

## June 26<sup>th</sup> Lewis & Clark Rendezvous at Birnt Hills

Enjoy a day of history and fun—learn more about the Lewis & Clark expedition at the Grand Opening of Birnt Hills Interpretive Site. Meet at the site, which is located approximately 25 miles north of Watford City. Take Highway 1806 to Tobacco Garden Marina, then turn east on road #869 (gravel) and travel approximately 2 miles to the Birnt Hills entrance. Little hiking is involved.

**Leaders: Tom Turck and  
Merv Floodman  
Time: 10:00 CDT**

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## July 10<sup>th</sup> Hike the Badlands: Maah Daah Hey Trail

The Maah Daah Hey Trail is open to non-motorized recreation such as hiking, biking, and horseback riding. The U.S. Forest Service Trails Coordinator who built and manages the trail will guide you. Enjoy the rolling prairie and rugged badlands on this moderately arduous hike. **Meet at Tesoro (Superpumper) in Belfield, ND.** From I-94 exit #42, go south; Tesoro is on the left. The event leader will meet you at the north side of the parking lot. We encourage people to car-pool—cars can be left along the north fence, please don't park next to the building. **Don't forget to bring plenty of water, a lunch and/or snacks.**

**Leader: Russ Walsh  
Time: 8:00 a.m. MDT**



*2004—The 50th Anniversary of the National Grasslands—Come Explore!*



## Fifth Annual National Grasslands Explorer Series



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You're invited to join Forest Service specialists on tours, hikes, and explorations of the Little Missouri, Grand River, and Sheyenne National Grasslands. The hikes are easy to moderate, and all ages are welcome. All events are free of charge. We will **leave** the meeting spot at the scheduled time. Details are described inside.

Please arrive early enough to get fuel, snacks, water, etc. before we head out. Everyone will follow the leader, and most explorations will last a few hours to a half-day, including driving time. Wear sturdy shoes or boots and **bring plenty of water.** You may want to bring a snack, bug repellent, binoculars, camera, sunscreen, a windbreaker, a hat, and your favorite guidebook.☺

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[www.fs.fed.us/r1/dakotaprairie](http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/dakotaprairie)

## April 24<sup>th</sup> Lek Courtship Ritual Medora Ranger District

Join wildlife biologists for this early morning observation of the sharp-tailed grouse mating dance. During courtship, males inflate air sacs at the sides of the neck, emitting booming calls while strutting with tails fanned and wings expanded. **Meet at Tesoro (Superpumper) in Belfield, ND.** From I-94 exit #42, go south; Tesoro is on the left. The event leader will meet you at the north side of the parking lot. We encourage people to car-pool—cars can be left along the north fence, please don't park next to the building. Little walking is involved.

**Leader: Arden Warm**  
**Time: 5:30 a.m. MDT**

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## May 8<sup>th</sup> Head for the River! *How to Canoe the Little Missouri*

This morning talk will help prepare you for tackling the Little Missouri Scenic River by canoe. You'll enjoy the rugged beauty of northern Little Missouri National Grasslands. Learn many aspects of canoeing, and pointers on scenic stretches of the river to enjoy. **Meet at CCC Campground**, located 15 miles south of Watford City, off Highway 85, south of the North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Turn west on road # 842 just south of the Long X bridge over the Little Missouri River, travel 1 mile west to the entrance. Little walking is involved. Bring your canoes, paddles, and lifejackets for your own canoeing adventure afterward!

**Leader: Brian Moe**  
**Time: 9:30 a.m. CDT**

## May 15<sup>th</sup> Hike to the Majestic Little Missouri

South of Medora we will set out for a 3 mile moderately arduous hike across remnant buttes, watching for birds, deer and small mammals. We'll examine floodplain terraces that harbor a variety of trees and shrubby vegetation. At the riverbank we'll experience the cool shade of the river that formed one of the largest areas of Badlands on the continent. From our vantage point, we'll see how the river has cut down through sedimentary layers to form sheer, colorful cliffs. **Meet at Chimney Park in Medora, ND.** Take I-94 to Medora. Chimney Park is just west of town, next the Theodore Roosevelt National Park entrance station. Meet the hike leader near the large chimney. We encourage people to car-pool—vehicles can be left at the park. Bring your water, lunch and/or snacks.

**Leader: Robin Nieto**  
**Time: 9:00 a.m. MDT**

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## May 22<sup>nd</sup> April Showers Bring May Flowers!

Discover the astounding beauty of wildflowers on native prairie. Join a range management specialist on this leisurely walk for all ages. **Meet at Sather Campground, located approximately 15 miles east of Sidney, MT.** Travel east from Sidney on Highway 68. Sather Campground is located at the junction of Highways 68 and 16. This expedition is expected to last until approximately noon. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy afterwards!

**Leader: Kim Brunelle**  
**Time: 9:00 a.m. CDT**

## June 12<sup>th</sup> Fourth Annual North Dakota Prairie Day

Join us to learn more about prairie flora and fauna, geology, birds, and more! The U.S. Forest Service is a cosponsor of the Fourth annual North Dakota Prairie Day, which will be held at Buffalo Gap Campground. Experts will lead field trips covering wildflowers, prairie dogs, area history, and paleontology. A free lunch and beverages will be provided. Light hiking will be required for field trips. **Buffalo Gap Campground** is located approximately 7 miles west of Medora, ND along I-94. Take Exit 18.

**Contact: Darla Lenz**  
**Events 8:00 am to 1:00 pm MDT**

or visit <http://www.npwrc.usgs.gov/announce/prairiday/prairiday.htm>

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## June 19<sup>th</sup> Edible & Medicinal Native Plants of the Prairie

Join an ethno-botanist who specializes in medicinal and culturally important plants of the Lakota on this prairie exploration. Come visit the Grand River National Grassland in northern South Dakota for a leisurely and informative hike. Learn about native plants that generations have used for nourishment and sometimes medicinal purposes. This event will begin at the **Grand River Ranger District Office in Lemmon, SD**, at 1005 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. West. Easy walking is involved.

**Leader: Linda Jones**  
**Time: 9:00 a.m. MDT**