

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Annual Turtle Fest at Turtle River State Park June 16**

Friends of Turtle River are gearing up for their annual Turtle Fest at Turtle River State Park. Turtle Fest is a family friendly event to promote all that the park has to offer. In conjunction to the Fest, Turtle River State Park is celebrating Visitor Appreciation Day and waiving all park entrance fees for Saturday, June 16.

All of the activities are free to participants. The event kicks off at 10 a.m. with events until 3:30 p.m. At 10 a.m. visitors can participate in the Kids' Fishing Seminar at the CCC Memorial; or the Arts and Crafts for Kids program; and there is also the Kids' Bike Safety Seminar.

On the Woodland Lodge patio, the Arts and Craft event will be in full swing from 10 a.m. until 1p.m. Minnow Races will be held down by the old fireplace starting at 1p.m., followed by the "More Than A Reptile Show at 2:30pm. Let's not forget about the ongoing events such as the Bouncy House, Geocaching Instructions, Guided Scavenger Hunt, and exhibits that include campers, bikes and biking equipment.

A meal will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with hamburgers, coleslaw, beans, and a drink for just \$8 per plate. Kids may opt for a hot dog meal for \$3 per plate. This is the only fundraiser held by the Friends of Turtle River group each year. Proceeds raised by the FOTR group go towards capital improvements within the park.

The Friends group would like to recognize all the sponsors that make it possible to have this annual event. So a big thank you goes to 104.9 Q FM, Budget RV, Leisureland RV, Cabela's Scheels, The Ski and Bike Shop, and Budget RV.

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