

ATTRACTIONS

Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park

History comes to life at Historic Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park. Take a trip to 1875 and the home of General George and Libbie Custer on 7th Cavalry Square, where their staff still entertains guests with stories of Libbie, the General and the time they spent in Dakota Territory.

The hill above Fort Abraham Lincoln provides a great view of the Missouri River Valley with blockhouses standing guard over both the fort and an ancient Mandan Village. On-A-Slant Village, dating back to the 1500s, features five rebuilt earthlodges with exhibits and guided tours. The park's Visitors Center houses the nation's best display of Mandan artifacts and history, along with items of interest on Lewis and Clark and General Custer.

Tour hours are 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Memorial Day to Labor Day, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. the rest of May and September, through Oct. 15. Off-season, the Visitors Center is open daily from 1-5 p.m. Entrance fees are \$5 per vehicle plus a history pass, \$6 per adult and \$4

per student, which includes entry to all tours, sites and the Melodrama, which runs from June to the beginning of August on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. The Melodrama begins at 7:30 p.m. with the Fort Lincoln Players in the Granary Theatre. FMI: Call (701) 667-6340 or (701) 663-4758 or visit www.fortlincoln.com.

Custer Trail Rides

Ride back in history at Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park. Explore the bluffs overlooking the mouth of the Heart River emptying to the majestic Missouri River and enjoy the breathtaking scenery with Custer Trail Rides. Trail rides are available by reservation at (701) 667-6385. There is a 300-pound weight restriction, and children must be at least 9 years of age. Rates are \$15 per hour. Register at the Commissary/Storehouse for all rides. Open from Memorial Day to Labor Day. For more information, call (701) 667-6385.

Fort Lincoln Trolley

Restored trolley car that once ran in Bismarck now offers a unique trip to Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park,



departing from Mandan's Third Street Station daily on the hour, 1 to 5 p.m., and returning from Fort Lincoln on the half-hour, 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. The season opens in June and runs through Labor Day. Admission is \$5 for everyone. Children under 5 years old who are accompanied by their family are free. Group discounts may apply. For additional information, contact Jim Beck at (701) 663-9018.

Five Nations Arts Depot

The historic Burlington Northern Railroad Depot on Main Street in Mandan features Native American arts and crafts. Works of more than 200 North Dakota American Indian artists are available for purchase. The depot is also available for art and American Indian interpretive programs. Open daily from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays. Extended summer and Christmas hours. For more information, call (701) 663-4663.

North Dakota State Capitol

Visitors to the North Dakota State Capitol grounds will find a unique blend of the state's past, present and future. The state Capitol, also known as the "Skyscraper on the Prairie," stands proudly in the heart of Bismarck. A monument to North Dakota's development, the Capitol is an appropriate symbol of the hopes and aspirations of its citizens. Tours of the Capitol are available on the hour from 8 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Saturday tours run from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m.

