



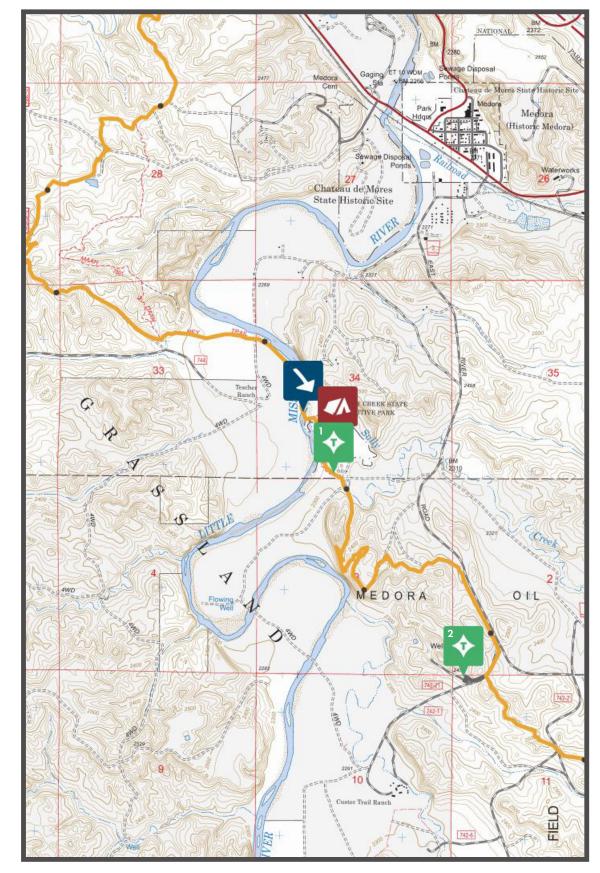
River Crossing



Rough Rider Trailhead



Map credit: Maah Daah Hey Trail Association mdhta.com/trail-guide





1465 36th St Medora ND, 58645 **Billings County** 701-623-2024

RESERVATIONS: 800-807-4723 or online at reserveNDparks.com







## SO EVERYONE CAN ENJOY THEIR VISIT



### **PARK HOURS**

The park is open daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. for use year-round.



### **CAMPGROUND QUIET HOURS**

Quiet hours are between 10 p.m. – 7 a.m. year-round. Generator usage is allowed in Cedar Campground from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.



#### **FIREWOOD**

To help prevent the spread of invasive species, we ask that visitors do not bring or use out-of-state firewood. Collecting firewood in the park is prohibited. Firewood can be purchased from the park office.



#### **PETS ON LEASHES**

Pets are welcome but must stay on a leash while in the state park.



#### **EMERGENCY INFO**

In an emergency dial 911. Find fire danger ratings and restrictions at ndresponse.gov.

## MUST SEE & DO -

- Bring your mountain bike, horse, or hiking shoes to experience the Maah Daah Hey Trail, an epic 144-mile trail system containing eight unique segments, each with a distinct topography. Access the trail just northwest of the park entrance. Heading north will take you to a crossing of the Little Missouri River and on terrain of varied elevations toward Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Heading south leads toward Bully Pulpit Golf Course and views of the Badlands and Little Missouri National Grassland.
- In the early spring, canoeing and kayaking the Little Missouri River is a popular activity. Traversing the Little Missouri River offers a unique perspective of the Badlands from North Dakota's only State Scenic River.

### **MORE TO EXPLORE -**

- Keep an eye out for wildlife roaming the hills, including bighorn sheep, wild horses, bison, deer, elk and prairie dogs.
- The Little Missouri River runs along the west side of the park boundary. The river gets its unique coloring from the sediment types throughout the badlands. Catfish, carp and bullheads can be found in the river.
- The desert-like, rugged Badlands and grasslands are home to unique plant species such as the yucca, prickly pear cactus and gumbo lily which can be found by exploring in and around the park.

# **VISITOR TIPS**

- Please follow speed limits. Keep an eye out for wild animals and respect their habitat by remaining a safe distance. Rattle snakes are common in this area. Check carefullly before sitting down or climbing on rocks.
- Visitors are prohibited from collecting and removing any natural items or artifacts from the park.
- Camping: check-in is at 4 p.m., checkout is at 3 p.m.

# HISTORICAL INFLUENCE -

Rough Rider State Park is located just outside of the historic town of Medora. Medora, which is now a popular tourist destination, was founded by French Nobleman Marquis de Morès. The Marquis worked to build a ranching empire. This area was also made famous by President Theodore Roosevelt, who spent time before his presidency ranching in North Dakota. He would later establish several national parks and be a key player in the conservation of land. While you are in the area, enjoy the Medora Musical and explore some of the historical sites, including the Chateau de Morès State Historic Site, Theodore Roosevelt National Park, the Elk Horn Ranch site or the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame.