

SOUTHWEST NORTH DAKOTA BEST PLACES



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MUST SEE BEST PLACES

- **Theodore Roosevelt National Park, South Unit:** Easily accessed from I-94, the most visited unit of Theodore Roosevelt National park features a 36-mile scenic drive, trails and abundant wildlife. Medora (701) 623-4466 www.nps.gov/thro/planyourvisit/south-unit
- **Painted Canyon Visitor Center:** For many, this visitor center serves as a first glimpse of Theodore Roosevelt National Park with panoramic views, hiking trail, gift shop and more. I-94 exit 32, 5 miles east of Medora www.nps.gov/thro/planyourvisit/visitorcenters
- **The Medora Musical and Pitchfork Steak Fondue:** Musical is dubbed the "Greatest Show in the West." The steak fondue is a unique western dining experience near the Medora Musical. Medora 1-800-MEDORA-1 medora.com
- **Chateau de Mores State Historic Site:** Summer residence of Antoine de Vallombrosa, the Marquis de Mores, the founder of the town of Medora, named after his wife. Medora (701) 623-4921 www.history.nd.gov/historicsites/chateau/
- **North Dakota Cowboy Hall Of Fame:** Preserves the history and promotes the culture of North Dakota's Native Americans, ranching, and rodeo communities. Medora (701) 623-2000 northdakotacowboy.org/
- **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 www.parkrec.nd.gov/fort-abraham-lincoln-state-park
- **Pioneer Trails Regional Museum:** Must-see spot for dinosaur fans. Bowman (701) 523-3600 ptrm.org/
- **Badlands Dinosaur Museum:** Part of the Dickinson Museum Center, features an evolving exhibit of fossils, minerals, a public preparation lab and a vibrant research and fieldwork program. Dickinson (701) 456-6225 dickinsonmuseumcenter.com/badlands_home/
- **Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center:** Lewis and Clark spent more time here than any other place on their exploration west. The center highlights this history and more. Washburn (701) 328-5357 www.history.nd.gov/historicsites/lcic/

HIDDEN GEMS

- **Enchanted Highway:** Giant metal sculptures line this easy drive, ending at the Enchanted Castle. Regent (701) 563-4858 www.roadsideamerica.com/story/2155
- **Salem Sue:** World's largest Holstein cow. New Salem www.newsalem-nd.com/salem-sue.html
- **White Butte:** Highest point in North Dakota Amidon highpointers.org/

IF TIME ALLOWS

- **Sully Creek State Park:** Gateway to the Maah Daah Hey Trail. Medora (701) 623-2024 www.parkrec.nd.gov/sully-creek-state-park
- **Cross Ranch State Park:** Wooded park along the gently flowing Missouri River. Center (701) 794-3731 www.parkrec.nd.gov/cross-ranch-state-park
- **Prairie Knights Casino & Resort:** Features concerts, casino, marina, lodge and more. Fort Yates (701) 854-7777 prairieknights.com/
- **Richardton Abbey:** Benedictine Monastery. Richardton (701) 974-3315 assumptionabbey.com/
- **Pfennig Wildlife Museum:** Largest individual wildlife collection in the state. Beulah (701) 873-4889 www.NDtourism.com/beulah/attractions-entertainment/family-fun/pfennig-wildlife-museum
- **Theodore Roosevelt Center:** Preserves the legacy of our 26th president. Dickinson (701) 483-2814 www.theodorerooseveltcenter.org/
- **Ukrainian Cultural Institute:** Preserves Ukrainian culture. Dickinson (701) 483-1486 www.ucitoday.org/
- **Raging Rivers Waterpark:** Mandan (701) 663-3393 www.ragingriverswaterpark.com/
- **Old Red Old Ten Scenic Byway:** Alternate route to I-94 with talking trails. www.NDtourism.com/articles/old-red-old-ten-scenic-byway
- **Killdeer Mountain Four Bears Scenic Byway:** This 64-mile byway offers rich history and culture in one of the most scenic areas of the state. Killdeer (701) 764-6092 www.NDtourism.com
- **Prairie Fire Pottery:** Handmade pottery. Beach (701) 872-3855 prairiefirepottery.com/
- **Bully Pulpit:** 18 holes through the scenic Badlands. Medora 1-800-MEDORA-1 medora.com/bulypulpit/
- **Maah Daah Hey Trail:** Epic trail spans 144 miles through the North Dakota badlands. Little Missouri National Grasslands mdhta.com/
- **Lake Tschida:** Heart Butte Reservoir with water recreation and camping. Elgin (701) 584-2201 laketschida.org/
- **Fort Dilts:** Appears today much as it did more than a century ago. Eight miles northwest of Rhame, Bowman County. www.history.nd.gov/historicsites/dilts/index.html