

RENDEZVOUS REGION

- Dam's: Icelandic, Goschke, Senator Young, Mt Carmel
- Points of Intrest

- Golf
- Canoe Access Points

- Scenic Backway
- Nice Drives
- Pembina Gorge State Rec. Area, Trail Head



● Drayton
on 80th St. NE

Pembina County www.pembinacountynd.gov
Cavalier County www.cavaliercounty.us
Anchor Communities of the Rendezvous Region
 Cavalier www.cavaliernd.com
 Langdon www.cityoflangdon.com
 Pembina www.pembina.govoffice.com
 Walhalla www.walhalland.org

The Pembina Gorge extends from the Canadian border throughout Cavalier County, encompassing most of the largest uninterrupted block of woodlands in North Dakota, approximately 12,500 acres and the longest segment of unaltered river valley in the state. Surging waters carved the Pembina Gorge out of soft marine shale, creating one of our deepest and steepest river valleys in North Dakota. In this rugged and sheltered setting, an enormous swath of forest is nestled in a transition zone where three different bio geographical provinces come together - boreal forest, ester deciduous forest and central grassland.

The Pembina Gorge is home to the most extensive oak woodland in the state, the most extensive wetland thickets and notable avifauna density, the greatest development of birch woodlands, the least locally disturbed river system, the largest collective area and greatest association number of upland shrub lands.

At least 65 different naturally diverse features were documented to be in the Pembina Gorge, including 30 plant species and 21 animal species, which are categorized as being "rare" in the state.

Rendezvous Region Backway travels between Cavalier and Vang meandering the Pembina River Gorge. Located in northeast North Dakota is a special place steeped in history, with natural resources, recreation, scenic beauty, and culture. Winding along the bends of the Pembina River you can enjoy the panoramic view of the Pembina Gorge along with the year-round recreational opportunities of the area. Beginning on Highway 55 in Vang proceeding east to Walhalla, turning southeast for 22 miles traveling past Icelandic State Park to Highway 5 ending in Cavalier. walhalland.org or parkrec.nd.gov/byways/rendezvous/rendezvous.html



Geology and Prehistoric Life of the Rendezvous Region

The Rendezvous Region is one of the most scenic areas in the state, and it is also one of the most interesting areas from geological and paleontological perspectives. The oldest rocks in North Dakota are exposed in the Pembina Gorge and North Dakota's oldest fossils are found in those rocks. The rocks and fossils entombed in them provide evidence that shallow seas from about 90 to 80 million years ago covered North Dakota and that these seas were teeming with life. <https://www.dmr.nd.gov/ndfossil/education/trunks/Trunk%20030609.html>

In Winter The Rendezvous Region is truly a phenomenal carved into the snow covered heavily wooded Pembina Gorge is *Frost Fire Lodge and Ski Area*, skiing, boarding and tubing. **In Summer** *Frost Fire Summer Amphitheater* Entertaining visitors with the sounds of music ringing through the coulees. An adventure of culture and art. The covered amphitheater seats 450. 701-549-3600. www.frostfireskiarea.com www.frostfiretheatre.com

Pembina Gorge Snowmobile Trail System

Snowmobilers also find this an exciting vacation spot. The Pembina Gorge Trail System has over 700 miles of state groomed trails. The views along these trails are anything but ordinary. When one thinks of the flat, open lands of the region, this hilly area is breathtaking, during the winter season, with warming houses stationed along the trail system. The Northeast Snowmobile Club Association developed the Pembina Gorge System. www.snowmobillend.org

The *Pembina River* is ND's only "white water river" The meandering river is considered tame, but does offer excellent canoeing in its secluded landscape. Canoe access docks are located at *Vang Bridge, Brickmine Bridge* and *Walhalla*. Wildlife viewing, birding and scenic landscape is a bonus. Pembina Gorge State Park 701-549-244

Masonic Scenic Overlook, Walhalla

The scenic overlook has an elevation of 1,155' above sea level. The vista overlooks the beautiful Pembina River and the Pembina Hills. Following the road west will take you to the Tetrault Wood Overlook. The minimal maintenance dirt road is excellent for hiking, biking and horseback riding.

Tetrault Woods State Forest and Scenic Overlook, Walhalla

The Tetrault Woods State Forest is located on State Hwy 32 and the Scenic Overlook is located west of Walhalla on County Rd. 55. The forest provides a diversity of trees, water and wildlife resources. It preserves part of the riparian forest typical of the Pembina River, with bur oak, ash, elm, birch and aspen as the common forest species. The Tetrault Woods State Forest was established in 1970 and covers 432 acres. Non-motorized trails area available throughout the forest. Hikers, bikers and horseback riders enjoy many of the pathways leading to the Pembina River and the Pembina Hills from the Tetrault Woods. In the winter months trails are used by cross country skiers and snowmobilers. <https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/ndfs/programs-and-services/tetrault-woods-state-forest>

Oxcart Trails of the Rendezvous Region Backway
Traveling the Highways of 1800-1870

Métis used the first oxcarts about 1800. It is thought that the idea for the cart was brought by the fur traders of Eastern Canada and patterned after a cart used in France. It was developed by the Métis and became the vehicle for transportations and commerce between the Red River Settlements and St. Paul, MN between 1800 and 1870. The cart was made entirely of wood. The wheels were about 5' high and 3' wide and 5' or 6' long. The wooden hubs and axles were never greased since; under normal use dust gathered in the axle grease and would quickly wear down the wooden parts. At first the wheels were made of one solid piece of wood; later, spokes were used. The squeal of the grinding wood axle and hub could be heard for miles. Each cart could carry from 800 to 1,000 lbs. A single ox could travel about 20 miles in a ten-hour day. The carts could be converted into makeshift rafts to cross-rivers. By 1820 there were approximately 540 carts in use. By 1840 it is estimated that there were as many as 5,000 carts traveling the trails between the Red River Settlements and St. Paul, MN.

Icelandic State Park is located on the north shore of Lake Renwick. Icelandic State Park offers visitors not only a wide array of recreational opportunities, but also a glimpse of North Dakota's homesteading heritage and natural beauty. Boating, swimming and fishing for northern pike and other game fish are popular activities. Picnic areas offer visitors a relaxing afternoon in the shade of old oak trees, while the campgrounds have full amenities, including electrical hookups, modern comfort stations with showers and sewage dump station. Three sleeping cabins are also available from mid-May through the end of September.

Within the park is the Pioneer Heritage Center and restored historic buildings. Also found here are the Gunlogson Homestead and Nature Preserve. This early homestead preserves the state's pioneer spirit, while the 200-acre natural wooded area along the Tongue River is a sanctuary for plants, birds and wildlife. 701-265-4561 www.parkrec.nd.gov/parks/isp/isp.htm

Mount Carmel Recreation Area, Cavalier County

200 RV Sites, 201 Tent Sites, with electrical power, water and sewer dump station, bathhouse, sand beach area, swimming, fishing, boating, waterskiing, jet skiing, canoeing, kayaking, and hiking. 701-256-3964, 10850 104th Street, Langdon, ND

Historical Sites, Museums and Other Attractions

- history.nd.gov*
- Pembina State Museum, Pembina** 701-825-6840
- Cavalier County Museum, Dresden** 701-256-3650
- Pembina County Historical Museum, Cavalier** • 701-265-4941
- Pioneer Heritage Center, Icelandic State Park** •• 701-2654561
- Gingras Trading Post, Walhalla** 701-549-2775
- Pembina County Court House, Cavalier** 701-265-4231
- Fort Pembina, Pembina** 701-825-6840
Martyrs Graves, Walhalla Cemetery
- Roxy Theater, Langdon** 701-256-2199
Wind Farms, Langdon Area Historical Home Tour, Langdon Mountain Community Center, mountainnd.com

Wildlife Management Areas open to public for hiking, biking, wildlife viewing, and bird watching. Pembina County

Dean C. Hildebrand WMA: 280 acres; 1 ½ miles east, 1 mile north, 1 mile east of I-29 Exit 191; moose, elk, deer, waterfowl, sharp-tails, Huns, fishing.

Barron WMA: 386.10 acres; 1 mile east of I-29 and Exit 208; moose, elk, deer, waterfowl, sharp-tails, Huns, fishing.

Billings WMA: 160.90 acres; 2 miles east, 2 miles south, and 1 mile east of I-29 and Exit 200; moose, elk, deer, sharp-tails, Huns.

Clifford WMA: 80 acres; 2 ½ miles south, 6 miles east, 2 miles south, and ½ mile east of Walhalla; elk, deer, ruffed grouse, snowshoe hare.

Duncklee WMA: 151.90 acres; 3 miles east of I-29 and Exit 196; moose, elk, deer, waterfowl, sharp-tails, Huns, fishing.

Eldon S. Hillman WMA: 160 acres; 6 ½ miles west of Cavalier; moose, elk, ruffed grouse.

Eyolfson WMA: 23 acres; 1 mile west, and 1 ½ miles north of Hensel; ruffed grouse.

Fitzsimond Slough WMA: 415 acres; 4 miles east, 1 mile north, and 1 mile east of Walhalla; moose, deer, sharp-tails, Huns, waterfowl.

Jay V. Wessels WMA: 3,382 acres; 7 miles south, and 3 miles east of Walhalla; moose, elk, deer, ruffed grouse, turkeys, snowshoe hare, tree squirrels.

Peter and Prescott Holman WMA: 160 acres; from Junction of HWY 5 and HWY 32: 4 miles north, 6 miles east, 1 mile north, ¼ mile west, and 1 mile north; moose, elk, deer, turkeys, snowshoe hare, tree squirrels.

Rene WMA: 40 acres; 1 ½ miles east of I-29 and exit 208; deer, sharp-tails, Huns.

Steinke WMA: 80 acres; 1 ½ miles east of Neche; deer, sharp-tails, Huns.

Cavalier County
Cavalier County WMA - 1,433 acres; several tracts located about 3 miles southwest of west junction ND 5 & ND 32. Deer, snowshoe hare, ruffed grouse, moose, elk.
Pembina Hills WMA - 4,678 acres; several tracts located about 4 miles north and 13 miles west of Walhalla and 5 miles west, 4 miles north, 1 mile west and 1 1/2 miles north of west junction ND 5 & ND 32. Deer, ruffed grouse, snowshoe hare, moose, elk.
Wilbur Allen WMA - 682 acres; 13 miles north and 9 1/2 miles east of Langdon. Deer, moose, ruffed grouse, snowshoe hare. (No centerfire rifles allowed).

Charles V. Pulver WMA: 1,162 acres; 12 miles east, 2 ½ miles north, 2 miles east, and 3 ½ miles northwest of Langdon; moose, elk, deer, ruffed grouse

Benoit, GMA -- 600 acres

GOLF

Tea Off at the **Walhalla Country Club** 701-549-2357 in the scenic Pembina River Gorge. Drive the lush fairways of a picturesque course lined with Ponderosa Pines **Langdon County Club**, 701-256-5938. Fly over the sand traps and enjoy the serene setting of Renwick Lake at the **Cavalier County Club** 701-265-4506. Chip onto the greens at the **Pembina County Club**, 701-825-6619. Putt in at the **Drayton County Club**. 701-454-6547. *All are 9-hole courses well manicured with difficulty to entice all golfers. No tee times. Rental carts, lounge and dining, is available, call for specific times and amenities for each club.*

CAMPING

Fort Daer Campground (Pembina) 701-825-6819 Full hookups, shower facilities

Icelandic State Park 701-265-4561 (8 Miles W. of Cavalier) Offers over 100 sites, ranging from primitive to cabins. Two-week maximum stay Shower facilities

Langdon City Campground (Langdon) 701-256-2155 Full hookups, shower facilities Legion Campground (Mountain) Electrical Hookups Free-will donation Mount Carmel Recreation Area Full hook-ups, shower facilities

Riverside Park (Walhalla) 701-549-3289 Full hook-ups, shower facilities

Schumacher Park (Drayton) 701-360-0029 Full hook-ups, shower facilities

Cavalier City Park offers a wonderful place for families to relax and enjoy the great outdoors. Including playground equipment, picnic shelters, swimming pool, tennis court, disc golf, volleyball pit, nature trail, and cross country skiing trail. Groups can reserve the picnic shelter and kitchen facility.

Cavalier Forest Nature Trail The Nature Trail is located in the Cavalier City Park and is used for hiking, biking, birding, wildlife viewing, photography, and the trails are also groomed in the winter for cross country skiing

Cav-landic Trail Paved non-motorized trail for pedal bikes and walking. Travels 7 miles from Cavalier to the golf course.

Riverside Park Walhalla is a 15-acre park and offers complete camping facilities, with camper hookups, shower and restroom facilities. Heated swimming pool, wading pool, picnic shelters and playground equipment.

City Park Walhalla, playground equipment, tennis and basketball courts

Oak Park, Walhalla, ball diamonds, basketball court, play ground equipment

Langdon City Park with outdoor and heated swimming pool, camping, picnic shelters, tennis courts, ball diamonds and horseshoe pits. 701-256-2155
 Langdon Activity Center with racquetball courts, weight rooms, and gym

Dakota Spirit Hockey Arena, Langdon (youth hockey & figure skating club)

Langdon Curling Club Home of TEAM USA, 1997 National Champions

DAMS

Goschke Dam in the Busse Coulee in Pembina County, North Dakota used for flood control purposes. Construction was completed in 1958. Its normal surface area is 19.9 acres. It is owned by Pembina Co Wrđ

Mount Carmel Dam is on the Little South Pembina River in Cavalier County, North Dakota used for recreation and drinking water purposes. Construction was completed in 1971. It has a normal surface area of 386 acres. It is owned by Cavalier Co Wrđ.

Renwick Dam/Icelandic State Park on the Tongue River in Pembina County, North Dakota used for flood control and recreation purposes. Construction was completed in 1962. At normal levels it has a surface area of 204 acres. It is owned by Pembina Co Wrđ.

Senator Young Dam

Is impounded by Senator Young Dam on the Tongue River in Cavalier County, North Dakota used for flood control and drinking water purposes. Construction was completed in 1961. It has a normal surface area of 38.5 acres. It is owned by Pembina Co Wrđ.

Pembina Gorge State Recreation Area
Multi Use Trail System– Motorized and Non-Motorized Trails

While designed for the use of OHVs it is also open to hikers, mountain bikers and horseback riders. The trail is made possible through the North Dakota Park and Recreation Department's partnerships with state agency and private landowners. The trailhead is located 1 mile north, 1 mile west, and 1/4 mile north of the beautiful Walhalla Country Club. 701-549-2444 www.parkrec.nd.gov/recreationareas/pgra/pgra.html www.riderplanet-usa.com/atv/trails/info/north_dakota_14495/ride_9ae0.htm



Please refer to the county/community web sites (above) for a complete list of accommodations, attractions, scenic sights, parks, events and festivals.

