

EAST TO WEST ON I-94

Southeast

North Dakota's largest city is a great place to start your journey across North Dakota. Head to buzzing downtown Fargo, find a one-of-a-kind coffee shop or eatery, pull out your official 2017 North Dakota Travel Guide and chart your course. I-94 is straight, but plan some turns. In the Fargo area, take in the renowned Plains Art Museum, the Fargo Air Museum and Bonanzaville, where you'll learn the history of giant bonanza farms and early settlement in the Red River Valley. You'll also enjoy America's pastime at a Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks baseball game.

On your westward journey, see beautiful bridges and antique shops of Valley City and drive down the magnificent Sheyenne River Valley National Scenic Byway. Heading west again, visit the World's Largest Buffalo, National Buffalo Museum and a live herd with a rare white buffalo at Jamestown. Several of our 63 national wildlife refuges are near here, so be sure to check your state map.

South-central

In Bismarck-Mandan, take a detour back in time at the North Dakota Heritage Center and State Museum. Our state's rich history comes alive with exhibits of Native American culture, frontier life and giant, prehistoric animals. Or tour the home of Lt. Col. Custer at Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park. In Bismarck-Mandan indulge in great food and drinks on a downtown sidewalk or rooftop. The Missouri River also provides opportunities for fun, including accessible trails, sandbars, boat ramps and tours on the Lewis and Clark Riverboat.

Got time? Spend some going northward on Highway 83 along the Missouri River to Lake Sakakawea. This enormous reservoir has more shoreline than the California coast, plus multiple state parks and world-class walleye fishing. On the way, stop at the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center and Fort Mandan, near Washburn, where the Corps of Discovery spent the winter of 1804 and met Sakakawea.







Southwest

When you're ready to continue west, a great alternative to the interstate is the Old Red Old Ten Scenic Byway. Parallel to I-94 from Mandan to Dickinson, this picturesque drive through rolling hills and small towns is like our "Route 66." Just before Dickinson, steer down the Enchanted Highway — 32 miles of the world's largest metal sculptures.

Eventually, your adventure will wind up in the beautiful North Dakota Badlands, home to the Old West town of Medora. Don't miss our state's most popular attraction, Theodore Roosevelt National Park where you'll see Roosevelt's cabin from his days ranching here. Keep your eyes open for wildlife, and spend your evening at the Medora Musical, a Broadway-style show with scenery and stars as the backdrop.

EAST TO WEST ON US HWY 2

Northeast

Our other main east-to-west route through North Dakota begins in the city of Grand Forks. Take your time enjoying the extraordinary downtown area with unique shopping, dining, green space and walking paths along the Red River. You'll also enjoy a visit to the University of North Dakota's Center for Aerospace Studies. Before you get going down Highway 2, head north to the scenic Pembina Gorge and Icelandic State Park with its outdoor fun and unique heritage.

Along Highway 2 to the west, you'll come to North Dakota's largest natural body of water. Devils Lake offers miles upon miles of exciting boating and walleye angling. If you love wildlife, swing down to the south side of the lake and visit Sullys Hill National Game Preserve where you can spot bison, elk and more.

North-central

At Rugby, take a selfie by the marker representing the geographic center of North America. (When you share it, use #NDLegendary and give us a shout-out!) Then turn northward again to the beautifully forested Turtle Mountains and visit the International Peace Garden — a botanical tribute to world peace situated on our border with Canada. (Passports not required, but recommended.) Following this scenic route, head toward the city of Minot.

One Minot attraction you don't want to miss is the Scandinavian Heritage Park, featuring a Norwegian Stave Church and a 25-foot-tall Swedish Dala Horse. Roosevelt Park Zoo is another must-see attraction with exotic animals from around the world. Make sure you spend some quality time in downtown Minot, where you'll find art museums, boutique shops, sidewalk cafes and much more.



Northwest

Heading west again, you can enjoy the drive along Highway 2, or you might consider a detour south through New Town. Your drive will take you across a mile long bridge over Lake Sakakawea to the Earthlodge Village, a reconstructed Native American village overlooking the lake. Your drive will follow the beautiful Killdeer Mountain Four Bears Scenic Byway before you loop back to Highway 2 at Williston.

In the Williston area, see the confluence of the Yellowstone and Missouri rivers, the frontier military outpost of Fort Buford and Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site, an important center of the early fur trade on the upper Missouri River.







Check out these events — just a few of the hundreds taking place across North Dakota throughout 2017.

- Fargo Marathon, Fargo/West Fargo, May 15-20
- Medora Musical, Medora, June 2-September 9
- Devils Run Car Show, Devils Lake, June 2-4
- Buggies-N-Blues, Mandan, June 10-11
- Grand Cities Art Fest, Grand Forks, June 10-11
- Ft. Seward Wagon Train, Jamestown, June 18-24
- Roughrider Days Fair and Expo, Dickinson, June 23-July 4
- Mandan Rodeo Days, Mandan, July 2-4
- Red River Valley Fair, West Fargo, July 11-16
- North Dakota State Fair, Minot, July 21-29
- Chokecherry Festival, Williston, August 11-12
- United Tribes International Powwow, Bismarck, September 8-10
- Norsk Høstfest, Minot, September 27-30

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