

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department

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Cross Ranch prepares to reopen campground

With Missouri River level resuming normal flows, work is underway at Cross Ranch State Park to reopen camping facilities and trails which have been closed to the public since the end of May because of flooding.

Manager Eric Lang says plans are to have the camping facilities and trails ready for the Labor Day weekend. For more information call the park directly at 701-794-3731.

Crews are in the process of cleaning up the park's cabins and reconstructing the yurts. The cabins, which were unaffected by flooding, were sandbagged just in case, and the yurts taken down to protect them from any water damage. 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.

To celebrate the reopening of Cross Ranch State Park, the bluegrass group Cottonwood is performing Sunday evening, Sept. 4. The Washburn-based musicians had planned on celebrating their 10th anniversary with a performance at Cross Ranch State Park in July, but had to move the event due to the park flooding.

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.