

SOUTH-CENTRAL NORTH DAKOTA BEST PLACES

MUST SEE BEST PLACES

- **North Dakota State Capitol:** 9-story art deco State Capitol was built in the 1930s after the first building burned down. Bismarck (701)-328-2480
- **North Dakota Heritage Center and State Museum:** Four museum galleries tracing the state's rich history from its earliest geologic formation 600 million years ago to today. Bismarck (701) 328-2666
- **National Buffalo Museum and "Dakota," World's Largest Buffalo Monument:** Museum details the rich history of our national mammal and includes a live bison herd. The 60-ton monument has stood watch since 1959. Jamestown 1-800-222-4766
- **Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park:** Oldest state park offers an abundance of recreation in a historic setting including On-A-Slant Indian Village, Fort McKeen and Custer's house. Mandan (701) 667-6340

HIDDEN GEMS

- **Dakota Sun Garden Winery:** 20 signature wines including honey mead, chocolate raspberry and watermelon with a wine tasting room and a spacious front deck overlooking the beautiful flower gardens. Carrington (701) 674-3316
- **Double Ditch Indian Village State Historic Site:** Named for the two defensive ditches still visible at the site today, this earthlodge village was inhabited by the Mandan Indians for nearly 300 years. Bismarck (701) 328-3575
- **Midland Continental Depot Transportation Museum Featuring Peggy Lee:** The only remaining depot of the railroad line connecting Canada to the Gulf coast with display honoring Peggy Lee, American jazz and popular music singer, composer and actress, who was born in the area. Wimbeldon (701) 435-2875
- **Welk Homestead State Historic Site:** Interprets agriculture in the early 20th century, German Russian culture and the career of bandleader Lawrence Welk, who grew up on the farm. Strasburg (701) 328-2666

IF TIME ALLOWS

- **Lewis and Clark Riverboat:** Daily seasonal Missouri River cruises. Bismarck (701) 255-4233
- **Former Governors Mansion State Historic Site:** 20 governors resided in this restored Victorian house and carriage house. Bismarck (701) 328-9528
- **Whitestone Hill State Historic Site:** Marks the site of the fiercest clash between Native Americans and white soldiers in the state. Kulm (701) 396-7731
- **St. Mary's Catholic Church:** Stunning church with detailed sculpture and murals. Hague (701) 336-7172
- **Jamestown Talking Trail:** Self-guided audio adventure. Jamestown (701) 251-9145
- **Louis L'Amour Walking Tour:** Visit some of the places that influenced the beloved western author. Jamestown (701) 251-9145
- **Menoken Indian Village State Historic Site:** Settlement was built and used by Late Plains Woodland peoples. Menoken (701) 328-2666
- **Arrowwood National Wildlife Refuge:** In the heart of the central flyway, this refuge was established as a breeding ground for migratory birds and other wildlife. Pingree (701) 285-3341
- **Chan Sansan Scenic Backway:** Highlights the James River Valley. Jamestown (701) 251-9145
- **Long Lake National Wildlife Refuge:** Location has played host to Plains Indians and early European settlers who hunted waterfowl and other game along its shores. Moffit (701) 387-4767
- **Steele Birding Drives:** Three self-guided tours that take you into the remote areas of Kidder County native grasslands. Steele (701) 475-2133
- **Birding Drives Dakota:** Six distinct drives, through the best places for birding in the Missouri Coteau. Carrington (888) 921-2473
- **Beaver Lake State Park:** Provides an escape from everyday life, offering relaxation next to a quiet lake. Wishek (701) 452-2752
- **Chase Lake National Wildlife Refuge:** one of the oldest refuges in the nation and one of the largest breeding colonies for white pelicans. Medina (701) 285-3341