

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department

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First Winner Named in State Parks Camping Challenge

The North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department (NDPRD) is hosting the ND State Park Camping Challenge through October 1st, 2014. The first winner has been named as Jolene Johnson of Cooperstown, ND. Johnson traveled to Lake Metigoshe, Fort Abraham Lincoln, Grahams Island and Turtle River State Parks.

Those accepting our challenge are to camp at four different ND state parks, saving their camping permits along the way. The first 25 entrants for the Camping Challenge win a 2015 annual pass, which will waive the entrance fees at all of the North Dakota state parks. Participants enter the contest by mailing in their camping permits along with their contact information to Camping Challenge Coordinator, #2 Lake Metigoshe State Park, Bottineau, ND 58318.

Amy Schimetz, Interpretive Naturalist at Lake Metigoshe, coordinates contests and challenges on behalf of the department. “The challenge provides incentive for visitors to discover how different each one of the state parks can be as well as what they have to offer,” Schimetz says. “No matter which parks you visit, taking in the challenge will lead you to a great place because the one thing the state parks have in common is that each one of them has something for everybody.”

The North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department provides great opportunities for historical, recreational and nature enthusiasts. In visiting the parks, take in all of what they have to offer, whether it is finding a geocache at Lake Metigoshe, taking a walk amongst the earthlodges at Fort Abraham Lincoln, touring the Sunne Farm at Fort Ransom, fishing for trout in Turtle River, riding horseback at Little Missouri or even sailing between Fort Stevenson and Lake Sakakawea State Parks. Even if sitting around the campfire making s’mores is more your style, North Dakota’s state parks invite you to come camp in our backyard, but remember to save those camping permits as there are still 24 winners to be named!

For additional information and official contest rules, please visit http://www.parkrec.nd.gov/camping_challenge.html or contact the challenge coordinator at 701-263-4514.