

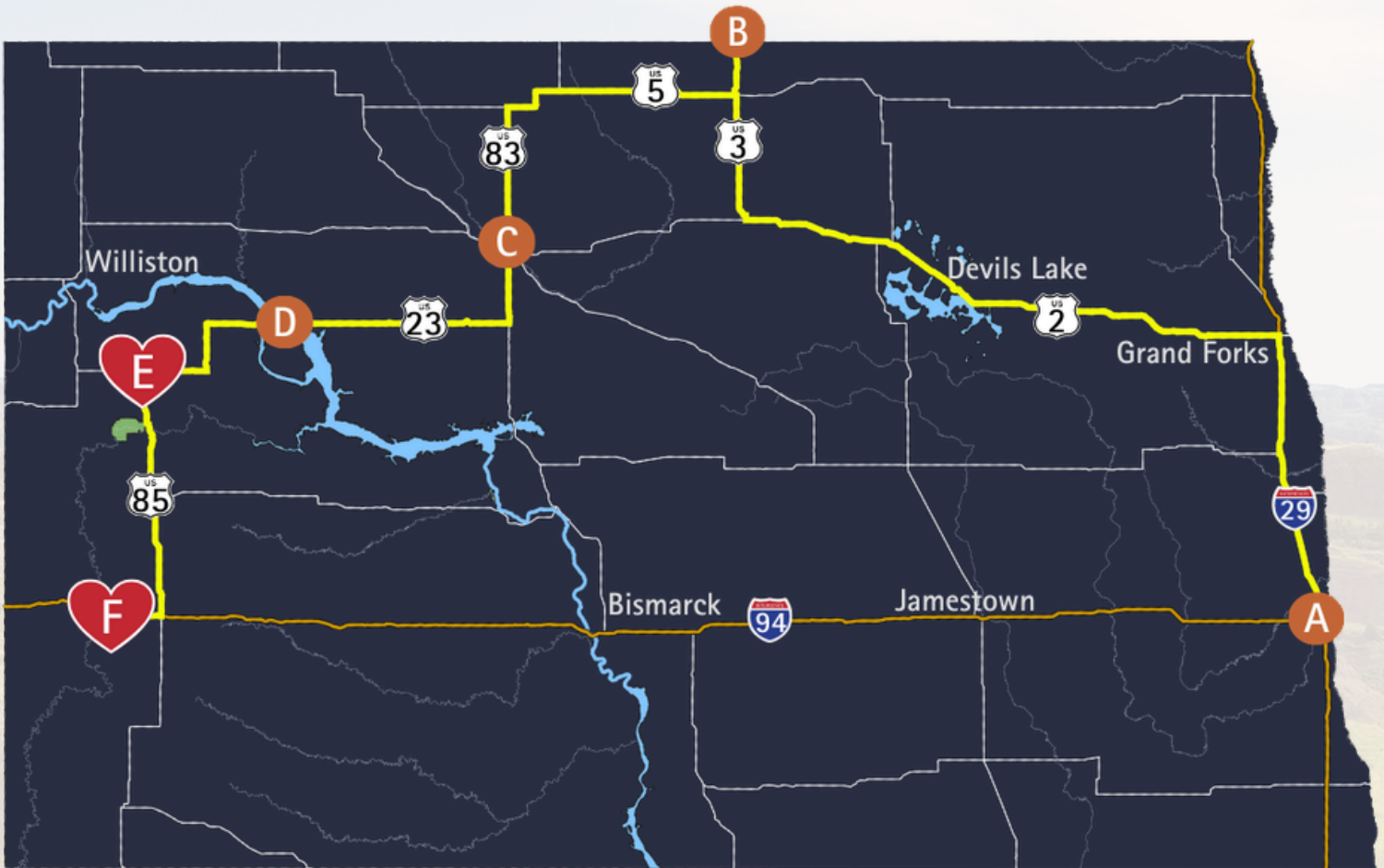
WESTERN NORTH DAKOTA

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A FARGO - EXPERIENCE NORTH OF NORMAL

STARTING IN FARGO?

Arrive at Hector International Airport, served by Allegiant Air, American Airlines, Delta Airlines Frontier Airlines, and United Airlines .

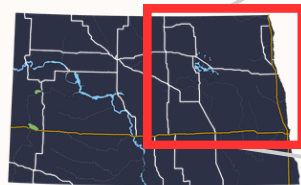
ABOUT THE AREA

Fargo is uniquely positioned at the intersection of two states, comprising three distinct cities. The metropolitan area includes Fargo and West Fargo in North Dakota, along with Moorhead across the Red River in Minnesota.

This tri-city region celebrates its northern prairie heritage with a distinctive character that blends Midwestern hospitality with pioneering resilience. Visitors will encounter locals who embody a welcoming spirit paired with practical ingenuity - hallmarks of the area's unique cultural identity.



Visit Fargo-Moorhead - Hjemkost Center



FEATURED ATTRACTIONS

Downtown Fargo

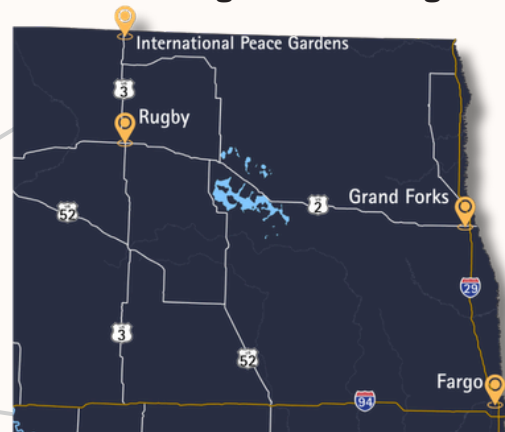
Step into the heart of Fargo, where history meets creativity. Stroll past charming brick buildings, numerous murals, and visit the Plains Art Museum and the Fargo Theatre. Enjoy locally-owned shops, warm cafés, and many restaurants.

Hjemkomst Center

Discover a one-of-a-kind cultural landmark just across the Red River. The Hjemkomst Center in Moorhead welcomes you to explore a full-size Viking ship replica and a reproduction of an 1100s Norwegian stave church.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Check out www.fargomoorhead.org.



B INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDENS



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Travel north along I29 to Grand Forks, then turn west along Highway 2 until Rugby. Travel north along Highways 3 and 281 until you get to the Peace Gardens. 269 miles.

ABOUT THE AREA

The International Peace Gardens are beautifully situated within the Turtle Mountains, creating a

natural sanctuary that spans the border between the United States and Canada. This unique destination serves as both a garden oasis and a living monument celebrating peace, friendship, and cooperation between nations. The gardens feature expansive landscapes where natural beauty transcends national boundaries. Visitors will discover pristine prairie expanses, lush forests, and colorful floral displays throughout the grounds.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Cabins can be found close to the gardens or in nearby Bottineau, North Dakota.

Visit www.peacegarden.com for more details.



C MINOT - ADVENTURE IN THE HEARTLAND

Travel 111 miles along Highways 5 and 83 from the Peace Gardens, or start by flying into Minot International Airport, served by Allegiant, Delta, and United Airlines.



MHA Indian Horse Relay

ABOUT THE AREA

Minot invites visitors to embrace a leisurely pace while discovering a town rich with charm and unexpected treasures. The community is characterized by its deep prairie heritage and Finnish 'SiSu' – a distinctive spirit of determination and resilience that permeates the entire city. Experience the diverse food scene, cozy coffee shops, and a lively downtown.

FEATURED ATTRACTION

Scandinavian Heritage Park

This free attraction spans 14 picturesque acres and celebrates the rich heritage of Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, and Iceland. Visitors can explore historic buildings, statues, and monuments that showcase Nordic traditions in an immersive outdoor setting.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Check out www.visitminot.org.

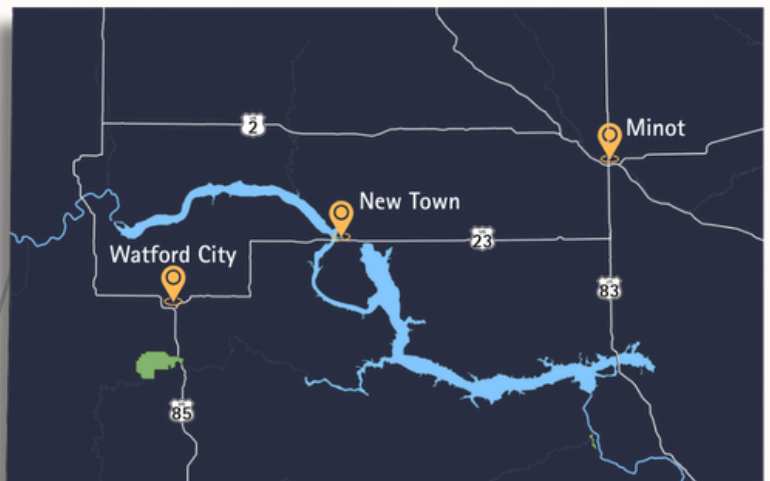


D NEW TOWN - VIBRANT CUTURES - RICH EXPEREINCES

From Minot, head south on Highway 83 for 17 miles, then turn west onto Highway 23. Continue 55 miles to reach New Town.

ABOUT THE AREA

New Town offers visitors a blend of natural beauty and rich indigenous heritage. As you journey through this region, you'll travel through the lands of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation (MHA Nation). This area provides opportunities to experience the vivid history, culture, and values of these tribal communities, which center around respect for the earth and humanity's connection with nature.



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ND Tourism - MHA Interpretive Center

FEATURED ATTRACTIONS

Crows Fly High Scenic Overlook

This vantage point offers spectacular views of Four Bears Bridge, Badlands bluffs, and Lake Sakakawea. When water levels are low, visitors can glimpse Sahnish, the town that was flooded during the lake's creation. The butte holds historical significance as a location used by William Clark while awaiting reunion with Meriwether Lewis during their famous expedition.



MHA Nation Interpretive Center

This modern facility allows visitors to journey through time with members of the Three Affiliated Tribes. The center showcases the culture of the MHA Nation that continues to thrive in the hearts and souls of its people through engaging exhibits and cultural programming.

Earth Lodge Village

Adjacent to the MHA Nation Interpretive Center on the picturesque shores of Lake Sakakawea, this reconstructed village features traditional earth lodges—sacred structures of the indigenous peoples. Cultural interpreters provide an immersive experience by sharing stories and traditions of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara peoples.



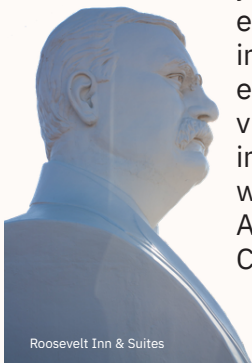
WATFORD CITY - BADLANDS. GOOD TIMES.

Watford City: Your Ultimate Vacation Hub

Continue for about an hour down Highway 23 from New Town. Until you reach Watford City, the perfect place to unwind. The city features a vibrant downtown area, numerous dining options, and comfortable accommodations with modern amenities.

ABOUT THE AREA

Watford City serves as an excellent base for exploring significant historical sites in northwestern North Dakota and eastern Montana. This region offers visitors the chance to discover important landmarks related to westward expansion, Native American history, and the Lewis and Clark expedition.



FEATURED ATTRACTIONS

Long X Visitor Center & The Merc and Art Gallery

The center provides regional tourist information, showcases local art in its gallery, and offers a retail store selling locally made products, books, art, and ice cream treats. It's an ideal starting point for any adventure in McKenzie County.

McKenzie County Heritage Park & North Dakota Oil Museum

Step back in time exploring buildings and artifacts from the great "Island Empire", the last and largest county in the state of North Dakota to be settled. Discover more about the petroleum industry and its history and its future here, including a to-scale replica of a drilling and work-over rig. Free to visit!



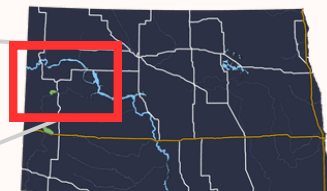
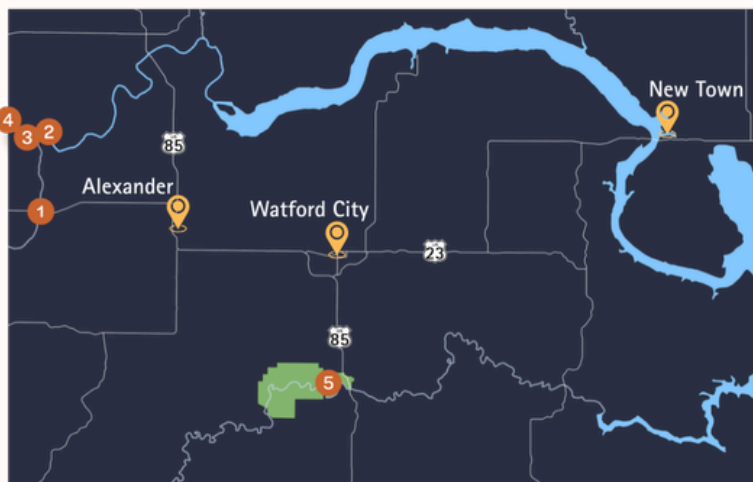
DINING RECOMMENDATIONS

Outlaws Bar & Grill is recommended for an excellent steak dinner, while JL Beers is perfect for more casual dining.



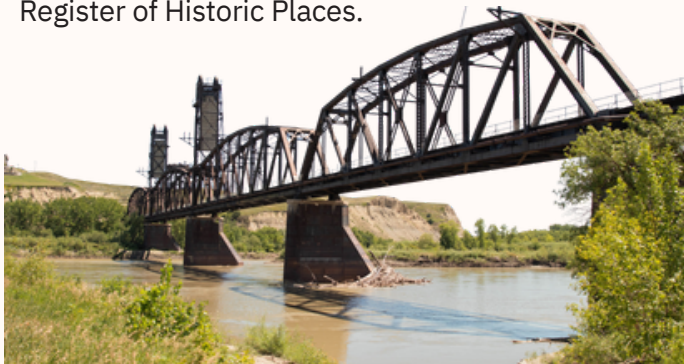


Theodore Roosevelt National Park - North Unit



FEATURED ATTRACTIONS

1 Historic Cartwright Tunnel & Lift Bridge
North Dakota's only train tunnel connects to the historic Fairview Lift Bridge. Built in 1912-1913, this 1,456-foot tunnel is now a handicap-accessible walking trail offering spectacular views of the Yellowstone River. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



2 Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center
Overlooking the historically significant junction of the Missouri and Yellowstone rivers. This location was vital to the Lewis and Clark expedition, who visited in 1804 and 1806. The center interprets this crossroads that attracted Native tribes, traders, and military forces.

3 Fort Buford State Historic Site
This military post protected western expansion routes for 29 years. Most notably, it was where the Hunkpapa Sioux leader Sitting Bull surrendered in 1881 during a pivotal moment in Native American history.

4 Fort Union National Historic Site
The premier fur trading post on the upper Missouri River from 1828 to 1867. Fort Union was renowned for fostering peaceful economic and cultural exchange between Plains Indians and white settlers during western expansion.



5 Theodore Roosevelt National Park-North Unit
As you leave Watford City, travel 15 miles south to Theodore Roosevelt National Park-North Unit. Visitors to the North Unit of the park will find abundant watchable wildlife including bison, elk, prairie dogs, deer, and golden eagles, just to name a few. The Visitor Center, located at the entrance, is the beginning of a Scenic Byway drive of 14 miles that takes you through the North Unit to two scenic overlooks and plenty of hiking trails.



MEDORA - WANDER WEST

Travel south from Watford City on Highway 85 for 66 miles, then turn west on I94 for 15 miles and take the Medora Exit.

ABOUT THE AREA

Medora offers a unique opportunity to experience the intersection of legacy, landscape, and learning. Begin with a visit to the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library, a visionary space rooted in the values of one of America’s most dynamic leaders. Then spend the afternoon immersed in the rugged beauty of Theodore Roosevelt National Park’s South Unit.

FEATURED ATTRACTIONS

Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library

More than just a tribute to the 26th President, the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library is designed to challenge, inspire, and connect.



Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library

The library’s design is a thoughtful response to Roosevelt’s reflections on the Badlands landscape that so deeply shaped his life. Seamlessly integrated into its surroundings, the building offers expansive views of the National Park, the Little Missouri River valley, and Roosevelt’s beloved Elkhorn Ranch. Outdoor pavilions punctuate the natural setting, offering peaceful places for reflection, learning, and activity. Beyond architecture, the Library is leading efforts in sustainability and conservation. A collaborative Native Plant Project with NDSU and Resource Environmental Solutions is reintroducing native species to the prairie.



Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library

Theodore Roosevelt National Park – South Unit

Located directly adjacent to Medora, the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park showcases the dramatic geology and wildlife that inspired Roosevelt’s conservation ethic. Visitors can explore a 48-mile scenic loop drive, ideal for cars, bikes, and most RVs (though trailer lengths should be checked in advance). Allow at least two hours to enjoy this winding route through the stunning Badlands. Keep your eyes open for wild bison, prairie dogs, wild horses, and other native species that roam freely throughout the park. The South Unit also features a visitor center with educational exhibits and rest areas, making it a great stop for families and outdoor enthusiasts alike.

EVENING RECOMMENDATION

Experience the heart of North Dakota’s western spirit with two unforgettable Medora traditions! Start your evening at the Pitchfork Fondue, where hearty steaks are skewered on real pitchforks and cooked to perfection over an open flame while you take in sweeping views of the Badlands. Then, settle into the outdoor Burning Hills Amphitheatre for the Medora Musical, a high-energy, family-friendly show celebrating the Wild West with live music, dancing, comedy, and a touch of Teddy Roosevelt history. Together, these experiences create a perfect Medora night you won’t forget.

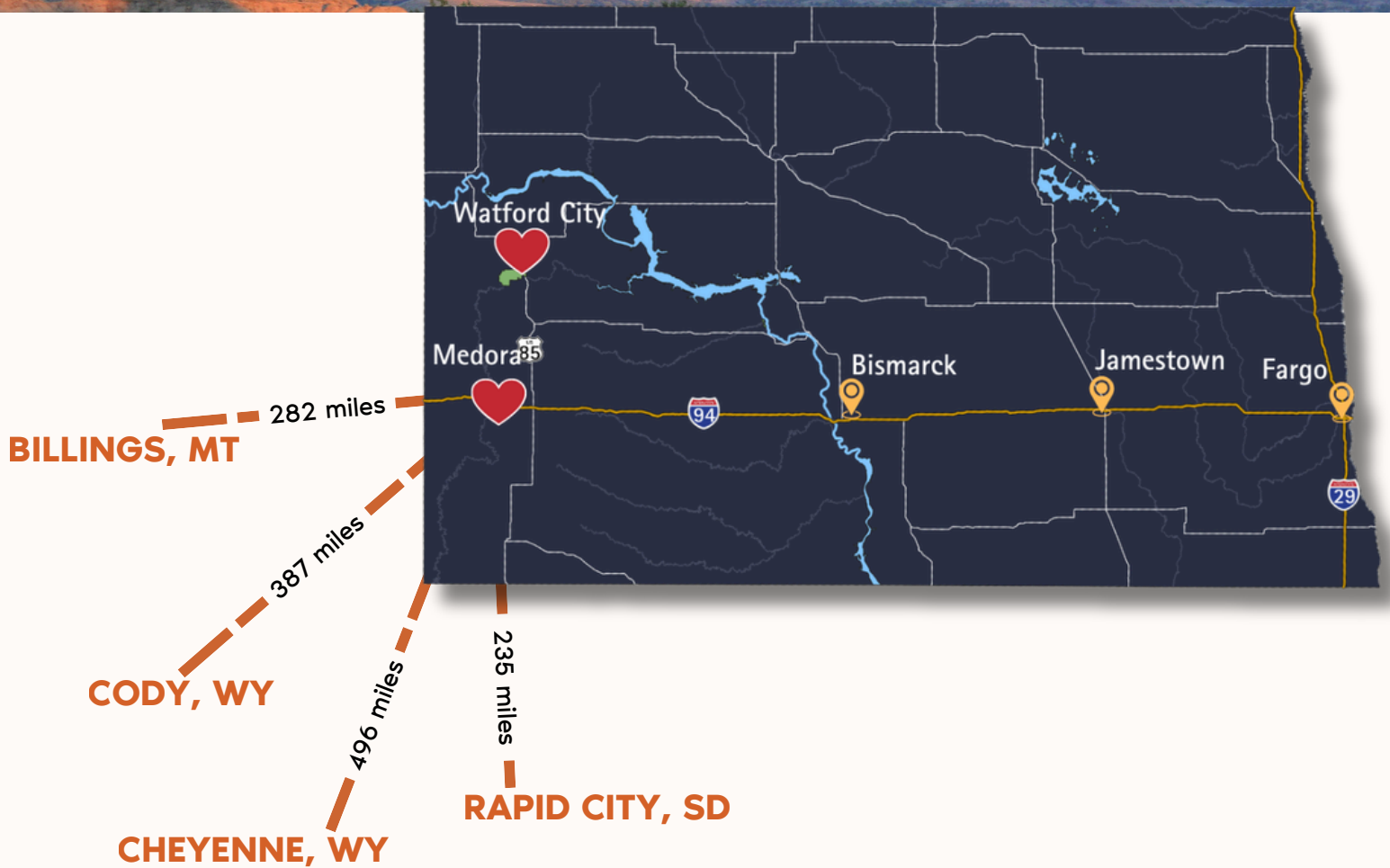


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PLANNING NOTE

For accommodations, activities, and up-to-date travel information, visit www.medora.com.

GOING BEYOND!



As you leave Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library -

- * Travel **East** through North Dakota to Bismarck, Jamestown, and Fargo
- * Travel **West** to Billings, MT onto Flathead Lake and Glacier National Park
- * Travel **Southwest** to Cody, Casper, and Cheyenne, WY
- * Travel **South** to Rapid City and the Black Hills of South Dakota