



North Dakota
LEGENDARY

Courtesy Norsk Høstfest

New for 2017—Legendary Experiences in North Dakota

Celebrating 40 Years of Pure Scandamonium!—2017 will mark the 40th annual [Norsk Høstfest](#), North America’s largest Scandinavian festival. Held at the North Dakota State Fairgrounds in Minot, all manner of Nordic tradition is on display at the celebration, from handcrafted merchandise to the best Scandinavian food this side of the Atlantic. World-class entertainment is offered at the Great Hall of Vikings and there’s something to enthrall everyone at the Norsk Høstfest.



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Barn Dance at the Boondocks—Originally built in the early 1900s, the [Boondocks venue](#) is a red barn that has been beautifully renovated with a rustic feel. Open year-round just 17 miles southwest of Jamestown, the venue is an ideal spot to hold events and meetings and to celebrate parties and weddings. The Boondocks also hosts barn dances throughout the year.



AgriTourism at its Finest—The [J.S. Wilson Farm](#) in Jamestown has been owned and operated by the same family for five generations. The tools and equipment used on the farm have changed since its beginnings in 1920, but the Wilson family still manages their business with a philosophy of stewardship, innovation and community outreach. Now Sarah and Jeremy Wilson have opened up their 3,000+ acre farmstead to give guests an unparalleled experience of modern agrarian life. Visitors are welcome to tour the stunning Heritage Room, enjoy a picnic lunch, ride along in the tractor or simply take a peaceful stroll on the prairie.



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Yurt Going to Have a Good Time—

Three full service yurts were added to the inventory of North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department in 2016. Two of the yurts can be found at [Fort Ransom State Park](#) and the third at [Cross Ranch State Park](#). The dwellings take inspiration from traditional nomadic tents, but offer modern conveniences to campers. Each yurt is designed to house up to six people and is equipped with gas heating, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom and loft. [Fort Ransom State Park](#) also features a newly expanded Visitor Center. The 3,000 square foot facility provides guests with all the information needed to explore the picturesque Sheyenne River Valley.



Go Fishin' at Grahams Island State Park—Curious about where the fish are biting? Look no further than [Grahams Island State Park](#), located directly to the west of the state's largest natural body of water, Devils Lake. The park's newly constructed 3,500 square foot Visitor Center offers a bait shop and convenience store for local and visiting anglers alike.



A New Winery and More—[Rookery Rock Winery](#), scheduled to open 2017, will be located just north of Interstate 94 (Absaraka exit 322) at Agassiz Shores Orchard & Vineyard. The winery will feature wines produced from fruit, berries and cold-hardy grapes grown on-site at the 12-acre orchard and vineyard, situated on the Campbell Beach of ancient Lake Agassiz. Jams, jellies and other products from the orchard will also be available.



A Hidden Gem in the Southeast—The [Sargent County Museum](#) in Forman offers visitors the chance to step back in time and explore history. Already filled with treasures from yesteryear, the museum recently opened a fourth building, which showcases local geology and horse drawn equipment. New displays planned for the upcoming season include exhibits on musical devices from the 1880s to the 1940s and vintage toys.



Something to Sing About—Located in Wimbledon, the [Midland Continental Depot Transportation Museum](#) featuring [Peggy Lee](#) honors the history of the railroad and the jazz singer Peggy Lee, who called the depot home from 1934 to 1937 when her father was the agent of this historic rail station. The museum will be celebrating its 5-year anniversary and Peggy Lee's birthday on May 26, 2017. Members of the Lee family plan to attend.

