

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **State park reservations begin Feb. 14**

It's time to start planning for camping in 2012 and reservations can start being made at North Dakota State Parks on Tuesday, Feb. 14 beginning at 7 a.m.

State parks officially open Friday, May 18 and the 95-day reservation window allows visitors to make sure they have a campsite or cabin/yurt ready upon arrival. Reservations can be made 24 hours a day with the exception of the first day of the 95-day window -- these reservations will be available at 7a.m. In 2012, campsite reservations may be made for May 18 through Sept. 9, except for Fort Ransom State Park which will have reserved sites available through Sept. 30. Stays are limited to 14 consecutive days unless otherwise noted.

This applies to all North Dakota State Park campgrounds with the exception of Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park. Flood recovery efforts are ongoing at the park and a partial reopening of the campground is expected in June. Updates are posted on the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department website.

Grahams Island State Park is available for reservation, though construction continues on raising Island Road which provides access to the park. Currently the road is gravel, but will eventually be paved. Construction updates are also found on the NDPRD website.

Visitors to the Icelandic State Park campground will have to use a detour to reach the area as work continues on the Lake Renwick Dam.

Cabins, shelters, meeting halls and rooms may be made one year in advance. Reservations for both campsites and cabins can be made until noon the day prior to arrival. Reservations may be made either online at [www.parkrec.nd.gov](http://www.parkrec.nd.gov) or by calling our toll-free reservation line, 800-807-4723.