

## Interstate 94 - from East to West

### ***Fargo-West Fargo Area***

- **DOWNTOWN FARGO:** Downtown Fargo is a must-see when visiting the area. It's home to the iconic Fargo Theatre (yes, the one with the marquee you see in all the photos) along with other downtown attractions, dozens of trendy eateries and quirky boutiques.
- **FARGO THEATRE:** The Fargo Theatre is a vintage movie palace built in 1926 to showcase major silent films and vaudeville acts. Its Wurlitzer pipe organ has been restored to its art modern décor.
- **PLAINS ART MUSEUM:** The largest art museum between Minneapolis and Seattle offers three galleries for your enjoyment. Galleries feature regional artists, a permanent collection and special exhibits.
- **HISTORICAL & CULTURAL SOCIETY OF CLAY COUNTY - HERITAGE-HJEMKOMST CENTER (Moorhead):** The center displays the Hjemkomst, an authentic handmade Viking longship that was sailed to Norway in 1982. The center also is home to the Hopperstad Stave Church, a full-scale replica of the Hopperstad Church located in the town of Vik, Norway.
- **RED RIVER ZOO:** Of all the things to do with kids in Fargo, Red River Zoo should top the list. The 32-acre zoo is home to 70 species and is the leading conservation and breeding center for some of the world's rarest cold-climate species. The zoo is home to a working, vintage carousel. Open year-round.
- **BONANZAVILLE:** Bonanzaville is a 45-building restored pioneer village set on 15 acres. Visitors can enjoy browsing through a sod house, airplane museum, car museums, doll house, town hall, newspaper office, schoolhouse, hotel, church and drug store.
- **FARGO MOORHEAD VISITORS CENTER:** Stop inside the Fargo-Moorhead Visitors Center off of Exit 348 and get your picture taken with the original Fargo Woodchipper from the famous Coen brothers cult classic film "Fargo."
- **FARGO AIR MUSEUM:** Two airplane hangars full of aircraft and interactive displays entertain aviation fans of all ages. The air museum is a must-see if you love history, aircraft or both.

### ***Valley City***

- **ROSEBUD VISITORS CENTER:** Walk through railroad history at Rosebud Visitor Center. An 1881 Superintendent's Railcar with the original furnishings is housed here along with history of the Sheyenne Valley.
- **BARNES COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM:** Museum features permanent and changing exhibits relating to the history of Barnes County.
- **HISTORIC BRIDGES TOUR (Citywide):** Eight unique bridges. Valley City was founded in 1872 and is built around the winding Sheyenne River. The Hi-Line Bridge is the longest and highest bridges at 126 feet and is on the former Northern Pacific Railway.
- **MEDICINE WHEEL PARK:** Constructed from local rocks, the 28 spokes radiating from the center represent the lunar cycle. Unique American Indian astronomy and a walk of the planets in the 35-acre park that is part of the North Country Trail.
- **SHEYENNE RIVER VALLEY NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY (63 miles, from Lake Ashtabula, north of Valley City, south to Lisbon along Barnes County Highway 21):** Nationally recognized scenic byway through an area known for its flat endless horizon. The tree-speckled valley of the Sheyenne, with snaking river and winding roadway, is a welcome variation.
- **THE NORTH COUNTRY NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL:** Longest hiking trail in the U.S. goes through seven states. There are many segments along the byway. You can rent kayaks and bicycles in Valley City to experience the Sheyenne River Valley.

### ***Fort Ransom***

On the Sheyenne River Valley National Scenic Byway, 30 miles south of Valley City

- **FORT RANSOM STATE HISTORIC SITE:** The site marks the location of a 200-man military post built in 1867 by General Alfred Terry and named for Civil War General Thomas Ransom. The post was active from 1867 to 1872.
- **FORT RANSOM STATE PARK:** The park is situated in the scenic Sheyenne River Valley. A scenic overlook on a park road high on the valley slope affords a spectacular view of the area. Sodbuster Days celebrations with demonstrations are held twice annually in the park. Fort Ransom State Park has yurts and Conestoga wagons for overnight rentals.

## ***Jamestown***

- **FRONTIER VILLAGE & WORLD'S LARGEST BUFFALO:** Frontier Village is home to a 60-ton concrete buffalo, buffalo herd and a pioneer village.
- **NATIONAL BUFFALO MUSEUM & WHITE CLOUD & BUFFALO HERD:** Museum houses artifacts, many original art works, and has an observation point for the live buffalo herd.
- **WALK THE TRAIL OF LOUIS L'AMOUR:** Self-guided walking tour of Louis L' Amour's hometown. Available year-round.
- **1883 STUTSMAN COUNTY TERITORAL COURTHOUSE:** North Dakota's oldest surviving courthouse. Features newly installed, interactive civics exhibit displaying the changes in government services from 1880s to today.
- **FORT SEWARD:** Well-kept grounds feature an interpretive center and the largest United States flag on display in North Dakota (weather permitting). Fort Seward was in operation from 1872 to 1877.
- **JAMESTOWN/PIPESTEM RESERVOIRS:** The twin reservoirs are full-service, seasonal resort areas. These recreational areas are also home to 27 miles of the best mountain bike trails in North Dakota.

## ***Bismarck-Mandan Area***

- **FORT ABRAHAM LINCOLN STATE PARK:** 977-acre park located on the Missouri River's banks south of Mandan. The history goes back over 300 years when it was home to the Mandan Indians. Site of a military garrison in the mid-to-late 1800s. Exhibits relate to the life of the Mandan Indians and the military history of the fort that was home to Custer and the 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry.
- **ON-A-SLANT INDIAN VILLAGE:** This village adjacent to Fort Abraham Lincoln was once home to a thriving Mandan Indian population. Tour reconstructed earthlodges.
- **THE CUSTER HOUSE:** Tour the home of General George & Libbie Custer and reconstructed commissary storehouse, granary, barracks and stables. This was the last home and command of General George Armstrong Custer. It was from here that Custer and his 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry rode to meet their fate at the Battle of the Little Bighorn.
- **FORT LINCOLN TROLLEY:** Restored trolley car offers a nine-mile round-trip ride to Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park Memorial Day to Labor Day: Daily trips to the park running on the hour. One of the cars is a restored 1890s streetcar that ran along Fourth Street in Bismarck in the 1920s.
- **NORTH DAKOTA CAPITOL BUILDING:** The 19-story Capitol Building, built in the early 1930s, has an observation deck on the 18<sup>th</sup> floor.
- **NORTH DAKOTA HERITAGE CENTER:** One of the largest collections of Plains Indian artifacts, second only to the Smithsonian. Numerous displays of North Dakota's varied military and agricultural history. North Dakota's largest museum features four galleries tracing the state's rich history from its earliest geologic formation 600 million years ago to today. Museum gift shop offers North Dakota arts and crafts.
- **DAKOTA ZOO:** Zoo offers a variety of fun things to do while visiting the 600-plus animals that call Dakota Zoo home. Many of the animals Lewis and Clark saw in North Dakota can be seen at Dakota Zoo.
- **LEWIS & CLARK RIVERBOAT:** A 100-foot paddle-wheeler features twin decks and a 70-foot cabin that can carry more than 150 people. Departs in the afternoon, also dinner and sunset cruises on the Missouri River.

## ***New Salem***

- **NEW SALEM SUE:** Visible for miles, the fiberglass Holstein stands 38 feet high and 50 feet long on top of School Hill on the north edge of New Salem. A project of the New Salem Lions Club, Salem Sue was constructed in 1974 at a cost of \$40,000 as a tribute to the area's dairy industry.
- **NEW SALEM HISTORICAL SOCIETY/CUSTER TRAIL MUSEUM:** Nine buildings: school, church, blacksmith shop, 1910 house, railroad depot.

## ***Richardton***

- **ASSUMPTION ABBEY:** The Abbey Church, a Bavarian Romanesque structure, was completed in 1909 and recently renewed. The impressive interior is delineated by lofty arches. Noteworthy also are 52 stained glass windows, 24 paintings of saints on canvas above the arches and a huge carved crucifix. The outside steeple design, comprised of four diamond shapes, is very rare in the United States

## ***Gladstone***

- **ENCHANTED HIGHWAY:** The 32-mile Enchanted Highway features some of the world's largest scrap metal sculptures. Seven different sculptures line the county highway, each one unique. The sculpture "Geese in Flight" is currently listed in the Guinness World Book of Records as the Largest Scrap Metal Sculpture in the entire world. The extremely large, metal sculptures depict geese, deer, pheasants, grasshoppers, Teddy Roosevelt and even a complete Tin Family.

## ***Dickinson***

- **DAKOTA MUSEUM CENTER:** The 12-acre campus features Badlands Dinosaur Museum, Joachim Regional History Museum, the Pioneer Machinery Hall and Prairie Outpost Park. Ethnic origins are preserved at the Dickinson Museum Center, which features art, history exhibits and events. Research is also available. Summer tours of 11 buildings are available at the Prairie Outpost Park. Housed inside the Prairie Machinery Building, the implements of farming are on display along with the stories of their contribution to the area.
- **BADLANDS DINOSAUR MUSEUM:** Located at the Dickinson Museum Center, the 13,400-square-foot museum houses thousands of rocks, mineral and fossil specimens from around the world, including a complete Triceratops skull discovered just west of Dickinson. Fourteen full-scales dinosaurs and a fluorescent mineral display will be the highlight of any child's vacation. The gift shop offers lots of variety of items, including minerals, fossils specimens, toy dinosaurs, educational books, jewelry and T-shirts.
- **FLUFFY FIELDS VINEYARD & WINERY:** Family-owned and-operated farm winery features grapes and fruit grown in their own vineyards, orchards and gardens. Along with the wine and other beverages, the light menus served are excellent with the wines, creating a relaxing experience. Summer seating outside provide views of the wavy wheat fields and high hills, and the indoor fireplace is perfect for the rainy or winter weather to cozy up to with a glass.
- **OLD RED OLD 10 SCENIC BYWAY:** Old Red/Old Ten between Mandan and Dickinson is not only a beautiful byway traversing rolling countryside and small towns, but also a reminder of the early efforts of the American Automobile Association (AAA) to provide a route for North Dakotans to travel independently of the railroad in the newly available and widely embraced automobile. The Old Red Trail naturally followed a mostly parallel path to the railroad tracks across the state, allowing for gentle grades and easy access to established towns and villages.

## ***Medora Area***

Step back in history to a time when cattle was king on the prairie and Old West towns like Medora were gathering places for the people brave enough to settle in the rugged Badlands. Medora still maintains the charms of the "old" days and shares them with thousands of visitors each year. Its quaint downtown area offers shopping, touring, eating and stagecoach rides. It is the gateway to the south unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park and home of the Medora Musical and world-famous Bully Pulpit Golf Course. The Old West cow town was founded in 1883 by the Marquis de Mores and named for his wife.

- **CHATEAU DEMORES STATE HISTORIC SITE:** This 26-room, two-story frame building was built in 1883 as the summer residence of the Marquis' family. The chateau is now a historic house museum and contains many of the

original furnishings and personal effects of the de Mores family. Visits through the house are available during the summer months.

- **PITCHFORK STEAK FONDUE:** A unique western steak meal served at the Tjaden Center on the bluffs overlooking Medora.
- **MEDORA MUSICAL:** Colorful production at the spectacular Burning Hills Amphitheater. Western entertainment and a patriotic salute are part of each Broadway-style variety show.
- **SOUTH UNIT THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATIONAL PARK:** North Dakota Badlands provide the scenic backdrop to this park. Named for the 26<sup>th</sup> President, it memorializes his contribution to conservation. Visitor's center and Theodore Roosevelt's cabin from the Maltese Cross Ranch at the entrance and scenic drive that could provide a view of buffalo, deer, elk, big-horn sheep, wild horses, mule deer and prairie dog towns. Canoe through the park on the Little Missouri River.
- **MAAH DAAH HEY TRAIL:** The Maah Daah Hey Trail system showcases some of our country's most unique and breathtaking terrain. Majestic plateaus, jagged peaks and valleys, large expanses of rolling prairie and rivers intertwine to offer the adventurous outdoors enthusiast a taste of pure, unadulterated Badlands. Mountain biking, hiking and horseback riding are welcome on the trail, though mountain biking is not allowed in the national park.

## **Beach**

- **PRAIRIE FIRE POTTERY:** The small, burnt red building on Main Street in Beach looks like it was made for one purpose: to house an art studio, and that's exactly what it does. Prairie Fire Pottery is the studio and showroom of North Dakota potter Tama Smith, whose creations are prized by collectors and pottery enthusiasts for their rich and vibrant glaze colors reminiscent of the western North Dakota landscape.



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