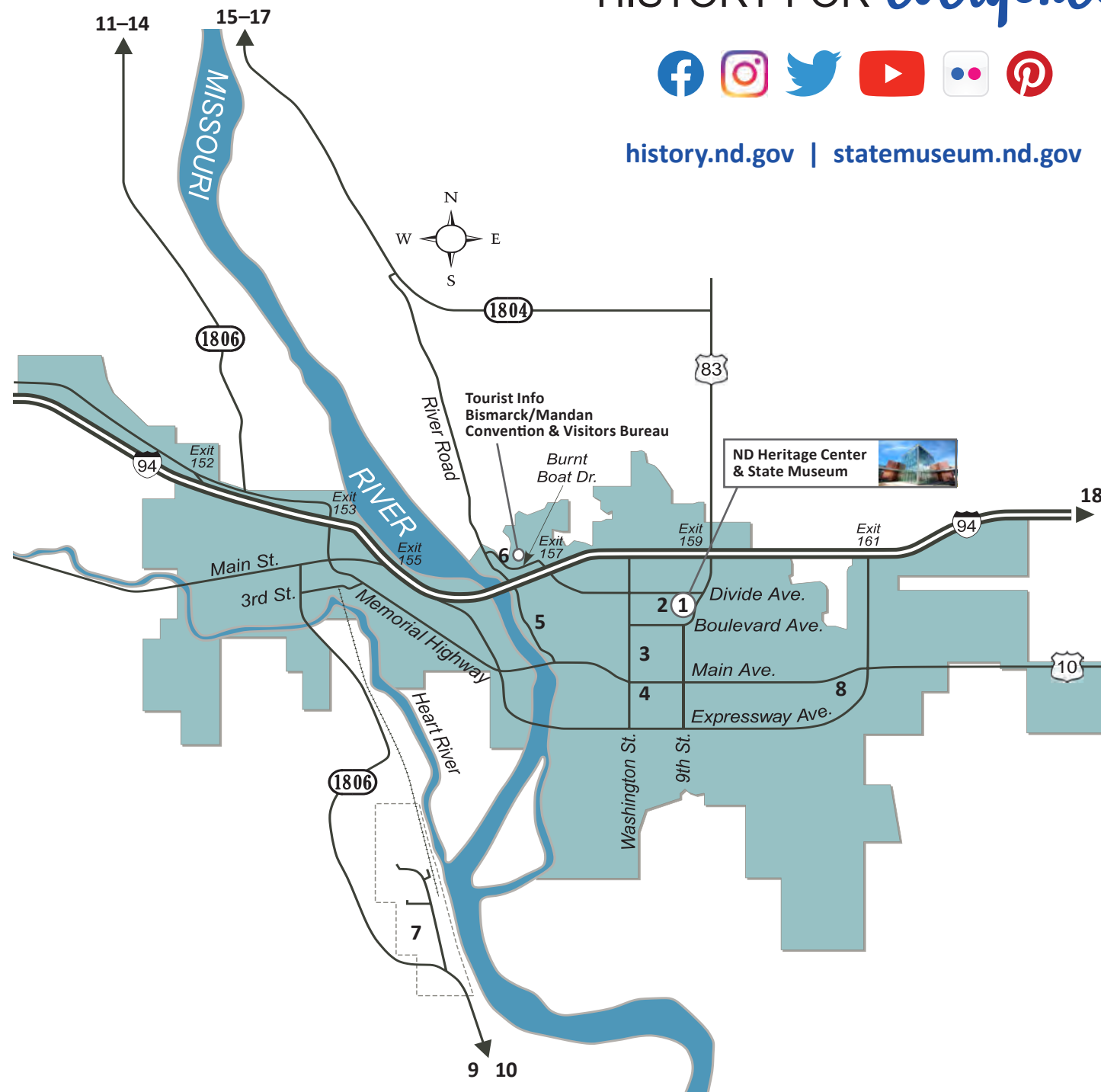


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Missouri River Road Trip



Experience a wide range of scenic and historic sites within a one-hour drive of Bismarck and Mandan.



ND Heritage Center & State Museum

1. North Dakota Heritage Center & State Museum

612 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck

Learn the fascinating history of North Dakota through thousands of artifacts and specimens, high-tech displays, and interactive exhibits. See a full-scale *T. rex* replica, rare collections of Native American artifacts, a 1950s soda shop, and much more. From the time when dinosaurs ruled through the development of today's emerging industries, you'll find history for everyone. The Treehouse exhibit invites young children to discover and explore North Dakota life, past and present.

Open year-round • Free • ADA • Staff • Restrooms • Museum store • Café • 701.328.2666 • statemuseum.nd.gov

2. North Dakota State Capitol and Grounds

600 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck

The focal point of the North Dakota Capitol grounds is the 19-story art deco Capitol building built in the early 1930s. The 132-acre grounds surrounding the building include an arboretum trail, statues, memorials, the North Dakota Heritage Center & State Museum, and the State Library, all in a park-like setting. Tours, year-round, Mon.-Fri. • Free • ADA • Staff • Restrooms • Café • 701.328.2480 • nd.gov/fac

3. Former Governors' Mansion State Historic Site

320 East Avenue B, Bismarck

This historic site preserves the mid-Victorian mansion as a historic and architectural exhibit. Purchased for \$5,000 from a Bismarck entrepreneur in 1893, the building served as the residence for 20 governors until 1960.

Open May 16 through September 15, Winter hours: second Fri. and Sat. of each month, 1-5 p.m., or by appointment • Free • Limited ADA • Staff • Restrooms • 701.328.2666 • history.nd.gov/visit

4. Camp Hancock State Historic Site

101 East Main Avenue, Bismarck

A military installation established in 1872 to provide protection for workers building the Northern Pacific Railroad, it became a US Weather Bureau station in 1894. A log headquarters building serves as a museum with artifacts and information about local history. The site is also home to a 1909 Northern Pacific locomotive and the 1881 Church of the Bread of Life, moved to the site in 1965.

Open Memorial Day to Labor Day, Fri.-Sun., 1-5 p.m. or by appointment • Free • Limited ADA • Restrooms • 701.328.2666 • history.nd.gov/visit



5. River Road

East side of Missouri River, Bismarck
Take a short, scenic drive down River Road to find a partially reconstructed steamboat, a reproduction of Lewis and Clark’s keelboat, sculptures by United Tribes Technical College students, and Sertoma Park, which includes the Dakota Zoo, the Super Slide Amusement Park, and biking and walking trails.

6. Chief Looking’s Village

2023 Burnt Boat Drive, Bismarck
This Native American village site has a self-guided tour of the earthlodge depressions and fortification ditch. The name of the site recognizes Chief Looking, the Mandan leader of the village.
Open May 1 through October 1, weather permitting • Walking trail • Interpretive signs • 701.222.6455 • bisparks.org

7. Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park

4480 Fort Lincoln Road, Mandan
7 miles south of Mandan on Highway 1806
See the partly reconstructed 1872 Fort McKeen infantry post and military cemetery, a partial reconstruction of On-A-Slant Mandan Indian Village, dated 1600 to 1785, and the Visitor Center Museum. Fort Abraham Lincoln, including a reconstruction of Lt. Col. George A. and Libby Custer’s home, is at the south end of the park. Other reconstructed buildings are the commissary store, granary, and central barracks. Camping and picnic areas, walking trails, and tours of the Custer home.
Open Memorial Day through Sept. 30 • Admission fee • Staff • Restrooms • Concessions • Store • Limited ADA • 701.667.6340 • parkrec.nd.gov

8. Game and Fish Conservation and Outdoor Skills Area and Lobby Displays

100 North Bismarck Expressway, Bismarck
Enjoy a fishing pond and three interpretive trails: a wetlands trail; a prairie and drylands trail; and a tree and shrub identification trail. It is located on 60 acres. The lobby contains exhibits of wildlife species.
Conservation & Skills Area open year-round, sunrise to sunset • Free • Limited ADA • Self-guided interpretation via brochures and trail panels • 701.328.6300 • gf.nd.gov

9. Huff Indian Village State Historic Site

1/2 mile south of Huff; 22 miles south of Mandan
This 12-acre site preserves a historic village that was a large, well-planned community where perhaps a thousand or more ancestors of the Mandan Indians lived around 1450. Depressions marking the locations of more than 100 lodges and are surrounded by a massive fortification system.
Open year-round • Free • Walking trail • Interpretive signs • 701.328.2666 • history.nd.gov/visit

10. Fort Rice State Historic Site

30 miles south of Mandan
This site preserves Fort Rice, established July 7, 1864, by Gen. Alfred H. Sully as a field base during his 1864 expedition. An important Upper Missouri River post, it operated until November 1878. No original structures remain, but depressions, foundation lines, and WPA corner markers are visible. Read a brief history of the fort and view a map on a site marker.
Please call or check online regarding accessibility. • Free • Adjacent to county park with seasonal facilities • 701.328.2666 • history.nd.gov/visit

11. Smith Grove Wildlife Management Area

25 miles north of Mandan
Some of the largest recorded cottonwood trees in North Dakota are located in Smith Grove’s 233 acres, estimated to be from 250 to 300 years of age. Visitors who travel north from the intersection of Old Red Trail and ND Highway 1806 (Collins Avenue) on the north edge of Mandan will discover several places of interest: Square Buttes (15.8 mi.), the tiny hamlet of Price (18.75 mi.), the ghost town of Sanger (25.75 mi.), and Cross Ranch State Park (28.5 mi.).
Open year-round • Free • Walking trails • 701.328.6300 • gf.nd.gov

12. Cross Ranch State Park

1403 River Road, Center
Cross Ranch State Park is located along some of the last free-flowing and undeveloped stretches of the Missouri River. A boat ramp and canoe and kayak rentals are available. Explore an extensive trail system on foot or on cross-country skis. Skis and snowshoes are available for rent. The trails allow access to a 5,000-acre nature preserve with mixed grass prairie, river bottom forests, and woody draws.
Open year-round, daily, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. • Limited ADA • Daily park entrance fee or annual state park pass; camping additional • Restrooms • 701.794.3731 • parkrec.nd.gov

13. Fort Clark State Historic Site

1 1/4 miles west of the town of Fort Clark
This site interprets Mandan and Arikara life and the fur trade on the Missouri River from 1822 to 1865. The archaeological remains of a large earthlodge village, cemetery, and two fur trade posts (Fort Clark Trading Post and Primeau’s Post) are protected at the site, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. A self-guided brochure and interpretive signs describe archaeological features and provide information.
Open year-round • Free • Seasonal restrooms • 701.328.2666 • history.nd.gov/visit



14. Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site

564 County Road 37, Stanton
This site was a major Native American trade center during the 16th and 17th centuries and an important marketplace for the fur trade after 1750. See the remains of three Hidatsa villages with 210 depressions at the site. Explore a museum, visitor center, nature trails, and a reconstructed earthlodge.
Open year-round • Free • Limited ADA • Restrooms • Store • 701.745.3300 • nps.gov/knri

15. Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center

2576 Eighth Street Southwest, Washburn
Located within a few miles of a reconstruction of Lewis and Clark’s 1804 winter post, Fort Mandan, the Interpretive Center immerses visitors in the journey of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Here, you will find interactive museum exhibits, the story of Fort Clark and the early fur trade, and a museum store.
Open daily • Admission fee • Restrooms • ADA • Museum store • 701.462.8535 • history.nd.gov/visit

16. Fort Mandan State Historic Site

2576 Eighth Street Southwest, Washburn
Step back in time at reconstructed Fort Mandan, a full-size replica of the fort where the Lewis and Clark expedition wintered in 1804–05. See exhibits in the Visitor Center, a childrens’ play area, and a museum store.
Open daily • Admission fee • Restrooms • ADA • Museum store • 701.462.8535 • history.nd.gov/visit

17. Double Ditch Indian Village State Historic Site

7 1/2 miles north of Bismarck on Highway 1804
Overlooking the Missouri River, this site contains the ruins of a large Mandan Indian earthlodge village inhabited from 1500 to 1780. The remains of earthlodges, refuse mounds, and surrounding fortification ditches, from which the site name is derived, are clearly visible. The site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
Open year-round • Free • Interpretive signs • Walking paths • 701.328.2666 • history.nd.gov/visit

18. Menoken Indian Village State Historic Site

1 1/4 miles northeast of Menoken
Menoken Indian Village is one of the first prehistoric semi-permanent villages in the state, occupied around 1200. Visible on the site are lodge depressions and a bastioned fortification ditch. The site is a National Historic Landmark. Interpretive signs throughout the site provide a walking tour of the village.
Open year-round • Free • Interpretive signs • Walking paths • 701.328.2666 • history.nd.gov/visit

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