

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department  
**NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Call ahead before planning a camping trip**

With spring in the air and temperatures soaring, camping enthusiasts are likely chomping at the bit to get outdoors and set up camp after a seemingly long winter.

While North Dakota's state parks are open year round, park managers ask visitors to call ahead before embarking on a camping trip. Many of the state's parks were inundated with heavy snows and though much of the snow has either melted or is melting, park conditions are far from favorable with pools of standing water along with muddy roads and paths.

State parks are preparing to have full services available by mid-May, with the exception of Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park south of Mandan which was impacted by flooding of the Heart and Missouri Rivers. Fort Lincoln is tentatively expecting to have full services by Memorial Day.