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June is Great Outdoors Month in North Dakota

Gov. John Hoeven has proclaimed June as “Great Outdoors Month” in the state of North Dakota, highlighting outdoor recreation programs and activities in North Dakota and their benefit to a healthy life style. To support this proclamation the state’s Parks and Recreation, Game and Fish and Health departments have joined forces to celebrate the month by promoting a variety of events and activities.

“With the start of summer vacations, June is a great time to walk in the woods, camp under the stars or take in any of the special outdoor events planned in communities and parks across the state,” State Parks Director Doug Prchal added. “Being active in North Dakota’s great outdoors is healthy for both the body and the mind.”

“Public lands managed by our departments provide countless opportunities for outdoor recreation,” said Terry Steinwand, Game and Fish Commissioner. “In addition to promoting a healthier lifestyle, outdoor activities like fishing, boating and hiking help promote conservation awareness in our visitors.”

“Every child in North Dakota deserves to grow up healthy and strong,” said State Health Officer Terry Dwelle, M.D. “Children who are active outdoors are healthier and do better in school. I encourage families to help build a Healthy North Dakota by spending time with children in North Dakota’s great outdoors.”

Opportunities for outdoor activities and events will be occurring throughout the entire month of June. A national campaign promoting and encouraging citizens to get outdoors and be active has been underway for the past two years. Last year North Dakota joined that campaign and continues this year by kicking off Great Outdoors Month with National Trails Day events held on June 7th in most state parks and statewide free fishing days on June 7th and 8th through the North Dakota Game and Fish Department. Get Outdoors Day will be celebrated on June 14 across the nation providing an opportunity for families to play in the great outdoors and contribute to a healthier North Dakota. Statewide the month of June is filled with outdoor events too numerous to mention including free admission to select state parks. A statewide schedule of events and activities can be found at www.ndtourism.com.