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State Museum

North Dakota Heritage Center • Bismarck

Trace 600 million years of North Dakota history during an educational and entertaining visit to the North Dakota Heritage Center & State Museum. Spot a life-size Triceratops and a T. rex poised for battle. View pottery and quillwork from the 1800s. See an experimental Mars spacesuit and current highlights of agriculture and energy. Shop in the Museum Store. Have a bite to eat in El Coqui Bakery. Find your North Dakota roots in the State Archives.



Camp Hancock

State Historic Site • Bismarck

Once a bustling military supply depot and then a weather station, Camp Hancock now offers exhibits in the 1872 officers' quarters—the oldest standing building in Bismarck. On the grounds, tour the city's oldest church with LaFarge stained glass windows, and get a close-up look at a 1909 steam locomotive.



Chateau de Morès

State Historic Site • Medora

Built on a bluff overlooking Medora, the Chateau was the 26-room summer home of the wealthy French nobleman and entrepreneur the Marquis de Morès and his wife, Medora. Learn about their entrepreneurial dreams, stories of the Wild West, and their dinners and dealings with young Theodore Roosevelt. Enjoy an interpretive center, the home, carriage rides, and stunning views.



Double Ditch Indian Village

State Historic Site • Near Bismarck

High on a bluff with stunning views of the Missouri River, Double Ditch Indian Village was home to perhaps 2,000 Mandan people at its founding. It was a hub in a continental trade system. Stroll paths through the remains of earthlodges built from 1490 to 1785. Follow interpretive trails along the unique series of ditches, remains of defenses protecting a village. A landing offers canoe and kayak river access.



Former Governors' Mansion

State Historic Site • Bismarck

Explore the home and gardens of 20 former governors and their families from 1894 to 1960 at the Former Governors' Mansion. Examine the architecture and original furnishings. The adjacent carriage house features an exhibit about transportation history.

Fort Abercrombie

State Historic Site • Abercrombie

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 reconstructed blockhouses and palisade attest to the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862 that spilled into the Dakotas from Minnesota. Explore the buildings and interpretive center, and view the Red River.





Fort Buford

State Historic Site • Near Williston

Here, where two great rivers meet, people have gathered for thousands of years. At the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center, take in exhibits and trails showcasing the same river views seen by Lewis and Clark in 1805 and 1806. At Fort Buford, tour exhibits in original and reconstructed buildings of the military post where Sitting Bull relinquished his rifle to the U.S. government in 1881.



Fort Clark

State Historic Site • Near Washburn

A center of global trade and an exotic travel destination, Fort Clark was the site of a fur trading post and a thriving Indian village until a series of devastating epidemics arrived with the steamboats. Walk the pathways along the impressions left by the village and the post.

Fort Mandan

State Historic Site • Washburn

Step back in time at Fort Mandan, a furnished replica of the fort where the Lewis and Clark Expedition wintered in 1804-1805. Learn about the hospitality of Mandan and Hidatsa peoples, how the Expedition met Sakakawea and other historical figures, and why they spent more time here than any other place on their journey. Enjoy exhibits, a play area, river views, world's largest Newfoundland dog sculpture, and trails.



Fort Totten

State Historic Site • Near Devils Lake

Visit one of the best-preserved frontier military forts in the U.S., with 16 original buildings. The fort later became one of the largest Indian boarding schools in the nation. Learn about students' experiences and the lifelong impact of the school. Explore buildings, a visitor center, and exhibits.

Stay at the Totten Trail Inn housed in an original building.



Huff Indian Village

State Historic Site • Near Mandan

Mandan people built Huff Indian Village in the mid-1400s along the banks of the Missouri River. See impressions of rectangular lodges and the remnants of a fortification ditch, all on the native prairie that still grows where the village once stood.



Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center • Washburn

Experience family-friendly exhibits, world-class art collections, and interpreters who tell the story of the Lewis and Clark Expedition like never before, especially highlighting the Expedition's Fort Mandan stay in 1804-05. Explore cultural and artistic heritage of the northern Plains, walk the trails, and enjoy scenic river views.



Menoken Indian Village

State Historic Site • Near Bismarck

Menoken Indian Village was established about 800 years ago beside Apple Creek. The village was built just as horticulture began to arrive in this region. Follow the fortification system, stop by the stone shelter, and look for chokecherries along the creek.

Pembina State Museum

At the Pembina State Museum and seven-story observation tower, immerse yourself in the colorful history of this region—a place of the Métis, ox carts, Hudson's Bay forts, bison robes, and a fur trade hub. Enjoy views of North Dakota, Minnesota, and Manitoba, then shop in the Museum Store.



Ronald Reagan Minuteman Missile

State Historic Site • Near Cooperstown

This former missile launch site—once protected by high fences, search lights, and armed guards—offers visitors the opportunity to enter the security zone and go 50 feet below ground to visit the launch control center on the front lines of America's Cold War.

Stutsman County Courthouse

State Historic Site • Jamestown

Visit North Dakota's oldest courthouse and only surviving building directly related to the 1880s statehood movement. After narrowly escaping demolition in the 1980s, the courthouse has been undergoing gradual restoration. Enjoy the decorative stamped metal interiors and a civics exhibit highlighting how local and state government work.



Welk Homestead

State Historic Site • Near Strasburg

The rural boyhood home of legendary television bandleader Lawrence Welk (1903-1992) provides visitors with insight into German-Russian culture and heritage, architecture, and family farming. Tour the six-acre grounds, including the original farmhouse, Sommerküche (summer kitchen), outhouse, granary, and buggy house.



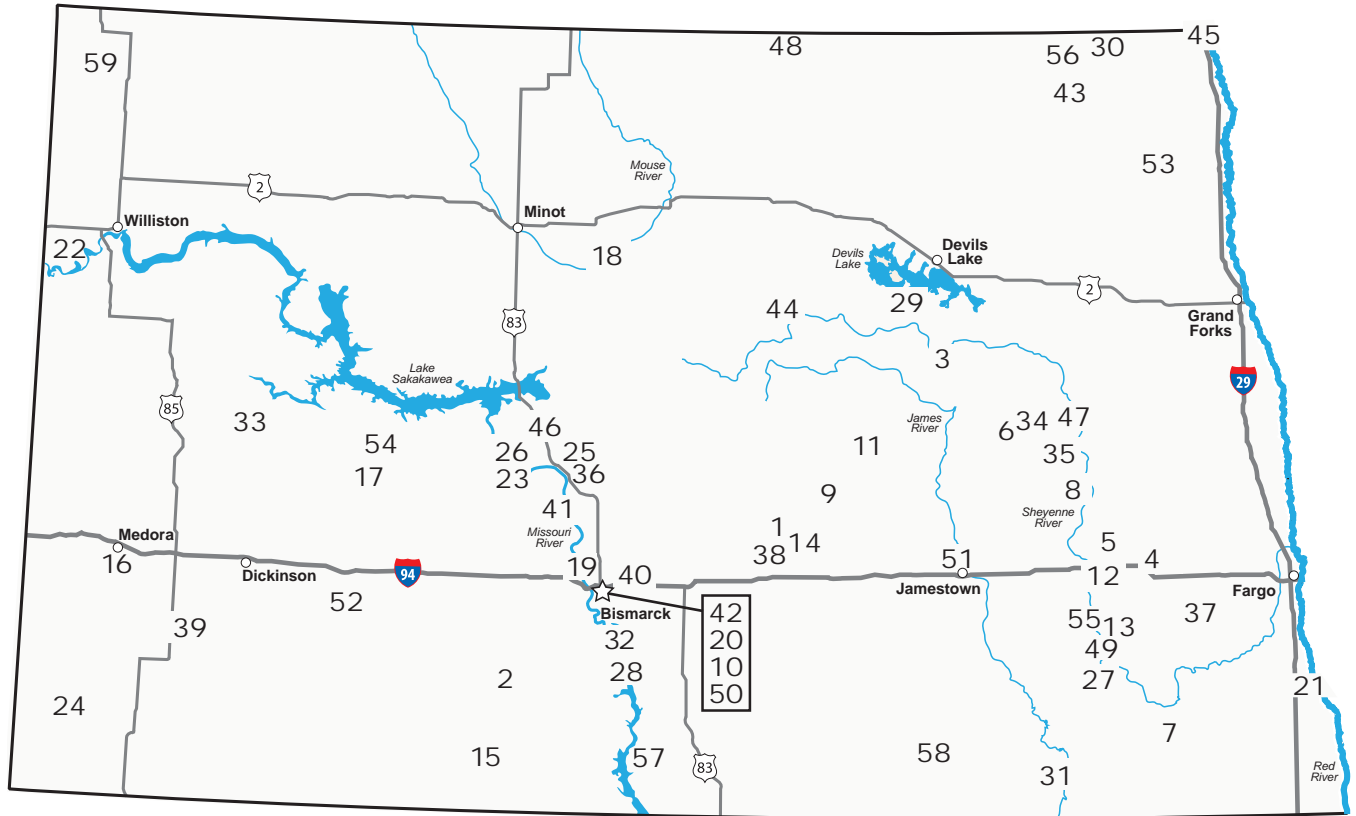
Whitestone Hill

State Historic Site • Near Kulm

This historic site is a place of remembrance for the 100 to 300 Native Americans massacred here in 1863 by U.S. soldiers under Gen. Alfred Sully's command. Descendants from all backgrounds come here to learn and reflect.

North Dakota State Historic Sites

* Bold sites are featured in this brochure.



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| 3. Brenner Crossing | 18. David Thompson | 33. Killdeer Mountain Battlefield | 47. Ronald Reagan Minuteman Missile |
| 4. Buffalo Creek | 19. Double Ditch Indian Village | 34. Lake Jessie | 48. St. Claude |
| 5. Camp Arnold | 20. Former Governors' Mansion | 35. Lake Johnson | 49. Standing Rock |
| 6. Camp Atchison | 21. Fort Abercrombie | 36. Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center | 50. Steamboat Warehouse |
| 7. Camp Buell | 22. Fort Buford/MYIC | 37. Maple Creek Crossing | 51. Stutsman County Courthouse |
| 8. Camp Corning | 23. Fort Clark | 38. McPhail's Butte Overlook | 52. Sully's Heart River Corral |
| 9. Camp Grant | 24. Fort Dilts | 39. Medicine Rock | 53. Sweden |
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Directions to Our Sites

Find hours, admission fees, amenities, and more at history.nd.gov

Camp Hancock State Historic Site

101 East Main Avenue, Bismarck
701.328.9528 or 328.2666

Chateau de Morès State Historic Site

3426 Chateau Road, Medora
701.623.4355

Double Ditch Indian Village State Historic Site

ND 1804, Bismarck
701.328.2666

Former Governors' Mansion State Historic Site

320 East Avenue B, Bismarck
701.328.9528 or 328.2666

Fort Abercrombie State Historic Site

935 Broadway North, Abercrombie
701.553.8513

Fort Buford State Historic Site and Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center

15349 39th Lane Northwest, Williston
701.572.9034

Fort Clark State Historic Site

37th Avenue Southwest, Stanton
701.328.2666

Fort Mandan State Historic Site

2576 8th Street Southwest, Washburn
701.463.8535

Fort Totten State Historic Site

417 Calvary Circle, Fort Totten
701.766.4441

Huff Indian Village State Historic Site

ND 1806, Huff
701.328.2666

Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center

2576 8th Street Southwest, Washburn
701.463.8535

Menoken Indian Village State Historic Site

171st Street Northeast, Menoken
701.328.2666

North Dakota Heritage Center & State Museum

612 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck
701.328.2666

Pembina State Museum

805 State Highway 59, Pembina
701.825.6840

Ronald Reagan Minuteman Missile State Historic Site

555 113 1/2 Avenue Northeast, Cooperstown
701.797.3691

Stutsman County Courthouse State Historic Site

504 Third Avenue Southeast, Jamestown
701.328.1883

Welk Homestead State Historic Site

845 88th Street Southeast, Strasburg
701.336.7777

Whitestone Hill State Historic Site

7310 86th Street Southeast, Kulm
701.328.2666

Museum Store Locations

Shop for unique handcrafted gifts!

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- Publications - *North Dakota History* and *Plains Talk* newsletter
- Membership in **Time Travelers**, free and discount admission to many museums nationwide (timetravelers.mohistory.org/institutions)

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