

## Travel & Accommodations

### 2025 North Dakota Hike Fest

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#### Getting to North Dakota:

- Driving: Interstate 94 links the Twin Cities, Minnesota to Fargo and Bismarck. You'll cross the NCT in Fergus Falls, MN and can stop and stretch your legs on it at the Prairie Wetlands Learning Center.
- Flying: Airports with rental car facilities are available in Fargo, Bismarck, and Minot. The larger Twin Cities airport (MSP) is approximately 250 miles/3.5-hour drive from Fargo via I-94.
- Amtrak: the Empire Builder arrives daily at Fargo, Devil's Lake, and Minot but is often late. Learn more at <https://www.amtrak.com/empire-builder-train>. Note: there is no car rental available at the Fargo train station but they are available elsewhere in Fargo-Moorhead.
- Learn more about Visiting North Dakota at <https://www.ndtourism.com/>.

**Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>** - gather in the Sheyenne National Grassland area in the morning and afternoon for hikes on the Dakota Prairie Chapter trail segment. Evening events will be held nearby in the Sheyenne National Grasslands, located about 40 miles southwest of Fargo / 30 miles east of Lisbon.

- Camping is available nearby at the Jorgen's Hollow Campground <https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/dpg/recreation/camping-cabins/recarea/?recid=81825&actid=29>,
- Sheyenne Oaks Campground <https://sheyenneoaks.com/>,
- Sandager Park in Lisbon <https://maps.app.goo.gl/dQabmp1QyS6fNzNg7>, and
- Dead Colt Creek Recreation Area <https://www.deadcoltcreek.net/>
- *Hotel/motel lodging is available in Enderlin, and Lisbon and nearby in Fargo & Wahpeton.*

**Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup>** - gather in the Sheyenne State Forest-Fort Ransom area in the morning on the Sheyenne River Valley Chapter trail segment. An optional evening meal will be offered in Ft Ransom at Thrill Hills for \$16, payable at the door.

- Camping is available nearby at Fort Ransom State Park <https://www.parkrec.nd.gov/fort-ransom-state-park>,
- Clausen Springs Recreation Area <https://www.barnescounty.us/Related/clausen.asp>),
- Tourist Park in Valley City <https://www.vcparks.com/facilities-parks>,

- the Jorgen's Hollow Campground  
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/dpg/recreation/camping-cabins/recarea/?recid=81825&actid=29>,
- Sheyenne Oaks Campground <https://sheyenneoaks.com/>,
- Sandager Park in Lisbon <https://maps.app.goo.gl/dQabmp1QyS6fNzNg7>, and
- Dead Colt Creek Recreation Area (<https://www.deadcoltcreek.net/>) east of Lisbon.
- *Hotel/motel lodging is available in nearby Fort Ransom, Valley City, and Lisbon.*

**Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>** - travel to the NCT's Western Terminus (it's 230 miles and 3.5 hours to drive from Fort Ransom to Riverdale, ND via I-94 and U.S. Hwy 83). The Central Flyway Chapter will be hosting a hike on Friday late afternoon around Riverdale.

- Camping is available nearby at Lake Sakakawea State Park (<https://www.parkrec.nd.gov/lake-sakakawea-state-park>),
- the Army Corps' Downstream Campground (<https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/233490>),
- the Army Corps' Wolf Creek Campground (<https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/251948>),
- East Totten Trail Campground (<https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/251950>),
- Sakakawea Park in Stanton (<http://www.stantonnd.com/SAKAKAWEA-STANTON-PARK.html>)
- *Hotel/motel lodging is available in nearby Pick City, Riverdale, and Garrison. A wider variety of lodging is available in either Bismarck (72 miles, 1:15 drive) or Minot (60 miles, 1 hour drive).*

**Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>** - gather in the Coleharbor, ND area in the morning for hikes in Audubon National Wildlife Refuge on the Central Flyway Chapter trail segment. An afternoon hike will be available from the Garrison Dam National Fish Hatchery to the Western Terminus. An outdoor picnic and short program in Lake Sakakawea State Park will wrap up our adventure.



For more information about other great hikes in North Dakota see the NCTA website [Hikes in North Dakota](#). On this site you will discover 21 hikes listed with distances, access & parking, descriptions and maps.

**Hike & event registration can be found [Registration](#)**

**Additional details can be found [Hike Fest FAQ](#)**