



Downtown Minot

WHETHER YOU LIVE HERE OR YOU'RE CONSIDERING YOUR FIRST VISIT, THERE MAY BE SOME THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW.

For instance, did you know legendary movie actor Josh Duhamel was born and raised in Minot and has partnered with North Dakota Tourism to promote the state? Now you do! Here are some more fun facts to spur your interest as you plan a fun North Dakota adventure.

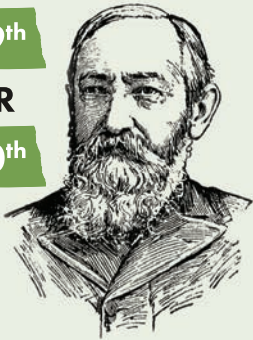
ND Fun Facts

DID YOU KNOW?

39th

OR

40th



When President Benjamin Harrison signed statehood proclamations for North Dakota and South Dakota on Nov. 2, 1889, he kept a secret as to which he signed first. North Dakota is often considered the 39th state simply because of alphabetical order.



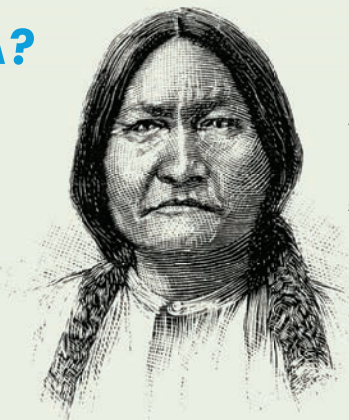
None of the scenes in the popular movie " Fargo " were filmed there, but the woodchipper used in the movie is now on display at the Fargo-Moorhead Visitor Center.



Bismarck

SAKAKAWEA? SACAGAWEA? SACAJAWEA?

Sakakawea, Sacagawea and Sacajawea are different spellings referring to the same legendary woman in North Dakota's history. Whichever spelling is used today, she probably never expected our largest lake would be named for her.



Sitting Bull, the famous Hunkpapa Lakota Sioux chief, spent much of his life in North Dakota and great speculation surrounds the burial of his remains near Fort Yates.

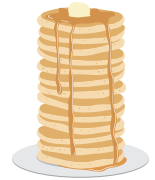
GO BIG

FIVE "WORLD'S LARGEST" CLAIMS TO FAME IN NORTH DAKOTA

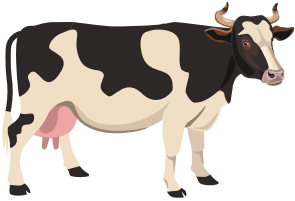
The world's largest buffalo, Dakota Thunder, is a 26-foot-tall, 60-ton concrete giant that has been standing watch over Jamestown since 1959.



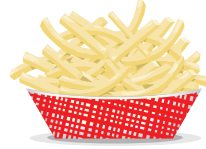
hosted the largest pancake feed in the world, serving up 34,818 pancakes.



We may not be setting any new

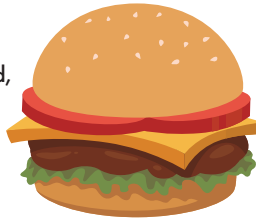


The world's largest holstein cow in New Salem was built to honor the area's dairy producers. Her name is Salem Sue. She is 38 feet high, 50 feet long and visible for five miles.



The world's largest french fry feed is held every year in Grand Forks, during Potato Bowl USA. A new record was set on Sept. 10, 2015, when 5,220 pounds of french fries were served. The Red River Valley is a major producer of red potatoes.

The world's largest hamburger was eaten in Rutland, North Dakota, in 1982. It weighed 3,591 pounds (about half the weight of an elephant) and more than 8,000 people were invited to the meal.



In 2008, Fargo, North Dakota, "World's Largest" records for burgers, fries and pancakes during your visit, but we think you'll find mighty big flavors being served up in eateries all over the state.

CAPITOL FACTS



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North Dakota is dino dig central. Dakota the Dinosaur, who is located at the North Dakota Heritage Center and State Museum in Bismarck, is one of only six mummified dinosaurs worldwide and was found near Marmarth. Not only can you see fossils like these at museums in North Dakota, but you can also go on a dig with real, working paleontologists.



The top visitor activity in North Dakota is outdoor adventure. It's an outdoor playground for hiking, biking, canoeing, camping, snowmobiling, skiing, wildlife viewing, fossil digs, horseback riding, fishing, hunting and more.



THESE TALL TALES ARE 100% TRUE.

The 19-story state capitol building in Bismarck is one of only four tower-style capitols in the U.S. An observation floor at the top provides a panoramic view of Bismarck-Mandan and the Missouri River Valley.

In 2017, Buckets Blakes of the Harlem Globetrotters sank a trick shot from the top of the tower of the state capitol building through a basketball hoop on the ground, 242 feet below. Nothing but net!

North Dakota holds the Guinness World Record for the most snow angels made simultaneously in one place. On Feb. 17, 2007, 8,962 people made snow angels on the state capitol grounds beating the previous record of 3,784. 39.3 million acres — nearly 90% of North Dakota's land area — is in



WE'RE #1

NORTH DAKOTA IS THE TOP PRODUCER OF MANY FOODS

farms and ranches.

Durum wheat is the primary ingredient in most pasta, and North Dakota grows half of all durum produced in the United States. We make a lot of spaghetti!

North Dakota is the nation's largest producer of honey, thanks in part to our beautiful wildflowers. Aww! You don't have to say it; we think you're sweet, too!

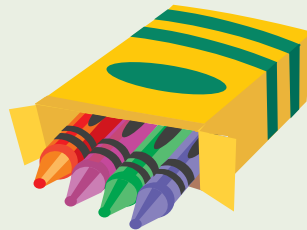
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WE PRODUCE ENOUGH...

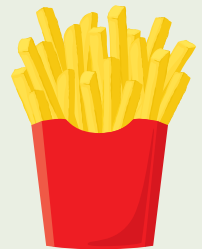
WHEAT for 15.5 billion loaves of bread



SOYBEANS to make 483 billion crayons



POTATOES for 171 million servings of french fries



CORN to sweeten 45 billion cans of soda

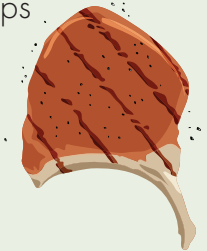


SUNFLOWERS to fill 726 million bags of sunflower seeds



MILK for 894 million glasses

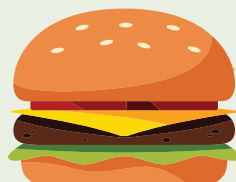
PORK for 41 million pork chops



WOOL for 421,500 sweaters



BEEF for 100 million hamburgers



CANOLA to fill our state capitol tower more than 17 times



SO MUCH TO DO, AND TECHNOLOGY TOO

WE'RE IN THE CENTER OF NORTH AMERICA — OF COURSE WE'RE CONNECTED!

Fargo is home to one of the world's largest Microsoft® field campuses.

North Dakota was one of the first states to allow autonomous vehicles on public roads.

The first unmanned commercial flight to cross the Atlantic flew to England from Grand Forks.

Our state is one of seven FAA test sites conducting vital research for integrating unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) into our national airspace system.

North Dakota ranks #2 in the nation for ultra-fast internet access.

We're the fifth largest wind energy-producing state.

We produce six times more energy than we consume — providing a lot to neighboring states.



FOUR DISTINCT SEASONS

NO WONDER WE LOVE BEING OUTDOORS

North Dakota's remarkably long temperate season includes an average summer temperature of 82°F (28°C).

We typically enjoy more than 200 sunny or mostly sunny days per year.

In June, the sun rises before 6 a.m. and sets after 9:30 p.m. — perfect for long days on the golf course or lake!

STATE SYMBOLS

FLOWER: wild prairie rose

BEVERAGE: milk

DANCE: square dance

FISH: northern pike

FOSSIL: teredo petrified wood

FRUIT: chokecherry

GRASS: western wheatgrass

TREE: American elm

BIRD: western meadowlark

NICKNAME: The Peace Garden State

INSECT: ladybug