

Bring your horse and discover North Dakota's scenic beauty

Horse lovers know that in most regions their options are limited to arena riding, trail rides or some limited variation thereof. But for those with horses of their own, a sense of adventure and a horse trailer, the enormous horizons and miles of wild trails in North Dakota are waiting.

Some of the best options for fresh vistas with horse-friendly campsites and adventures include:

- **Theodore Roosevelt National Park:** Visitors can explore North Dakota's Badlands just as Theodore Roosevelt did, on horseback. The South Unit features 80+ miles of marked horse trails and even more unmarked trails. Riders are permitted in nearly all areas of the park and backcountry horse camping is allowed. <http://www.nps.gov/thro> (701) 623-4466
- **Maah Daah Hey Trail:** More than 100 miles of trail within and outside of the national park is jointly managed by the US Forest Service, (701) 225-5151; The National Park Service, (701) 623-4466; and the North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department; (701) 328-5357. <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/dakotaprairie/mdhltl.htm>
- **Sully Creek State Park:** The park provides horse corrals at its primitive camping facilities and all trails connect with the stunning Little Missouri National Grassland. (701) 764-5256. www.parkrec.nd.gov/parks/scsp.htm
- **Little Missouri State Park:** This 6,000 acre park, roaming with wildlife and wild flowers (in spring especially), is accessible primarily on horseback or foot. The park provides corrals for those bringing in their own mounts. Guided tours and horse rentals are available. (701) 794-3731 or (701) 764-5256 www.parkrec.nd.gov/parks/lmbsp.htm
- **Turtle Mountain State Forest:** Visit this northern destination in the fall when the birch trees are brilliant with color against sparkling lakes. http://www.ndsu.nodak.edu/ndsu/lbakken/forest/stateforest/turtle_mtn.htm (701) 228-3700
- **Sheyenne National Grasslands:** Miles of sandy rolling hills dotted with trees provide varying terrain for rides that stay fresh. Sheyenne Ranger District, <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/dakotaprairie/sheyenne.htm> (701) 683-4342
- **Fort Ransom State Park:** Easily accessible, you'll find winding trails along the grass and trees of the Sheyenne River bottom. <http://www.parkrec.nd.gov/parks/frsp.htm> (701) 973-4331 or email frsp@state.nd.us
- **Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park:** With views of the Custer House and the living history of the On-A-Slant Indian Village, riders feel time slip away as they follow the Missouri River. <http://www.ndparks.com/parks/flsp.htm> (701) 667-6340 or email flsp@state.nd.us

Out of state horses must have a current health and negative Coggins certificates issued by their veterinarians. All feed used in state parks and national grasslands must be certified noxious weed seed free.

