

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Don't know much about North Dakota? No worries, you're not the first! We're here to hand out some knowledge on this great state. So let's start with the basics ...

What are some of North Dakota's can't-miss attractions?

- Luckily, we have a list just for that, visit our [30 Must-See Places in North Dakota](#) page.
- Driving through? We've got you covered there, too. Check out our [North Dakota Road Trip Ideas](#) page.

What is North Dakota's landscape like?

- North Dakota is table-top flat through the Red River Valley in the east and features rolling hills in the central part of the state a rugged Badlands out west. National grasslands in North Dakota offer thousands of acres of adventure for outdoor enthusiasts and it has more wildlife refuges than any other state in the U.S.

Okay, so what are the North Dakota Badlands?

- The rugged and weathered Badlands let us see ancient layers of the earth without having to dig or make computer models. You can walk into Theodore Roosevelt National Park and see rocks created millions of years ago! [Click here to learn more about North Dakota's Badlands.](#)

What are some of North Dakota's biggest cities?

- [Fargo](#) is the largest city in North Dakota and is known for its vibrant downtown, restaurants and entertainment venues. Be sure to check out the [original Woodchipper from the movie Fargo](#).
- [Bismarck](#) is the state capital of North Dakota. Located alongside the Missouri River, it's a great place to enjoy outdoor activities and history while still enjoying some great local restaurants and breweries.

We're hungry! Where should we eat?

- There are TONS of delicious places to stop, but [here is a list](#) of some great local restaurants we think you'd love.

What is the weather like in North Dakota?

- Here is a [breakdown of average temperatures](#) by month in our capital city. It will give you a good idea what to expect for the rest of the state as well.
- This is what [we suggest you pack](#) based on North Dakota seasons. Remember to always double check the forecast before relying on this list.

Wondering about current road conditions?

- The North Dakota [DOT road map](#) is constantly updated with current road conditions. It's a great resource for planning a safe road trip (and avoid construction).
- If you're wanting to check on the status of rest areas on your route, [click here](#).

What do I need to know if I'm driving to North Dakota?

- [Click here to find information](#) on fuel facts and charging stations in the state.
- Another tool that you will find useful is our [interactive map](#). Click on what you're looking for in the area of the state you need and it will show all your options.

What do I need to know when I'm crossing the border?

- [Enter North Dakota - North Dakota Ports of Entry contact info](#)
- [Enter Canada - Canada Border Services Agency Offices contact info](#)

What about for the International Peace Gardens?

- If you have a passport, bring it along. If the visitor is a U.S. citizen, a passport is NOT required. What IS REQUIRED is a copy of a birth certificate along with a government-issued photo ID for anyone age 16 and over. U.S. citizens age 15 or under needs a copy of a birth certificate only. If you have any questions, please contact the St. John Port of Entry at 701-477-3140.

Speaking of Peace Gardens, when is peak bloom for all the flowers?

- There are attractions and things to do all year-round at the International Peace Gardens. A tour of the grounds includes the Peace Chapel, Interpretive Center and Cactus Gardens. However, if you are planning a trip around the flowers blooming, the best time is usually **between mid-July to mid-August**.

We heard North Dakota has amazing fields of sunflowers in the summertime, too! When is the best time to see them?

- North Dakota is the top producer of sunflowers in the United States, so our endless fields of sunflowers are quite the site. The best time to see them is from **mid-July to mid-August**. Keep in mind though that weather can have a big effect on when they are in full bloom. [Click here for info](#) on where to find them

Wondering what those other seas of blue and yellow are?

- Those are Canola and Flax. Canola can grow from two to six feet high in middle to late June while blue flax blooms from late June to late July. They really do look like an ocean of color in those fields. [See more peak crop growing times here](#).

When can I see the Northern Lights?

- North Dakota is a great place to catch the Northern Lights. There is potential to see displays year-round here, including some of the big ones. Whether you can see them is based upon the right [space weather](#) in combination with a clear night, patience and luck.