

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department

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Guided hike at Cross Ranch State Park

Explore the Cross Ranch Nature Preserve with Cross Ranch State Park manager Eric Lang on Saturday, Feb. 25, starting at 1:30 p.m.

Lang will be guiding participants on the adjacent Cross Ranch Nature Preserve, managed by The Nature Conservancy, in search of bison that roam the hills. He will talk about the history of the land and Cross Ranch as it has changed hands throughout the years.

Participants can expect great views, and an excellent workout while searching for bison and birds. Bison are dangerous and will be viewed from a distance. Be sure to dress appropriately for the weather and bring water and binoculars. Warm beverages and snacks will be available at the park visitor center after the hike. In case of snow, snowshoes will be used.

For those needing snowshoes, rentals may be obtained from Epic Sports in north Bismarck. The park also has snowshoes to rent (\$15/day), but these are best fit for adults. For more information on the park or this event, please contact the park at 701-794-3731. There is no fee for this program, but a current annual pass or daily vehicle pass is required to be in the park. Information about the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department is found online at www.parkrec.nd.gov.