

# Museums and Historic Sites

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
OF NORTH DAKOTA



HISTORY FOR *everyone.*

# ND Heritage Center

State Capitol Grounds • Bismarck

The North Dakota Heritage Center is home to the State Museum, the State Historical Society of North Dakota and its Foundation, the State Archives, the State Historic Preservation Office, and the state fossil collection of the North Dakota Geological Survey.



## State Museum

North Dakota Heritage Center • Bismarck

Discover history for everyone at the newly expanded State Museum in Bismarck. Trace North Dakota history 600 million years in four new museum galleries during an educational and entertaining visit. See life-size *Triceratops* and *T. rex* skeletons poised for battle. View beautiful pottery and quillwork from the 1800s. Explore a '50s soda fountain and discover an experimental Mars spacesuit. Shop in the Museum Store. Have lunch or a snack in the James River Café!



## State Archives

North Dakota Heritage Center • Bismarck

Find your North Dakota roots in the State Archives. Homestead and census records, photographs, county histories, newspapers, and more will help you discover your story.



## Camp Hancock

State Historic Site • Bismarck

Before Bismarck, there was Camp Hancock. Once a bustling military supply post and later a weather station, Camp Hancock is now home to the oldest building in Bismarck as well as an 1881 church and a locomotive from the glory days of steam transportation.



## Chateau de Mores

State Historic Site • Medora

Built on a bluff overlooking Medora, the chateau was the 26-room summer home of the wealthy French nobleman and entrepreneur the Marquis de Mores and his wife Medora. Learn about his meatpacking plant dreams, stories of the Wild West, and his dealings with the young Theodore Roosevelt. The site features an interpretive center, the home, and stagecoach rides.

## Former Governors' Mansion

State Historic Site • Bismarck

Explore the home of 20 former governors and their families at the Former Governors' Mansion. A lovely staircase leads from the public rooms to private areas where children played, servants worked, and families enjoyed privacy from 1894 to 1960. A carriage house on the lot features exhibits from the time the house was occupied.



## Fort Abercrombie

State Historic Site • Abercrombie

Fort Abercrombie once served as a gateway to the West and the spear point of the army's advance into the Northern Plains. The original guardhouse and the reconstructed blockhouses and stockade attest to the bloody conflict that spilled into the Dakotas from Minnesota. Explore the buildings and visitor center.



## Fort Buford

State Historic Site • Near Williston

Here, where two great rivers meet, people have gathered for thousands of years. At the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center, take in the history of a place little changed since Lewis and Clark visited two centuries ago. At nearby Fort Buford, tour original and reconstructed buildings of the military post where Sitting Bull laid down his rifle.



## Fort Totten

State Historic Site • Near Devils Lake

Visit one of the best-preserved frontier military forts in the United States, with 16 original buildings. When the military left, Fort Totten became one of the largest Indian boarding schools in the nation. Explore buildings that rang with the jingle of cavalry harnesses and the voices of children, as well as the visitor center.

Plan a unique stay at the Fort Totten Inn, located in an original fort building.



## Gingras Trading Post

State Historic Site • Near Walhalla

Visit an 1840s home and trading post. Gingras Trading Post was the home and business of Antoine Gingras, international mover and shaker of his time, and one of the wealthiest men of the Northern Plains in the 1840s.



## Pembina State Museum

After the early ocean drained and glaciers left the area, people found a rich landscape in the Red River Valley. Bison hunters, fur traders, and farmers made this land their home. Visit the Pembina State Museum to experience 100 million years of history. View the vast expanse of what was once glacial Lake Agassiz from the observation deck.

## Ronald Reagan Minuteman Missile

State Historic Site • Near Cooperstown

This former missile launch site—once protected by high fences, search lights, and armed guards—offers visitors the opportunity to enter the security zone and drop 60 feet below ground to visit the launch control center on the front lines of America's Cold War.



# Whitestone Hill

State Historic Site • Near Kulm

For a very long time, Whitestone Hill nourished millions of roaming bison and was a hunting paradise for Native American people. Whitestone Hill marks the site of the fiercest attack on Sioux people in North Dakota and a place to contemplate our tumultuous past. The richness of the grasslands makes it clear why the Native Americans treasured this place.



# Double Ditch Indian Village

State Historic Site • Near Bismarck

High on a bluff with stunning views of the Missouri River, Double Ditch Indian Village, home to perhaps 2,000 Mandan people at its founding, was a hub in a continental trade system. At about that time, Christopher Columbus reached the New World. Stroll the paths through the circular remains of earthlodges built from A.D. 1490 to 1785. Follow interpretive trails along the unique series of ditches, remains of defenses protecting a village.



You can view this hand-painted rendition of Double Ditch State Historic Site at AD 1550 in the State Museum.

Find more about state museums and historic sites at [history.nd.gov](http://history.nd.gov)



## Fort Clark

State Historic Site • Near Washburn

A center of global trade and an exotic travel destination, Fort Clark was the site of a fur trading post and a thriving Indian village until a series of devastating epidemics arrived with the steamboats. Walk the pathways along the impressions left by the village and the post. Feel the past come alive.



## Huff Indian Village

State Historic Site • Near Mandan

Before Double Ditch was occupied, Mandan people built Huff Indian Village along the banks of the Missouri River. See impressions of rectangular lodges and the remnants of a fortification ditch, all on the native prairie that still grows where the village once stood.

## Menoken Indian Village

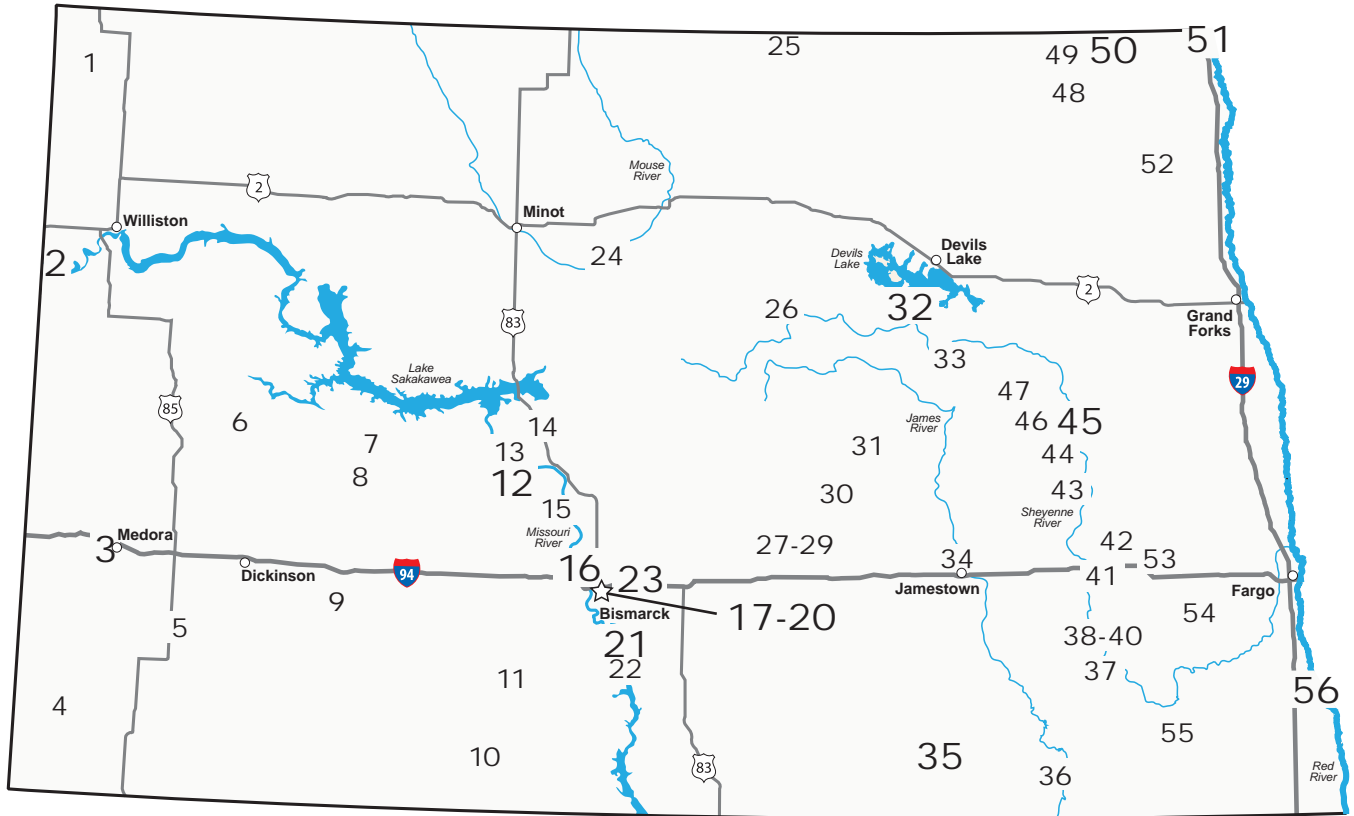
State Historic Site • Near Bismarck

Menoken Indian Village was established about 800 years ago on a quiet wooded spot beside Apple Creek. The village was built just as horticulture began to arrive in this region. Archaeologists continue to look for clues about how these changes affected villagers at this site.



# North Dakota State Historic Sites

\* Bold sites are featured in this brochure.



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|----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|
| 1. Writing Rock                  | 15. Molander Indian Village                                | 28. McPhail's Butte Overlook   | 43. Camp Corning                           |
| <b>2. Fort Buford / MYCIC</b>    | <b>16. Double Ditch Indian Village</b>                     | 29. Camp Whitney               | 44. Lake Johnson                           |
| <b>3. Chateau de Moers</b>       | <b>17. North Dakota Heritage Center &amp; State Museum</b> | 30. Camp Grant                 | <b>45. Ronald Reagan Minuteman Missile</b> |
| 4. Fort Dilts                    | <b>18. Former Governors' Mansion</b>                       | 31. Camp Kimpall               | 46. Lake Jessie                            |
| 5. Medicine Rock                 | <b>19. Camp Hancock</b>                                    | <b>32. Fort Totten</b>         | 47. Camp Atchison                          |
| 6. Killdeer Mountain Battlefield | 20. Steamboat Warehouse                                    | 33. Brenner Crossing           | 48. Oak Lawn Church                        |
| 7. Turtle Effigy                 | <b>21. Huff Indian Village</b>                             | 34. Stutsman County Courthouse | 49. Walhalla                               |
| 8. Crowley Flint Quarry          | <b>22. Fort Rice</b>                                       | <b>35. Whitestone Hill</b>     | <b>50. Gingras Trading Post</b>            |
| 9. Sully's Heart River Corral    | <b>23. Menoken Indian Village</b>                          | 36. Hudson Townsite            | <b>51. Pembina State Museum</b>            |
| 10. Cannonball Stage Station     | 24. David Thompson   | 37. Fort Ransom                | 52. Sweden                                 |
| <b>12. Fort Clark</b>            | 25. St. Claude   | 38. Standing Rock              | 53. Buffalo Creek                          |
| 13. Fort Mandan Overlook         | 26. Palmer's Spring  | 39. Wadson Cabin               | 54. Maple Creek Crossing                   |
| 14. Pulver Mounds                | 27. Big Mound Battlefield                                  | 40. Camp Weiser                | 55. Camp Buell                             |
|                                  |  | 41. Camp Sheardown             | <b>56. Fort Abercrombie</b>                |
|                                  |  | 42. Camp Arnold                |  |



# Directions to Our Sites

Find hours of operation, admission fees, amenities,  
and more at [history.nd.gov](http://history.nd.gov)

## State Museum and State Archives

North Dakota Heritage Center  
I-94, Exit 159, State Capitol Grounds, Bismarck  
701.328.2666

## Camp Hancock State Historic Site

First and Main Avenue, Bismarck  
701.328.9528 or 328.2666

## Chateau de Mores State Historic Site

1 / 8 mile west and 1 / 8 mile south of Medora  
701.623.4355

## Former Governors' Mansion State Historic Site

320 East Avenue B, Bismarck  
701.328.9528 or 328.2666

## Fort Abercrombie State Historic Site

Just east of Abercrombie, Highway 75  
15 miles north of Wahpeton, 37 miles south of Fargo  
701.553.8513 (Off-Season: 701.328.2666)

## Fort Buford State Historic Site and Missouri- Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center

Highways 58 and 1804,  
21 miles southwest of Williston  
701.572.9034

## Fort Totten State Historic Site

Fort Totten, 13 miles southwest of Devils Lake  
701.766.4441  
Totten Trail Historic Inn: [totentrailinn.com](http://totentrailinn.com)  
701.766.4874

## Gingras Trading Post State Historic Site

Off Highway 32 near airport  
1.5 miles southeast of Walhalla  
701.549.2775 (Off-Season: 701.825.6840)

## Pembina State Museum

I-29, Exit 215, 805 Highway 59, Pembina  
Museum free; Charge for Observation Tower  
701.825.6840

## Ronald Reagan Minuteman Missile State Historic Site

Oscar-Zero: 4 miles north of Cooperstown on  
Highway 45  
November-33: 2 miles east on Highway 200  
701.797.3691

## Whitestone Hill State Historic Site

10 miles southeast of Kulm  
701.328.2666

## Double Ditch Indian Village State Historic Site

7.5 miles north of Bismarck on ND 1804  
701.328.2666

## Fort Clark Trading Post State Historic Site

Fort Clark, 17 miles northwest of Washburn  
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## Huff Indian Village State Historic Site

22 miles south of Mandan on ND 1806 just south of  
the town of Huff  
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## Menoken Indian Village State Historic Site

11 miles east of Bismarck, just north of I-94  
701.328.2666



## Museum Store Locations

Shop for unique handcrafted gifts!

- North Dakota Heritage Center
- Chateau de Mores Interpretive Center
- Fort Abercrombie
- Fort Totten
- Gingras Trading Post
- Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center
- Pembina State Museum
- Ronald Reagan Minuteman Missile Site

# A TRAVELER'S COMPANION

TO NORTH DAKOTA STATE HISTORIC SITES

THIRD EDITION

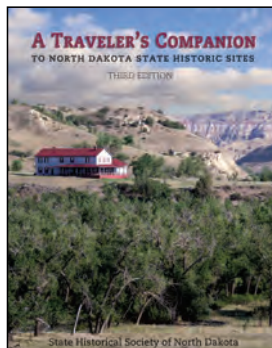


## Now available at Museum Stores

*A Traveler's Companion to North Dakota State Historic Sites* showcases 68 state, local, and federal historic sites and parks.

This third edition features new maps, photographs, and updated information about each site. *A Traveler's Companion* is the perfect field guide to the state's rich history.

*A Traveler's Companion* is available at:



- North Dakota Heritage Center
- Ronald Reagan Minuteman Missile Site
- Chateau de Mores Interpretive Center
- Fort Totten State Historic Site
- Pembina State Museum
- Gingras State Historic Site
- Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Center
- Fort Abercrombie State Historic Site

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- Free admission to all State Historic Sites
- 15 percent discount on museum store purchases
- Publications - *North Dakota History* and *Plains Talk* newsletter
- Membership in *Time Travelers*, free and discount admission to many museums nationwide ([www.timetravelers.mohistory.org/institutions](http://www.timetravelers.mohistory.org/institutions))

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