. Fort Ransom State Park's non-motorized trail system covers over 14.64-miles in a series of loops, trails and connecting segment trails most which are multi-use and are open for hiking, horseback riding, biking, cross country skiing and snowshoeing. The majority of the trail system surface is either grass, dirt or hard-packed single-track, with manageable grades with only a few steeper sections.

## Fort Stevenson State Park

The park offers 8.13 miles of non-motorized, multi use trail which provides a pleasant place to bike, walk, jog and cross country ski. This includes a .22 mile interpretive trail and a .48 mile arboretum trail.

## Grahams Island State Park

Grahams Island State Park has two trails for hiking or walking. One is a 1.6 mile loop that can be accessed by the Sivert Thompson activity center. The other is a .5 mile loop located on the north end of the west campground.

## Icelandic State Park

A 3/4 mile self-guided interpretive trail begins at the Gunlogson Homestead site and loops along the south side of the Tongue River. Other trails continue throughout the 200 acre Gunlogson Nature Preserve and natural wooded area along the river. Foot bridges provide easy crossing of the Tongue River and the area's many natural springs. The majority of this 3 mile trail system is groomed and open in the winter for cross-country skiing. A 6 mile paved bike and hiking trail connects the park to Cavalier and to the golf course just west of the park.



Little Missouri State Park

### **Lake Metigoshe State Park**

Trails: Old Oak Trail and Multi-Use Trails  
Nestled in the scenic Turtle Mountains, on the shores of Lake Metigoshe, Lake Metigoshe State Park was constructed by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) in the 1930s and is one of the most popular year-round vacation spots in North Dakota.

### **Lake Sakakawea State Park**

Several multi-use trails in the park are perfect for hiking, biking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Hikers are encouraged to take in the scenic beauty of the completed segments of the North Country National Scenic Trail found in this park.

### **Lewis and Clark State Park**

Trails: Prairie Nature Trail, North Trail System, South Trail System and Shoreline Trail  
On the north shore of Lake Sakakawea, Lewis and Clark State Park is situated among the rugged buttes of the North Dakota Badlands. The park is named for the Corps of Discovery explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. The expedition camped nearby on April 17, 1805.

### **Little Missouri State Park**

Little Missouri State Park has over 47 miles of trails for horseback riding and hiking. Horse corrals are available for individuals and groups bringing in their own horses, and several artesian wells are located within the park for horse watering purposes. Trails are marked at major interestions.

### **Sully Creek State Park**

Horseback riders, mountain bikers, and hikers have access to the 120-mile long Maah Daah Hey Trail, which traverses the Little Missouri National Grassland and to the 50 plus mile long Maah Daah Hey II Trail. Those using the trail should carry adequate potable water for drinking. In the early spring or during high flows, canoeing the Little Missouri River also offers a unique perspective of the Badlands.

### **Tatman Branch Trail**

The trail begins on the outskirts of Minot and travels north for 10 miles along the former Tatman Branch Line. The path parallels 27th Street NE for most of its length, offering a straight, flat route through the countryside that ends at Minot Gate, the main entrance to the military base.

### **Turtle River State Park**

Turtle River State Park has a system of mountain biking, hiking, and interpretive trails.

### **Upper Souris Wildlife Refuge**

Trails: Oxbow Nature Trail, Overlook Nature Trail, Cottonwood Nature Trail and Centennial Wildlife Nature Trail  
Located 30 miles NW of Minot, the Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge has five nature trails for walking and hiking, two canoe trails and one auto tour route.

### **Long Distance Biking Routes**

With its low traffic and excellent country roads, North Dakota is great for cross-country bike trips. For particularly scenic treks, check out North Dakota's designated scenic byways and backways on the N.D. State Highway Map. Before riding, check at area Chamber of Commerce offices, state and federal parks, state and federal Forest Service offices and local bike shops for their recommendations on the best routes.

Some scenic areas to ride in North Dakota include:

- Little Missouri National Grassland
- Theodore Roosevelt National Park
- Lewis and Clark Trail (State highways 1804 and 1806)
- Pembina Gorge/Walhalla Area
- Turtle Mountains/Lake Metigoshe
- Fort Ransom State Park
- Sheyenne National Grassland



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# NORTH DAKOTA BIRDING

## Audubon National Wildlife Refuge

### Audubon National Wildlife Refuge

Coleharbor, ND  
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### Icelandic State Park & Gunlogson Nature Preserve

Cavalier, ND  
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### Lake Metigoshe State Park

Turtle Mountains – Bottineau, ND  
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Walhalla, ND  
 Good habitat for ruffed grouse and wild turkeys. 75 species of breeding birds, including 11 of the state's 14 breeding warblers.

### Souris Loop National Wildlife Refuge

Kenmare, Upham and Foxholm, ND  
 While waterfowl, pelicans, tundra swans, grouse and cranes are spectacular, a variety of other species of interest may be found. Birders come from all over the country looking for Sprague's Pipits, and Baird's and Le Conte's sparrows.

### Sully's Hill National Game Preserve

Devils Lake, ND  
 The preserve's wooded hills are attractive to birds not normally seen in the open areas of the state.

### Theodore Roosevelt National Park

Medora, ND

This list includes 186 species which have been observed in Theodore Roosevelt National Park plus 22 species that have not yet been observed but are suspected of occurring since they have been seen in the immediate area.

Birding Drives will take you to these remote birding hotspots:

- Arrowwood National Wildlife Refuge
- Chase Lake National Wildlife Refuge
- Lake Juanita
- Missouri Coteau Region
- Edward R. Brigham III
- Alkali Lake Sanctuary
- Jamestown Reservoir
- Jamestown Sewage Lagoons
- James River Valley
- Hawk's Nest Ridge
- Pipestem Reservoir

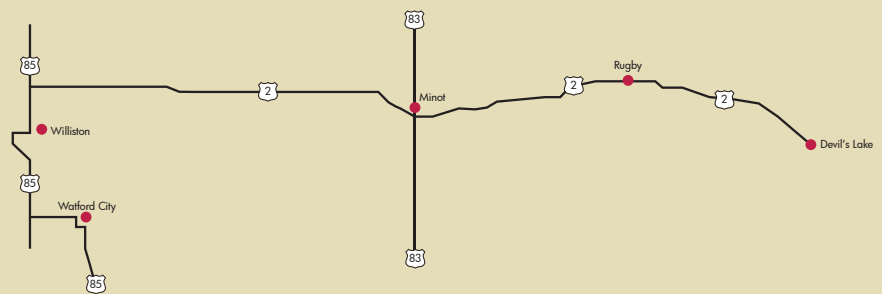




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# NORTH DAKOTA FISHING

## Let's Fish

PATRICIA STOCKDILL

Fishing off docks and piers for bluegill on Lake Metigoshe is popular in the summer.  
N.D. Game and Fish Department Photo

It's almost like stepping into a kaleidoscope of colors and shapes – the wide array of fishing tackle and presentation options lining fishing sections in stores across North Dakota.

It doesn't matter if it's a local convenience store or a diverse business like Home of Economy, summer fishing and its tackle are popular. While many residents hone in on walleye for their great taste, several other species offer options.

The N.D. Game and Fish Department manages more than 400 lakes across the state and here are some tips for area fishing adventures this summer:

### BASS, LARGEMOUTH:

When it comes to largemouth bass and their pension for warm water, in North Dakota that means Oliver County's Nelson Lake. "All of Nelson Lake has warm water in it compared to our other lakes," described Game and Fish Department North-central District Fisheries Supervisor Jason Lee.

Five miles east and three miles south of Center, the man-made lake has warm water year-around with abundant forage so warm water loving largemouth bass grow faster there than other lakes. Its natural reproduction is supplemented periodically with stocking, Lee added. Try traditional bass techniques for good numbers of largemouth in a variety of sizes.

Kota-Ray Dam southeast of Ray in Williams County might be a pleasant surprise for anglers in search of nice largemouth bass, as well.

### BASS, SMALLMOUTH:

Feisty smallmouth bass are most often found in Lake Audubon, Lake Sakakawea, Hecker's Lake, any of the chain of lakes associated with the McClusky Canal, and the canal itself.

The McClusky Canal and its lakes - Hecker's, New Johns, East Park, and West Park lakes - feeds from the east side of Lake Audubon. Accessing the canal itself can be difficult, Lee advised, because of its steep, rocky edges. Best shore-fishing access points are off road bridges with a fishing pier on the canal northwest of Hecker's Lake, which is southeast of Mercer in Sheridan County.

Lake Audubon is on the east side of U.S. Highway 83 crossing the Lake Sakakawea embankment. The lake has multiple access points and fishing piers, making it excellent for shore-fishing.

Lake Darling northwest of Minot on the Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge might offer up a smallmouth bass surprise for some anglers but remember that as a wildlife refuge, anglers should follow its special regulations such as no camping.

Smallies prefer gravelly substrate and rocky points with crayfish a popular food source. Lee suggests anglers target rocks and riprap from shore, casting small jigs or crankbaits away from shore or pitching small crankbaits towards shore when boat fishing. He also uses crankbaits as large as No. 9 or 11.

Lake Sakakawea also has smallmouth bass. Try areas with gravel and rocky points on the east end of the "Big Lake", such as areas around Sakakawea State Park.

### BASS, WHITE:

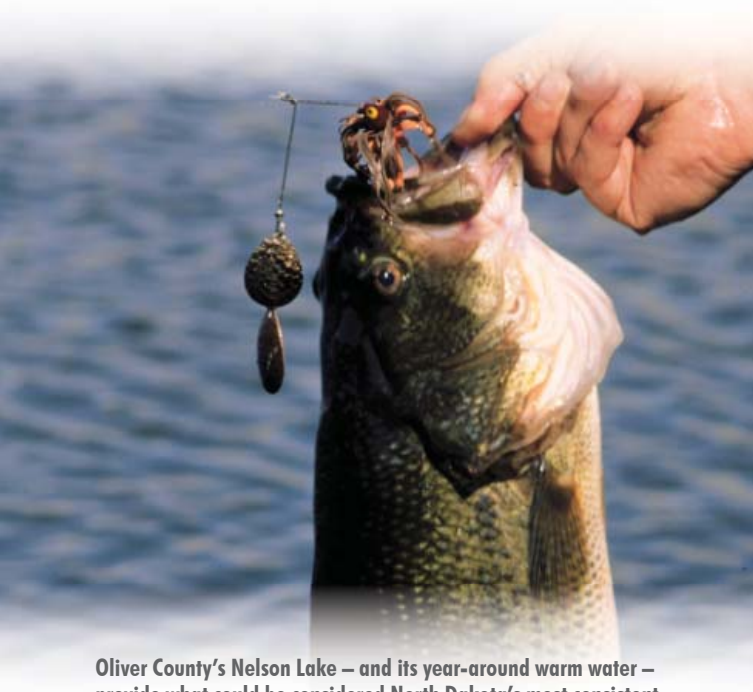
Devils Lake is the state's "go to" white bass location. The 2015 age class is currently the most abundant population in the lake and fish could range between 14 and 16 inches. However, the upper end of Lake Sakakawea has its share of white bass at times and they love minnows in the spring.

### BLUEGILL:

When it comes to this colorful panfish, head north, anglers, head north...to Lake Metigoshe, that is. Tucked in the Turtle Mountains of Bottineau County about 14 miles northeast of Bottineau, Metigoshe's mix of sub-emergent and emergent aquatic vegetation allows bluegill to escape predation. Its good water quality coupled with ample food means the lake has a nice mix of sizes and age classes.

While Lake Metigoshe is the region's premier bluegill lake, it's not the only one. They're also stocked in a few other lakes and while populations aren't strong, "they're slowly expanding," Lee explained. Try Long Lake (also in Bottineau County), Rice Lake northeast of Ryder (Ward County), South Carlson Lake southwest of Minot, Brush Lake three miles north of Mercer, Hiddenwood Lake south of Makoti, or even Nelson Lake.

Don't look for the numbers of fish from those lakes one might find in Lake Metigoshe but they could provide an occasional nice-sized bluegill, in part because lakes such as Rice, South Carlson, and Brush were stocked with adults a few years ago.



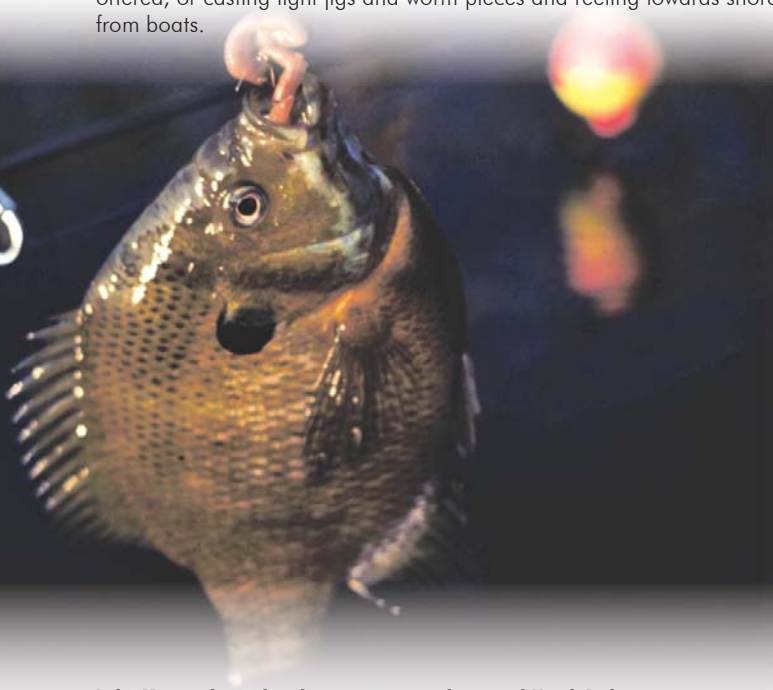
Oliver County's Nelson Lake – and its year-around warm water – provide what could be considered North Dakota's most consistent largemouth bass fishery.

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While not nearly as abundant as bluegill in Metigoshe, anglers going to Blacktail Dam northwest of highways U.S. 2 and U.S. 85 junction or Northgate Dam northwest of Bowbells in Burke County could also encounter some success. Smishek Lake northwest of Powers Lake has abundant small bluegill numbers – maybe even a keeper hiding somewhere.

Try a bobber with small hook and nightcrawler pieces from shore, casting along the edge of vegetation and letting the bobber float, Lee offered, or casting light jigs and worm pieces and reeling towards shore from boats.



**Lake Metigoshe is the place to go in north-central North Dakota for bluegill. The lake's abundant aquatic vegetation, good water quality, and ample food provide some nice-sized bluegill and activity for anglers of all ages.**  
N.D. Game and Fish Department Photo

## CATFISH:

When it comes to catfish in North Dakota, the Red River dividing North Dakota and Minnesota is considered the “go to” destination.

But it doesn't have to be.

Simply head to the Missouri River System, namely the Missouri River tailrace or Lake Sakakawea's back bays – especially those on the upper end around Williston or ones with feeder creeks and tributaries where water warms faster and is more turbid, described Game and Fish Department Missouri River Fisheries Supervisor Dave Fryda.

Native to the Missouri River, channel catfish provide good shore-fishing opportunities on both the river and lake. Given the state's short summers catfish have a short “growing” season. Most average about 2 to 5 pounds, sometimes 7 pounds. “A 10-pounder is pretty big, especially for Lake Sakakawea,” Fryda described.

**The fishing pier at Lake Audubon's East Totten Recreation Area provides easy access to shore-fishing opportunities.**

Patricia Stockdill Photo

Rainbow smelt are the forage of choice for virtually all of Lake Sakakawea's predator fish and channel catfish are no exception. Fryda suggests anglers try any type of bottom rig with dead smelt.

The best tailrace fishing typically begins in June extending into the fall. The cold water of the tailrace produces excellent eater-sized 2- to 3-pound catfish. Try shore-fishing along the boat ramp or take the road east of Garrison Dam National Fish Hatchery to the large pool of water below Garrison Dam spillway where larger catfish may lurk.

Use dead smelt or drift with three-way swivels if boat fishing in the tailrace.

## CRAPPIE:

While some areas of the upper end of Lake Sakakawea offer crappie activity, two locations in the region could be considered “go to” spots – Trenton Lake on the south side of the community of Trenton near Williston and Nelson Lake. Williston's John Shunk suggests casting slip bobbers with small jig and minnow or casting traditional crappie rigs. Early season is the best time for Trenton Lake crappie.

Try shallow water of bays for Lake Sakakawea crappie but don't neglect Northgate Dam for crappie.

## NORTHERN PIKE:

Summer fishing adventures often begin with northern pike in North Dakota, one of the most common and popular native fish species until walleye overtook the popularity reigns among anglers. “The good thing is they're easy to catch from shore,” Lee suggested.

In addition, pike flourish in high water years when shoreline vegetation becomes flooded. While North Dakota is in the midst of a dry spell, ample northern pike opportunities still exist across the region and there is still time to catch them before they head for deeper water in the summer heat.

Pike success is best right after the spawn, but anglers might still want to try places such as Buffalo Lodge Lake northeast of Granville, Rice Lake, Hiddenwood Lake, Makoti Lake (south of Makoti and close to nearby Hiddenwood Lake), the chain of natural lakes in McLean County - Long, Crooked, and Strawberry lakes - and Lake Audubon - again because of its abundant shore-fishing opportunities. And don't neglect Lake Darling for pike.

Northwestern pike lakes include Smishek Lake and Blacktail Dam.

Now is the time to cast red-and-white Dardevles or large crankbaits from shore, moving out to deeper water in July or August. “The nice thing about pike is they grow fast,” Lee added.

Just a note when pike fishing on Lake Audubon – the lake is stocked with muskie, which are similar in size and coloration to northern pike. Be certain of species identification when keeping pike because all muskie less than 48 inches in length must be released.



### **TROUT:**

Trout aren't native to North Dakota lakes or rivers. They don't spawn naturally in the state, either, so any trout fishery is a result of the cooperative fish spawning, rearing, and stocking program between the Game and Fish Department and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Garrison Dam National Fish Hatchery below Lake Sakakawea.

The Game and Fish Department stocks several community ponds, including Minot's North Dakota State Fair Pond. Rainbow and brown trout are also in the Missouri River below Garrison Dam.

Spring Lake Park near Williston, Kettle Lake northeast of Zahl, and Stanley and Watford City community ponds are stocked annually.

### **WALLEYE:**

Given their popularity, walleye are the most common fish species across North Dakota lakes and draw the most attention from fisheries managers.

The Missouri River System - Lake Sakakawea, Lake Oahe, and the river itself - plus Lake Audubon and Devils Lake are the state's premier walleye fisheries as well as regional destinations for many anglers.

However, other smaller nearby lakes can provide walleye opportunities and may not garner as much attention. Lee suggests places like Buffalo Lodge Lake, Lake Metigoshe, Lake Audubon, Hiddenwood Lake, Antelope Lake northeast of Anamoose in Pierce County, or Clear Lake southeast of Anamoose. A word of caution, though, Lee offered - Clear Lake doesn't have a boat ramp and shore access is limited.

The south side of Lake Audubon is closed to open water fishing because it's part of the Fish and Wildlife Service's Audubon National Wildlife Refuge. Buoys mark the boundary across the water. Even so, Audubon has ample shore-fishing opportunities with a Game and Fish Department Wildlife Management Area embracing the north side of the lake to provide multiple boat access points.

Look for the possibility of keeper-sized walleye from White Earth Dam with an occasional larger walleye from Northgate and Blacktail dams.

Early season is the time to try jigs and minnows for walleye, moving into jigs and nightcrawlers as summer advances. Spinners or slow death hooks with nightcrawlers are typically good summer presentations.

The N.D. Game and Fish Department website, ([gf.nd.gov](http://gf.nd.gov)) has just about everything an angler needs to know to help them head to the water for a summer fishing adventure. Simply click "Fishing" on the home page, and then "Where to Fish" for details.

**The N.D. Game and Fish Department stocks catchable sized rainbow and brown trout in several community ponds in the state, providing shore-fishing in small and larger towns alike. For example, the North Dakota State Fair Pond has trout, as do ponds in communities such as Stanley and Watford City. In addition, the Missouri River tailrace below Garrison Dam is another good location to test one's fly-casting ability.**

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**Although walleye are the most-desired fish species among anglers heading to North Dakota lakes and rivers, many lakes across the state offer a variety of other species.**

Patricia Stockdill Photo

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## Adams Lake

Lots of small perch, with some up to 10 inches, and a few Walleye.

## Arnegard Dam

Primarily pike, with some larger fish. Some adult perch and an abundance of black bullhead. Stocked with adult catfish in 2016.

## Bisbee Dam - Big Coulee

Pike, walleye, perch, bluegill and crappie. Most walleye longer than 16 inches. Good pike numbers with some up to 6 pounds. Most perch are small.

## Boundary Lake

Decent number of 6-8 inch perch.

## Coal Mine Lake

Good number of northern pike, with some larger fish.

## Crooked Lake

Good number of nice sized pike and walleye, with some smaller perch.

## East Park Lake

Decent walleye numbers, with some larger fish. Fair number of small to medium sized yellow perch. Bluegill population has increased in recent years.

## Epping-Springbrook Dam

Fair populations of northern pike, walleye and perch. Black bullhead abundant.

## Fox Lake

Good walleye and perch populations, with larger fish present.

## Froelich Dam

Walleye and pike abundant. Yellow perch, crappie, bluegill and largemouth bass present.

## Gravel Lake

Pike and perch fishery. Pike average about 24 inches and most perch under 10 inches.

## Green Lake

Quality walleye and perch fishery, with a low number of pike.

## Harmony Lake

Good number of bluegill, with some quality sized fish. Stocked annually with rainbow trout.

## Hatchery Kids Pond

Good shore fishing for early season trout.

## Jasper Lake

Walleye up to 25 inches abundant and a fair number of large perch present.

## Juanita Lake

Some pike available, but not high numbers. Bullhead abundant.

## Kettle Lake

Primarily a rainbow trout fishery, but also contains some brown trout and largemouth bass. Small perch abundant.

## Kraft Slough

Walleye and perch abundant.

## Lightning Lake

A quality trout fishery, with some large fish. Stocked annually with rainbow trout.

## Little Heart Pond

Catchable sized rainbow trout stocked in spring.

## McPhail Lake

Small perch abundant and low numbers of walleye present.

## Mirror Lake

Stocked fry walleye in May.

## Nelson Lake

The best largemouth bass lake in the state. Abundant quality sized bluegill and crappie.

## Northgate Dam

Good populations of walleye, rainbow trout and bluegill. Fair number of black crappie and a few largemouth bass.

## Odland Lake

Abundant perch up to 1 pound & bluegill up to 1 pound. Abundant young walleye, with some up to a quarter-pound.

## Painted Woods Creek

Fair number of northern pike.

## Paris Lake

Fair number of perch various sizes.

## Rafferty Lake

Walleye up to 18 inches abundant.

## Round Lake

Good number of pike and some walleye.



**Smallmouth bass can be an underappreciated fish among many North Dakota anglers because of their passion for walleye but they're missing out on a lot of action and good eating. Try some of the McClusky Canal lakes, Lake Audubon, or rocky points on the bays of the east end of Lake Sakakawea.**

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## Beaver Lake State Park

Located on the west shore of Beaver Lake, the park's gently rolling prairie provides scenic views for leisurely walks. In the summer, the lake attracts visitors for boating, canoeing, water skiing and fishing. Camping, picnicking and water-based activities available from mid-May through the end of September.

## Cross Ranch State Park

Located along 7 miles of the last free-flowing, undeveloped stretches of the Missouri River, North Dakota's Cross Ranch Centennial State Park is rich in cultural and natural history.

## Downstream Campground

Downstream Campground is located on the east bank of the Missouri River below Garrison Dam, which forms Lake Sakakawea. The area offers a wide variety of recreational activities, including boating, fishing and hunting.

## Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park

Rich in both military and early Native American history, Fort Abraham Lincoln was once an important infantry and cavalry post. It was from this fort that Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer and the Seventh cavalry rode out on their ill-fated expedition against the Sioux at the Little Big Horn. Portions of the military post, including the Custer House, have been reconstructed. Popular with visitors is On-A-Slant Indian Village. Reconstructed earthlodges depict the lifestyle of the Mandan Indians, who occupied this site from about 1575-1781. A modern campground is located in a scenic wooded area adjacent to the Heart River with picnic sites and playground equipment. Walking along the gently sloping hills, visitors have a panoramic vista of the Missouri River from the park's nature and historic trails. The park also has 4 primitive campsites with horse corrals.

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## Fort Ransom State Park

The park, nestled in the picturesque and heavily-wooded Sheyenne River Valley, is managed as a natural and scenic area, and is located on one of North Dakota's officially designated Scenic Byways and Backways.

## Fort Stevenson State Park

On the north shore of giant Lake Sakakawea, 3 miles south of Garrison, Ft. Stevenson State Park is known as the walleye capital of North Dakota. Visitors will find a modern campground, sleeping cabins, visitor center, interpretive trails and prairie dog town, as well as boat launching facilities.

## Grahams Island State Park

The lake features some of the best fishing in North Dakota, both summer and winter. Amenities at Grahams Island State Park include a boat ramp, bait shop, modern and primitive camping facilities and camping cabins.

## Icelandic State Park

Located on the north shore of Lake Renwick, Icelandic State Park offers visitors a wide array of recreational opportunities and glimpses of North Dakota's homesteading heritage.

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## Lake Metigoshe State Park

Nestled in the scenic Turtle Mountains on the shores of Lake Metigoshe, Lake Metigoshe State Park was constructed by the Works Progress Administration in the 1930s and is one of the most popular year-round vacation spots in North Dakota.

## Lake Sakakawea State Park

Located on the south shore of Lake Sakakawea, adjacent to Garrison Dam, Lake Sakakawea State Park offers a wide range of water based recreational activities and facilities. The park has a full service marina, including convenience store, fishing guide services and boat and camper storage.



Fort Stevenson State Park

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Sunsets in North Dakota  
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## Lewis and Clark State Park

Lewis and Clark State Park is situated on one of the upper bays of Lake Sakakawea. The rugged buttes of the North Dakota Badlands display a towering backdrop to one of the state's best recreation areas.

## Little Missouri State Park

Some of the most picturesque Badlands scenery can be found at Little Missouri State Park. Most of this primitive park is accessible only on foot or horseback. Electrical hookups are available to campers, however, all other facilities are primitive.

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## Sully Creek State Park

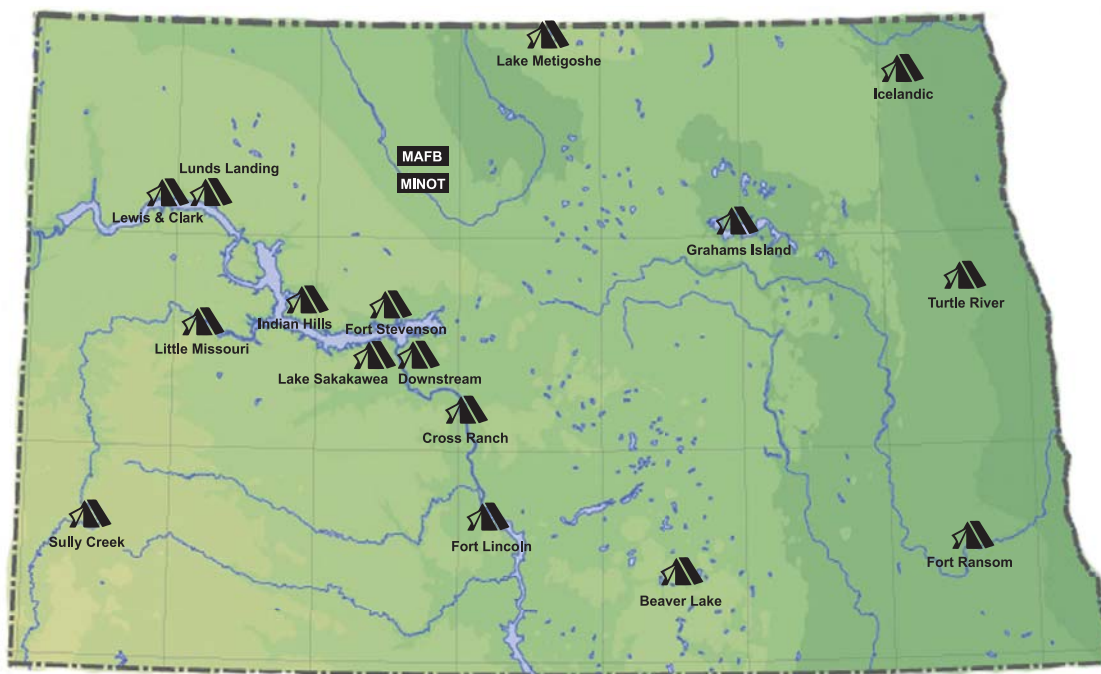
Located in the heart of the North Dakota badlands, Sully Creek is just minutes away from the historic town of Medora and Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Corrals are available for those bringing in their own horses.

## Turtle River State Park

Situated on the meandering Turtle River, Turtle River State Park is located in a beautiful wooded valley. Constructed in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps, the park offers year-round recreational activities, including camping, picnicking, fishing and trails for hiking, mountain biking and cross country skiing.

## Theodore Roosevelt National Park

Whether you're an avid camper, a hiking expert or just love beautiful scenery, there is something for everyone to enjoy at Theodore Roosevelt National Park. The park spans a total of 70,447 acres and is open year-round, although some trails and facilities are only open seasonally. The North Unit Visitor Center is open daily April to mid-October and Friday, Saturday and Sunday through the rest of the year. Be sure to drive the 14-mile Scenic Drive that leads in from the entrance of the park to Oxbow Overlook. The South Unit Visitor Center is located at the park entrance in Medora, North Dakota. It has an info desk, museum, movie and offers plenty of opportunities to learn about Theodore Roosevelt and his experience in the badlands. A major feature of the South Unit is the paved, 26-mile Scenic Loop Drive with interpretive stops that illustrate the parks history and natural features. Over 100 miles of trail make it a first-class hiking park, although because prairie and grasslands mostly surround the park, water and shade are limited along trails. Some are short self-guided trails while other trails span the length of the park.



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## Fun for the whole family

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Be sure to keep pets leashed and minding their manners in public. Also, don't forget to take the proper precautions and bring plenty of water for hot, active days to prevent overheating.

All parks in Minot Parks District are open to pets but not the designated facilities. Here are a few of Minot's favorite trails and parks that are great for a walk with your furry friend!

Bison Plant Trail – 7801 54th Ave SE, Minot

Oak Park – 1300 4th Ave NW, Minot

Riverwalk Trail – 134-140 6th St SE, Minot

Roosevelt Park – 1215 E Burdick Expy, Minot

Woodland Trail – Off of 83 Bypass, Minot

For a quick bite or a refreshing drink, drop by these local businesses with dog-friendly patio space!

Atypical Brewery – 510 Central Ave E, Minot

Spicy Pie Minot – 1100 N Broadway, Minot

North Dakota has a plethora of government protected parks. In all North Dakota state parks, pets are not allowed in lodging or on designated swimming beaches. However, pets are allowed in campgrounds, on trails, and even on boats, provided that no trace is left behind and remain leashed in non-designated areas. Here are some ND parks where pets are allowed on trails and in campgrounds:

Cross Ranch State Park

Little Missouri State Park – also horse-friendly

Pembina Gorge State Recreation Area – also horse-friendly

Sully Creek State Park – also horse-friendly

Turtle River State Park

Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park – also horse-friendly

Fort Ransom State Park – also horse-friendly

Icelandic State Park

Beaver Lake State Park

Fort Stevenson State Park – also allowed on rental boats, provided that no trace is left behind

Grahams Island State Park – Dog park, no dogs on designated swimming beach but allowed on other shores

Lake Metigoshe State Park – Dog park, no dogs on designated swimming beach but allowed on other shores

Lake Sakakawea

Lewis and Clark State Park – Dog park

Theodore Roosevelt National Park – Leashed pets allowed in the park at campgrounds, on sidewalks, roads, etc. but not allowed on trails. Maah Daah Hey Trail located just outside the park is pet friendly. Horse-friendly on backcountry trails and cross country

Outside of government parks, there are plenty of campgrounds, trails, and areas that allow leashed, well-behaved pets:

Black Butte Adventures

Woodland Resort – pets not allowed on boats, but are allowed in rooms and cabins for a fee

To find more pet-friendly lodging, visit [ndtourism.org](http://ndtourism.org) and click on "Places to Stay."

# The Other Dakota: Worth the Drive

## A road trip must for everyone at Minot

ERIN BEENE

**Badlands National Park awes with varied landscapes and lots of hiking possibilities**

Erin Beene Photos

I'm a traveler now. I wasn't always. After we were stationed at RAF Mildenhall, England, about 10 years ago, I uncovered a European attitude that I wasn't aware existed. The Europeans (much before Covid) all seemed to adopt a traveling spirit that I hadn't found in the 25 years I lived in the US. Traveling to new countries and places, taking a "holiday," was something the Brits and Europeans seemed to do all the time. Yet I knew many people growing up that had never even left the state of Texas, some never even traveling beyond a 200-mile radius. But as anyone who has lived overseas will tell you, travel is much more commonplace. So, after a first year of a colicky baby, my small family and I gave in and joined the travel epidemic around us. I was awed by the new worlds that greeted me. Thus, like so many before me, I fell in love with travel.

Since that time I have made it my mission to use our home base (wherever that may be) and find the coolest places we can visit in the surrounding areas. Knowing we will only be in each place a short time, it gets my travel engines pumping. After surviving my first Minot winter this past year, I needed to get out of town, and fast. But where could we go? What was affordable, driveable and kid-friendly? Looking slightly south in an attempt to warm a tiny bit, my family and I settled on none other than South Dakota!

The state of South Dakota is massive and, unlike its upstairs neighbor North Dakota, there were a lot of places that popped up when I Googled "Places to Visit in South Dakota." We only had six days, and we knew we wanted to visit our good friends stationed at Ellsworth AFB near Rapid City, so I started our trip in that area. Day one started a little after sunrise and ended at our first destination of Deadwood in the Black Hills. The drive was only about seven hours from Minot, but I do need to add that when driving anywhere for long distances in the Dakotas, get gas wherever you can! I know it is crazy expensive nowadays and probably even more so in these backroads towns, but trust me. We learned the hard way that gas stations are not readily available in the North Dakota state highways and backroads. If you see a gas station on a long journey, top off,

just to be safe. Back to Deadwood. Deadwood is known for its late 1800s gold rush and the legendary lawmen and outlaws that roamed the area. The town itself is tiny, but there are lots of hotel options in town to choose from. We stayed near the main street as we wanted to be within walking distance to the attractions. We visited the "Days of '76 Museum" which had a lot of kid friendly activities and information about the original settlers in Deadwood. It's worth a visit if you like museums. Since we visited in May, we were a little bummed to find out that many of the Deadwood classic activities were not yet open as the tourist season had not yet begun. If you like to do things in the off-season to avoid crowds, like us, you may be disappointed with Deadwood. I would suggest going during the crazy summer months with the rest of the tourists to get the full shows, and experiences.

After exploring everything we could in Deadwood we took off for Spearfish. We happened upon Spearfish City Park and my kids (ages 9 & 6) had a blast! If you've got kids, this playground will wow the entire family and is worth a stop. Outside the playground area was a little creek bed where we spent some time skipping rocks. While it was too chilly for wading, I imagine it is a popular splashing spot in the summer. We had to pull



**Spearfish City Park is a Must-Stop for Kids**



We loved the historical sights in downtown Deadwood.

our kids away from the playground to explore the newly-named D.C. Booth Historic National Fish Hatchery. We were skeptical about this place, but it actually ended up being really informative and interesting! Make sure you bring some quarters to get fish food and check out the re-made train car that used to transport fish all over the US. The fish hatchery is a really educational and free place to stop!



A small hike led to the Dinosaur Park near Rapid City .



The Presidents Walk in downtown Rapid City, a free and educational adventure.

Our first evening in Rapid City we ventured out to the Dinosaur Park. It's a little bit of a steep climb to see the dinosaurs and toddlers may need some strict attention, but once at the top, the panoramic views of the city were amazing! This was a cool place to see but won't take up much of your time, so it's an easy 15-20 minute time filler.

Since we are a homeschool family, most trips end up being a bit educational. We have been studying the US Presidents and South Dakota has so much President information that we decided to make it the theme for our trip. Early on a cloudless, sunny morning, we headed to downtown Rapid City, intent on locating every single statue of American Presidents which are scattered within a few blocks downtown. A walking tour map can be located online at [visitrapidcity.com](http://visitrapidcity.com). We printed this and started our adventure. Yep, we found every single President (except Trump and Biden who haven't been made yet) and it took us a little less than two hours. This was honestly one of the most fun parts of our trip! My kids love a good checklist, so the hunt for all the presidents was a cool historic activity for us. Even if you don't think your family is up for the entire hunt, stopping and seeing at least a few is worth it for all ages. I'm not much of a foodie, so the places we ate were generally quick. But while in downtown Rapid City we did stop at Firehouse Brewing Company for some amazing food (they also have their own brewery and winery), and you definitely need to stop at Mary's Mountain Cookies for some absolutely delicious and unique flavor cookies!

After our day downtown I dropped off my husband and kids at our friends' house who live at Ellsworth AFB, and my friend and I spent Mother's Day afternoon at the Prairie Ridge Golf Course outside Ellsworth AFB. This 9-hole course offers club rentals, great prices for military personnel and beautiful scenery. I'm a pretty poor golfer. For me it's all about the fun and company, but this course works well both for serious golfers and beginners. We had a blast!

## SOUTH DAKOTA



Retired, glass covered missile silo on the road will be a highlight for any military enthusiast.

Our 4th day in South Dakota was our busiest. We headed out to the Presidential National Wax Museum in Keystone. Since our trip revolved around the Presidents this was a must see! The whole family enjoyed seeing the realistic scenes as well as recording a mock- state of the union address video. We had a full day planned, but just looking around, there were so many cool things to do in Keystone including the Big Thunder Gold Mine and Rushmore Tramway Adventures and lots more. If we went again, I would plan for an entire day in Keystone for sure! After the museum we visited the much-anticipated Mt. Rushmore! While both my husband and I had been there before, our kids hadn't, and for some reason my six year old was amazed! As any parent will tell you, sometimes kids get excited about weird things and aren't into things you'd think they love. Well my daughter loved Mt. Rushmore and that in itself made it a highlight of our trip. The top gets a bit windy and maybe chilly



Family photo at Mt. Rushmore



National parks are always worth checking out

so make sure and bring a jacket if the weather is iffy. Also be sure not to skip the walking trails. After Mt. Rushmore, we drove down to Crazy Horse Memorial and learned a lot about how and why it was and still is being built. After that we planned to drive through Custer State Park, but we decided at the last minute to take a detour to Evan's Plunge Mineral Springs in Hot Springs instead. It was out of the way, but we wanted to give it a whirl. The indoor pool features water slides and naturally warm mineral water from a thermal spring. The place itself was a bit dated, but the kids loved it. The water was chilly, but the unusual atmosphere made it a different type of activity for us and a much needed break in sight-seeing.

On our 5th and last day we headed out to Badlands National Park. Having younger kids, we're not all-day hikers, but the landscape there offered so many different types of visuals and mini hikes... it was a sight to see! We spent several hours there. On the way back to Rapid City we stopped off on the side of the road to see an old, retired missile silo. My husband and probably many other military members found this refurbished and glass ceiling silo to be a cool part of the trip. The silo even has a tour guide out there waiting to answer questions. It is worth stopping for those military enthusiasts and only takes a few minutes. The billboard advertising around the route also led us to stop at Wall Drug on the way back. I think we had the wrong impression of what it was going to be, but we were a bit miffed when what we found was a maze of trinket shops instead of a large and welcoming convenience store. But we got some ice cream and enjoyed the sun anyway.

At the end of the epic South Dakota vacation we were tired and happy. There was so much more to see that we didn't get a chance to, and western SD has so many options for visitors. Even with our full four days we couldn't see near enough. I think this area requires two full-sized trips, but it's definitely a place for families, hiking enthusiasts, motorcycle people (we drove through Sturgis) and really everyone. All I know is that a trip to the western part of South Dakota needs to be on everyone's list. The history, varying landscapes and tourist destinations make it a must see road trip for any Minot AFB resident.



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Fort Stevenson State Park  
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[www.skyfestnd.com](http://www.skyfestnd.com)  
May 29 Military Service Personnel Day with free entrance into park.



### ND Governor's Cup Derby

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[www.ndgovernorscup.com](http://www.ndgovernorscup.com)



### Harvest Market on Main

August 1 - August 29  
Tuesday Evenings  
Main Street  
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### Frontier Military Days

June 24-25 at Noon-4:00pm  
Fort Stevenson State Park  
Living history demonstrations, skills & crafts, & military encampment.  
Saturday: Entertainment TBD, Free Rootbeer Floats.  
Sunday: Presentation TBD, Free Pie & Ice Cream.  
June 25- Visitor Appreciation with Free Entrance to Park



### ND JUNIOR GOVERNOR'S CUP

July 22 at 10:00am-1:00pm  
Fort Stevenson State Park  
Ages 17 & Under. Prizes awarded.  
Lunch provided for participants.



### Tuesday Nights on Main

June TBD  
Garrison City Park  
Enjoy an evening of family fun on Main Street!



### Skinautique & Boat Parade

July 29 at 5:00-10:00pm  
Fort Stevenson State Park



### Aw Shucks! Corn Fest



August 12 at TBD  
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## NORTH DAKOTA DAY TRIPS

Theodore Roosevelt  
National Park Wind Canyon

The best place to be in the summer is lakeside. The calm waters provide an abundance of things to do and enjoy. Swimming, fishing, boating, or just hanging out on the shore are all the perfect activities for a sunny day and are hard to surpass in how fun and easy they are to do.

### East Arroda Lake

This beautiful spot is in Oliver County and provides an excellent spot for fishing and boating. The area is simply gorgeous all summer long.

### Des Lacs Lake

Des Lacs Lake is home to a wildlife refuge as well as recreational areas. These help provide the perfect lake environment for everyone to enjoy. Hundreds of thousands of snow geese stop on their migration to this lake every year and plenty of other wildlife can be seen. Head out to Kenmare, North Dakota and take a visit to Des Lacs Lake and experience it for yourself.

### Des Moines Lake

This lovely lake is the perfect spot for some lakeside lounging as well as some fun on the water. There are a couple of lakes nearby as well, so your possibilities are endless in this area. Des Moines Lake is located in Kidder County about 30 miles from Carrington.

### Devils Lake

Devils Lake is the largest natural lake in North Dakota and is the best spot for summer fishing. If fishing is not your thing, then you can still enjoy the lake in any way you choose. There are tons of opportunities for all sorts of activities and it's definitely worth visiting again and again.

### Lake Audubon

This lake is great for smallmouth bass fishing as well as perch and walleye. It's not only a perfect spot for fishing but also a beautiful spot in general. Grab some rods and check it out sometime!

### Lake Darling

Lake Darling is the focal point of the Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge located in northwest North Dakota.

### Lake Metigoshe

Nestled in the Turtle Mountains, Lake Metigoshe is an absolutely breathtaking spot that is perfect for a stroll or setting out on the beautiful blue waters in a canoe and just enjoying nature and the warm weather. You won't find many places more serene than here, and the environment is picture worthy year round.

### Lake Oahe

Lake Oahe extends from South Dakota all the way into south central North Dakota. It has prime opportunities for catching walleye, northern pike, catfish, and white bass. There's plenty of lake to enjoy and plenty of fish to catch here, and it's definitely a spot you should visit.

### Lake Sakakawea

North Dakota's largest body of water is one of the top destinations for everything you can enjoy when it comes to seasonal lake fun. Whether you have a sailboat, pontoon, canoe, speedboat, or prefer to experience the shore or take a plunge into the water for a swim, you are guaranteed to have a good time here.

### Larimore Dam

Take a weekend trip and camp at this spectacular lake formed from the Larimore Dam. Bring a canoe or kayak and take an early morning adventure across the lake, or just have a picnic lakeside on a pleasant day. There are so many possibilities here to make some awesome summer memories!

### Nelson Lake

Nelson Lake is a great place if you are looking for bass fishing. There are both largemouth and smallmouth bass here along with northern pike and crappies. You're sure to get some bites here!

### Powers Lake

The town of Powers Lake, North Dakota, is right on the banks of Powers Lake. The lake is an optimal spot for all kinds of summer fun, so get out there and enjoy what it has to offer.

### Rice Lake

Rice Lake, near Minot, is a great summer destination for anyone who loves being around water. Swimming, fishing, boating - you name it, this lake is there for. Hang out with family and friends there all day and enjoy a sunset over Rice Lake to complete a perfect summer evening.

### Strawberry Lake

Strawberry Lake is located in McLean County, North Dakota. This lake is 144 acres in size. It is approximately 21 feet deep at its deepest point. Anglers can expect to catch a variety of fish including Bluegill, Northern Pike, Walleye and Yellow Perch.

# EXPLORE RUGBY



## Prairie Village Museum

The community of Rugby is perhaps known best for being the Geographical center of North America as well as the location for the annual Pierce County Fair. Rugby is located 64 miles east of Minot. Rugby has several places of interest for tourists such as a Museum, Library, Golf course, Movie Theater, swimming pool, parks, playgrounds, hockey arena, baseball diamonds, frisbee golf, tennis court, pickleball court and excellent hunting grounds for waterfowl, upland game, and big game. Each summer, the small town hosts the Pierce County Fair July 6-9, 2023 which invites locals and communities nearby to attend attractions such as the demolition derby, carnival rides and Party in the Dirt entertainment this year featuring Mallrats on Friday, July 7 and DRIVE on Saturday, July 8, 2023.

From recreational facilities and shopping, to museums and historical landmarks, Rugby has something for everyone. Whether you're here for the day, a weekend getaway or an extended stay, we have the services and attractions to make your visit both pleasurable and memorable. The Geographical Center of North America was established at (or near) Rugby by a U.S. Geological Survey in 1931. A year later, W. B and E.B. Paterson - assisted by the local Lions Club, Boy Scouts and other volunteers - erected a fieldstone monument at the intersection of U.S. Highway 2 and N.D. Highway 3 to denote Rugby's geographical distinction. Thousands of visitors stop at the monument each year to snap photos at North America's geographical center.

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## Crazy Days

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Thursday, September 21

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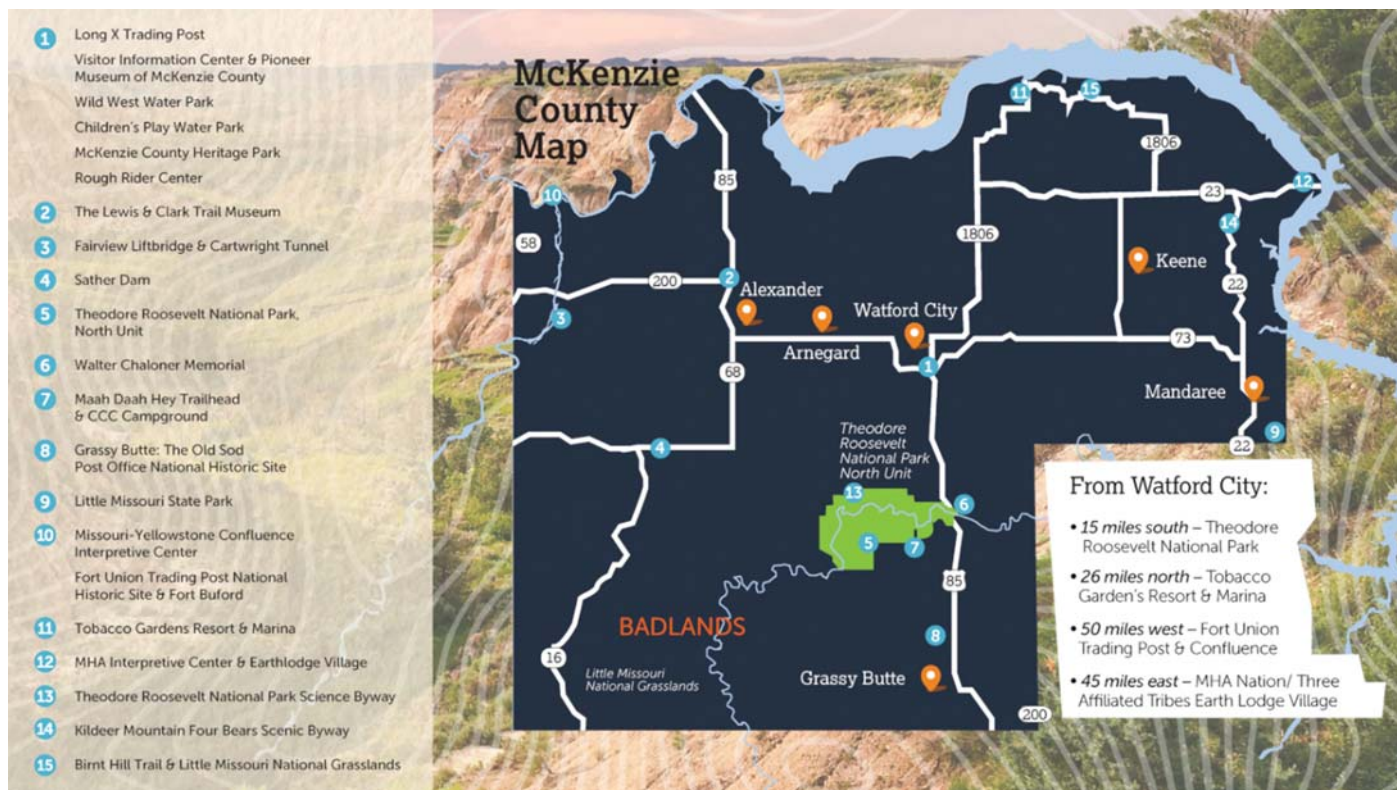
Searching for an all-around destination for your summer adventure? Look no further than Watford City, North Dakota! Watford City is located in McKenzie County, about 2.5 hours west of Minot Air Force Base. Whether you're looking for a cultural experience, fun for the whole family, or an outdoor adventure, Watford City has it all.

The historic city is nestled in western North Dakota near some of the state's most popular attractions, including Theodore Roosevelt National Park and the Little Missouri National Grasslands. Tobacco Gardens Resort and Marina offers local camping, kayak rental, fishing and boat access. Walk or bike the Maah Daah Hey Trail for a taste of North Dakota's majestic terrain.

Take a day off to explore downtown Watford City and you'll find a variety of local shops with hand crafted gifts and North Dakota treasures. The Wild West Water Park has water slides, a splash pad, and a variety of swim activities for some family fun on those extra hot days. Grab a bite to eat and settle down with a drink at one of their unique restaurants, coffee shops, or even the local brewery.

For the history buffs, Watford City has many attractions nearby for visitors to learn about North Dakota's rich past. The McKenzie County Heritage Park sits on six acres of land and includes historic buildings from all over the state and is now open year-round. Nearby, the Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site and Fort Buford State Historic Site offer a glimpse into the history of life on the frontier with original structures and informative (and sometimes interactive) exhibits. Take a tour of a Native American earth lodge and learn more about North Dakota's Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara people at Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site. At the nearby Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, you can hear stories from cultural interpreters and even spend the night in an earth lodge to experience the heritage of North Dakota's indigenous peoples.

To learn more about all Watford City and McKenzie County have to offer and even take a virtual tour, visit [www.visitwatfordcity.com](http://www.visitwatfordcity.com). Plan your trip Watford City today to experience small town charm with big-city attractions!



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#### APRIL

25th - WC Boys Varsity/JV Golf Meet  
27th - Alexander Middle School Golf Meet

#### MAY

4th - Alexander Varsity Golf Meet  
16th - ND Petroleum Council (Private Event)  
20th - WC Golf Club, Welcome Back Scramble  
TBA - WC Varsity Golf Meet  
TBA - WC Middle School Golf Meet

#### June

10th & 11th - WC Golf Club Money Mayhem  
19th - Masonic Lodge #128 Free Family Golf Event  
24th - Brice Brenno Memorial Scramble  
30th - Bakken Women's Open

#### July

18th - Dakota Junior Golf Association  
19th - National Drive Chip Putt Qualifier  
28th-30th - Watford City Oilfield Tournament

#### August

11th - WC Girls Varsity Golf Meet  
19th & 20th - WC Golf Club, Fox Hills Invitational  
25th - Conoco Gas Evening Shotgun (Private Event)

#### September

8th - Targa Resources (Private Event)  
9th - Allen Shelley Memorial Scramble  
10th - Father-Daughter Scramble  
TBA - WCHS Cross Country Meet

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Whapeton, ND | 1004 RJ Hughes Drive  
www.chahinkapazoo.org | 701-642-8709

#### Hours

Daily 10 AM to 7 PM Through Labor Day  
After Labor Day 10A M to 4 PM

#### Admission Fees

Children Under 2:	FREE
Children (Ages 3-12):	\$10.75
Adults:	\$14.75
Seniors (62+):	\$13.75
Military:	\$13.75

### Dakota Zoo

Bismarck, ND | 602 Riverside Park Rd  
www.dakotazoo.org | 701-223-7543

#### Hours (weather permitting)

Summer Hours  
Late April to Sept: 10 AM to 6 PM daily  
Winter Hours  
October to Late April: 1 PM to 5 PM Friday-Sunday

#### Admission Fees

Babies under 2:	Free
Children ages 2-12:	\$10.00
Adults (age 13+):	\$14.00
Seniors (age 60+):	\$12.00
Military (with ID):	\$12.00

### Red River Zoo

Fargo, ND | 4255 23rd Ave S  
www.redriverzoo.org | 701-277-9240

#### Hours

Summer Hours  
Daily 10 AM to 6 PM

#### Admission Fees

Children Under 2:	FREE
Children (Ages 2-14):	\$11.25
Adults:	\$13.75
Seniors (60+):	\$12.75

### Roosevelt Park Zoo

Minot, ND | 1219 Burdick Expy E  
www.rpzoo.com | 701-857-4166

#### Hours (weather permitting)

Summer Hours  
May 9 AM - 6 PM  
June-August 9 AM - 8 PM  
September 10 AM - 6 PM  
Winter Hours  
October - April Monday-Saturday 10AM - 3PM

#### Summer Admission Fees

Children 2 & under:	FREE
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## NORTH DAKOTA MUSEUMS

Fargo Air Museum

### **Bonanzaville USA**

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Interpreters and 40 buildings on 12 acres re-create life when “bonanza” farms ruled the prairies in the late 1800s. Bonanzaville USA includes just about every type of building and business that might have made up a small North Dakota town when the area was being settled.

### **Dakota Territory Air Museum**

Minot, ND | 100 34th Ave NE | 701-852-8500  
The museum tells a rich and varied story of region’s aviation history. In addition to a replica of the Wright Flyer, the museum displays military and civilian aircraft from 1903 through the present. There are exhibits, narratives, kiosks, military uniforms, aviation items, memorabilia, paintings, photographs and a gift shop.

### **Dickinson Museum Center**

Dickinson, ND | 188 Museum Drive E | 701-456-6225  
Dinosaur museum featuring 11 full-scale dinosaur skeletons, including real skeletons excavated from the area, one of the world’s finest real Triceratops skulls, skeletal casts and sculptures. Visitors may also view an outstanding mineral collection from locations all over the world, invertebrate fossils and a real Rhinoceros and bison excavated from the area. The center also contains a history museum that tells the story of Dickinson and southwestern North Dakota. The center contains two exhibit galleries, the Pioneer Machinery Building and the 12-acre Prairie Outpost Park with five historic and six reproduction buildings.

### **Fargo Air Museum**

Fargo, ND | 1609 19th Ave N | 701-293-8043  
A premier flying museum in the Upper Midwest. The rotation of historic flyable airplanes. Other exhibits include: History of the North Dakota Flying Aces, North Dakota Air National Guard, cloud modification and agriculture aviation. We also have historical military displays featuring World War II, Korea, Vietnam and Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

### **Frontier Village & World’s Largest Buffalo**

Jamestown, ND | 404 Louis L’Amour Lane | 701-251-9145  
Take a step back in time at this re-created prairie town. Original buildings from the frontier villages of North Dakota have been moved to this site and filled with antiques and artifacts that bring the world of the prairie pioneers to life.

### **Gateway to Science Center**

Bismarck, ND | 1810 Schafer St, Suite 1  
Gateway to Science is North Dakota’s hands-on science center and children’s museum. Ignite your imagination as you explore our unique gallery containing more than 90 interactive science exhibits. With subjects ranging from robotics to simple machines, real human brain specimen to nanotechnology and beyond, learning is made fun for all ages in an informal environment where hands-on experience is the best teacher.

### **Magic City Discovery Center**

Minot, ND | 1545 1st St NW | 701-858-7529  
The Magic City Discovery Center is a hybrid between a children’s museum and a science center. Magic City Discovery Center boasts 12 galleries of 150 interactive exhibits geared towards kids of all ages. Kids can expel energy at the climbing walls and the extensive 37 foot Magic Climber where the peak offers a 360 degree view of the Magic City itself through glass windows.

### **National Buffalo Museum**

Jamestown, ND | 500 17th St SE | 701-252-8648  
Seeing one albino bison in a lifetime puts you among a lucky few. Find three of them—in one place—and you must be in North Dakota. The National Buffalo Museum has long been known for its albino cow White Cloud, a sacred animal in many Native American cultures.

### **North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame**

Medora, ND | 250 Main Street | 701-623-2000  
Native American, Ranching and Rodeo in Medora provides the history and heritage of the trail drivers, homesteaders, rodeo stars, Native Americans and the horse’s impact on plains culture. Recipient of 2010 Best American Cowboy Museum in Sept. 2010.



Dickinson Museum Center

### North Dakota Heritage Center

Bismarck, ND | 612 E Boulevard Ave | 701-328-2666  
New galleries almost doubled the size of the North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck. Explore the dinosaur age, native tribes and modern cultural issues. Exhibits in the Treehouse, scheduled to open in 2015, will cater to tykes.

### Old Soo Transportation Museum

Minot, ND | 15 North Main Street | 701-852-2234  
The museum focuses on the history of transportation in the American West including railroads, automobiles, buses and aviation. Permanent exhibits include BNSF, Amtrak, Great Northern Railway, Milwaukee Road, Northern Pacific Railway, Soo Line/Canadian Pacific, Railway Express Agency and Westland Oil Company.

### Prairie Village Museum

Rugby, ND | 102 US-2 | 701-776-6414  
This museum at the Geographical Center of North America features 23 historic buildings and six exhibition halls arranged around a quaint village square. The museum's expansive collection includes everything from Native American powwow dresses to antique cars and farm machinery, to a real iron lung.

### Railroad Museum of Minot

Minot, ND | 19 1st St NE | 701-852-7091  
This museum is dedicated to the railroad history and culture that established many of the state's cities. Displays and artifacts trace the vital impact of the railroads on the communities and the way of life the railroads provided for many individuals. The museum focuses on the time period from 1886 to present and has many hands on displays and information for visitors for all ages.

### The Children's Museum at Yunker Farm

Fargo, ND | 1201 28th Ave N 701-232-6102  
The Children's Museum offers hands-on exhibits and creative, unique learning opportunities for children and families. The Museum is located at a picturesque farmstead that includes picnic areas, mini-golf, train and carousel rides, children's gardens, nature trails and a playground.

# MHA Nation Interpretive Center Honoring Native Culture

If you're looking to experience and learn about North Dakota's extensive indigenous culture, be sure to take a visit to the new MHA Nation Interpretive Center in New Town, North Dakota! The MHA Nation, which is comprised of Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation tribes, also known as the Three Affiliated Tribes, is located on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation in central North Dakota and includes over 16,800 members. The Interpretive Center is a newly developed tribute to the history and heritage of the Three Affiliated Tribes.

"We wanted to have a place where people could physically come and experience our culture, whether it's our own members from our reservation or people from off the reservation... We are a very rich culture and there is so much history and so much more to us than people know. It's an opportunity for people to see the entirety of what we've been through as Mandan, Arikara or Hidatsa people and where our history first began and where it is today, because we're still thriving," said Mykal Drosdal, Marketing Manager.

The center includes a variety of amenities and informative displays, including interactive exhibits and a recording studio for tribal members and elders to record their own stories to pass down for generations to come. They offer traditional catered meals and a coffee shop. It also includes two meeting rooms and a scenic rooftop that overlook Lake Sakakawea to be rented out for conferences, meetings, or weddings. The outdoor amphitheater holds up to 500 people for concerts and events. The MHA Interpretive Center also hosts permanent and rotating galleries that display artifacts and history from the three tribes as well as cultural seminars on beading, traditional agriculture and storytelling. There are also archival rooms for research and preservation of artifacts.

The Interpretive Center held its grand opening on May 19, 2021, and the staff looks forward to planning future events and exposing travelers from all over to the amazing heritage of the MHA Nation. Check out their Facebook page at MHA Nation Interpretive Center. The MHA Nation Interpretive Center is located at 9386 Lake Sakakawea Road, New Town, ND.



MHA Nation Interpretive Center  
MHA Nation Interpretive Center Photo

# NORTH DAKOTA MUSEUMS



Newly opened children's museum  
Magic City Discovery Center

## Magic City Discovery Center

North Dakota's first interactive science and children's museum is bursting at the seams with excitement! The glowing building on Minot's North Hill has been beckoning the imaginations of children (and adults) for months. And as of May 2023, the building is officially open to the public!

Parents won't have to worry about their kids not learning over the summer break this year because the Magic City Discovery Center boasts 12 galleries of 150 interactive exhibits geared towards kids of all ages. Kids can expel energy at the climbing walls and the extensive 37 foot Magic Climber where the peak offers a 360 degree view of the Magic City itself through glass windows.



Kids will also experience physical science come to life in the Air Forces gallery where different playscapes offer hands-on learning about wind energy. Although science focused, the Discovery Center also includes a space for the artist to blossom with the Creativity Studio. This gallery "encourages fearless creativity, creative problem solving, and risk as children of all ages explore a wide range of art disciplines with STEAM relationships to both process and products."

They offer yearly family memberships, military discounts and a wide range of open hours both on weekdays and weekends. Come on out and experience the brand new Magic City Discovery Center this summer! The kids will have so much fun you will forget how much they are learning!

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### Raging Rivers Waterpark

Mandan, ND | 2600 46th Avenue SE | 701-663-3393

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### Roosevelt Park Pool

Minot, ND | 1215 E Burdick Expy | 701-857-4136

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**Upper Missouri Valley Fair**  
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Minot, ND | 1901 N Broadway | 701-852-4108  
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### Oak Park Theater

Minot, ND | 1500 4th Ave NW | 701-852-7469  
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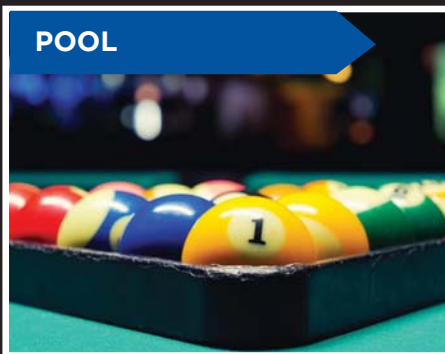
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### **Edgewater Golf Course**

New Town, ND | 100 Highway 23 | (701) 627-9407  
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### **Minot Country Club**

Minot, ND | 1912 Valley Bluff Dr | 701-852-3591  
This member only course features four sets of tees ranging from 4,686 yards to 7,029 yards. In addition to world-class golf, Minot Country Club has a new clubhouse featuring golf shop, restaurant, lounge, conference room and locker room facilities. There is a practice facility with short game area, a member pool and other year round family friendly activities.

### **Pebble Creek Golf Course**

Bismarck, ND | 2525 N. 19th St | 701-223-3600  
Pebble Creek plays to par 70 with a length of 5,874 yards for 18 holes. This links-style course with native grass rough has water in play on five holes, and big fast greens to test your putting nerves. Pebble Creek is also the site of Fore Seasons Golf Center that features an indoor driving range, pro shop and a batting cage. Club rentals, pro shop, indoor and outdoor driving range, putting green and cart rentals are also available.

### **Riverwood Golf Course**

Bismarck, ND | 725 Riverwood Drive | 701-222-6462  
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Minot AFB, ND | 220 Golf Drive | 701-723-3164  
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Pebble Creek Golf Course

### Souris Valley Golf Course

Minot, ND | 2400 14th Avenue SW | 701-857-4189  
The 18-hole "Souris Valley" course at the Souris Valley Golf Course facility in Minot, North Dakota features 6,759 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 72 . The course rating is 72.5 and it has a slope rating of 125 on Blue tees.

### Star City Golf Course

Velva, ND | Highway 41 North | 701-338-2363  
9-holes of golf that is ideal for all levels of golfers and is designed to help you improve your game. You will be able to test your skill set with our numerous water hazards and carefully placed sand traps.

### Super Slide (Mini Golf)

Bismarck, ND | 500 Riverside Park Rd | 701-255-1107  
Superslide Amusement Park has a variety of activities for everyone to enjoy! Come play a round of mini-golf with friends or challenge your family to a game of Bankshot Basketball. Take a trip down the 6-lane Superslide and soar above the trees on the Ferris Wheel.

### The Links of North Dakota

Ray, ND | 5153 109th Ave NW | 701-568-2600  
The Links of North Dakota is an example of some of the purest links style golf. This natural, rolling true links design harkens back to the birth of the game – golf as it should be played - in a truly magnificent setting along the bluffs and banks overlooking sprawling Lake Sakakawea.

### Thunder Road (Mini Golf)

Fargo, ND | 2902 Thunder Rd S | 701-282-5151  
Two unique 18-hole miniature golf courses, both playing up around the volcano, with ponds, rivers and waterfalls. You can have a relaxing round of golf or play competitive style complete with score cards.

### Vardon Golf Club

Minot, ND | 7101 County Road 15 W | 701-852-0312  
Formally the Minot Country Club, hosting golfers since 1929 but devastated by 2011 flooding, then rebuilt and rebranded as Vardon Golf Club, this golf course offers a memorable golfing experience for all types of players. Come out for a great round of golf or just to grab some food in the bar/grille.

### Wildwood Country Club Golf Course

Burlington, ND | 8401 Highway 15 | 701-725-4653  
Wildwood Country Club is an 18-hole regulation length golf course. Offers amenities such as a driving range, pull carts, riding carts, lessons, pro shop gear and great dining.

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# 2023 SCHEDULE

**APRIL 22&23**

MAGIC CITY CAR AND TRADE SHOW

**APRIL 30**

TEST AND TUNE 12-6

**MAY 7**

RACE NIGHT 6PM  
SM - ST - SC - H - M

SWANSON EQUIPMENT BOBCAT

**MAY 14**

MOTHERS DAY 6PM  
SM - ST - H - M

**MAY 21**

RACE NIGHT 6PM  
SM - ST - SC - M

DYNAMIC AUTO SOLUTIONS  
PAPA'S POWER WHEELS AT INTERMISSION

**MAY 28**

RACE NIGHT 6PM  
W - SM - ST - SL - H - M

VISION ZERO  
VETERANS / FIRST RESPONDERS APPRECIATION NIGHT

**MAY 29**

MEMORIAL DAY 6PM  
W - SC - SM - M

FURY ENERGY  
TOPLESS NIGHT  
\$2000 TO WIN MODS  
\$1000 TO WIN SPORT MODS

**JUNE 4**

RACE NIGHT 7PM  
ST - SC - H - M

SCHATZ CROSSROADS

**JUNE 11**

TTDT 7PM  
ST - SC - H - SM

PAUL'S TOWING  
TOUGHER THAN DIRT TOUR

**JUNE 18**

FATHERS DAY 7PM  
W - SM - ST - H - M

TUFF TRUCKS

**JUNE 25**

RACE NIGHT 7PM  
SM - SC - H - M - INEX LEGENDS

HELENA

**JULY 4**

INDEPENDENCE DAY 7PM  
SM - ST - H - M

TOO DARK MOTORSPORTS  
MODIFIED & STOCK CAR  
ALL-STAR QUALIFIERS

**JULY 9**

MOD TOUR 7PM  
ST - M

BULLET TRANSMISSION

**JULY 24**

START TIME 7PM  
NDSF DEMO DERBY

**AUGUST 6**

RACE NIGHT 7PM  
INEX LEGENDS REGIONAL QUALIFIER  
H - SC - INEX LEGENDS

**AUGUST 13**

RACE NIGHT 7PM  
SM - SC - H - M

BURLINGTON NORTHERN

**AUGUST 20**

RACE NIGHT 7PM  
W - SM - ST - H - INEX LEGENDS  
BEETER BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION

**AUGUST 27**

CHAMPIONSHIP NIGHT 7PM  
SM - ST - SC - H - M

DAKOTA TRUCK & FARM  
HARRY'S TIRE SERVICE

**GOOSENECK HARVEST CLASSIC AT MOTOR MAGIC**

**SEPTEMBER 1**

FRIDAY MOTOR MAGIC 6PM  
SM - ST - H - M

GOOSENECK IMPLEMENT

**SEPTEMBER 2**

SATURDAY MOTOR MAGIC 6PM  
SM - ST - SL - SC - H - M

GOOSENECK IMPLEMENT

**SEPTEMBER 3**

SUNDAY MOTOR MAGIC 6PM  
SM - ST - SL - SC - H - M

GOOSENECK IMPLEMENT

H - HOBBY STOCK SM - SPORTMOD SC - SPORT COMPACT ST - STOCK CAR  
M - MODIFIED SL - SLINGSHOT W - NON WING

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Riding is allowed on:

- A paved highway posted with a speed limit not exceeding 55 miles per hour.
- A licensed driver over 16 years of age may operate a registered Class III OHV on a paved highway designated and posted at a speed not exceeding 65 miles per hour.
- The highway right of way, bottom of the ditch or along the outslope. It is illegal to operate on the shoulder or inside slope.
- A gravel, dirt, or loose surface roadway.

Riding is NOT allowed on:

- Controlled access highways/interstates
- Posted or restricted public/private property that is regulated by local ordinances
- State Parks, State Recreation Areas, Historic Sites or Wildlife Protection and Management Areas
- Tree nursery or planting areas
- Railroad right of ways
- Motorized trails designed and leased for snowmobiles

### Public lands open to OHV riding:

- **Pembina Gorge** - Pembina Gorge trails will be open to OHV recreation starting Memorial Day weekend.
- **St. John's OHV Park** - Located NW of Rolla in the town of St. John.
- **Little Missouri National Grasslands** - Riders will find several hundred miles of riding opportunities. OHVs must stay on established roads and trails.
- **Roughrider OHV Trail** - A 16-mile trail managed by the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department. The trail is located 30 miles south of Mandan on Highway 1806; it begins at the Fort Rice Campground, travels north on an old railroad bed, and ends at Little Heart Bottoms.
- **Kimball Bottoms Recreation Area** - Also known as, The Desert, this 400-acre play area is managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and is located 8 miles south of Bismarck, ND.



Pembina Gorge

# FLYING ADVENTURE



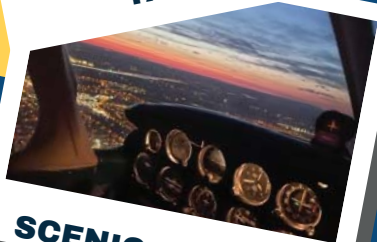
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## RECREATIONAL RENTALS

### **Paddle On North Dakota | Mandan, ND**

#### **Stand Up Paddle Boards**

The stand up paddle board can be as challenging as you make it - can you imagine doing yoga while floating down the Missouri River? It is totally doable!

#### **Canoes**

Bringing stuff? Our 17ft Canoes can pack ALOT of gear! They can also fit 2 adults or a few kids.

#### **Kayaks**

Kayaks glide through the water with ease. More maneuverable than canoes, they also have some space to stow gear.

#### **Tandem Kayaks**

Kayak with a friend... do less work! Paddling is much easier in a tandem. Fits 2 people plus some of your stuff.

### **Van Hook Resort | New Town, ND**

#### **Fishing Boats & Kayaks**

Predator single person fishing kayaks that come with stabilizer bar for stand up casting, fish stringer, raised seat, landing net, rod holders and more! Heron Twin, 2 person fishing or touring kayaks. Sleek and stable design, comfort molded seats. Perfect one or two adults or one adult and a couple smaller children. Heron Junior, single person youth kayak. Stable, safe and tons of fun for young paddlers!

#### **Stand Up Paddle Boards**

Walk on water! Stable design for paddlers of all ages and skill levels. Rental includes life jackets and brief instruction for first time paddlers

### **Woodland Resort | Devils Lake, ND**

#### **Fishing Boats & Pontoons**

Alumacraft Fishing Boats, deluxe fishing style Avalon pontoons, and deluxe cruise-fish style Avalon pontoons. All rentals come with fuel, life jackets, landing nets, minnow buckets, and are well maintained and guaranteed dependable. Rent by the day, 1/2 day, or hour. Special week packages. Full-day rentals are required on weekends and holidays.

### **Fort Stevenson State Park**

#### **Garrison Marina**

Aqua Pads, Bikes, Canoes, Fat Tire Bikes, Kayaks, Kicksleds, Motorized Boats, Boats, Pontoons, Paddleboats.

### **Lake View Lodge | Devils Lake, ND**

#### **Fishing Boats**

3- 18 ft Lund Alaskans, with 4 pedestal seats and a 75 hp 4-stroke motor. Side counsels.

### **Lake Sakakawea | Pick City, ND**

The Park rents a variety of recreational equipment including paddle boats, canoes, kayaks, paddle boards and wave runners. All equipment is housed and rented at the park swim beach. Personal Floatation Devices (PFD's) are offered on loan for both adults and children.

### **Dakota Cyclery Mountain Bike Adventures | Medora, ND**

#### **Mountain Bikes**

We have a wide variety of rentals - from high end full sususpention for the Maah Daah Hey to flat bar road bikes for the nearby National Park Loop to cruisers for hitting the streets of little Medora.

### **Epic Sports | Bismarck, ND**

**Bikes**  
The Bismarck-Mandan area is filled with bike trails — paved and off-road, just waiting for you to ride. If you're from out-of-town, or your bike is in the shop, consider renting one of our bikes. Our rental bikes are always kept in tip-top shape and are of the highest quality. Our staff will help you select the best bike for you and what you intend to do. We also have bike trail maps available, and can help get you where you need to be to find that perfect trail. We are also one of the last stops before the legendary Maah Daah Hey Trail in Western North Dakota.





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## SHOOTING RANGES

### Souris Valley Bowmen

#### Bismarck/Mandan Rifle & Pistol Association

Bismarck, ND | 701-673-3321  
Muzzleloading, Outdoor Pistol, Outdoor Rifle (50-1000 yds),  
Pistol Silhouette, Rifle Silhouette.

#### Capital City Sporting Clays LLC

Bismarck, ND | 701-220-1003  
Skeet, Sporting Clays.

#### Lake Region Shooting Sports Association

Devils Lake, ND | Box 207 | 701-662-5301  
Archery, Indoor Pistol (50 ft), Indoor Rifle (50 ft), Muzzleloading,  
Outdoor Pistol (25,50,75,100,150,200,300 ), Outdoor Rifle  
(25,50,75,100,150,200,300 ), Pistol Silhouette, Rifle Silhouette,  
Skeet, Trap.

#### Nodak Arms Pistol Range

Minot, ND | 601 104th St SE | 701-839-0005  
2 Lane Range is 2 lanes. \$1/minute gets you access to the entire  
range regardless of the number of shooters in your group.  
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different or do not have your own firearm. Open 10am-6pm  
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#### Minot Rifle & Pistol Club

Minot, ND | 1600 62nd St SW | 701-838-7882  
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classroom; 120 acres outdoor range complete with multiple  
shooting bays for pistol and longer range rifle bays. Outdoor  
range is for members and their guests with passes only. Indoor  
range is for members and the general public.

#### Rugby Shooting Club

Rugby, ND | Box 153 | 701-776-2879  
Airgun, Outdoor Pistol (25 & 50 yds), Outdoor Rifle (25, 50, 75,  
100 & 200 yds), Pistol Silhouette, Rifle Silhouette, Sporting Clays,  
Trap.

#### Souris Valley Bowmen

Minot, ND | 6175 County Road 12 W | 701-240-6892  
The Souris Valley Bowmen archery club maintains a 45-  
acre outdoor range from May 1st until November, located  
3 miles west of Minot, 1/2 mile southwest of the Trestle  
Valley railroad trestle. Full and Partial Year memberships are  
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#### Spartan Firearms

Minot, ND | 7051 Hwy 2 & 52 W | 701.838.4867  
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round.

#### Turtle Lake Wildlife Club

Turtle Lake, ND | 701-448-2687  
Trap.

#### Public Shooting Ranges

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department manages five  
public shooting ranges on its wildlife management areas.  
These are generally open to the public year round. However,  
they may periodically close for maintenance, improvements  
and events.

#### Lewis and Clark WMA

Six miles southwest of Williston

#### Little Heart Bottoms

12 miles south of Mandan off ND Highway 1806

#### MacLean Bottoms

Two miles south of ND Hwy 1804, 15 miles SE of Bismarck

#### Riverdale WMA

Two miles southwest of Riverdale

#### Wilton Mine WMA

Two miles east of Wilton



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