

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Missouri River Bluegrass & Old Time Music Festival**

Cross Ranch State Park is hosting the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Missouri River Bluegrass & Old Time Music Festival on June 19-20.

The Main Stage performance schedule for Friday has Spiritwood Creek at 6:30 p.m.; New Horizon 7:30 p.m.; Blue Hazard 8:30 p.m.; and the featured group “The High 48s” at 9:30 p.m.

Saturday’s Main State performance schedule is: 1 p.m. Pfliger Sisters/Center Community Band; 2:30 p.m. New North String Band; 3:30 p.m. Blue Hazard; 4:30 p.m. Simple Infant Men; 5:30 p.m. the High 48s; 6:30 p.m. Stoney Run; 7:30 p.m.; New North String Band; 8:30 p.m.; Blue Hazard; and 9:30 p.m. The High 48s.

The featured performers, Minneapolis-based “The High 48s,” play bluegrass in the traditional style, with close three-part harmonies sung around a single microphone. The High 48s focus on writing original material that combines the soul and drive of first-generation bluegrass with the harder-edged sound of alternative country and roots rock. It’s a style of music the band calls Hard Grass.

Ticket prices are \$12 per person on Friday; \$18 per person on Saturday; or \$25 per person for both days. The ticket price does not include a vehicle day pass to the park which is an additional \$5.

The event also features the Missouri River Bluegrass Camp on Thursday and Friday. Instruction will be give for bluegrass guitar, banjo, fiddle and mandolin. There is also one day of instruction on the upright bass on Friday. The camp is for players with their basic skill in place. For more information about the camp or if instrumentalists are qualified, call 701-762-4891.

For general information about the festival call Cross Ranch State Park at 701-794-3731. For availability of camping spots at the park check the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department website at [www.parkrec.nd.gov](http://www.parkrec.nd.gov) or call 800-807-4723.