

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department

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Icelandic State Park Natural History expansion complete

The Northeastern North Dakota Heritage Association (NENDHA) is excited to announce that the fundraising and planning over the past six years to expand the Icelandic State Park Visitor Center will pay off near the end of this month!

Split Rock Studios will soon finish installing state-of-the-art interpretive exhibits inviting visitors to explore the natural history and geologic features of the Rendezvous Region. This expansion took six years of fundraising, one year of design planning, and \$265,000 to complete. The expansion features topics such as tallgrass and mixed-grass prairies, wetlands, and riparian woodland habitats. There are also additions made to the bird porch and the “Future” area which will keep visitors informed on events being planned through the NENDHA. These exhibits will be added to the permanent settlement-era pioneer exhibits (1870-1920) that already exist in the main portion of the Visitor Center.

There is an open invitation to the *Ribbon Cutting Ceremony* on Sunday, June 7 at 2:00 p.m. The Association would like to celebrate the completion of this project and give recognition to its generous donors. For those who can't make the opening, the Pioneer Heritage Center will be open from mid-May to mid-August from 9a.m. to 8p.m. daily. Make sure to make the Pioneer Heritage Center a destination this summer!

More information about Icelandic State Park can be found online at www.parkrec.nd.gov or by calling the park at 701-265-4561