

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Cross Ranch State Park celebrates reopening**

Closed for most of the summer because of Missouri River flooding, Cross Ranch State Park's campground is again open, the yurts are back up and the Link cabin available to the public, announces park manager Eric Lang.

To help mark the reopening of the park's camping facilities and trails, local bluegrass performers Cottonwood is putting on a concert Sunday, Sept. 4, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Cross Ranch State Park's amphitheater. The Washburn-based group celebrated its tenth anniversary this year and has enjoyed performing at Cross Ranch State Park in the past. Members of the group are Lee Benjamin, Keith Koch, Dan Foster and Jill Wiese.

The park's River Peoples Visitor Center did remain open throughout the summer providing some interpretive programming for visitors. The Sanger Campground was also open throughout the summer, though its boat ramp was closed to river flooding conditions.

North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department Director Mark Zimmerman is planning a special treat for park visitors on Sunday as he cooks up some treats in the form of Dutch oven Cherry Cobbler and some Missouri River Mud cake.

"We're extremely happy to have the trails and camping facilities open again at Cross Ranch State Park," Zimmerman says. "It's been a tough year for some of our state parks because of the weather and subsequent flooding. The summer isn't quite over and there's still some time left to enjoy the state's outdoors and that's why it's important that Cross Ranch State Park is again open."

There will be no park entrance charge on Sept. 4, and the concert is free to the public.

Cross Ranch State Park is located 12 miles southeast of Hensler via paved roads, or 6 miles by gravel. For paved access roads follow the brown park directional signs located on Hwy. 200 or Hwy. 25. Information about the park can be found at [www.parkrec.nd.gov](http://www.parkrec.nd.gov).