

# Sitting Bull Visitor Center Visitor Guide



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# Where to Go - Sights to See

## Standing Rock National Native American Scenic Loop Byway

Established in 2004, the Byway extends 86 miles all of which lie within the boundaries of the Standing Rock Indian Reservation.



## Holy Hills of the Mandan Indians

Located near Cannon Ball, ND, visitors will find the Holy Hills of the Mandan Indians. Legend says it is the place where the Mandan emerged into the world again. Interpretive signage and visitor information is available at the Cannon Ball Pitstop Convenience Store located along Highway 1806.

## Missouri River/Lake Oahe

Lake Oahe, a 371,000 acre lake on the Missouri River offers some of the best fishing in the region. Walleye, Trout and other game fish are simply waiting to supply dinner.



## Prairie Knights Casino & Resort

Located at 7932 Hwy 24, the casino offers a wide variety of high stakes gaming options and spacious hotel rooms. Stop in for a quick buffet-style meal or for fine dining at the Hunter's Club, one of North Dakota's premier restaurants. On weekends, visitors can watch famous headliner concerts.

## Prairie Knights Marina

The marina is located one mile south and 4 miles east of the Prairie Knights Casino and Resort with public access to Lake Oahe, 32 electrical RV sites, swimming, picnic areas, boat ramp and a fish cleaning station.



## Standing Rock Lewis & Clark Nature Trail

A 3-mile interpretive botanical nature and mountain biking trail is located at Prairie Knights Marina.

## Sitting Bull Visitor Center & Medicine Wheel Park

The Visitor Center is located on the Sitting Bull College Campus in Fort Yates, North Dakota. Operating

hours are year round Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:30pm. The Center offers useful information regarding local events, places to visit, special events and group tours.



## Sitting Bull College Bookstore & Gifts

Serious-minded shoppers are encouraged to venture next door to the Sitting Bull College Science & Technology Center where they will find Native American crafts, jewelry, star quilts and beadwork as well as clothing and other gift items.

The Standing Rock Indian Reservation is rife with scenic beauty, historic attractions, and American Indian culture. Of particular note are the following attractions as you travel south from the Bismarck/Mandan area:

## Chief Sitting Bull's Burial Site

Upon entering Fort Yates, visitors will find the original burial site of Sitting Bull who was killed December 15, 1890.



## Indian Police Memorial

Located in the Fort Yates Cemetery is a memorial recognizing the Indian police officers who were killed as they attempted to arrest Sitting Bull.

## Standing Rock Monument

On the east side of Fort Yates, overlooking Lake Oahe, is the Standing Rock Monument from which the Standing Rock Agency derived its name.



## Fort Yates Military Stockade

Built in 1871, the stockade building is the only building left of the military Fort Yates.

## Hare Monument

Located near Wakpala, SD, the Hare Monument pays tribute to the accomplishments and contributions of William Hobert Hare, a missionary who worked on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation.

## Sitting Bull and Sakakawea Monuments

Located near Mobridge, SD on Highway 1806. It is said that Sitting Bull's remains were removed from his original North Dakota burial site in 1953 to this site marked by a stone monument carved by famed sculptor Korczak Ziolkowski.



## Indian Memorial Area and Jedediah Smith Historical Monument

On the South Dakota segment of the Byway just north of Mobridge, South Dakota on Highway 1806, is the Indian Memorial Area with the Jedediah Smith Historical Monument, which describes the life and accomplishments of this famous explorer.

## Grand River Casino

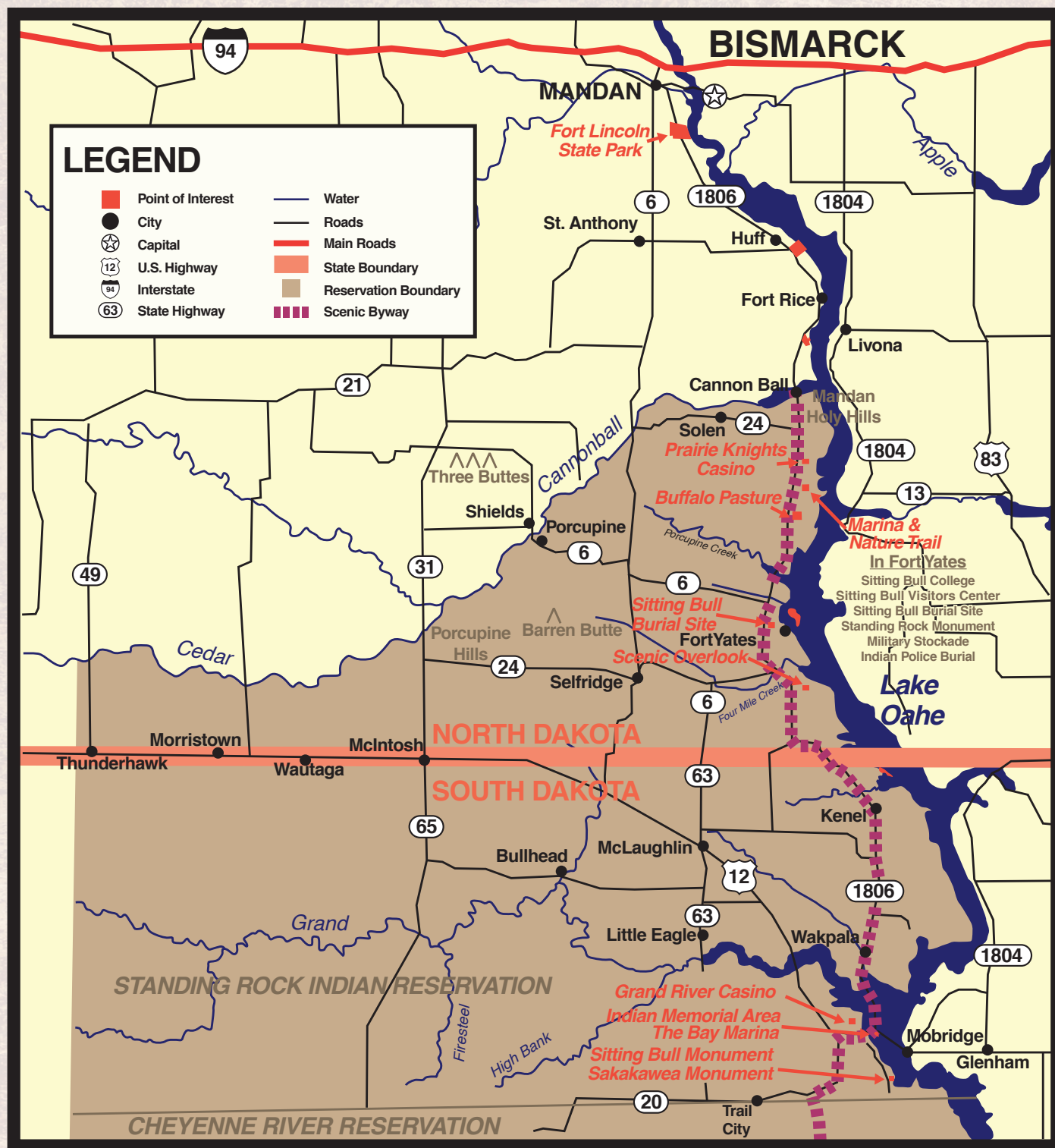
The Grand River Casino is located near Mobridge, SD and offers a variety of gaming options, lodging and dining facilities.

## The Bay Marina

This marina is located just south of Grand River Casino and west of Mobridge, SD. Visitors will find a campground, RV parking with electrical hookups, cabins, fuel, bait, and tackle.







## Driving the Byway - North to South

The Standing Rock National Native American Byway extends 86 miles, all of which lies within the boundaries of the Standing Rock Sioux Indian Reservation. The Byway is rich with Native American culture, historic sites, and natural, recreational, and scenic qualities without equal.

Begin by crossing the Cannonball River on Highway 1806 in North Dakota and entering the Standing Rock Sioux Indian Reservation. Continue straight along Highway 1806 for 29.1 miles. The road will change from Highway 1806 to Highway 24. Turn left onto Highway 1806 for 31 miles. Turn right onto US Highway 12, and continue 60 miles to the junction of Highway 20.



# Welcome to our Nation

We greet you with a hearty handshake and welcome you to our beautiful lands. You are invited to travel the Standing Rock National Native American Scenic Byway, which was designed to help tell the stories of the Lakota and Dakota Oyate (people) who have lived here for generations.

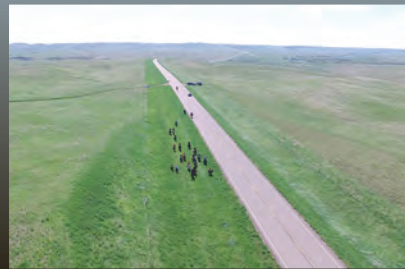
This is the home of great tribal leaders including Sitting Bull, Gall, Two Bears and many others. The Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery made numerous stops here during their expedition and it is the final resting place of their guide Sakakawea.

The Standing Rock Indian Reservation is a premier place to visit with excellent lodging and dining at both the Prairie Knights Casino and Resort and Grand River Casino and Resort. The adventurous traveler will find access to cabins, RV sites, a mountain bike and nature trail, and boat access to Lake Oahe.

We recommend that you first stop at the Sitting Bull Visitor Center in Fort Yates, North Dakota where you will learn more about our history and can pick up useful information and materials. For additional information, please contact the Sitting Bull Visitor Center at (701) 854-8125.

We request that visitors respect our laws and cultural ways and once more, we welcome you and invite you to experience the rich culture of our people and hope that you will return to visit us again.

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The Standing Rock Indian Reservation is home to the Lakota and Dakota people and is located 50 miles south of Bismarck, ND or 115 miles north of Pierre, SD. It consists of 2.3 million acres and is roughly the size of the State of Connecticut, straddling two states with one-third in Sioux County, ND and two-thirds in Corson County, SD.

The reservation was established under the Fort Laramie Treaty of 1868 and operates under a constitution approved on April 24, 1959. It is governed by the Tribal Council of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, which consists of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, and 14 council members who are elected by the tribal members. The Tribal Administration Building is located in Fort Yates, North Dakota.

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