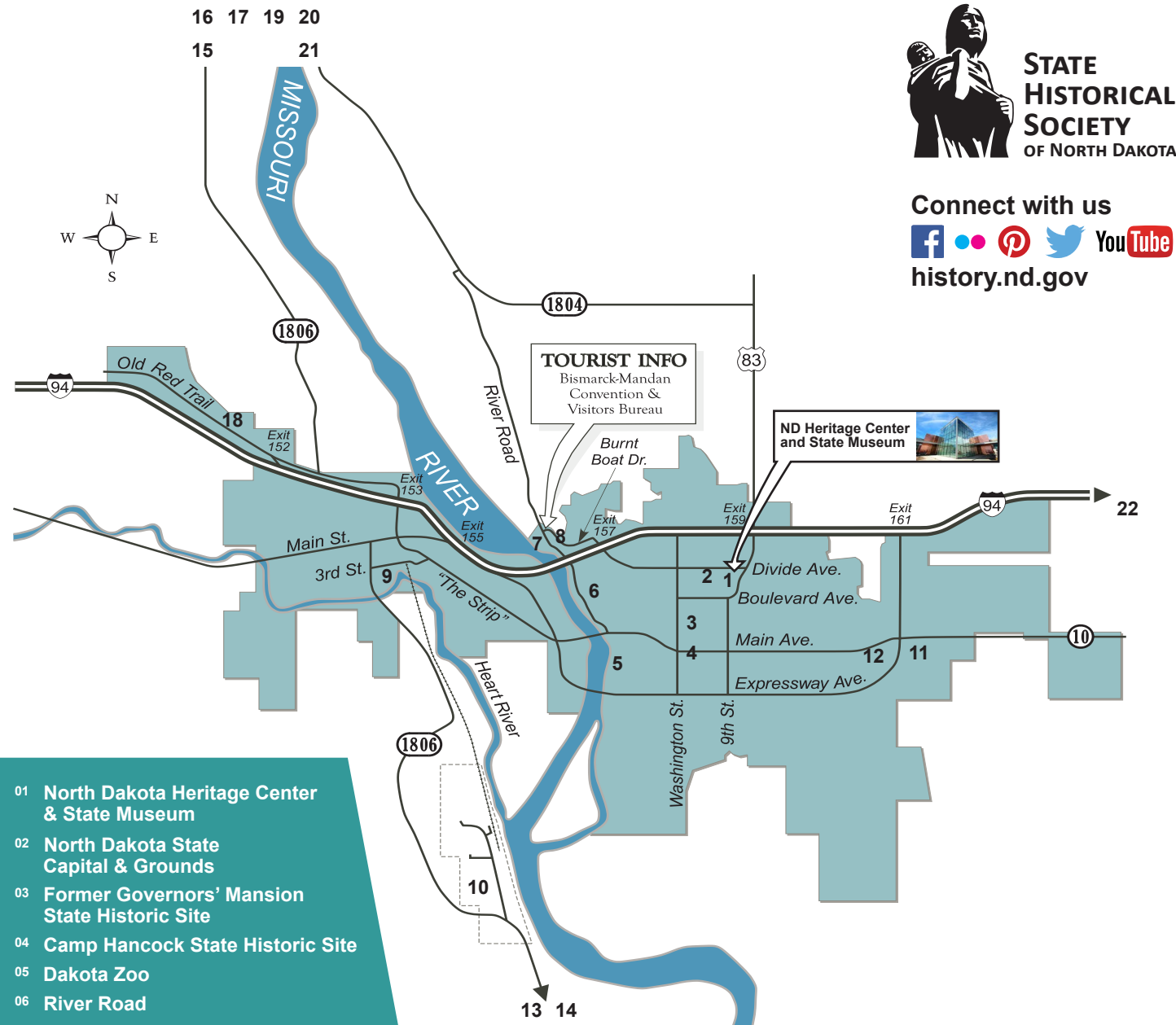




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21. Double Ditch Indian Village State Historic Site

7 1/2 miles north on Highway 1804, Bismarck
 Overlooking the Missouri River, this site contains the ruins of a large Mandan Indian earthlodge village inhabited from 1500 to 1780. The remains of earthlodges, refuse mounds, and surrounding fortification ditches, from which the site name is derived, are clearly visible. The site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
Open year-round • Free • Interpretive signage • Walking paths • 701.328.2666 • history.nd.gov

22. Menoken Indian Village State Historic Site

1 1/4 miles northeast of Menoken
 Menoken Indian Village is thought to be one of the first prehistoric semi-permanent villages in the state, occupied around 1200. Visible on the site are lodge depressions and a bastioned fortification ditch. The site is also a National Historic Landmark. Interpretive signs throughout the site provide a walking tour of the village.
Open year-round • Free • Interpretive signs • Walking paths • 701.328.2666 • history.nd.gov

MISSOURI RIVER ROAD TRIP



Xiphactinus, a 16-foot prehistoric fish skeleton at the ND Heritage Center & State Museum

Experience a wide range of scenic and historic sites within a one-hour drive of Bismarck and Mandan. This guide offers a number of scenic views, historic sites, and modern interpretations of North Dakota's past. We remind visitors to please respect and protect the resources as you visit these treasures.

1. North Dakota Heritage Center & State Museum

612 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck
 See a full-scale *T. rex*, rare collections of Native American artifacts, a space suit, and much more when our major expansion is finished in 2014. With almost twice as much exhibit space as the previous museum, four new galleries will tell the story of North Dakota history and its people, from the time when dinosaurs ruled through the development of today's emerging industries. There's history for everyone.

The grand opening will be Nov. 2, 2014, the 125th anniversary of North Dakota's statehood. Limited galleries open in May.
Open year-round, Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sat. & Sun., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. • Free • ADA • Staff • Restrooms • Store • Café to open in 2014 • 701.328.2666 • statemuseum.nd.gov

2. North Dakota's State Capital and Grounds

600 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck
 The focal point of the North Dakota capital grounds is the 19-story Art Deco capital building built in the early 1930s after the previous capital building was destroyed by fire. The 132-acre grounds surrounding the building include an arboretum trail, statues, memorials, the North Dakota Heritage Center, and the State Library, all in a park-like setting.
Tours of capital, year-round, Mon.-Fri., hourly from 9-11 a.m. & 1-3 p.m.; Memorial Day through Labor Day, Mon.-Fri., 8-11 a.m. & 1-4 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. & Sun. 1-4 p.m. • Free • ADA • Staff • Restrooms • Café • 701.328.2480 • nd.gov/fac

3. Former Governors' Mansion State Historic Site

320 East Avenue B, Bismarck
 This historic site preserves the mid-Victorian mansion as a historic and architectural exhibit. Purchased for \$5,000 from a Bismarck entrepreneur in 1893, the building served as the residence for 20 governors until 1960.
Open May 16 through September 15, Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. & Sun., 12-4 p.m. Winter Hours: second Fri., Sat., and Sun. of each month, 1-5 p.m., or by appointment • Free • Limited ADA • Staff • Restrooms • 701.328.2666 • history.nd.gov

4. Camp Hancock State Historic Site

101 East Main Avenue, Bismarck
 A military installation established in 1872 to provide protection for work gangs building the Northern Pacific Railroad, it became a US Weather Bureau station in 1894. A log headquarters building still stands on the site and serves as an interpretive museum for artifacts, with information about local history. The site is also home to a 1909 Northern Pacific locomotive and the 1881 Church of the Bread of Life, moved to the site in 1965.
Open May 16 through September 15, Fri.-Sun., 1-5 p.m. or by appointment • Free • Limited ADA • Seasonal staff • Restrooms • 701.328.2666 • history.nd.gov

5. Riverside Park Road

East side of Missouri River, Bismarck
 Take a short, scenic drive down River Road, where you will find a partially reconstructed steamboat, a full-size reproduction of Lewis and Clark's keelboat, sculptures by United Tribes Technical College students, and Sertoma Park, which includes the Super Slide Amusement Park, biking and walking trails, and the Dakota Zoo.

6. Dakota Zoo

602 Riverside Park Road, Bismarck
The Dakota Zoo houses more than 600 mammals, birds, and reptiles, representing 125 different species. Many animals, such as the prairie dog, mountain lion, and bison, are native to the region, while others, like the small cotton-top tamarins, the Bengal tigers, and the snow leopards, are of an exotic origin.
Admission fee • ADA • Staff • Restrooms • Concessions • Gift Shop • 701.223.7543 • Dakotazoo.org

7. Lewis and Clark Riverboat

1700 River Road, Bismarck
Step back in time at the Port of Bismarck when you enjoy a cruise on the 150-passenger Lewis and Clark Riverboat, which offers excursion, dinner, sunset, and pizza cruises.
Cruises daily, Memorial Day through Labor Day • Admission fee • Limited ADA • Staff • Restrooms • 701.255.4233 • lewisandclarkriverboat.com

8. Chief Looking’s Village Overlook

2023 Burnt Boat Drive, Bismarck
This American Indian village site has a self-guided tour of the earthlodge depressions and fortification ditch. The name of the site recognizes Chief Looking, the Mandan leader of the village.
Open May 1 through October 1, weather permitting • Walking trail • Interpretive signs • 701.222.6455 • bisparks.org

9. Fort Lincoln Trolley

2000 3rd Street Southeast, Mandan
Two trolley stations link this scenic rail excursion from Mandan to historic Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park. The nine-mile, round-trip excursion features two cars; one is the original 1890s trolley car that ran from Main Avenue to the Capital building in Bismarck.
Open Memorial Day through Labor Day, departures from Third Street SE depot and Fort Lincoln State Park • Admission fee • 701.663.9018

10. Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park

4480 Fort Lincoln Road, Mandan
7 miles south of Mandan on Highway 1806
High on a hill in the northwest corner of the park is the partly reconstructed 1872 Fort McKeen infantry post and military cemetery. Centrally located are a partial reconstruction of On-A-Slant Mandan Indian Village, dated 1600 to 1785, and the Fort Lincoln historical museum. Fort Abraham Lincoln, including a reconstruction of Lt. Col. George A. and Libby Custer’s home is at the south end of the park. Other reconstructed buildings at Fort Lincoln are the commissary store, granary, and central barracks. Experience camping and picnic areas, walking trails, seasonal demonstrations, and tours of the Custer home.
Open Memorial Day through Sept. 30 • Admission fee • Staff • Restrooms • Concessions • Limited ADA • 701.667.6340 • parkrec.nd.gov

11. Buckstop Junction

3805 East Bismarck Expressway, Bismarck
This reconstructed village includes historic buildings from the late 19th century through the early 1930s. Established by the Missouri Valley Historical Society.
Open April through September, hours vary, call for current schedule • Admission fee • Restrooms • Limited ADA • Gift shop • 701.250.8575 • buckstopjunction.org

12. The Game and Fish Conservation and Outdoor Skills Area and Lobby Displays

100 North Bismarck Expressway, Bismarck
The Conservation and Outdoor Skills Area consists of a fishing pond and three interpretive trails: a wetlands trail; a prairie and drylands trail; and a tree and shrub identification trail that showcases trees and shrubs beneficial to wildlife habitat. It is located on 60 acres of land directly east of the Game and Fish Department office building. There is also an outdoor amphitheater with picnic tables and room for small gatherings. The lobby of the office building contains exhibits of some of the state’s wildlife species.
Conservation and Skills Area open year-round, sunrise to sunset • Office lobby open year-round • Free • Limited ADA • Self-guided interpretation via brochures and trail panels • 701.328.6300 • gf.nd.gov

13. Huff Indian Village State Historic Site

1/2 mile south of Huff; 22 miles south of Mandan
This site preserves a historic village that was a very large, well-planned community where perhaps a thousand or more ancestors of the Mandan Indians lived around 1450. Depressions marking the locations of more than 100 lodges are arranged roughly in rows and are surrounded by a massive fortification system. The village, including its fortifications, covers about 12 acres.
Open year-round • Free • Walking trail • Interpretive signs • 701.328.2666 • history.nd.gov

14. Fort Rice State Historic Site

30 miles south of Mandan
This site preserves Fort Rice, established July 7, 1864, by Gen. Alfred H. Sully as a field base during his 1864 expedition. An important Upper Missouri River post, it operated until November 1878. No original structures remain, but depressions, foundation lines, and WPA corner markers are visible. A brief history of the fort and a map appear on a site marker.
Open year-round • Free • Adjacent to County park with seasonal facilities • 701.328.2666 • history.nd.gov

15. Smith Grove Wildlife Management Area

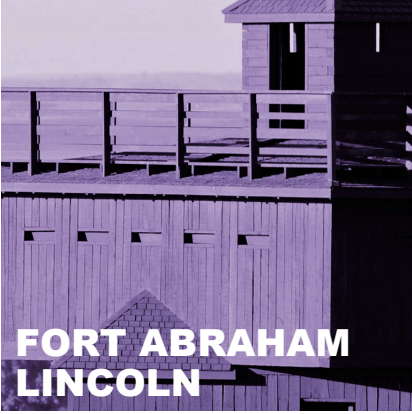
25 miles north of Mandan
Protected from prevailing winds by the Missouri River escarpment, some of the largest recorded cottonwood trees in North Dakota are located in Smith Grove, a 233-acre wildlife management area. Twelve of the big cottonwoods are over 15 feet in circumference, 90 to 100 feet tall, and estimated to be from 250 to 300 years of age. Visitors who travel north from the intersection of Old Red Trail and ND Highway 1806 (Collins Avenue) on the north edge of Mandan will discover several places of interest in this scenic drive: Square Buttes (15.8 mi.), the tiny hamlet of Price (18.75 mi.), the ghost town of Sanger (25.75 mi.), and Cross Ranch State Park (28.5 mi.).
Open year-round • No admission fee • Walking trails • 701.328.6300 • gf.nd.gov



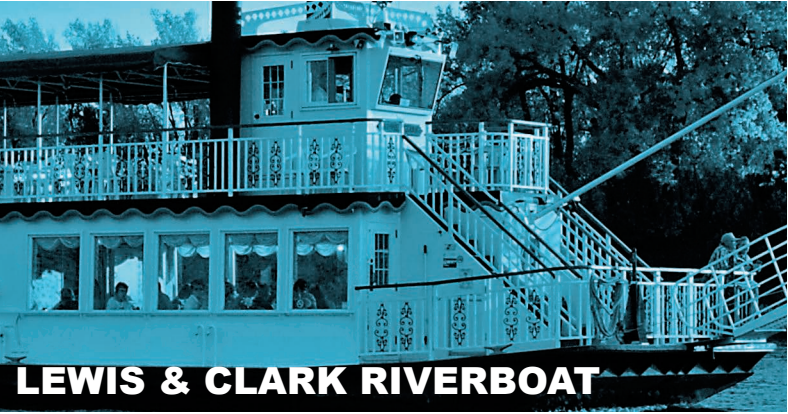
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FORT ABRAHAM LINCOLN



LEWIS & CLARK RIVERBOAT



FORT LINCOLN TROLLEY



NORTH DAKOTA STATE CAPITAL

16. Cross Ranch State Park

1403 River Road, Center
Cross Ranch State Park is located along some of the last free-flowing and undeveloped stretches of the Missouri River. A boat ramp and canoe and kayak rentals are available. An extensive trail system can be explored either on foot or on cross-country skis during the winter months. Cross-country skis and snow shoes are available for rent. The trails allow access to a 5,000-acre nature preserve with mixed grass prairie, river bottom forests, and woody draws. Campers can use either the park’s primitive campground or hike to a camping spot in a backcountry area. The park is also well known for its bluegrass music festival held in June.
Open year-round • Limited ADA • Daily park entrance fee or annual state park pass; camping additional • Restrooms • 701.794.3731 • parkrec.nd.gov

17. Fort Clark Trading Post State Historic Site

1 1/4 miles west of the town of Fort Clark
This site interprets Mandan and Arikara life and the fur trade on the Missouri River from 1822 to 1865. The archaeological remains of a large earthlodge village, cemetery, and two fur trade posts (Fort Clark Trading Post and Primeau’s Post) are protected at the site, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. A self-guided tour brochure and interpretive signs provide interpretation of archeological features and additional information.
Open year-round, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. • Free • Seasonal restrooms • 701.328.2666 • history.nd.gov

18. North Dakota State Railroad Museum

3102 37th Street Northwest, Mandan
Railroad artifacts and photographs, a Railroad Hall of Fame, and five acres with rolling stock are included in this museum that interprets the history of railroads in North Dakota. The museum is staffed by volunteers.
Open Memorial Day through Labor Day • Free • Gift shop • 701.663.9322 • ndrailroading.com/rrmuseum

19. Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site

564 County Rd 37, Stanton
Native Americans hunted bison and other game, but were also farmers living in villages along the Missouri and its tributaries. This site was a major Native American trade center during the 16th and 17th centuries and an important marketplace for the fur trade after 1750. Today visitors can see the remains of three Hidatsa villages with 210 depressions at the site. There is also a modern museum, a visitor center, nature trails, and a reconstructed earthlodge.
Free • Limited ADA • Restrooms • Bookstore • 701.745.3300 • nps.gov/knri

20. North Dakota Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center

2576 8th Street Southwest, Washburn
Located within a few miles of a reconstruction of Lewis and Clark’s 1804 winter post, Fort Mandan, the Interpretive Center immerses visitors in the journey of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Here, you will find interactive exhibits, the story of Fort Clark and the early fur trade, and “Our First Farmers” to the present.
Admission fee • Restrooms • ADA • Gift shop • 701.462.8535 • fortmandan.com

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