

Getting to the North Country National Scenic Trail's western terminus at Lake Sakakawea State Park



Due to North Dakota's rural nature and low population, there are few public transportation options available in Lake Sakakawea State Park region. Two of North Dakota's biggest cities can serve as intermediate destinations for hikers travelling to the western terminus from afar. Bismarck is located 70 miles south of Pick City via U.S. Hwy 83 & ND Hwy 200 while Minot is located 65 miles north via the same roads. Both cities offer a range of outdoor stores and supply options, both of which are not available closer to the NCT.

North Dakota Tourism - Learn more about visiting North Dakota at <https://www.ndtourism.com/>

Bismarck

- Learn more about the community at <https://www.noboundariesnd.com/>.
- Bismarck's **Municipal Airport (BIS)** offers flights from several hub cities - e.g. Minneapolis-St. Paul, Las Vegas, Dallas, and Denver - see <https://www.bismarckairport.com/>.
- Bismarck is served by **Greyhound Bus** - see <https://www.greyhound.com/bus/bismarck-nd> and **Jefferson Lines** - see <https://www.jeffersonlines.com/plan-your-trip/featured-destinations/bismarck-nd/>.

Minot

- Learn more about the community at <https://visitminot.org/>.
- Minot's **International Airport (MOT)** offers flights from several hub cities - e.g. Minneapolis-St. Paul, Las Vegas, and Denver - see <https://www.motairport.com/>.
- **Amtrak's Empire Builder** has daily arrivals in Minot from Chicago/Twin Cities and Seattle/Portland. Learn more at <https://www.amtrak.com/empire-builder-train>.
- Minot is served by **Greyhound Bus** - see <https://www.greyhound.com/bus/minot-nd>

Options for getting to the State Park from Bismarck or Minot:

- 1) Ask the Central Flyway (FLY) Chapter if they could help find a Trail Angel to provide a ride. They can be reached at fly@northcountrytrail.org or you can post in their Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1252665788399432>.
- 2) If a Trail Angel is not available, contact West River Transit to inquire about getting to Pick City from Bismarck - <https://www.westrivertransit.com/mclean-1>.