

Sheyenne River Valley National Scenic Byway

Outdoors At Its Finest!



5 Days/4 Nights - Optional Days 6 & 7
Gateway City: Grand Forks, North Dakota



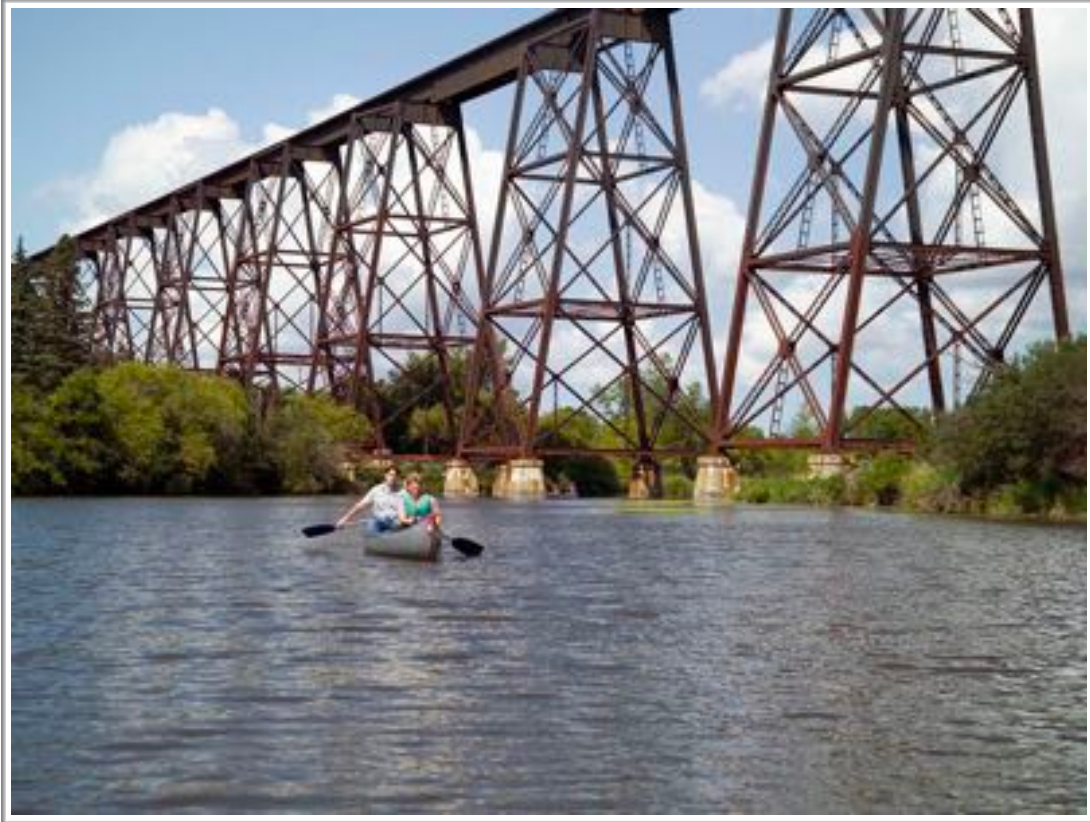
When you ask people to name a river in North Dakota, most say the Missouri, of Lewis and Clark fame. Yet, the Sheyenne River is just as worthy historically and surrounded by natural beauty. Starting about 160 miles north of Valley City, the river begins as a tributary of the Red (of Red River Valley musical fame), rejoining the river near Fargo. On its way south, the Sheyenne makes its way through the Sheyenne River Valley. Here you can follow it, meandering through tree-lined rolling hills, dotted with quaint towns and farmsteads on the Sheyenne River Valley National Scenic Byway to discover the story of the region on 41 award-winning interpretive panels along the way.

Held back by Baldhill Dam, the Sheyenne forms 27-mile Lake Ashtabula, a "perch river" with natural levees created by flooding centuries ago that are higher than the surrounding ground. Over 30 miles of the 4,200-mile North Country National Scenic Trail follows the lake. After the sweeping vistas of the grasslands at Baldhill Dam Overlook and the spectacular sunset views at the Mel Rieman Recreation Area, the natural areas just keep coming. Hobart Lake National Wildlife Refuge is just west of Valley City. The Valley City National Fish Hatchery is near Medicine

Wheel Park, where you can take a walking tour of the solar system. Just outside of Kathryn, the Walker Dam and Wadeson Cabin State Historic Site are just a short distance from Clausen Springs Recreational Area, a 545-acre open space with a peaceful lake. Just a few more miles down the road, the Standing Rock State Historic Site features a series of Native American burial mounds perched high atop a grassy hill overlooking the picturesque Sheyenne River.

At Fort Ransom, archeologists believe they have identified large glacial “ancient runestones” with markings typical of the ancient runic writing of Scandinavia. Other boulders in the Fort Ransom area have large cylindrical shaped holes, suggesting they were “mooring stones” holding Viking ships sailing up the Sheyenne River. From there, it’s on to the Sheyenne River State Forest Overlook and the Sheyenne National Grassland. Every location along the route provides the ability to get out in nature, enjoy the beauty of the river, the Byway and relax in the outdoors.





Touring the Byway

We recommend starting your journey in Grand Forks, considered one of the best birding cities in the country, with plenty of outdoor opportunities as well. Enjoy the 30 acre Butterfly Garden and National Prairie Grassland, as well as The Greenway and Sertoma Park's Japanese Garden. Also, don't miss the North Dakota Museum of Art while in town. After a night in Grand Forks, hit the road toward Valley City, the northern start of Sheyenne River Valley National Scenic Byway. The Tomahawk National Wildlife Refuge in Rogers is north of where you'll come to the Baldhill Dam Overlook and the Mel Rieman Recreation Area.

Once you reach Valley City, stop at the Rosebud Visitor Center to learn more about the region's early pioneers. Medicine Wheel Park features nature trails, a walking tour of the solar system, and two large solar calendars and a medicine wheel that measures 213 feet in diameter. The park also features 12 Native American burial mounds, believed to date from 500-2000 years ago.

After a stay at the President's House, you'll be headed for Hobart Lake National Wildlife Refuge and the Riparian Restoration, which educates visitors about the river. Keep your camera handy at all times, you never know when wildlife or other Instagram worthy photo op will emerge.

Just west of Kathryn, the 545-acre Clausen Springs Recreation Area is home to a large lake. Just south of Kathryn, you'll cross the river and come to a pullout for Walker Dam, now with only remnants remaining. Just a few miles down the road, the Wadeson Cabin State Historic Site features a log cabin built 140 years ago by Norwegian immigrants that served as a store, home, and community center.

Make a stop at Little Yellowstone Park and then venture to Standing Rock State Historic Site to see the four interconnected Native American burial mounds dating from 100 B.C. to 600 A.D. Take the gravel path for an expansive view of the valley below. From there, you'll be headed to the village of Fort Ransom, where a short segment of the North Country National Scenic Trail winds through Fort Ransom State Park. You can stay overnight here in a historic residence or for the adventurous, a luxury yurt, with running water, electricity and full kitchen. The Fort Ransom State Historic Site was last occupied in 1872. Pyramid Hill, adorned with a Viking on the top, is one of the most Instagram ready sights in North Dakota!



Beginning the next day, take a look at Writing Rock with cupped-out depressions formed when rocks being carried by the glacier rubbed across the surface of rocks underlying the flowing ice. From there head to the Sheyenne River State Forest Overlook for the state's only waterfall! The Scenic Byway ends in Lisbon, yet for more outdoor marvels head to the Sheyenne National Grasslands. After that, it's on to Fargo for the evening, and one or two optional additional days to explore the largest city in North Dakota with an intriguing history. From there, we wish you a safe and pleasant journey home.



DAY ONE



Grand Forks

Similar to so many other cities in North Dakota, the river location of Grand Forks was first occupied by Native Americans. French fur trappers and traders followed, congregating at "les Grandes Fourches" where they set up a trading post. Owning nine acres in what is now downtown, Alexander Grigg is known as "Father of Grand Forks." Within a few years, Grand Forks had all of the amenities of a city. The US Government chose a site west of town for a new jet interceptor air base in 1954, causing growth to burgeon. A little over 20 years ago, dikes along the Red River broke, flooding the entire city, but the city came back. Today, Grand Forks is a bustling lively community surrounded by tranquil, scenic farmland. On the famous Greenway known for some of the best birding in the nation, expect to see prairie chickens, gray partridges, and short-eared owls coexisting with snowy owls, snow buntings and common redpolls.

Butterfly Garden and Native Prairie Grassland

The 25,000 square foot butterfly garden and over 30 acres of native prairie grassland were especially designed to attract all types of butterflies who populate the grasses and wildflowers.

1827 Bygland Road, Central Middle School, East Grand Forks, MN 56721,
218-773-9271

The Greenway

The Greenway encompasses 2,200 acres following the Red River and Red Lake River as they flow through both cities. You can hike, walk, run, rollerblade, bike, bird, canoe, kayak, fish or golf, in the picturesque urban space that includes an all-season trail system, nature preserves, picnic sites and camping area.

3104 Chestnut Street, Grand Forks, ND 58201, 701-746-2750

Sertoma Park and Japanese Garden at The Greenway

Connected to The Greenway, Sertoma Park features a Japanese Garden, gifted to the park from Awano, Japan, Grand Forks sister city. It also includes three lanterns made of natural granite rocks, each with its own name and significance.

3300 11th Avenue South, Grand Forks, ND 58201



North Dakota Museum of Art

For a change of pace, tour the North Dakota Museum of Art, nationally recognized for dynamic exhibitions regarding human rights, international artists, and landmark works of Northern Plains art that are housed in three galleries. The apartment of the late New York City artist Barton Benes' featuring his collection of African art and unique objects from around the world, is on permanent display. The Museum also hosts the University of North Dakota Collection Gallery. Check out the gift shop and if it's time, have lunch at Sky's Café, located in the museum. University of North Dakota, 261 Centennial Drive, Grand Forks, ND 58202 701-777-4195, M-Friday 9AM-5PM, Sat-Sun 1PM-5PM, Free





Destination Accommodations

Staybridge Suites, 1175 South 42nd Street, Grand Forks, ND 58201 701-772-9000 Stay in a suite with a full kitchen, wi-fi, complimentary breakfast, and fitness center.

Destination Distinctive Dining

The Toasted Frog, 124 North 3rd Street, Grand Forks, ND 58203, 701-772-3764

American fare with global influences & martinis amid brick walls, high ceilings & abstract art.

Rhombus Guys, 312 Kittson Avenue, Grand Forks, ND 58201, 701-787-7317

The local gourmet pizza place with scrumptious Detroit style, no meat and other unique pizzas including chicken alfredo, T-Rex, Busey, Winstein, and Big Dogz. Also gourmet sandwiches.

DAY TWO

Tomahawk National Wildlife Refuge

As you head for the Byway, about 20 miles north of Valley City, you can stretch your legs at the Tomahawk National Wildlife Refuge, 440 acres specifically set aside to protect migratory birds, white-tail deer and other mammals. The Valley City Wetland Management District oversees the refuge, which in turn is part of the Arrowwood National Wildlife Refuge Complex.

Highway 1, Rogers, ND 58479, 701-845-3466

Baldhill Dam Overlook

Marvel at the sweeping views of the Lake Ashtabula and the surrounding grasslands, while keeping an eye out for deer, rabbits, foxes and waterfowl.

Mel Rieman Recreation Area

As the glaciers moved south thousands of years ago, the debris they were pushing carved out lakes in the “prairie pothole” region in North Dakota including Lake Ashtabula (Native American for fish river) which today attracts large flocks of migrating birds to the lakeshore. Look out for the unique white pelicans, plus prairie creatures such as white-tailed deer, sharptail grouse, wild turkeys and gray partridge. For those interested, there are 27 campsites, 15 with electric hookups, coupled with drinking water, showers and flush toilets. Nearly 3,000 acres open to wildlife viewing, birding and hiking, around the lake is managed by the Corps of Engineers. 114th Avenue SE, Valley City, ND 58072, (877-444-6777



North Country National Scenic Trail

Hike a portion on the North Country National Scenic Trail which traverses the northern tier of the United States from Vermont to North Dakota. The Trail enters North Dakota at Fort Abercrombie State Historic Site and follows a mix of road walk and off-road sections, with terrain being fairly flat. After passing through the town of Walcott, the landscape changes to grasslands populated with cows, fences and stiles. From there, the route passes through the Ekre Grassland Preserve and Sheyenne National Grassland and then follows the Sheyenne River to the Sheyenne State Forest, Fort Ransom State Park, Valley City, and Lake Ashtabula Recreation Area.

Valley City

Originally named Worthington, Valley City began in 1874 when the Northern Pacific Railroad was extended west from Fargo. The name was changed to honor the beautiful Sheyenne River. Known today as the “City of Bridges,” this scenic community was most recently named the most beautiful town in North Dakota by Expedia.





Destination Distinctive Accommodations:

President's House, 101 College Street SE, Valley City, ND 58072, 701-845-7122

Stay in this beautifully preserved 1901 Victorian home that has served as the home of VCSU Presidents on the campus of Valley City Stat University.

Destination Distinctive Dining

Sabir's Dining and Lounge, 338 Winter Show Road SW, Valley City, ND 58072, 701-845-0274

Savor a full menu of dinner choices and complete wine list.

Bridges Bar & Grill, 264 Winter Show Road SW, Valley City, ND 58072, 701-845-9899

10 tap beers and full selection of bottled beers, wine and spirits is complemented with 100% certified Angus beef burgers.

Destination Distinctive Retail

Blush Boutique, 219 Central Avenue, Valley City, ND 58072, 701-845-6855

Kyly Creations Artisan Jewelry, 223 Central Avenue North, Valley City, ND 58072, 701-840-7519

Prairie Frame Shop, 330 Central Avenue North, # 1, Valley City, ND 58072, 701-845-4704

Pottery Parlour, 3608 117th Avenue SE, Valley City, ND 58072, 701-845-3874

Catwalk Boutique, 341 Central Avenue North #4, Valley City, ND 58072, 701-845-507

DAY THREE

Rosebud Visitor Center

At the gateway to the Sheyenne River Valley National Scenic Byway, you can discover the area's railroad history and farming heritage in insightful exhibits that include a one-of-a-kind 1881 Superintendent's Coach, a restored railcar with original furniture once owned by the Northern Pacific Railroad. The North Dakota Agricultural Hall of Fame hails back to the days when the first settlers came into the area. Learn how pioneers secured land, built small towns on the prairie, and made farming the booming industry it is today.

250 Main Street West, Valley City, ND 58072, 701-845-1891 M-F 8AM-5PM.
Travel season weekends. Free.

Valley City Bridges Tour

Valley City developed a tour to showcase its beautiful historic bridges, that begins at the Rosebud Visitor Center. The most famous is the 3860-foot Hi-Line Bridge which soars 162 feet overhead, as it traverses the riverbed. It was the longest and highest single-track rail bridge in the country at the time of construction in 1908.

250 Main Street West, Valley City ND 58072, 701-845-1891



Medicine Wheel Park

Located on the campus of Valley City State University, Medicine Wheel Park's 30 acres encompasses a unique mix of nature, science, and history including two solar calendar replicas, 12 Native American Burial Mounds, scenic overlooks, woodland nature trails, an astronomy observation site, solar system model, and a perennial flower garden.

Valley City State University, 101 College Street SW, Valley City, North Dakota
58072 701-845-7452



Valley City National Fish Hatcheries

The Valley City National Fish Hatchery and a smaller unit at Baldhill Dam raise fish to stock local lakes with northern pike, walleye, and sturgeon. They are also working on a native mussel program to bring in black sandshell, pink heelsplitter, Wabash pigtoe, threeridge and maple leaf varieties. The hatchery, designed with the visitor experience in mind, includes a pollinator garden, primitive nature trail, covered picnic areas, and a fire ring, plus a primitive canoe launch, picnic shelter, and charcoal grills. Graveled pathways take you to the hatchery production ponds. 11515 River Road, Valley City, ND 58072, 701-845-3464

DAY FOUR

Hobart Lake National Wildlife Refuge

Located five miles west of Valley City, the 277-acre Hobart Lake National Wildlife Refuge has three nesting islands constructed by Ducks Unlimited as a migration stopover for waterfowl nesting and brood rearing. Tundra swans also frequent the Refuge during spring and fall.

Valley City, ND 58072, 701-845-3466

Riparian Restoration

The Sheyenne River riparian zone is an important transition between the land and the river that helps to filter pollutants and protect aquatic life from harm. The Barnes Country Soil Conservation District is working to improve the natural area at this location, all of which is explained in the interpretive panels. Take the short trail to the river.

3823-3849 117th Avenue SE, Valley City, ND 58072

Kathryn

Now a near ghost town, Main Street in Kathryn looks much like it did when it was built over 120 years ago by the Northern Pacific Railroad. The impressive grain elevator “skyscraper of the plains,” is surrounded by an old harness shop, a bank, old hotel and a jail.



Clausen Springs Recreation Area

Like so many of the flowing springs in the upper Midwest, Clausen Springs was home to Native Americans who established villages near good sources of water. Evidence shows that fur trappers camped here as early as 1839. Today, in addition to the springs, the 545-acre multi-use recreation area has campgrounds, a segment of the North Country National Scenic Trail, and a very picturesque two-mile loop around the lake. An interpretive site on the Sheyenne River Valley National Scenic Byway is located near the playground and main camping area highlighting the historic background of the park.

5010 114th Avenue SE, Kathryn, ND 58049, 701-762-4450

Wadeson Cabin State Historic Site

The centerpiece hand-hewn oak log cabin that stands on its original fieldstone foundation was built in 1876 by Carl Jenson and his nephew Jon Bjerke on the east bank of the Sheyenne River. Since then, the Wadeson Cabin has served as a community hall, country store, pioneer home, and, finally, as an icehouse.

51st Street SE, Kathryn, ND 58049, 701-328-2666



Little Yellowstone Park

This rest stop on the Byway, nestled in the hills along the Sheyenne River, is a 27-acre campground and multi-use recreation area. Hiking trails follow a small spring-fed stream, spanned with quaint bridges.

Kathryn, ND 58049, 701-762-4450



Standing Rock State Historic Site

Standing Rock features a series of four interconnected burial mounds perched on a high hill overlooking the Sheyenne River. Three of the mounds built between 100 BC-600AD are circular shaped low cones and the fourth is linear. The largest mound has a large boulder on the top, for which the site is named.

54th Street SE, Nome, ND 58062, 701-328-2666



Destination Distinctive Accommodations:

Fort Ransom State Park, 5981 Walt Hjelle Parkway, Fort Ransom, ND 58033,

Stay in the three bedroom 1879 restored Bjone House that's been carefully updated with modern amenities. You can also rent cabins, yurts and tipis in the park.

Destination Distinctive Dining

Lunch Box Eatery, 101 E Main St, Fort Ransom, ND 58033, 701-973-2240

You may want to pick up dinner to take back to you accommodations for the evening.

DAY FIVE

Fort Ransom State Park

Nestled in the picturesque and heavily wooded Sheyenne River Valley, Fort Ransom State Park illustrates the lives of the area's 19th-century homesteading sodbusters and the Mound Builders who lived here 5000 to 8000 years ago. The 950-acre site encompasses the Bjone House homestead and the Andrew Sunne Farm. The annual Sodbuster Days celebration with demonstrations and exhibits of early homesteading life is held here. A short segment of the North Country National Scenic Trail winds through the park, along with about 20 miles of additional trails.

5981 Walt Hjelle Parkway Fort Ransom, ND 58033, 701-973-4331



Fort Ransom

The town of Fort Ransom was founded eight years after its namesake military post had been dismantled.

Ransom County Historical Museum at the T.J. Walker Historic District

Pioneer miller and merchant Tyler James Walker left behind a complex of structures that includes a house, large barn, and ice storage building, the timber-frame Walker Mill, the only remaining water-driven mill in North Dakota and a former store that is now the Ransom County Historical Museum, filled with collections of local and regional history. The two-story gabled wood frame Queen Anne Walker house features a two-story semi-hexagonal bay window with wood pendants. The gabled two-story bank barn, built into the hillside of quarry faced fieldstone, has an upper level built of heavy wood beams, mortise-and-tenon joints and fixed with wooden pegs. Nearby, two related buildings include the 1890 Standing Rock Lutheran Church and the 1915 Fort Ransom rural school.

101 Mill Road, Fort Ransom, ND 58033, 701-924-8303

May-Sept, Daily 1PM-5PM Adults \$1



Fort Ransom State Historic Site

This former 200-man military post was built to protect Northern Pacific Railroad workers and settlers claiming land in the area. When the railroad was completed, the post was dismantled and surveyed for sale to homesteaders. Today, only building remnants, cellars, a fortification ditch, and a flagpole mark the remains of the once thriving post.

6194 West Hjelle Parkway, Fort Ransom, ND 58033, 701-328-2666

Sheyenne River State Forest Overlook

The Sheyenne River State Forest, which also hosts another section of the North Country National Scenic Trail along with Mineral Springs Falls, the state's only waterfall, which drops 8-feet and runs into the Sheyenne River. Follow the trickling water to the ledge on a 2.3-mile hike through f bur oak, quaking aspen, basswood, ironwood, and green ash.

6244 122nd Avenue SE, Fort Ransom, ND, 58033, 701-228-3700

Sheyenne National Grassland

Sheyenne is the only National Grassland in the tallgrass prairie region of the United States, providing a habitat for prairie chickens, Dakota Skipper and Regal Fritillary butterflies. The Grassland also hosts one of largest populations of the western prairie fringed orchids, now on the threatened species list. Hike to Iron Springs Creek, Horseshoe Hills, Old Bridges, the Owego Pioneer Cemetery, and Fire Lookout Tower.

McLeod, ND 58057, 701-989-7300

Destination Distinctive Dining

Silver Prairie Saloon, 11 Main Avenue, McLeod, ND 58057, 701-439-2610

Harking back to the days of cowboys and saloons on Main Avenue, the saloon has hitching posts and saddles at the bar, so you can dine in a modern day western saloon that makes you feel like a real cowboy or cowgirl just off the range.



Fargo

The first settlers staked claims here when the Northern Pacific Railroad crossed the Red River. The rough and ready town, named after a railroad director and the Wells Fargo founder, had its share of bordellos and saloons, until the town began to grow with settlers looking for fertile farmland. The original tents and shanties had been replaced by wood-framed buildings in 1892, then housing nearly 8,000 citizens. The next year, disaster struck with a fire on Front Street, fanned by strong winds. By the time it was extinguished, more than 31 blocks were reduced to ashes. The city resolved to reconstruct itself, and in less than a year built 246 new buildings.



Destination Distinctive Accommodations

Hotel Donaldson, 101 Broadway, Fargo, ND 58102, 701-478-1000.

After serving as a fraternal lodge for more than 100 years, the 17-room Hotel Donaldson features unique art-inspired rooms filled with luxurious furnishings and luxury beds. Meals feature artisan cuisine paired with great sprints, served by a friendly, experienced staff.

Destination Distinctive Dining

Mezzaluna, 309 Roberts Street North, Fargo, ND 58102, 701-364-9479

Listed on the North Dakota Culinary Trail, Mezzaluna features elevated fare made from locally sourced ingredients, complimented with craft cocktails.

The Old Broadway Grill, 22 Broadway North, Fargo, ND 58102

Right down the street from Hotel Donaldson, the Old Broadway Grill serves hearty American cuisine in an elegant historic setting enhanced with carved dark-wood and high ceilings.

The Hodo, 101 Broadway, Fargo, ND 58102, 701-478-1000

Located right in the Hotel Donaldson, the Hodo, listed in the North Dakota Culinary Trail offers a full menu, and the Hodo Lounge right next door.

OPTIONAL DAY SIX

A Look Around Downtown Historic Walking Tour and Mural Tour

Begin your exploration of Fargo by taking the Downtown Historic Walking Tour past 20 structures that either survived the downtown fire or were constructed afterward. The Mural Tour, with colorful full building sized murals, is intertwined on some of the same streets.

Plains Art Museum

The historic walking tour of downtown Fargo includes the world class Plains Art Museum, 56,000 square feet of permanent and changing exhibits, spread out over four floors. Explore On Location in Rural America, Indian Country, the North Dakota Mural, and A Tall Grass Community. In addition to Traditional, Modern and Contemporary Native American art, collection offerings include Traditional African, Modern and Post Modern, Contemporary, Photography and Prints, Regional and Educational works.

704 First Avenue North, Fargo, ND, 58102, 701-551-6100, M-W, plus Th,
11AM-5PM, Sat 10AM-5PM, Free

Art Galleries

There are several galleries to explore in Fargo and Moorhead including Gallery 4, 115 Roberts Street North, Dakota Fine Art, 11 Eighth Street South, #204. Spirit Room, 111 Broadway North, Rourke Art and Museum, 521 Main Avenue, Moorhead, Eece Gallery, 210 Broadway North, Underbrush Gallery, 1450 25th Street South, and Memorial Union Gallery at North Dakota State University, 1401 Administrative Avenue.



Bonanzaville

Named after the large and lucrative bonanza farms once located in the Red River Valley, Bonanzaville did not just bring in a selection of historic buildings, they brought in an entire historic town, complete with all buildings and functions one would have expected in a pioneer North Dakota town. A main museum building holds a portion of the 400,000 items in the permanent collection, with others distributed among the many other buildings. Explore the Arthur Town Hall, Bjerklie Drug Store, the Brass Rail Saloon, Cass-Clay Creamery, Cass County District Courthouse, a school, depot, cabin, newspaper office, the land office, the telephone building and more. Here, you can really understand pioneer life on the prairie.

1351 Main Avenue West, West Fargo, ND 58078, 701-282-2882, May 1-Aug 31, M-F 10AM-7PM, Sat 10AM-5PM, Sun Noon-5PM, Sept 1-30, M-Sat, 10AM-5PM, Sun Noon-5PM, Adults \$12



OPTIONAL DAY SEVEN

Hjemkomst Center

Right across the river from Fargo, the Hjemkomst Center displays two of the most unique pieces found at any museum. The residents in the region are descendants from the Vikings who ruled the Northern European seas from the 8th to the 11th centuries. One local resident with a vision to build a Viking ship studying Norwegian heritage, discovered the story of the *Gokstad* unearthed from a burial mound in Norway. He decided to build an authentic replica of the majestic ship, using lumber from East Grand Forks. To overcome the challenge of finding a place big enough to construct the ship, he leased a potato warehouse for \$10 a year, where the build became a visitor attraction. After a decade, and the front entrance of the warehouse torn off, the ship emerged in the daylight and readied for sailing to Norway. After a successful voyage and a year in Norway, the ship road back to the United States on a freighter. The family donated the magnificent ship to the Heimkomst Center in Moorhead, where you can see it today. Not only does the Center have the Viking ship, it also hosts an authentic Stave church, typical of those built in Scandinavia during the 11th and 12th centuries, where the vertical staves used to build massive wooden buildings evolved into a true art form. The full-scale replica of the Hopperstad Church in Vik, Norway is 72 feet high, with 18, 27-foot staves. The main structure is made from Minnesota pine, the portal carving of redwood, and 24,000 Michigan cedar shingles adorn the roof. 202 First Avenue North, Moorhead, MN 56560, 218-299-5515, Sun-F Noon-5PM, Sat 9AM-5PM. Adults \$10



Comstock House

The stylish Victorian home built by Solomon Comstock has stood as a symbol of his accomplishments for more than a century. Born in Maine, he earned a law degree from Michigan before moving to Nebraska, Texas before setting in Moorhead. Comstock served as a state representative, a state senator and one term in the US House and founded the First National Bank of Moorhead, the Moorhead Foundry, Car and Agricultural Works, and worked with the railroad. He also helped to build the school that became Concordia College and donated land for the Moorhead Normal School which became Moorhead State University. His wife Sarah graduated from Smith College and Columbia with a Masters. Solomon spent 51 years in the house and Sarah, 59. One of their daughters, Jessie May returned to care for her aging parents after a long teaching career and ultimately lived in the Comstock House until 1951. Another family member, George Madison lived in the house until 1965 when it was turned over to the Historical Society. The house itself, a blend of Queen Anne elements and Eastlake design, is adorned with spindle work porches, patterned chimneys and colorfully painted siding and trim. The property includes an ice house, tool room, food storage room, and a barn. The property is especially important since the interior remainder almost unaltered, with the exception of bathrooms. The oak doors and windows, the carved oak stairway, the mantelpieces and lovely parquet bordered floor in the dining room are still in place. Enjoy a tour of the home and all of its history. 506 8th Street South, Moorhead, MN 56560, 218-291-4211, May 23-Sept 6, Sat-Sun 10AM-4PM, or call for an appointment. Adults \$7.

