OUTDOOR ADVENTURES
DESTINATION GUIDE

PLACES TO EXPLORE
IN NORTH DAKOTA AND MINNESOTA

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BUFFALO RIVER STATE PARK

Where: Glyndon, MN
What: Buffalo River State Park is a state park of Minnesota, conserving a prairie bisected by the wooded banks of the Buffalo River.
When: Year - Round
Address: 565 155th St S, Glyndon, MN 56547
From Campus: Approx. 25 minutes/17 miles
Activities: Swimming, Camping, Fishing, Hiking

Website
Directions and Map

Photo courtesy of TripAdvisor
Where: McLeod, ND
What: Over 70,000 acres of grassland available to a wide range of recreational usage. Features a section of the North Country Trail as well as a number of unique features including Iron Spring Creek and an old fire lookout tower.
When: Year - Round
Address: 6148 154th Ave SE, McLeod, ND 58057
From Campus: Approx. 50 minutes/45 miles
Activities: Hiking, Camping, Fishing, Wildlife Viewing, Biking, Cross-country Skiing, Snowshoeing

Website
Directions and Map
**MAPLEWOOD STATE PARK**

**Where:** Pelican Rapids, MN  
**What:** A beautiful state park located near Pelican Rapids. It features hiking trails and a stunning view on Hallaway Hill of the lakes below.  
**When:** Year - Round  
**Address:** 39721 Park Entrance Road, Pelican Rapids, MN 56572  
**From Campus:** Approx. 1 hour 10 min./57 miles  
**Activities:** Camping, Fishing, Hiking, Horseback Trails  
**Recommended Route:** Hike to Hallaway Hill  
**Website**  
**Directions and Map**
**LITTLE YELLOWSTONE STATE PARK**

**Where:** Kathryn, ND

**What:** Little Yellowstone Park is a 27-acre campground and multi-use recreation area.

**When:** Year - Round

**Address:** 54th St. SE, Kathryn, ND 58049

**From Campus:** Approx. 1 hour 15 min./75 miles

**Activities:** Camping, Hiking

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**FORT RANSOM STATE PARK**

**Where:** Fort Ransom, ND  
**What:** Fort Ransom State Park is a public recreation area located in the Sheyenne River Valley.  
**When:** Year - Round  
**Address:** 5981 Walt Hjelle Parkway, Fort Ransom ND 58033  
**From Campus:** Approx. 1 hour 20 min./77 miles  
**Activities:** Camping, Hiking, Snowshoeing, Biking, Cross-country Skiing, Kayaking, Canoeing  
**Website**  
**Directions and Map**
TURTLE RIVER STATE PARK

Where: Arvilla, ND
What: Turtle River State Park is a public recreation area occupying 775 acres on the Turtle River.
When: Year - Round
Address: 3084 Park Ave NE, Arvilla, ND 58214
From Campus: Approx. 1 hour 30 min./95 miles
Activities: Hiking, Camping, Fishing, Cross-country Skiing, Snowshoeing

Website
Directions and Map
PELICAN POINT LANDING AND CAMPGROUND

Where: Jamestown, ND
What: Facing the shoreline of Jamestown Reservoir, the campground is nestled in woody draws which are a unique feature of the North Dakota landscape. Recreation opportunities include 28 miles of hiking trails, a 2-mile long paved multi-use path, Little Britches Fishing Pond and more.
When: May-August
Address: 8310 28th St. SE, Jamestown, ND 58401
From Campus: Approx. 1 hour 40 min./110 miles
Activities: Boating, Water Skiing, Canoeing, Fishing, Swimming, Camping, Sand Volleyball, Picnicking
Website
Directions and Map

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ITASCA STATE PARK

Where: Park Rapids, MN

What: Itasca State Park is a state park of Minnesota, and contains the headwaters of the Mississippi River. The park spans 32,690 acres of northern Minnesota.

When: Year - Round

Address: 36750 Main Park Drive, Park Rapids, MN 56470

From Campus: Approx. 2 hours/100 miles

Activities: Camping, Fishing, Hiking

Website
Directions and Map

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ICELANDIC STATE PARK

Where: Cavalier, ND
What: This 912-acre park allows visitors to learn about the state’s early settlement and provides an array of recreational opportunities.
When: Year - Round
Address: 13571 Highway 5, Cavalier, ND 58220
From Campus: Approx. 2 hours 30 min./164 miles
Activities: Hiking, Biking, Snowshoeing, Cross-country Skiing, Camping, Boating, Swimming, Fishing

Website
Directions and Map

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BLACK TIGER BAY CAMPGROUND

Where: Devils Lake, ND
What: One-of-a-kind Devils Lake Campground! Find yourself relaxing under a rare canopy of trees as you create a home-away-from-home on the banks of the Devils Lake.
When: Seasonal (May-September)
Address: 3820 83rd Ave NE, St. Michael, ND 58370
From Campus: Approx. 2 hours 40 min./158 miles
Activities: Fishing, Camping, Boat Ramp
Website
Directions and Map

Photo courtesy of Black Tiger Bay Campground
DOYLE MEMORIAL RECREATIONAL AREA

Where: Wishek, ND
What: Doyle Memorial Park is located on the Green Lake where there is great walleye, northern and perch fishing. The park also has a fish cleaning station and picnic shelters.
When: Year-Round
Address: Wishek, North Dakota 58495
From Campus: Approx. 2 hours 45 min./180 miles
Activities: Fishing, Camping, Picnicking, Boat Ramp, Tenting, Swimming, Canoeing
Website
Directions and Map
GRAHAMS ISLAND STATE PARK

Where: Devils Lake, ND
What: Campers can enjoy the largely shaded campsites and take part in the numerous national and regional fishing tournaments happening throughout the year.
When: Year-Round
Address: 152 South Duncan Road, Devils Lake, ND 58301
From Campus: Approx. 2 hours 45 min./177 miles
Activities: Camping, Hiking, Biking, Fishing, Cross-country Skiing, Snowshoeing

Website
Directions and Map
BEAVER LAKE
STATE PARK

Where: Wishek, ND

What: This park provides an escape from everyday life, offering a relaxing atmosphere in a secluded outdoor setting. Visitors can also enjoy the parks non-motorized trail system which covers 5.14 miles in a series of loops and many connecting trails.

When: Year-Round

Address: 3850 70th St SE, Wishek, ND 58495

From Campus: Approx. 2 hrs. 45 min./175 miles

Activities: Camping, Hiking, Biking

Website
Directions and Map
FORT ABRAHAM LINCOLN STATE PARK

Where: Mandan, ND
What: This is the oldest state park in North Dakota and provides a variety of adventures for travelers of all ages. Gaze upon the breathtaking views of the Hear and Missouri river bottoms and gain insight into the lives of the Mandan Native Americans by venturing through reconstructed earth lodges.
When: Year-Round
Address: 4480 Fort Lincoln Rd, Mandan, ND 58554
From Campus: Approx. 3 hours/208 miles
Activities: Hiking, Biking, Horseback Riding, Camping, Snowshoeing, Fishing
Website
Directions and Map

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CROSS RANCH STATE PARK

Where: Center, ND
What: Cross Ranch State Park is a public recreation area covering 569 acres on the west bank of the Missouri River.
When: Year-Round
Address: 1403 River Rd, Center, ND 58530
From Campus: Approx. 3 hours 30 min./237 miles
Activities: Camping, Hiking, Cross-country Skiing, Snowshoeing, Biking, Fishing

Website
Directions and Map

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LAKE SAKAKAWEA STATE PARK

**Where:** Pick City, ND

**What:** This park is surrounded by miles of lakeshore, providing breathtakingly stunning views. Visitors can spend time at the swim beach, camping beneath the trees, hiking on the trails or out on the lake.

**When:** Year-Round

**Address:** 720 Park Ave, Pick City, ND 58545

**From Campus:** Approx. 4 hours/265 miles

**Activities:** Fishing, Hiking, Camping, Biking, Cross-country Skiing, Snowshoeing

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LAKE METIGOSHE STATE PARK

Where: Bottineau, ND
What: Nestled in the scenic Turtle Mountains along the U.S./Canadian border, Lake Metigoshe is one of the most popular year-round vacation spots in ND. Visitors can enjoy over 8 miles of open hiking trails.
When: Year-Round
Address: 2514 2nd St E, Bottineau, ND 58318
From Campus: Approx. 4 hours 25 min./279 miles
Activities: Hiking, Biking, Cross-country Skiing, Snowshoeing, Canoeing, Kayaking, Snowmobiling, Camping

Website
Directions and Map
THEODORE ROOSEVELT STATE PARK

Where: Medora, ND
What: A stunning location in western North Dakota that features access to the Badlands and area as rich in history as it is beauty and wildlife.
When: Year-Round
Address: 315 Second Avenue, Medora, ND 58645
From Campus: Approx. 4 hours 30 min./328 miles
Activities: Hiking, Camping, Sightseeing, Wildlife Viewing, Biking, Canoeing, Kayaking, Fishing

Website
Directions and Map

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INDIAN HILLS RESORT AND CAMPGROUND

Where: Garrison, ND

What: Here, individuals who like to fish can experience Lake Sakakawea’s famous walleye, northern pike, small mouth bass, and salmon fishing. Hunters can enjoy hunting pheasants or waterfowl.

When: May-October

Address: Indian Hills Resort, 7276 14th NW, Garrison, ND 58540-9601

From Campus: Approx. 4 hours 40 min./300 miles

Activities: Camping, Fishing, Hunting, Tenting, Hiking, Biking, Horseback Riding

Website

Directions and Map
SULLY CREEK
STATE PARK

Where: Medora, ND
What: Sully Creek is the perfect spot for visitors seeking adventure. Traversing the 274-mile long Little Missouri River offers a unique perspective of the Badlands from North Dakota's only state scenic river.
When: April-November
Address: 1465 36th St, Medora, ND 58645
From Campus: Approx. 4 hours 50 min./330 miles
Activities: Camping, Canoeing, Kayaking, Horseback Riding, Hiking, Biking

Website
Directions and Map
LITTLE MISSOURI STATE PARK

Where: Dunn Center, ND
What: This park is home to over 45 miles of trails that run through the picturesque North Dakota Badlands. Visitors can enjoy breathtaking views of the waterways rolling through the rugged landscape of the badlands.
When: May-October
Address: Highway 22, Dunn Center, ND 58626
From Campus: Approx. 5 hours/345 miles
Activities: Horseback Riding, Hiking, Camping

Website
Directions and Map

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**LEWIS AND CLARK STATE PARK**

**Where:** Epping, ND

**What:** Situated on a scenic upper bay of Lake Sakakawea, the rugged buttes of the North Dakota Badlands at Lewis and Clark State Park create a towering backdrop to one of the state’s best recreation areas.

**When:** Year-Round

**Address:** 4904 119th Road NW, Epping, ND 58843

**From Campus:** Approx. 6 hours/ 375 miles

**Activities:** Camping, Hiking, Biking, Snowshoeing, Fishing, Kayaking, Canoeing

**Website**

**Directions and Map**

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ROUGHRIDER TRAIL

Where: East Morton, ND
What: North Dakota’s 16-mile Roughrider Trail was built along a former rail corridor south of Bismarck. The unpaved trail follows the Missouri River and offers scenic views of the bluffs and surrounding landscape. The trailhead is located at the Fort Rice Campground off State Route 1806.
When: Year-Round
Address: Roughrider Trail, East Morton, ND 58554
From Campus: Approx. 3 hours 20 min./220 miles
Activities: Hiking, Biking, Horseback Riding, Snowmobiling, ATV’s, Camping, Motorcycling, Cross-country Skiing
Website
Directions and Map
NORTH COUNTRY TRAIL

Where: See website for specific trailhead locations.
What: The North Country Trail is akin to trails such as the Appalachian Trail (AT), Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) and The Continental Divide Trail (CDT). A good place to start is Fergus Falls, which is a North Country Trail Association designated trail town.
When: Year-Round
Address: North Country National Scenic Trail Access Point, Fergus Falls, MN 56537
From Campus: 1 hour 10 min./67 miles
Activities: Hiking and Camping
Website
Directions and Map

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THE SUPERIOR HIKING TRAIL

**Where:** Minnesota North Shore

**What:** A 295-mile foot trail along the North Shore of Lake Superior. Passing through seven state parks, and scaling the rolling mountains of the sawtooth mountain range the Superior Hiking Trail (SHT) provides a North shore experience unlike anything visitor can get along highway 61.

**When:** Year-Round

**Address:** N/A

**From Campus:** Anywhere from 4.5-6.5 hours/240-356 miles

**Activities:** Hiking, Camping, Swimming

[Website](#)

[Map](#)

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RECOMMENDED ROUTES
Superior Hiking Trail
Best Sections

Section One: Any route can be made from a listed parking spot to any number of campsites. There are additional campsites mixed within the trail. The campsites listed are among the nicest on the entire trail.

Order going North to South

Penn Blvd. Overnight Parking
3.3 Miles

Camp: S Beaver River
.94 Miles

Lax Lake Road Parking
10.31 miles

Camp: On split rock river loop SE is very nice
10.23 miles

Camp Gooseberry (any)
5 miles

West Castle Danger Road Overnight parking
5.3 miles

Fors Road Overnight Parking
1.5 miles
Section Two: Any route can be made from a listed parking spot to any number of campsites. There are additional campsites mixed within the trail. The campsites listed are among the nicest on the entire trail.

Temperance River Road Parking  
1.91 miles

Cross River Campsites  
5.31 miles

Dyers lake Road Parking  
4.94 miles

Sugar Loaf Road Parking  
2.64 Miles

East Caribou River  
9.89 Miles

Blesener Creek  
1.13 miles

Sonju Lake Road Parking  
1.61 miles

S Sonju Lake  
6.5 miles

Finland Rec Center Parking
Skiing and Snowshoeing: Fargo Parks service provides a well-maintained network of cross-country ski trails and snowshoe trails. Fargo Parks also regularly updates the trail conditions on their website.

The Hiking Project: The Hiking Project is an open source website that collects trail information on trails all over the world. It includes over 235,000 hiking trails, recommendations, elevation profiles and more. It can function as a guide to all the best hiking locations in your area. Website

CalTopo: CalTopo is an interactive mapping software that allows for the creation of custom maps specific to your needs. Layer maps, create annotations and more with its user-friendly tool pallets. Website
**Dispersed Camping:** Minnesota State Forest provides a free way to camp in the outdoors. Most Minnesota state forest are open to dispersed camping. State forest locations can be found here, [website](#). Regulations set by the State of Minnesota for dispersed camping can be found here, [website](#). Dispersed camping in some national grasslands is also permitted but follows different criteria than the state of Minnesota. Dispersed camping information about National Grasslands can be found at the provided [website](#).

**Minnesota State Water Trails:** Minnesota State water trails provide recreational access to Minnesota’s Rivers. Campsite and launch locations are marked on the Minnesota DNR geo pdfs. Geo pdfs can be found once a river is selected from the Minnesota water trails map found, [website](#). An example of a Geo pdf is located [here](#) for your convenience.