



Warm & Welcoming

Wahpeton, North Dakota ●

CULTURAL & COMMUNITY PROFILE

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WAHPETON
Welcome!

AVENUES OF ADVENTURE

A golfer wearing a green polo shirt, khaki pants, a white cap, and a wristwatch is captured in the middle of a golf swing on a green field. The golfer is holding a golf club with a black head. The background is a blurred landscape with trees and a body of water.

The rivers create a beautiful setting for the community, as well as a natural landscape for the parks, trails, and recreation systems.

EXPANDING HORIZONS

Both Chahinkapa Park and the Bois de Sioux Public Golf Course are set along the Southern Red River Valley. Most of the residential development is concentrated on the north side of the city enveloping the North Dakota State College of Science (NDSCS) and the Circle of Nations School.

The presence of three rivers - Red River of the North, Bois de Sioux, and Otter Tail - add to the aesthetics of the greater Wahpeton-Breckenridge area and provides a natural setting for outdoor recreational activities.

WAHPETON CULTURE



EMBRACING OUR HERITAGE

Wahpeton is a regional agricultural center in one of the most fertile valleys in the country.

In partnership with Breckenridge, MN across the river, our communities serve as the civic, economic, employment, educational, cultural, medical, and recreational hub for the Richland and Wilkin Counties region.

We strive to continuously preserve, maintain, and improve our wealth of community and regional assets.

CULTURAL CORNERSTONES

Wahpeton's downtown commercial district retains much of its older, historic buildings and offers many locally owned, unique shopping, and entertainment opportunities, including the Red Door Art Gallery. Surrounding downtown to the north and south are traditional neighborhoods offering a mix of housing options, convenient access to shopping, services, recreation, and civic amenities.

Newer neighborhoods extending north and west are designed with strong connections to our older neighborhoods and downtown corridor. Wahpeton's ability to offer a full-range of community services and facilities makes it truly a desirable city to live, work, and play.

FAMILY-FRIENDLY OUTINGS *Wahpeton is home to regional destinations including:*

Bois de Sioux Public Golf Course 701-642-3673 Junction of 4th Street and 13th Avenue North www.boisdesiouxgolf.com	9 hole w/cart \$23-26 18 hole w/cart \$41-44 <i>Other rates available</i>	Hours vary depending on weather and course activity.	The only course in the US to feature 18 holes in two states; the front nine in ND and the back nine in MN! Each hole has 4 tee locations to accommodate all skill levels. The clubhouse features a full restaurant and bar with outdoor seating over looking the beautiful number nine green.
Chahinkapa Zoo 701-642-8709 1004 RJ Hughes Drive www.chahinkapazoo.org	Ages 4-12 - \$4 Seniors - \$7 Military - \$7 Age 13+ - \$8	Open Daily 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 pm April - Oct	Get up close and personal with over 200 animals representing 6 continents and 70 species, including Tal, ND's only orangutan. Grandpa's Petting Zoo, the heart of Chahinkapa Zoo, provides a fun hands-on experience for all ages. Camper, tent sites and cabins available for rent.
Kidder Recreation Area 701-642-2811 North of 18th Avenue off 4th Street North www.wahpetonpark.com	Tent site - \$10 Camper site - \$25	Camping Open April - Oct	Shoreline fishing, boat launch, fish cleaning station, camping with water and electrical hook-ups, restrooms, showers and picnic shelter. Don't forget to visit "Wahpper" the world's largest catfish for a great photo opportunity.
Prairie Rose Carousel and Chapel 701-642-8709 Next to Chahinkapa Zoo - 1004 RJ Hughes Dr. www.chahinkapazoo.org	Carousel - \$2/ride Chapel - various rental rates	Open Daily 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. April - Oct	The Carousel is 1 of only 3 fully restored and operational 1926 Spillman carousels in the US. The Chapel is beautifully reconditioned and available to rent for weddings, renewal of vows, church services and meetings.
Red Door Art Gallery 701-591-1010 418 Dakota Avenue www.reddoorgallerywahpeton.com	Free	Open Fridays - 12:00-5:00 Saturdays - 10:00-4:00 Sundays - 1:00-4:00	Newly renovated and located in the heart of the historic downtown business district, the Gallery displays and sells many forms of local and regional art. Fritz Scholder art is permanently displayed here.
Richland County Historical Museum 701-642-3075 11 7th Avenue North	Free	Open Tues, Thurs, Sat, and Sun 1:00 - 4:00 April - Oct	Extensive collection of Rosemeade pottery, Native American collection of Esther Horne, a descendent of Sakakawea, the world's largest book which is used as a guest register and many other historical artifacts.
Ringling Brothers Circus Monument 701-642-8744 South of town on Old US Highway 81	Free	Daytime Hours are Best	A Circus monument marks the graves of two men, Charles Smith and Charles Walters, who were struck by lightning and killed while raising the Ringling Brothers Circus tent during a thunderstorm on June 10, 1897.



EXPANDING HORIZONS

Our primary goal is to maintain and strengthen our community's high quality of life for existing and new residents, businesses, and institutions.

Our vision for continuously improving our community includes three types of planning and investment strategies:

- Preservation and maintenance
- Reinvestment and redevelopment
- Expansion and extension

As our community grows and expands in the future, the character, scale, and pattern of new development will continue to mirror the State's three pillars supporting North Dakota's future: education, economic development, and quality of life.

The community strives to strike a balance between recruiting new businesses from outside the region and fostering Wahpeton's tradition of strong entrepreneurial spirit.

Growth and diversification of our economy will provide greater job opportunities in the community, which will enable us to retain and attract more residents.

A LIFETIME OF LEARNING

You will find a little of everything in Wahpeton. We have a vibrant education system for learning and growing at any level in our community.

NDSCS is one of the oldest two-year, comprehensive, residential colleges in the nation. NDSCS offers degrees in over 80 academic options in traditional career and technical studies, as well as liberal arts. The college also offers a variety of distance education and online courses. ndscs.nodak.edu

Circle of Nations School is an inter-tribal off-reservation boarding school, chartered under the Sisseton-Wahpeton Dakota Oyate, and funded by the Bureau of Indian Education. Circle of Nations School serves American Indian youth in grades 4 through 8. The mission of the Circle of Nations School is to build academic achievement and foster healthy development of the whole child in a Native American cultural environment.

The **Wahpeton Public School** system includes two elementary schools, a middle school, and a high school. The school system serves approximately 1,250 students from the communities of Great Bend, Mooreton, Dwight, and Wahpeton, ND.

St. John's School, a private, Catholic School for preschool-6th grade, was founded in 1882, making it the oldest Catholic School in operation in the state of North Dakota.

The **Southeast Region Career and Technology Center** offers educational programs and support services to students from 10 area school districts. This cooperation allows students to enroll in classes and enjoy educational opportunities that would not be possible by one school district alone. Their classes provide students with job entry skills, the background needed to succeed in a wide variety of related occupations, and the knowledge to go on for more education and training.



WARM & WELCOMING

Wahpeton is a thriving community with a wealth of natural resources, a quality college campus, beautiful recreational facilities, and wonderful neighborhoods.



WAHPETON SPOTLIGHT

- Population: 7,766 (as of 2010 Census)
- Located in the heart of the Red River Valley at the head of the Red River of the North
- 55 minutes to Hector International Airport, Fargo, ND
- Richland County seat and regional hub for higher education, manufacturing, and general services
- A welcoming and well-maintained community
- Strong entrepreneurial spirit
- Home to North Dakota State College of Science
- River city with Breckenridge, MN
- Home to Chahinkapa Zoo, a regional attraction exhibiting 70 species of animals and accredited by the American Zoo and Aquarium Association
- Location of the Bois de Sioux Public Golf Course - a challenging 18-hole course with 9 holes in ND and 9 holes in MN
- Host to all types of sports tournaments and conferences, such as Boys State
- Excellent fishing along on the Red River
- Offers a high-quality of life in a rural, yet rich environment for residents, businesses, and visitors of all ages
- Biking and walking trails in town as well as excellent snowmobile trails, hunting, and bird watching nearby





CARRY ON HARRY STERN AIRPORT

Longest Runway Length: 5,100 ft

Surface Type: Concrete

Lighted: Active dusk/dawn

Service Type: Personal aircraft and business jets

Navigational Aids: Beacon, PAPI, REIL,

Weather Information Systems: AWOS 701-642-9800

Ground Transportation: Taxi or Car Rental

Fuel Available: 100LL JET-A (self-serve w/credit card)

Additional Information: 701-642-5777 or cndrwh@702com.net

Nearest International Airport: *Hector Int. Fargo, ND (55 miles North)*



LODGING INFORMATION

Campgrounds & Cabins:

- **Chahinkapa Park**
Campground & Cabins
2nd St & 8th Ave N
701-642-8709
- **Kidder Recreation**
Campground
1900 N 4th St
701-642-2811

Lodging:

- **AmericInn Lodge and Suites**
2029 Two Ten Dr
701-642-8365
- **Baymont Inn & Suites**
1800 Two Ten Dr
701-642-5000
- **Rodeway Inn**
209 13th St S
701-642-1115
- **Starlite Motel**
1005 4th Ave S
701-642-6627
- **Super 8 Motel**
995 21st Ave N
701-642-8731



FOR MORE INFORMATION
ABOUT WAHPETON AND THE REGION
visit these websites:

City of Wahpeton: www.wahpeton.com & www.wahpetonwelcome.com

Wahpeton/Breckenridge Chamber of Commerce: www.wbchamber.net