



Overlooking Lake Sakakawea and Four Bears Bridge from Crow Flies High Butte

NORTH DAKOTA EAST TO WEST WITH RV/CAMPING OPTIONS

Day 8 — Watford City-New Town-Williston Areas

Watford City

Long before Watford City became the epicenter of the state’s energy boom, it was the gateway to the North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. It’s an area steeped in history, culture and scenic beauty and today it is bustling with new things to see and do.

Theodore Roosevelt National Park,

North Unit: Out-and-back 28-mile round-trip scenic drive along river bottom and high ground above valley to River Bend Overlook. From there, it’s an easy drive along the rim of the badlands to Oxbow Overlook at the road’s end. Campground in the park

New Town

Earthlodge Village: Replica earthlodge village overlooking Lake Sakakawea.

Four Bears Bridge: The bridge is a unique structure that bares aesthetic features selected by and representing the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara tribes.

Crow Flies High Butte: Take in the breathtaking view of Lake Sakakawea, the bluff and the foundations of the underwater town of Sanish.

Three Tribes Museum:

Dedicated to the history of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara through artifacts. Learn about the creation of Lake Sakakawea.

White Shield

Old Scouts Cemetery:

Honoring Native Americans who served their country in times of war and peace, including the Arikara/Sanish warriors who served as scouts for Custer in the Battle of the Little Big Horn.

MHA Nation Heritage Center:

Opening in 2020 in White Shield.

Williston

Set up camp.

Fort Buford State Historic

Site Campground: Primitive campground with room for RVs and tents. Water available from hand pump. No electricity or sewer dump. Vault toilet nearby.

Don’t miss these historical gems.

Fort Buford State Historic Site:

Remnants of a vital frontier plains military post established in 1866 to protect overland and river routes used by immigrants settling the west. Located near the confluence of the Missouri and Yellowstone rivers. Place where the famous Hunkpapa Sioux leader, Sitting Bull, surrendered.

Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site:

The grandest fort on the Upper Missouri River between 1828 and 1867. Assiniboine and six other Northern Plains Indian Tribes exchanged buffalo robes and smaller furs for goods from around the world here.

Fairview Lift Bridge and Cartwright Tunnel:

The bridge and tunnel, now closed to vehicle and rail traffic, stretches 1,320 feet across the Yellowstone River and has been turned into a walkway. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places.