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Beulah Area

1 Camping
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2 Black Sands Golf Course
The Public course, formerly known as Beulah Municipal Golf Course, has been in operation since 1953. Play this 9-hole course twice, and it measures 6,226 yards and plays to a par 70. You'll find water hazards, elevation changes, grass, and coal slag bunkers. Services available are a smoke free lounge, pro shop, driving range, and putting green. Cart and club rentals are also available. Call now to schedule your tee time, (701) 873-2929.

3 Dakota Walleye 5K
July 25
Bring your family out to Beulah Bay and join us for our DWC Family 5K Run/Walk. \$20.00 per person. Registration starts at 9:00 am and race begins at 9:30 am. All proceeds go towards our improvements out at Beulah Bay. Registration forms are available online at www.beulahparks.com or at the Energy Wellness Center. To guarantee a shirt, forms must be turned in by July 10th.

4 Area Museums
Mercer County Historical Museum is open Wednesday's 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Or by appointment by calling (701) 873-5070. This museum takes its visitors on a trip through time, from the early dental office, one-room school house, rodeo displays, timeless wedding apparel, military items and much, much more. Pfenning Wildlife Museum is the largest individual wildlife collection in North Dakota that includes 175 animal specimens from around the world. To schedule a visit call, (701) 873-5253.



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Annual Prom for the Parks **August 22**

"Prom for the Parks" is a fundraiser event for new playground. Doors will open at 8:00 p.m., Dance from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. Full Bar by The Night Owl, Appetizers and Desserts by Bronsons, photos by Professional Photographer Destinee Jensen will be available. Event tickets available at the Energy Wellness Center! Ticket prices are \$60.00 couple and \$45.00 single. Prom Attire Optional but encouraged. More information to follow once we get closer. Call Sonja at 873-5852 for more information. Must be 21 or older for this event.



Golden Valley Rally **August 15**

Car show poker run and street dance with Borderline. 11 am - poker run start
12 pm - show and shine car show
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8:30 pm - street dance
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9 Achievement Days
August 29-30

The Mercer County Fair Board is hosting Achievement Days as an event with a lot of similarities with a traditional fair. There won't be a carnival but their will be 4-H and livestock presentations.

10 Riverside Park

Located on nearly 25 acres on the south bank of the Knife River. A series of loop roads provide access to the high school football field, three separate playground areas, horseshoes pits, five picnic shelters, and a frisbee golf course. Riverside Park has bathroom facilities and electrical camping. It is also within walking distance of the Black Sands Golf Club. Beulah has 10 plus parks in city limits.

11 Energy Wellness Center

Built in April 2018, this state of the art facility provides fitness seekers with year-round activities. Amenities include: basketball court, cardio deck, community room, daycare, golf simulator, group exercise studio, lobby, locker rooms, racquetball court, indoor walking/running track, and weight.



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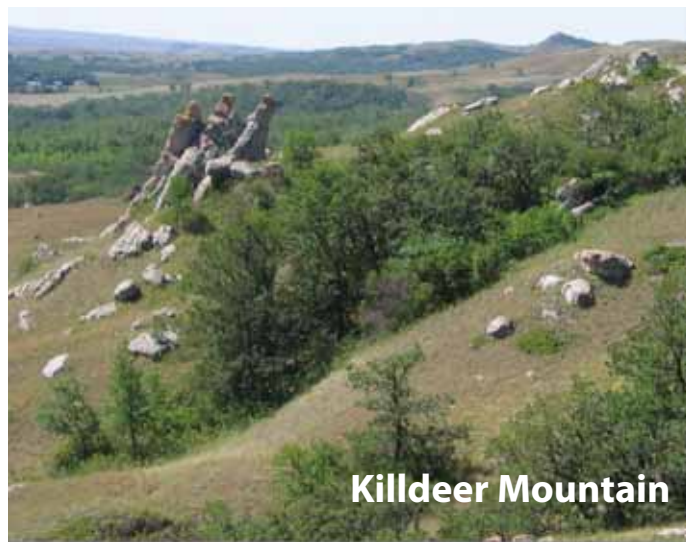
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When you need the above services while visiting or enjoying some recreation on South Shore Sakakawea, see the Beulah Professionals. All are in one convenient location on Main Street.

Dunn County

12 Killdeer Mountain Battlefield Site
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Killdeer is home to the Killdeer Mountain Battlefield Historic Site, which remembers the Battle of the Killdeer Mountains when General Alfred Sully's troops fought against the Sioux in 1864. The troops were seeking revenge for the Minnesota Massacre two years earlier. Outside Killdeer, visitors will find Bandlands Trail Rides and Campgrounds.



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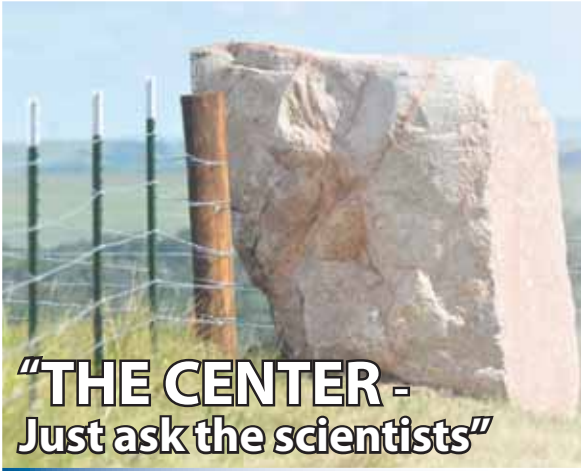
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Places to Go

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Center Area

13 Cross Ranch State Park Open year-round

State park visitor center hours vary by season.

The state park charges a \$7/vehicle daily entry fee; an annual pass is available for \$35. Cross Ranch Preserve is free and open to the public from dawn to dusk.

Cross Ranch State Park offers a variety of events and interpretive activities throughout the year as well as camping, hiking, fishing and geocaching. Facilities include picnic shelters, a playground and a boat ramp, as well as log cabins, yurts and RV camping (under 35 feet, with showers and flush toilets nearby). Canoes are available for rent; in the winter, visitors can rent snowshoes or cross-country ski equipment.

The Cross Ranch Preserve, adjacent to Cross Ranch State Park, is free of charge and open to the public for hiking, wildlife and bird watching, photography and, in the winter, cross-country skiing. It is also a historic and archeological site, with the remnants of a pioneer homestead and cemetery visible from the trail.

For more information, contact Cross Ranch State Park, (701) 794-3791 or visit tinyurl.com/crossranchstatepark, or Cross Ranch Nature Preserve: (701) 794-8741 or visit www.tinyurl.com/crossranchnaturepreserve.

14 Square Butte Creek Golf Course Season dependent on weather

The Square Butte Golf Course is located 2 miles East of Center then 1 mile South. It is a hilly 9 hole course and has water hazards coming into play on two holes. Hole #1, a 150-yard, par 3, offers a scenic view and requires a downhill tee shot from the clubhouse. The course features 6296 yards from the Men's tees which plays to a par 72 for 18 holes.

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GARRISON

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Wally the Walleye

Take a picture by Wally the Walleye at the top of Main Street located in Garrison City Park. City Park includes playground equipment, a covered picnic area, a band stand and public restrooms.

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Lake Sakakawea State Park

Just a 35 minute drive from Garrison located in Riverdale. Horseshoe pits, volleyball courts and picnic areas available.

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Bluffs along Lake Sakakawea

Stop by the bluffs along the banks of beautiful Lake Sakakawea and take in the fantastic views. Scenic photo opportunities near Garrison Dam or at Fort Stevenson State Park.

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Fort Stevenson State Park

Fort Stevenson has many outdoor activities to keep guests busy all day. Fish for walleyes off the dock at Fort Stevenson State Park. Try and catch a glimpse of a Prairie Dog on the way to the marina. Have you ever ridden a fat tire bike? Bike rentals are \$8 per hour.

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Garrison Golf Club

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Shooting Range

Outdoor shooting range, but bring a member with you. 10 miles west of Garrison on County Road 37.

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N.D. Firefighter Memorial

Go see the N.D. Firefighter Memorial located on Main Street in Garrison right outside the N.D. Firefighters Museum.

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Heritage Park

Garrison brings you back to 1905. The park includes early railroad depot, two homestead houses, a log cabin, early schoolhouse, church and an original telephone office. Picnic shelters and restrooms on site. On Trooper Ave, 1 block east of Main Street.



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Riverdale



Misty

26 Misty
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27 FORE!
Riverdale, 701-487-3544
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Coleharbor

28 Wolf Creek Winery
Wine tasting at Wolf Creek Winery in Coleharbor.

29 Bird Watching
Grab you binoculars and head out for some bird watching on the trails at Lake Audubon at the Audubon Refuge Center in Coleharbor.

Ryder

30 Water Tower
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~~10~~ 15 Things To Do In and Around Hazen



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- 1. Harvest Fest: Sept. 9-12**
 - Street Dance featuring "One and Done" (Free admission)
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 - Car Show/Rib Rally • Vendor Blender
 - Wiener Dog Races • Parade
 - Quilt Show • Inflatables
 - Dill Pickle Canning Contest and more!
- 2. Music In The Park: Wednesdays**
August 12 and September 9
– Heritage Park on Main
- 3. Walking Tour of Hometown Heros**
Veterans Past & Present
- 4. Rib Fest: August or September**
TBD
- 5. Pitch Fork Fondue: August 18**
- 6. Jam Sessions**
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- 9. Fishing & Boating**
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nps.gov/knri
- 15. Energy Tours**
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Hazen Area

31 Hazen Parks

Although Hazen is a town only about 2,500 people, it boasts a lot of outdoor recreation at numerous parks right within its city limits. Nearly all residents live within a 10 minute walk of a park, where they can sit and enjoy a sunny day while their kids find ample opportunities to play. The parks in Hazen are diverse, ranging from the Riverside Park along the Knife River to the extensive walking/biking trails and playground sets at North Star II Park, from the small yet gorgeous Pocket Park in downtown to the newly renovated and expansive Heritage Park, perfect for outdoor events.



Hiking

32 Hazen City Pool

Looking to cool down in the warm summer weather? Come visit the pool, featuring a 165-foot water slide, climbing wall, diving board, and floating alligator, as well as an area for the youngest swimmers with a gradual slope, slide, and dew drop with geysers. Located near the Hazen High School, the pool plans to open in the first week of June this year.



Hazen City Pool

33 Biking and Hiking

The Hazen area provides numerous opportunities for bikers and hikers to get around. Trails currently run parallel to Highway 200 from near Jimmy's Lounge to the golf clubhouse, as well as from Krause's Market east toward downtown. The city is currently working to connect these trails and fully enclose the town for walking and biking enthusiasts to get wherever they want to go. There are parks located along these trails as well. The Knife River Indian Villages National Park and Lake Sakakawea State Park are also less than an hour's drive away, featuring options for avid hikers.

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Hazen Bay Recreation Area

If you want to enjoy the outdoors, the Hazen Bay Recreation Area, located 15 miles due north of Hazen on County Road 27, is the ideal place for you. The campground includes 95 full-site hook-ups, 25 sites with water and electric service, three sites with simple electric service, six primitive camp sites for diehard campers and six rental cabins (4 fully furnished and 2 primitive). Playgrounds and picnic shelters also offer locations to relax. Boat ramps and fish cleaning station are also available for use by boaters and anglers. Hazen Bay also has two comfort stations and a convenience store.



Music in the Park

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Harmony Lake

While the big lake north occupies the most attention, there's another prime destination, halfway between Lake Sakakawea and the City of Hazen. Harmony Lake is the result of a recreational lake being established after Coteau Properties finished its mining operations in that area. At 38 acres in size, the man-made lake is stocked with panfish for anglers and has a boat dock for easy access. The winding lake and road alongside also provides a great opportunity for birders, hikers and anyone wanting to take advantage of a sunny day.

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Music in the Park

June - September

A staple of Hazen's summer life, the community hosts a variety of different entertainers in an outdoor setting (weather permitting) that anyone and everyone is invited to take in. The performances are typically held the second Wednesday evening of each month from June through September at 6 p.m., preceded by a 5 p.m. meal hosted by a local business or organization. The Music in the Park takes advantage of the beautiful Heritage Park shelter (the re-purposed awning of the former hospital building) and a wide seating area.

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Harvest Fest September 9-12

Harvest Fest is a fall festival that everyone in town can enjoy. Celebrating the start of the harvest season, the festival includes large a variety of events running Sept. 9-12, including a street dance, corn hole tournament, 5K run/walk, wiener dog races, car show, parade, and a variety of different meals, among other attractions. Whatever your interests and your schedule, you'll sure to find something during this jam-packed weekend to welcome the autumn season with a bang.



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Hazen Golf Course

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Visit www.hazenparks.com for more information

Makoti

39 Makoti Threshing Show July 10-12

History comes alive in Makoti the last weekend in September at the annual Makoti Threshing Show. The event, touted as North Dakota's largest, features more than 300 operating units. Other features include a huge stationary engine display and North Dakota's largest crawler tractor collection.



McClusky

With more than a dozen places to fish in Sheridan County, water depth and winter kill seem to be the only limitations on finding a comfortable place to fish with friends or family, or both. Information gathered from area fishermen and ND Game and Fish website.

40 Hoffer Lake, just two miles north, one mile west of McClusky on the farm to market road, offers a fishing pier, camping hook-ups and occasional entertainment in local 4-H and other community events.

Walleye, small-mouth bass and northern pike are the dominant fish species with bait use varying between nightcrawlers in the warm months and minnows for ice fishing. There are some bluegill and crappie.

41 Farther north, is **Hinsz Lake**, which has a "nice" boat ramp. There fishers will find walleye and perch. There is just fishing here, no other niceties except nice rural scenery and peace and quiet. The location is eight miles north, six miles west, one south, six west, seven miles north west of Anamoose.



Hoffer Lake

42 North of Denhoff, is **Stober Lake**, turn north at the blinking light nine miles east of McClusky on Highway 200 at the Highway 14 intersection; continue two miles north and two miles east to the lake. This lake site also had a "nice" boat ramp, with walleye and perch as fish species.

Check the North Dakota Game and Fish website for other fishing choices in Sheridan and other counties in North Dakota.



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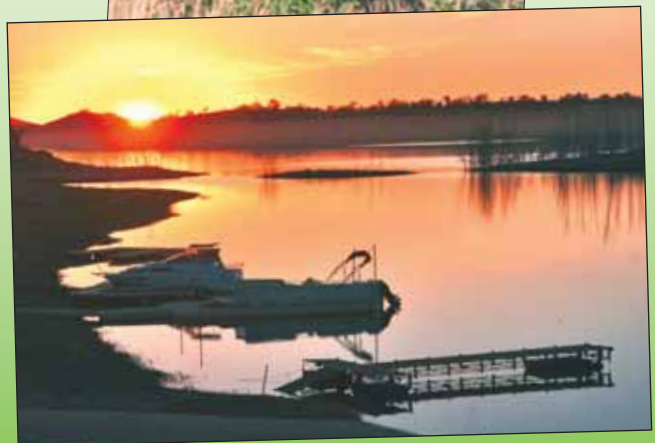
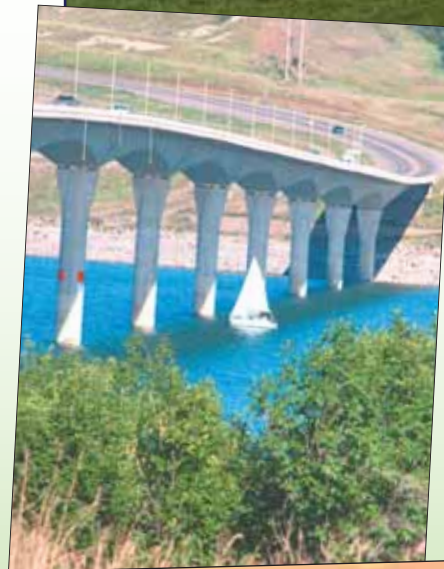
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New Town

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Make a bet

The Four Bears Casino and Lodge is located four miles west of New Town.

The Casino opened a brand new events center hosts all kinds of events from rodeos to major national concert tours. The old events center has been remodeled into a Grand Ballroom, that along with hosting major conferences and meetings is used for public events like pay-per-view sporting events and other entertainment.

Currently the casino is open Thursday through Sunday and gaming is limited by COVID-19 restrictions. For more information go to www.4bearscasino.com or call 800-294-5454.

The Lodge added 120 new rooms including two Executive Suites for a total of 205 rooms in 2017. The hotel has a heated indoor swimming pool plus a sauna and jacuzzi. The Bison Room fine dining restaurant features North Dakota Prime Beef, fresh seafood, and classic desserts. The Cache buffet restaurant offers breakfast, lunch and dinner.

The resort has a marina and a C-Store with a large selection of bait and tackle, hunting supplies, groceries and camping supplies. Boat and Jet Ski rentals are available. The RV Park boasts 115 full service hookups.

The casino is home to more than 600 slot machines. Card players can choose between poker and blackjack tables. Players can also try their luck at roulette or craps. The Casino puts on Texas Hold'em Tournaments every Wednesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. and cash games Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m. The high stakes area at 4 Bears Casino & Lodge features \$25 to \$250 limit black jack. So if you're a high roller, 4 Bears is the place for you.

The Double Down Lounge has live entertainment every weekend where you can cut a rug on the dance floor.

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Three Affiliated Tribes Museum

The Three Affiliated Tribes Museum is located on one of the most picturesque sites of North Dakota. Framed by the legendary Missouri River (now Lake Sakakawea) to the east and north and by historic buttes to the south and west, it is in a timeless corridor of history.

More than 12,000 years ago, early man found this area to be a good camping site, a place to hunt the ancient bison needed for survival. Today, modern man still enjoys camping out and tossing a line or two in the Missouri in hopes of catching his evening meal of mouth-watering walleye.

Dedicated to preserving and interpreting the history and tradition of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara people, the Museum houses a large collection of artifacts, photographs, archives, artwork, oral history and other items of cultural significance.

Exhibits of both traditional and contemporary subjects range from 19th century apparel to modern-day graphic arts. Several monuments are housed outdoors on the lawn of the Museum. These include the Fort Laramie Monument, the Veterans Monument, the Fallen Soldier Monument and the Lewis and Clark Peace and Friendship Monument erected by the North Dakota



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The museum will be open by Memorial Day. The hours of operation are from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 1-4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. For further information, and limitations on visitors due to the COVID-19 epidemic, contact the Museum at 701-627-4477 or by e-mail at tatmuseum@restel.net. The mailing address is PO Box 147, New Town ND 58763.

45 Experience History

Two great rivers meet at the confluence of the Yellowstone and Missouri Rivers 22 miles southwest of Williston. Several trading and military forts were built in the area, and steamboats carried furs and gold, soldiers and settlers, and whiskey and weapons in the days of the Wild West.

The Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center tells the story of the confluence of these two mighty rivers, as well as provides the same magnificent view that Lewis and Clark Expedition members enjoyed when they visited in 1805 and 1806. The rotunda area includes three large murals featuring quotes from the Lewis and Clark Journals, and paintings of the Missouri River landscape by Colonel Philippe Régis de Trobriand, commanding officer of Fort Stevenson near present-day Garrison, N.D. in the late 1860s.

The Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center (MYCIC) held its grand opening in August 2003.

The \$2.2 million center tells the history and prehistory of the area near the confluence of the Missouri and Yellowstone Rivers and includes a 2,000-square-foot permanent exhibit, Trails, Tracks, Rivers, and Roads. The 8,600-square-foot facility was built with local, state, and federal funding. It attracted more than 24,000 visitors from all 50 states and 20 countries its first year.

This summer, on the 20th of every month, Vic Smith "Champion Buffalo Hunter" portrayed by Arch Ellwein, will give thrilling accounts of his life as a scout, guide and hunter. On July 17-20, reenactors portraying the 6th Infantry will be occupying the barracks and have numerous activities throughout the weekend.

Permanent exhibits at the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center explore the geography and geology of the area, its prehistoric life, and the impact of people arriving by Trails, Tracks, Rivers and Roads, which is also the name of the exhibits area. Featured in the 2,000-square-foot permanent gallery will be the Lewis and Clark journey, the fur trade era, Fort Buford, and the development of the modern-day irrigation and energy industries. There are more than 200 artifacts in the permanent gallery, including a frontier army transport wagon, a steamboat pilot's navigating wheel, and a 1904 Model A Cadillac.

Hours are from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. daily from May 16 to September 15. Admission is \$5 per adult and \$2.50 per child. School groups: \$1 per /student, adults with students get free admission. Tour buses: \$2 per person for groups of 20 or more. North Dakota Heritage Foundation members and children five and under are admitted free. Admission fee includes admission to Fort Buford State Historic Site.

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Birding around Lake Sakakawea

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Many of the birds of the region are unusual. The sand bars of the Missouri River are home to two endangered species, the least tern and piping plover. The upland prairies have their own treasures including the rare sage grouse, Sprauge's pipit and Baird's, LeConte's, and Nelson's sparrows. Hawks, falcons and bald eagles are common sights circling overhead across the prairie. During the spring and fall a rainbow of warblers pass through as are whooping cranes and massive flocks of snow and Canada geese.

Bird checklists for area parks and wildlife refuges can be found at <http://www.parkrec.nd.gov/nature/checklists.html#birdchecklists>. One resort that caters to birders is Lunds Landing near Ray. The resort offers birding trails and tours, for more information check out <http://www.lundslanding.com/birding.htm>. Some of the birds that can be seen at Lunds Landing include Mountain & Eastern Bluebirds, Baird's Sparrow, Least Tern, Piping Plover, Lazuli Bunting, Sprague's Pipit, Rock Wren, Ferruginous Hawk, Common Flicker, Long billed Curlew, and Kingfishers.



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Contact individual campgrounds for limitations on the number of campers allowed due to the COVID-19 epidemic.

47 Pouch Point Bay & Recreation Area

Located 16 miles south of New Town on blacktop/gravel road, tent camping, 11 RV sites with electricity, dump site, swimming, fish cleaning station, boat ramp, showers fire rings, boat fuel, concessions, drinking water, fire rings, 3 picnic shelters, and playground are available. Contact 701-421-9729.

48 New Town Marina

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49 4 Bears Casino RV Park

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50 Van Hook Resort Van Hook Arm

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51 Powwows

The rhythm of drums calls to the soul as singers raise their voices with words that are as ancient as the hills or young as a new child. From the muted tones of the traditional dancers to the kaleidoscope that makes up the costumes of the fancy dancers, Powwows are a feast for the senses.

The Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara people have lived in the Missouri River Valley for centuries. The powwows are a connection to that past when peoples from hundreds of miles around came to the river to trade and celebrate the prairie's abundance. Powwows are also a time for special ceremonies to welcome new members into families and clans and remember those who have passed away.

Every reservation community on Fort Berthold holds at least one powwow during the summer. Powwows generally start Thursday evenings and go all day Friday and Saturday. The largest powwows on the Fort Berthold Reservation are:

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Today, tourist can experience the hospitality that Lewis and Clark enjoyed on their Voyage of Discovery and be welcomed at an Earth Lodge Village. Six miles west of New Town, on the shore of Lake Sakakawea, sits a small Earth Lodge Village that recreates those historical moments. The Village has six family sized lodges that can be rented and is also home to tipi encampments. The large ceremonial lodge which was completely rebuilt over the winter hosts storytelling and other cultural events.

Visitors can also drop in for a cultural tour, hiking, kayaking or horseback riding. Bikes and kayaks can be rented as well. The Earth Lodge Village is also the

host of the exciting Warrior of the Plains race every summer. Visitors can also learn from the village's traditional garden, which grows ancient varieties of beans, corn, sunflowers and other traditional foods.

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Starting in the south on the banks of the Heart River near Manning, Highway 22 runs north to Killdeer, where Cowboy Country and Oil Country meet. Killdeer offers fishing and hiking at the Lake Ilo Wildlife Refuge. Travelers can wet their whistle and get a hearty meal at the Buckhorn Saloon. Just north of Killdeer is the Killdeer Mountain Battlefield State Historic Site which commemorates a battle fought on July 28, 1864, between troops commanded by General Sully and a gathering of Teton, Yanktonai, and Dakota (Sioux) Indians.

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. Wind, water and sand ... these components sculpted North Dakota's wildly rugged Little Missouri Breaks Country. Called "Mako Shika" or "where the land breaks" by the Sioux, these unusual land formations offer the state's most awe-inspiring scenery. The park is located 15 miles south of Mandaree.

Just north of the park, the byway winds north through rugged badlands crossing the Little Missouri River at Lost Bridge. The Lost Bridge was built in the early 1930s. A road to the bridge was not paved until twenty years later, hence the name. The Lost Bridge was dismantled and replaced in 1994. A plaque and a piece of the old bridge have been installed on Highway 22 near the new ridge as a memorial.

Mandaree is the hub of the West Segment of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation. There are many cultural events throughout the summer. Updates on what events will be held and which are canceled due to the COVID-19 epidemic can be found at www.facebook.com/westsegmentpr.

The trip concludes at Four Bears, on the shores of Lake Sakakawea. Stops at the end of the road include the Three Affiliated Tribes Museum, the Four Bears Casino and Lodge, Four Bears Water Park, the spectacular Four Bears Bridge and the Crow Flies High Butte Scenic Overlook. Just across the bridge is historic New Town, with dining options including Pizza Pie on the Fly, Subway Better B's, JC Java Coffeeshop, Teddy's Lounge, TDH Cafe and more.

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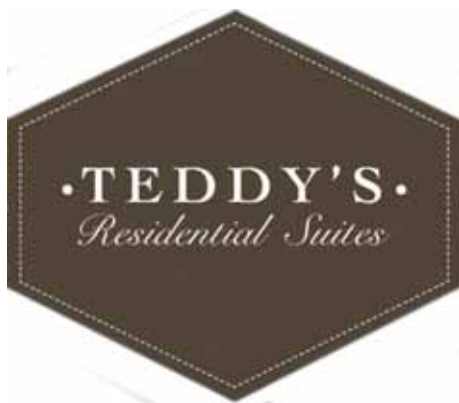
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54 Van Hook and Parshall Bay are an angler's paradise

The Mountrail County Park Board maintains the Van Hook and Parshall Bay recreation areas on the north shore of Lake Sakakawea. Van Hook Resort/ Traynor Park and Parshall Bay recreational areas offer a wide variety of amenities.

While there are restrictions on groups and gatherings because of the COVID-19 epidemics, docks and ramps are open for fishing. Contact the campgrounds for availability of site and the current status of the campgrounds.

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Camping and other water-related activities is what Parshall Bay is all about. In addition, for a change of pace from the water-related activities, there's a nine-hole golf course 10 miles away in Parshall to challenge you and don't forget to drop by the world-renowned Paul Broste Rock Museum while you are in town.

To get to Parshall Bay from U.S. Highway 83, go west on N.D. Highway 23, turn south on N.D. Highway 37, go two miles and turn right on 37th Street Northwest. Follow that road 10 miles and the bay is on the north side of the highway.

Parshall Bay Campground has a Pavilion which is located in the main park. It is great to use for large family reunions, parties, etc. There is a small charge for the use of it so it can be reserved. The park also has an RV dump station that is available to campers of Parshall Bay Rec Area, as well as seven camp sites with water hookups and electricity.

There are also 50 electrical camp sites available in the park along with lots of primitive camping available for those who want to rough it.

Parshall Bay Rec Area has some long-term seasonal camping spots available for rent and they can be reserved by contacting the park manager at 701-862-3362 or by emailing (parshallcmpgrnd@restel.com).

For additional information, please log onto (www.parshallbay.com) for details on visiting this out-of-the-way treasure.

55 Parshall Bay Recreation Area & Campground

9 miles west of Parshall on road. Tents, 7 full services RV sites, electric and water, 56 RV sites with electric only. 3 boat ramps and complimentary docks, showers, vaulted toilets. Two fish cleaning stations, dump station, and large pavilion for group parties. Do not take reservations. First come first served.

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Broste Rock Museum

Like a rock, the Paul Broste Rock Museum has anchored the northwest region of North Dakota, drawing visitors to the Parshall community from all over the United States, Canada and around the world. The museum was the brainchild of Paul Broste, a local farmer, artist and collector. He began his rock collection at an early age and did much of it during the 1920s and 1930s, though interest in purchasing rocks was dim.

Built of natural granite quarried from the area, construction of the rock museum began in 1964. The entire structure was done with volunteer labor and on June 3, 1966, the museum opened its doors for the first time. As the story goes, Broste acquired only the finest rocks from all over the world. They were cut, ground and polished into spheres and slabs and eventually put on display.

Paul saw his museum as a way of displaying his paintings, conceptual sculptures, pen-and-ink illustrations, poems and philosophies, as well as his rocks. He called it his "Acropolis on a Hill."

The grandest of his conceptual sculptures is seated in the Infinity Room. Over a period of two years, he formed the tall structure with steel from his farm, bending the material with no heat to form the balance tree. The tree is home to a number of valuable

formations and according to Doris Jacobson, if anyone were to start taking the spheres off, Broste's "universe" would topple.

While a flawless rose quartz, a waterfall of Arizona petrified wood and even a meteorite from the world above are housed in Paul's collection, the single most valuable piece is his crystal ball. Broste traveled to Brazil to purchase it and Jacobson said a number of collectors would love to have it. With a worth that has been said to be up to \$1 million, it is known as the star of the collection.

Second most valuable are the gypsum curls from Big Bend, Texas. The large slab is one of two pieces brought out of a cave. The men who transported it had to break the piece into two. One piece rests in the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C., and one piece calls Parshall its home.

Contact the City Auditor in Parshall at 862-3459 for information on opening dates and times due to the COVID-19 epidemic.

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North City Park

North City Park Located near the Broste Rock Museum in Parshall, Check for campsite availability. parking spaces, 2 picnic shelters, playground and walking path. Contact 701-862-3459.



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Parshall, ND 58770
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The 9-hole "Edgewater" course at the Edgewater Country Club facility in New Town, North Dakota features 3,278 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 36. Edgewater Country Club has a brand new clubhouse on the bluffs overlooking Lake Sakakawea. Kitchen hours are 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday through Tuesday and 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. The bar is open until 11 p.m. The course is open 8 a.m. to dark daily.

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Garrison Dam

The largest dam in North Dakota provides fantastic views for those driving over it. Situated between Pick City and Riverdale on North Dakota Highway 200, the dam separates Lake Sakakawea from the Missouri River and produces tons of energy. Tours are available Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays throughout the summer.

The dam is also home to the Garrison Dam Fish Hatchery, where visitors can learn about the life cycle of many North Dakota fish and take walks on two nature trails along the Missouri River. The hatchery and visitor center aquariums are open daily from Memorial Day through Labor Day and by appointment, year round.

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Downstream Campground

May 15, 2020 – September 14, 2020

The Downstream Campground is located on the East bank of the Missouri River below the Garrison Dam, which forms Lake Sakakawea. The area offers a wide variety of recreational activities, including boating, fishing, hiking, mountain biking, sailing, scuba diving, bird watching, and hunting. In the winter time the area offers cross country ski trails and bow hunting opportunities.



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Stanton

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It's a community surrounded by agriculture and industrial opportunity in the heart of Coal Country, yet bordered by untouched prairie waving in the North Dakota wind. It's a community blessed with access to unparalleled hunting grounds and unmatched lake and river fisheries. It's neighbor to Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, the home of Lewis and Clark's famed Shoshone guide, Sakakawea.

It's a friendly community with plans for the future, but whose heart lies deeply entrenched in the area's rich historical significance.

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Two Rivers Festival August 15 & 16

Saturday, August 15

- 7:30-9 a.m. Walk/Run - starts at Stanton Park, registration at 7:30 a.m.
 - 9-11 a.m. OSLC Bake Sale at Civic Center
 - 10:30 a.m. Bike Races - Harmon Ave.
 - Time to be determined Garden Tractor Pull at the Pad - Call Andy Miller 301-0662
 - 12-4 p.m. Inflatables in the City Park - Sponsored by Park Board
 - 5 p.m. Parade Line Up - Arthur Street - near school building
 - 6 p.m. Parade
 - TBA Horseshoe Tournament in the City Park - Registration starts at TBA
 \$10/person entry fee - sponsored by the Park Board
 - Cash Prizes - shoes will be provided.
 - 7-8:30 p.m. Bingo - Civic Center
 - 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Free street dance - featuring "Slamabama"
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Sunday, August 16

- 10:30 a.m. Community Church Service at Leon's Place on Harmon Ave.
- 11:30 a.m. Community Potluck Picnic at Leon's Place
- TBA Ranch Rodeo at Two Rivers Arena - Registration starts at TBA.



**For more information contact:
 City of Stanton 745-3202
www.stantonnd.com**

Holiday Fair Dec. 5th

Visit Knife River Indian Villages

Stanton

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Knife River Indian Villages

Open year around

Home of Sacagawea, the famous Shoshone woman who accompanied Lewis and Clark on their expedition, Knife River Indian Villages is a historic location featuring both the sites and artifacts of the Native American tribes that lived there: the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara. The park is open year round, but features special attractions, guest speakers, interactive exhibits and shows, and unique events through the summer.

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Sakakawea Park

Situated along the Knife River, Stanton's Sakakawea Park is expansive, featuring several shelters and playground sets all spread out ideally for potential socially-distant activities or for larger group gatherings. There's good shore fishing along the riverside for anglers. The city now also has a public access site to the Missouri River just to the east of the actual town, at the former Stanton Station's dock.

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Two River Festival

August 15 and 16

Located along the meeting of the Missouri and Knife Rivers, Stanton has a rich history which the community celebrates each August. This year, a variety of activities and fun for all ages is planned for Aug. 15 and 16. The festival will include a walk/run, bike races, garden tractor pull, parade, horseshoe tournament, bingo and a street dance, all on Aug. 15. The festival wraps up with a community church service and potluck Aug. 16, as well as a ranch rodeo.

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Arroda Lakes

Located in the hills east of Stanton along Alt. Highway 200, the West and East Arroda Lakes are small, deep lakes opposite a scenic overlook giving a majestic view of the Missouri River Valley towards the town. West Arroda Lake features a boat ramp, and anglers can expect to catch a variety of fish, including Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike and White Crappie.



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Stanley

69 History, art come alive in Stanley

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A modern artist is making history in Stanley. Renowned sculptor Arnie Addicott works in his studio producing impressive bronze bulls, horses and riders. One of his pieces, Arena of Discovery, adorns the George Bush Presidential Museum and Library at College Station, Texas. He created a huge sculpture that welcomes visitors to the Cowboy Hall of Fame in Medora. Most often, his pieces are half life-size, but he also produces smaller scale items for display. Recently, Addicott has expanded his studio to allow more room for a showroom, open to the public. His studio is located South of the Hwy 8 and 23 intersection on hwy 8 (701)628-2462. [www high-prairie-bronze-studio.stanley.nd](http://www.high-prairie-bronze-studio.stanley.nd)

The Sybil Center, a former Presbyterian church, is an excellent example of tudor style architecture with Romanesque influences. It was built in 1928. The building was renamed in 2003 after Sybil MacDonald who brought the joys of music to hundreds of Stanley's young people during her long piano-teaching career. The building is now host to musical programs and other arts, humanities and educational programs.

On the south side of town along U.S. Highway 2 is the permanent collection of history in Flickertail Village, a rebuilt townsite with a school, a train depot, a church and other buildings. The structures are fitted with fixtures recovered and restored from similar buildings around the northwestern part of the state. Cars, tractors, rail cars, clothing and school desks are authentic. Even the windmill is real, drilled and erected using traditional methods. www.sibylcenter.org for schedules of upcoming events or current information.

The best day to visit Flickertail Village is Sunday. Private tours and special openings are always available with a call to (701)628-2326 626-2670 or (765) 432-8700.

At Dakota Drug on Main Street, visitors can relax on stools that spin and enjoy a world famous Whirl-a-Whip, a blended ice cream concoction.

Regis Theater, a 1950s theater run by volunteers shows movies on weekends.

Wilson Park on N.D. Highway 8 offers an opportunity for children to enjoy the jungle gym and other playground equipment. The park also boasts a double horseshoe pitching station and volleyball and basketball courts. Adjacent to the park is the Ray

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For more information, check out Stanley online at www.stanleynd.com.

70 City Campground

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Turtle Lake

71 Brush Lake Rodeo

Saturday of Labor Day

The annual rodeo held at Brush Lake, north of Mercer, on Saturday of Labor Day weekend, features bull riding and saddle bronc riding for junior and senior divisions, and mutton busting for youth and a lunch stand on site. Contact persons are Randy and Karen Zinke: 701-447-2242.

72 The Pavilion at Brush Lake

Built in 1958, the Pavilion is a large steel multi-purpose building located on the south end of Brush Lake along the lake shore just 5 minutes north of Mercer, North Dakota.

The Pavilion is owned by the Mercer Brush Lake Community Association and is rented out for use as a restaurant, bar and event center during the summer and a boat storage facility in the winter. There is a large parking lot available, a number of sheltered outdoor picnic tables, a walkway leading down to the water, a playground with new equipment and the facility is heated throughout.

73 Turtle Lake Wildlife Club

Located just a few miles north of Turtle Lake and a few miles east of the Lake Nettie Wildlife Refuge, the Turtle Lake Wildlife Club offers clay target shooting Sunday and Wednesday nights. The club also sponsors hunting contests throughout the different seasons, including a "Big Buck" contest and furbearers contests.



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Underwood

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Untamed beauty at Audubon

Audubon Wildlife Refuge is an untamed, wild and amazing place for bird watchers to spot some of their favorite elusive winged wonders, as the refuge features an auto tour route that traverses around the lake. The refuge, made up of nearly 15,000 acres of native prairie, grasslands and wetlands, is home to several different beautiful species of waterfowl and other birds.

The gravel road winds along the lake and through pot hole regions, which are often nesting areas.

The managers at Audubon focus their efforts on managing the land to meet the needs of waterfowl and other migratory birds (swans can often be seen making their home on Lake Audubon), threatened and endangered species and resident wildlife.

It's not only birds that make their home on the refuge, as numerous wildlife can be seen making their homes or their way through the refuge, including deer, antelope, fox, coyotes, and even the not-so-occasional moose. The Audubon NWR is also an excellent place to find several different species of reptiles, amphibians and insects.

The visitor center at the refuge is fully accessible and features several exhibits, including the history of John James Audubon and the Refuge history. Visitors may enjoy the one-mile, self-guided nature trail, an eight-mile drive tour, or if they've got some time, they may want to stop at one of the photography blinds to capture some photos of the local wildlife.

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Classic Car Show

June 27

The annual Midsummer Classic car and motorcycle show is getting bigger and better each year, bringing in some of the state's coolest tricked out hot rods and motorcycles, all vying for top honors. This year's Classic, set for June 27, includes a parade starting at noon which leads directly into a car show that lines Underwood's Lincoln Ave. While taking in the car show, folks will have plenty of other entertainment to choose from, including an audio competition, whack-a-car, a burn-out/loud pipe, a frozen T-shirt contest. Not leaving the kids out, there's a Kidzone featuring free tattoos and face painting right in the middle of things in downtown Underwood. The Classic features two bands this year, Moments Notice and Tripwire. By deadline, the MidSummer Classic car show was still scheduled to go forward, with an official determination set for June 1.

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McLean County Speedway

222.mcleancounty racing.com

The McLean County Speedway in Underwood has some of the hottest stock car racing in North Dakota, and the small-town/big-time speedway has a summer of rip-roaring events stacked up for the 2020 racing season. The accommodations for the fans and racers are always improving with more grandstand space, a new concessions area with modern restrooms, and a larger, improved pit area.

McLean County Speedways Classes in 2020 will be Sport Mod, Stock Car, Hobby Stock, Trophy Class, along with A-Mod and Late Model Specials all located in Underwood, North Dakota. Multiple 200lap endurance events will also run throughout the season. This is a place where all racers and fans are welcomed to come together and enjoy dirt track racing. Give this small-town track with big-city racing excitement a try – you won't be disappointed.

The racers had to postpone opening race night, and at deadline were still working on being able to run most of the 2020 race season. For more information, check out the McLean County Speedway Facebook page.

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June through August, walk-in tours for small groups are welcome. Large group tours are by appointment only. To ensure the mine is open for tours, please call ahead of time.

If a tour isn't available, often the massive equipment, including the drag line, can be seen right along US 83 at Underwood.



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Interpretive Center

Daily

The Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center is open Tuesday through Sunday each week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through the end of September. The center features interactive displays to help visitors of all ages get in touch with history.

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Fort Mandan

After taking a look at the historical items at the Interpretive Center, drive over to Fort Mandan and live it. The site is a recreation of what the real encampment would have looked like when constructed by the Lewis and Clark expedition in the 1800s. Guided tours of the facility are offered, with historians on site to educate visitors.

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Museum

Monday-Saturday

The McLean County Museum, located on Main Avenue in Washburn, provides visitors with a look into local history through artifacts, art, photos and much more. The museum staff also share background information on historical sites throughout Washburn, including the Sioux Ferry and Joe Taylor Cabin. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturdays from 1-4 p.m. between May and October, or by appointment. Admission is free, but donations are welcome.

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Fishing pier

The family fishing pier is open for anglers all summer long! Don't have a boat to go out fishing? Pay a trip to Riverside Park and do some fishing from the pier. No cost to fish.

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Youth Camping

All summer

With camps ranging from fishing to livestock, and with activities including cooking, photography and science experiments, there is sure to be a youth camp that fits your interests. Camps, which vary from overnight stints to multiple-day adventures, begin in early June and run through August. Registration is open now, with early bird discounts available. Visit www.ndsu.edu/4h/camp for more.

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Seaman

Visit the six-foot tall steel recreation of Lewis & Clark's faithful companion. The statue of Seaman the dog is located at Fort Mandan north of Washburn. It's a great photo op for all ages!



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Painted Woods Golf Course

Daily

Area golfers can enjoy tee times throughout the day, then some food and fun inside at the Painted Woods Clubhouse. The course hosts weekly Women's and Men's nights, along with a senior league for those 50 and older. A twilight rate is offered for tee times after 3:30 p.m., and there are several golf scrambles for those looking for competition. For more details, contact the Painted Woods Golf Course at 701-462-8480 or www.paintedwoodsgolf.com or stop by during golf season.

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Farmers Market

Fridays starting June 19

Come to the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center every Friday during the summer to check out fresh, locally-grown produce from area farmers. The market is open from 4-7 p.m. every Friday from June to September, then from 3-6 p.m. every Friday in October.



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Remember the Pioneers

The Pioneer Museum of McKenzie County packs a whole lot of history into a small area.

From the exhibit on the last lynching in North Dakota to the replica of a pioneer home, the museum accurately depicts a large part of Watford City's and McKenzie County's history.

Visitors can follow the lives of the pioneers through a series of 14 historical wall panels that chronicle the dreams and aspirations of the first farmers, ranchers and townspeople to come to the area. Learn why whole families chose to leave their homes and settle in a new, wild country. Experience the joys and hardships of early life on the Great Plains.

You will be surprised to see a few new things at our museum especially the expanded (doubled the size of this area!) and renovated lower level where we are largely exploring the economic development of McKenzie County. New and featured oil history exhibits showcasing then and particularly now (nothing else like this in the State of North Dakota), and of course the ranching and farming history with a then and now twist. We did not forget the kiddos! An area where they can learn about farming, seeds and the Very Hungry McKenzie County Caterpillar! There are a couple finishing touches that will be added, but largely completed.

Add the fully stocked gift shop to the Pioneer Museum experience and you will have a very enjoyable time! Whether you are shopping for your self or a gift; we have many book titles(adult and children), Pride of Dakota products which include jams and jellies, bread and soup mixes, candies and much more. We also stock Theodore Roosevelt National Park items, t-shirts, Carrie Carson Pottery, and Barb Boltz Crafty Products. So lots to take a peek at! And of course...ICE CREAM!

The Parlor, on the upper level of the museum, has all the comforts of home. It includes an Honor Display dedicated to the Pioneer Women of McKenzie County. Some of the exhibits in the Parlor include Clothing Styles of Yesteryear, Prairie School, Sewing and Quilting, Homestead Living and an Old Time Photo Collection. On the lower lever there is a traveling exhibit room and displays on Early Farming and Ranching and Oil and Gas Exploration.

A special exhibit documents one of the darker moments in the county's history. Charles Bannon murdered the Albert Haven family in February 1930. He was taken from the local jail by a mob and hanged from the Schafer Bridge on January 29, 1931. This was the last recorded lynching in North Dakota.

The museum is located in the Long X Visitors Center, Corner of U.S. Highway. 85 South & West, Watford City. Stop by Grandma's Pantry & Book Corner on the main floor of the Visitor Center. Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday thru Saturday. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. Group rates and special passes are available. For more information call 701-444-2990.

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See the prairie like Lewis and Clark

More than 200 years ago, the first representatives of the United States to officially visit the region found pristine vistas of rugged badlands. Eighty years later, a bookish New Yorker fell in love with the same rugged country and the cowboys who called it home. The country that so amazed Lewis and Clark and so inspired Theodore Roosevelt can still be found in the Little Missouri National Grasslands.

Covering more than a half million acres, the National Grasslands are a treasure that is home to bighorn sheep, elk, antelope, mule deer, falcons, eagles, sharp tail grouse and prairie dogs. The grasslands offer hiking, camping, horseback riding, photography backpacking and biking.

Developed parts of the grasslands including most of campgrounds were closed this spring because of the COVID-19 epidemic. The Dakota Prairie Grasslands continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation. Updates to the status of the campgrounds can be found at the grasslands' Facebook page, www.facebook.com/DakotaPrairieGrasslands/.

The McKenzie Ranger District Office at 1901 S. Main in Watford City (701-842-8500) bn is a gateway to a world that many don't realize still exists. The National Grasslands now has five designated horse trails that offer trips that last the day, overnight or an entire week.

A detailed map of the grasslands can be purchased at the Ranger District Office or from the McKenzie County Tourism Bureau at 100 2nd St. SW, Watford City, 800-701-2804. The Tourism Bureau's email address is info@4eyes.net. The Grasslands is on the web at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/dpg/>. The district office phone number is 701-842-2393 or 701-227-7837



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Youth fishing

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The park is named for the Corps of Discovery explorers, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. The expedition camped nearby on April 17, 1805, and an interpretive trail marker has been placed within the park to commemorate their historic journey through North Dakota.

North Dakota State Parks will be open this summer, however contact individual parks or the state Parks and Recreation Department for any restrictions or limitations because of the COVID-19 epidemic.

Lake Sakakawea offers excellent fishing for walleye, sauger, and northern pike and boating opportunities. The park also offers a swimming beach with washed sand. Two rare fish species, the pallid sturgeon and the prehistoric-looking paddlefish, can occasionally be found in the lake's western reaches.

The campground features electrical connections and wireless internet access. A comfort station has showers and bathroom facilities.

Lewis and Clark State Park has two cabins available for rent. These camping cabins each sleep 5 people bunkbed-style. Each is equipped with air conditioner, lights, heat, fan, and a deck. No cooking is allowed inside, but a grill and picnic table is located outside of each cabin. The cabins do not have showers, sinks or toilets, but most are within a short walk to a campground comfort station. Camping cabins are generally available from the weekend before Memorial Day weekend to the end of September.

The park also boasts three picnic shelters, with room for 64, 96 or 128 guests.

The park also has a concession store for camping foods and necessities.

Lewis and Clark State Park is renting 40 slips at its marina. For any questions about slip rentals please contact the park directly.

Lewis and Clark State Park is located 19 miles southeast of Williston on Highway 1804. Reservations can be made by calling 800.807.4723. For more information online at Parks and Recreation: <http://www.parkrec.nd.gov/parks/lcsp/lcsp.html> or call 701-859-3071.

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Fort Union Trading Post

Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site has canceled the annual Rendezvous, but visitors can still and come and visit one of the West's most imposing historic sites.

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A century later, following decades of periodic attempts to preserve Fort Union's legacy, local citizens and historians launched a sustained campaign to preserve the historic fort site and rebuild the post. At their urging, the National Park Service acquired the site in 1966. Two years later, archaeological excavations commenced and continued into the early 1970s. Today's Fort Union is a reconstruction based in part on the archaeological evidence recovered during those and later excavations completed between 1986 and 1988. Rebuilt to its appearance in 1851, at the height of the Indian and fur trades, the fort offers a place that helps illuminate the Indian and fur trades'—and the post's—role in shaping the land and culture of the Upper Missouri region and the Northern Great Plains.

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