



National Park Service Units on the Missouri River



The National Park Service's Midwest Region has four park units located on the Missouri River. The sites are diverse but the mission of the National Park Service remains constant. All National Park Service units have a commitment to conserving, protecting, and enhancing the unique natural and cultural resources they have been entrusted with.

The National Park Service is committed to engaging tribal, state and local governments, and the public in the planning and protection of each park unit. The National Park Service also manages several grant programs aimed at improving natural areas and providing all Americans access to recreational opportunities.

Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site

Fort Union Trading Post was established in 1828 by the American Fur Company for the purpose of trading with the northern plains tribes. The trade business continued until 1867, making it the longest-lasting American fur trading post. The fort was built in Assiniboin Country but up to ten other tribes from the Northern Great Plains also traded here.

The site has a long history of occupation and use and contains several archeological sites.

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Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site

Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site was established to preserve and interpret the agricultural lifestyle and cultures of the Great Plain Indians. Homeland of the Hidatsa people, and later the Mandan and Arikara people, earthlodge depressions remain where thriving villages once stood on the Knife and Missouri Rivers. The park is a 1,758-acre archeological site including a furnished earthlodge, museum, theater, and bookstore.

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Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail

The Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail was established to identify and preserve the outbound and return routes of the Corps of Discovery Expedition of 1804-1806. As the trail administrator, the National Park Service promotes protection of resources in a trail corridor that stretches 3,700 miles from St. Louis to the Pacific Ocean. It also means helping to preserve Native American cultures encountered by Lewis and Clark, regardless of their current location. The NPS staff offer a broad range of

technical assistance to partners along the Trail who are responsible for local management of historic, cultural, natural, or recreational resources.

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Missouri National Recreational River

Missouri National Recreational River preserves the least-altered portions of the Missouri River between Fort Randall Dam and Ponca State Park. The two segments of river included are also part of the Wild and Scenic River system and are managed through a regulatory process to preserve the free-flow, cultural, ethnographic, and scenic values of the river and its environs. Park staff work to preserve, protect, restore, and enhance the national river's exceptional resources for the enjoyment of present and future generations. Staff from the national river

participate in numerous partnerships with governments, the public, and private groups.

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Partnership Programs

The **Land and Water Conservation Fund** program, also known as GRANTS, provides matching grants to states, local governments, and tribal governments for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. The program is intended to create and maintain a legacy of high quality recreation areas and facilities and to stimulate non-federal investments in the protection and maintenance of recreation resources across the country.

The **Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA)** is an NPS resource for communities. RTCA staff work, free-of-charge, with community groups, state, local, and tribal governments to conserve rivers, preserve open space, and develop trails and greenways.

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