

Did you know?

A few quick facts about the Grand Forks Region

- Grand Forks was founded at the confluence of the Red Lake River and the Red River by traders and trappers who used “les grand fourches” to congregate and set up a trading post. Legend has it the city was settled when the crew of steamboat captain Alexander Griggs retrieved a lost keg and came to shore with it on the banks of the modern downtown.
- Today, Greater Grand Forks is an impressively cosmopolitan area, with a regional population of about 100,000 residents spanning two communities and two states.
- Although it's difficult to tell now, in 1997 Grand Forks and East Grand Forks were devastated by the Flood of the Century and a subsequent fire that destroyed 11 downtown buildings. The peak flow of the Red River measured in Grand Forks during the flood was 137,000 cubic feet—more than 1 million gallons—per second.
- The Grand Forks shopping scene includes shopping centers with big retail names and one-of-a-kind boutiques and stores. You'll find unique shops in our restored Downtown along with a Farmers Market every Saturday during the summer.
- The Greater Grand Forks Region is home to four institutions of higher education, including North Dakota's only schools of law, medicine and aerospace, as well as technology-driven campuses that offer students training for technical and skill-based careers. The University of North Dakota, the state's oldest and largest institution of higher learning, is in Grand Forks. Northland Community & Technical College has a campus in East Grand Forks. Located outside the Grand Cities are the University of Minnesota-Crookston and Mayville State University.
- The Red River Valley is one of the most productive agricultural regions in the world. Major crops include wheat, durum wheat, sugar beets, potatoes, beans, sunflower seeds, corn and oats. Plenty of these crops stay right here in the Valley, finding their way to local restaurants, bakeries and grocery stores.
- Greater Grand Forks is home to the Grand Forks Air Force Base and the North Dakota National Guard.
- By the late 1930s, there were so many flashing neon lights on DeMers Avenue “Ripley's Believe it or Not” credited East Grand Forks with the highest three-block concentration of neon lights in the world. We no longer make that claim, but the Boardwalk is still a pretty lively place with plenty of restaurants and shopping.
- You may hear the term “coulee” on your visit to Grand Forks. Webster's defines it as a deep gulch or ravine, but we use it to refer to a picturesque, meandering stream that winds its way throughout the city.
- What do you get when you let children help design a playground? Sherlock Forest Playground in East Grand Forks. It's not quite like anything you've seen before, and it gets rave reviews from kids.



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Grand Cities at a glance

Population

Grand Forks
Metro Area: 97,279
Grand Forks: 55,136
East Grand Forks: 8,690
Grand Forks
Air Force Base: 2,500
UND Enrollment: 13,172

Transportation

Highways: Interstate 29 and
U.S. Highway 2
Airlines: Delta/Mesaba/
Pinnacle Airlines
Passenger Rail Service: Amtrak
Bus Lines: Triangle,
Dietrich, Jefferson

Transportation

Grand Forks International Airport

Grand Forks Flight Support
701-772-5504

Airport Authority
701-795-6981

U.S. Customs
701-772-3301

Airport Parking
701-772-0090

Airlines

Delta/Mesaba/Pinnacle Airlines
Grand Forks International Airport
800-225-2525

Charter Information
Grand Forks Flight Support
2467 Air Cargo Drive
Grand Forks, ND 58203
701-772-5504

Allegiant Air
Grand Forks International Airport
702-505-8888

Railway Service

Amtrak
5555 DeMers Avenue
701-775-0484 (local terminal)
800-872-7245 (info & reservations)

Taxi Service

Nodak Radio Cab
1101 5th Street S
701-772-3456

Dial-A-Ride Nodak Cab
701-772-3456
(available for people with disabilities)

Dial-A-Ride Grand Forks Taxi
701-775-8294

Grand Forks Taxi
105 5th Street N
701-780-8890

Red, White and Blue Taxi & Shuttle
1811 20th Street S
701-610-3369
888-746-5008

S&S Taxi
218-773-4142

Bus Lines

Triangle Transportation
1724 Gateway Drive
701-775-4781 (local terminal)
or 218-773-2631 (office)

Grand Forks City Bus
701-746-2600
(routes & fare info)

Dietrich Bus Service
1115 55th Street N
701-772-0601
800-772-0601

Jefferson Lines
1724 Gateway Drive
701-775-4781 (local terminal)
800-451-5333
(info and schedule)

Rental Car Agencies

Avis Rent-A-Car
Grand Forks International Airport
701-775-0688 (local)
800-831-2847

Enterprise Rent-A-Car
2650 32nd Avenue S
701-775-3977 (local)
800-325-8007

Hertz Car Rental
Grand Forks International Airport
701-746-6426 (local)
800-654-3131

National Car Rental
Grand Forks International Airport
701-746-1375 (local)
800-227-7368

Price King Rent-A-Car
910 S Washington Street
701-775-2509 (local)
800-570-3754