

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department

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Mini-blitz at Turtle River State Park

Turtle River State Park will be hosting a miniature bioblitz this Saturday, August 10, from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. A bioblitz is an attempt to identify as many living things as possible in an area within a short time frame; it provides a snapshot of nature and when repeated year after year shows the changes that occur.

On Friday evening meet at the amphitheater at 8:00 pm to discuss the whys, hows, and basics of a bioblitz and learn about some backyard biology citizen science opportunities. Saturday morning, scientists from the University of North Dakota will be identifying organisms in the area around the Chalet. Stop by to see what's there, observe the process, and ask questions. Dakota Explorers will meet at the Visitor Center at 9:30 am to get a crash course in understanding biodiversity and then will join the identification hunt. Turtle River will wrap-up the day at the amphitheater at 8:00 pm with a review of what was found and a short hike to do your own identification.

Campsites and cabins can be reserved online at www.parkrec.nd.gov or by calling 1-800-807-4723.

Turtle River State Park is 22 miles west of Grand Forks, North Dakota, on Highway 2. For more information about the park, please visit www.parkrec.nd.gov or call (701) 594-4445. Turtle River State Park's interpretive programs and special event information is also available on the website calendar.