

A LOCAL GUIDE FOR YOUR NEXT CHAPTER

Bismarck Mandan



• TWO CITIES • ONE RIVER. • PLENTY TO DISCOVER

Welcome to the community

A practical place to start: your first week, local favorites,
everyday essentials and finding home.



WELCOME GUIDE
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Welcome to Bismarck Mandan

A move comes with enough decisions. This guide puts the useful local details in one place, so you can spend less time searching and more time getting to know your new community.

Two cities along the Missouri

Bismarck sits east of the river; Mandan sits west. Explore both as you settle in. A riverfront walk, a favorite coffee stop and a familiar route to work can make a new place feel like yours.

Starting a new job? Confirm first-day parking, benefits deadlines and relocation reimbursement rules with your employer. Keep move receipts together.



The North Dakota State Capitol grounds offer an easy first introduction to Bismarck.

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KEEP IT HANDY

Links in this digital guide open official resources. Save the PDF for move-in week and check current hours before you go.

Your first week

Start with the things that make daily life work. Use this checklist whether you are renting, buying or still deciding.

- I **Confirm move-in details**
Verify keys, parking, package delivery, building access and who handles snow removal. Keep your lease or closing contacts where you can find them.
- 2 **Set up services by address**
Ask which utilities are included. Confirm water, sewer, trash, electric, gas and internet service for your exact address. Renters should coordinate changes with the owner or manager.
- 3 **Make the commute once**
Try your route at the time you will travel. Locate the workplace entrance and parking; keep a backup route in mind for weather or roadwork.
- 4 **Update the basics**
Forward your mail, update important accounts and use North Dakota's current checklists for driver licensing and vehicle registration. Book a driver license appointment before you go.

START WITH THESE

Bismarck utilities

701-355-1700
Choose option 1
bismarcknd.gov ›

Mandan utilities

701-667-3219
cityofmandan.com ›

North Dakota DOT

Use official checklists for required documents, appointments and registration.

Driver license: dot.nd.gov ›

Vehicle checklist: dot.nd.gov ›

SAVE THIS PAGE Before move-in, confirm the account holder, start date and any deposits or fees directly with each provider.



03 / EXPLORE OUTSIDE

Follow the river

Archive photo: The Lewis & Clark Riverboat beside the historic rail bridge on the Missouri.

BISMARCK

Start at the riverfront

Start with Sertoma Park's paved loop and the Riverfront Trail. Use current trail maps to choose a comfortable walk or ride.

bisparks.org ›

MANDAN

Go beyond the bridge

South of Mandan, Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park combines trails, river views and history. Check current entry and tour details.

parkrec.nd.gov ›

Explore the west bank

Mandan's trails include paved routes, the Missouri River Nature Trail and connections toward Fort Lincoln. Check maps and access first.

mandanparks.com ›

Before heading out

Bring layers and water. Review weather, trail access and park notices. River conditions can change; use designated access and follow posted guidance.

A taste of the area

Try a new neighborhood one meal at a time. These local stops are a starting list for coffee, lunch or an evening out.

Anima Cucina

Downtown Bismarck
Coffee, pastries and an Italian-inspired menu.

animacucina.com ›



Anima Cucina, Bismarck

Laughing Sun Brewing

BISMARCK

Barbecue, craft beer and live-music listings.

laughingsunbrewing.com ›

India Clay Oven

BISMARCK

Indian dishes and a broad menu to explore.

clayovenbismarck.com ›

Copper Dog

MANDAN

Coffee and waffles for a relaxed morning stop.

copperdogcafe.com ›

The Paddle Trap

MANDAN

A riverside restaurant for a meal with a view.

thepaddletrap.com ›

One more to explore: Charras & Tequila for Mexican dining in Bismarck. Confirm current menus, reservations, hours and dietary accommodations directly with each restaurant.

charrasandtequila.com/bismarcknd ›

Find your people

A new place becomes more familiar through the things you do regularly. Pick one outing, one recurring activity and one place to return to.



At Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park, explore the history of the Mandan people and the later military post through the park's current interpretive programs.

Fort McKeen blockhouse and a reconstructed earthlodge at On-A-Slant Mandan Indian Village.

Start with a museum

The North Dakota Heritage Center & State Museum offers a thoughtful introduction to the state. Check exhibits and visitor information before you go.

statemuseum.nd.gov ›

Try hands-on science

Gateway to Science has interactive exhibits and programs. Check admission and accessibility details.

gatewaytoscience.org ›

Check the calendar

Use the Bismarck-Mandan visitor calendar for performances, markets and seasonal events. Check the organizer's details before making plans.

noboundariesnd.com/events ›

Get a library card

Libraries can be a practical first stop for reading, learning and local events. Check eligibility and hours.

bismarcklibrary.org ›

cityofmandan.com/library ›

Everyday essentials

Save the resources you will actually use. The right contact often depends on your address, household and schedule.

01 City services

Find local schedules, alerts and service contacts on your city's official site.

bismarcknd.gov ›

cityofmandan.com ›

02 Schools

Confirm school boundaries and enrollment requirements directly with the district for your address.

bismarckschools.org ›

mandan.k12.nd.us ›

03 Getting around

Check current routes, fares and service details before relying on a transit trip.

bisantransit.com ›

bismarckairport.com ›

04 Road conditions

North Dakota's official travel map is useful before a regional drive, especially in winter.

travel.dot.nd.gov ›

weather.gov/bis ›

05 Childcare

Use the state's licensed-program search and inspection resources. Ask each provider about openings and enrollment.

hhs.nd.gov ›

cityofmandan.com ›

06 Health care

Identify nearby care and confirm insurance participation directly with the provider. In an emergency, call 911.

sanfordhealth.org ›

chistalexiushealth.org ›

Find a home that fits

You do not need to decide everything at once. Whether you rent, buy or choose a short-term landing place, start with the way you need to live each day.

Write down your must-haves

■ Your monthly comfort zone

Include utilities, insurance, taxes, maintenance and fees. Buyers should confirm current and pending special assessments with the city.

■ Your everyday routes

Test the commute and trips to the places you use. Consider parking, access and seasonal conditions.

■ Your timing and flexibility

List your start date, move-in deadline and how long you expect to stay. Ask what happens if plans change.

■ Your questions about the property

Ask about condition, included services, rules, storage, pets and responsibilities before you commit.

BEFORE A TOUR

Bring a short checklist.

Take your own notes and photos when permitted.

Compare the same priorities at each place.

Verify school assignment and services by address.

Read the actual terms before signing.

bismarcknd.gov ›

cityofmandan.com ›

Questions about buying or selling?

Capital Real Estate Partners can help you start the conversation. Find the office contact details and website on the back cover.

Plan a smoother move

A little comparison up front can prevent a scramble later. Keep your move details in one place and confirm the terms in writing.

Before choosing a mover

Ask for an itemized written estimate and clarify what could change the price.

Confirm dates, pickup and delivery windows, packing, stairs, access and storage.

Ask about loss or damage protection, claims, deposits and cancellation terms.

For an interstate move, verify the mover through FMCSA's official resources.

[fmcsa.dot.gov/protect-your-move](https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/protect-your-move) ›

Make an arrival kit

Keep daily essentials with you: medication, chargers, documents, keys, a change of clothes and basic cleaning supplies.

Photograph items and property condition when appropriate. Set aside your first-night essentials so they do not disappear into the truck.

Your move notes

Move date

Mover and phone

Building contact

BEFORE THE TRUCK ARRIVES

Confirm the arrival window, parking and building access. Keep keys, medication, chargers and your first-night essentials with you.

Save your mover's contact details and keep a copy of the written estimate handy.

A local place to start

Keep this guide close as you settle in. When you are ready to talk about your next move, we are here to start the conversation.



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Contact and current listings

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