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Welcome to Williston



Williston New Resident Guide

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**WHAT'S
HAPPENING**
in Williston



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ANYTHING ELSE

In my free time, you can find me running on the many trails Williston has around it, cuddling with my dogs, shopping at local boutiques, or enjoying the various restaurants Williston has.



HEY! I'M JANESSA

I am a Williston local who moved here with her family at the age of 7. I have seen the Williston Community grow during the 2010 Oil Boom, and am passionate about helping the community thrive!

I have had a mixture of careers in the Williston area, and most recently I accepted a position with the American Cancer Society as the Sr. Development Manager for North and South Dakota.

You can find me supporting many community organizations. I am a huge advocate for shopping small and shopping local. I also love working with the incredible crew at the Williston Area Chamber of Commerce and serving on a few of their committees, such as the Leadership and Education committee.

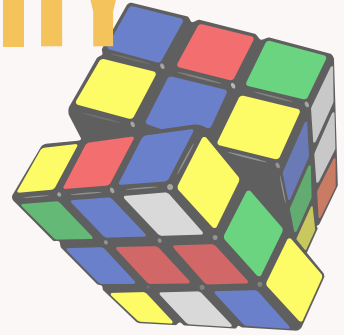
OTHER FUN INFO

The majority of my immediate family lives in the Williston area.

I worked in several Williston Small Businesses including Daily Addiction, Select Ford (currently Red Rock Ford), and Jackie's Therapeutic Massage.



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HEY! I'M JOHN

I was born in Hollywood, CA and grew up in Phoenix, AZ. I graduated from Arizona State University with a Bachelor's of Science in BioChemistry.

I moved to Williston, ND at the end of 2013, where I have worked as a Landman for Precis Databanc. Williston has been good to me. In 2016, I started to get into photography and currently have a side business as a photographer. I've shot photos for Williston State College Athletics, Miss North Dakota Organization, freelanced for GoDaddy, and Festival of Trees.

I served on the Board of the Williston Downtowners, planning events and projects such as the Art and Wine Walk, the Painted Pianos Projects, Summer Nights on Main, and Main Street Market. I got my start with North Dakota Council on the Arts by being a Stakeholder for Arts Across the Prairie - Region 1 and as a Special Projects Panelist.

I believe that art can help transform individuals and communities. My goal is to foster an increase in public art to strengthen the rich cultural heritage of North Dakota. My vision is to see public art help to create heroes, define shared values and ideals, preserve rites and rituals, and develop shared networks.

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ANYTHING ELSE

I'm a big supporter of the Arts in this area. I'm on the Board of Directors of the North Dakota Council on the Arts.

Feel free to reach out to talk about anything Arts related. I love photography and sports.



OTHER FUN INFO

Enjoys spending time going on long walks with his fiancé and three dogs, Parker, Frankie, and Blue.

Has run with the Bulls in Pamplona, Spain.

Can solve a Rubiks cube in less than two minutes.



The City of Williston was founded in 1887 and officially became a city in 1904. The City of Williston was named after Daniel Willis James who was a merchant and a capitalist. Williston got its humble beginning like many other communities.

The Great Northern Railway was coming through the upper midwest, and the Williston settlement grew overtime. Williston slowly became an agricultural hub. Since the railroad was built, it allowed for pioneers and settlers to move to the midwest quickly and easily.

The next influx of people came during the 1950s when Oil was discovered in the area.

Agriculture and Oil and Gas tend to still be the driving factors behind the economy here in Williston. Since the 1950s, Williston has gone through 2 more oil booms. One in the 1980s, and another in 2010 due to new technology for horizontal fracturing.

The 2010 boom caused the City to grow to how it is today. The boom brought in new community members, businesses, and economic opportunities.

FOR MORE WILLISTON HISTORY FACTS- HEAD OVER TO BOOKS ON BROADWAY TO SPEAK WITH CHUCK WILDER.



GUIDE

City of Williston

This guide includes attractions every Williston
Community Member Needs to know about!



THINGS TO DO

WILLISTON ARC

The Williston ARC is a facility managed by the Williston Parks and Rec. It is an indoor fitness facility that is jammed packed with fitness activities! The ARC houses a lot of community events, and local school sporting events and is a fitness center. Here are some of the items it offers the community:

- Personal Training
- Indoor Track
- Golf Simulator
- Indoor Water Park
- Fitness Classes
- Racketball Courts
- Indoor Tennis Courts
- Indoor Playground
- Birthday Party Facilities
- Event Space

To learn more about the facility and membership go to: <https://www.willistonparks.com/williston-arc>

THE STRIKE ZONE

The Strike Zone is the local bowling alley. It includes 24 different lanes, an arcade, and has fun events all through the year. It has the Sports Den connected to it, which offers beverages and food for community members of all ages.

Check out their website at: www.strikezonend.com

MOVIE THEATRES

Williston has two movie theatres. The North and South Grand. The theatres are over 100 years old and were once the most advanced theatres in the midwest. They offer a large selection of films that the whole family can enjoy. They also have some movies for those who are auditory sensitive.

Be sure to check out their website: www.willistonmovies.com

SAFARI TRAMPOLINE PARK

The Trampoline Park has many activities for the whole family. It has several different trampoline obstacles to jump on, arcade games, virtual reality experiences, and bumper cars. It is a great place for a child's birthday party!

To see all that they offer, check out: <https://www.safaritrampoline.com/>

Williston ARC



OUTSIDE RECREATION

just a few more things to mention

SPRING LAKE PARK

Spring Lake Park is an amazing park located close to town. The park has a dog park, trail, playground, event space, outdoor amphitheater, and more! It is the perfect place to bike, walk, run, fish, or picnic. During the summer, it is a great location to get some fresh air. Plus, many local events are held within the park. During the Winter, the entire park is filled with Holiday themed lights. The park is typically open until 10 PM each day.

OTHER POPULAR PARKS

Williston also has plenty of other parks located throughout the community to take your family for some fun. They include:

- Harmon Park
- Davidson Park
- Westlawn Park
- Recreation Park

THE TRAIL SYSTEM

Williston has a long trail that goes from Spring Lake Park all the way to the 1804 bypass. This trail is great for long runs or bike rides.

Spring Lake Park



CAMPING AND FISHING

local places to get away and unwind...



Williams County is filled with places to camp and fish. Located so close to the Missouri River has it's benefits, and it offers plenty of opportunity for outdoor recreation all year around. Here are some of the popular hunting and camping locations.

- *Lewis and Clark State Park*
- *Blacktail Dam*
- *Epping- Springbrook Dam*
- *Kota Ray Dam*
- *Little Egypt*
- *Lookout park*
- *McGregor Dam*

Each location offers different attractions. Some have campsite options, fishing areas, boating docks, and more. You can reserve your campsite online to make sure you always have a spot!

These parks have fun events all throughout the summer and winter. They include an outdoor concert series and ice fishing tournaments. Be sure to follow the county parks website or facebook to hear more about these events!

HUNTING

We have a lot of very dedicated hunters within the Williston Area. Our area includes pheasants, deer, ducks, geese, and other small game. Be sure to review the North Dakota Game and Fish Website to review those seasons.

WHERE TO GET YOUR LICENSE

You can get certain hunting and fishing licenses at Scenic Sport. For all other license information, be sure to research the North Dakota Fish and Game website.



HISTORIC GEMS

JAMES MEMORIAL ARTS CENTER

The James Memorial Arts Center is one of the oldest buildings left standing here in Williston. The building was formed with love by the females of Williston's early days. They believed that our community needed a public library. The James Memorial preservation has kept it alive and the building is consistently used for community events and art classes. The art galleries change each month, and you can view them during the James Memorial Normal Business Hours. Looking for a beautiful event space? The building can also host weddings, birthday parties, church services, and more!

OLD ARMORY

Along with the James Memorial, the Old Armory is one of the longest-preserved buildings within Williston. It was on the brink of being torn down when a dedicated community member put those plans to a stop. Now the old armory houses plenty of performances by Entertainment Inc and Youth Education on State. It can also be used for events of all sizes!

ELKS LODGE

The Elks Lodge is located right next to the Old Armory and is filled with a rich history. The building now holds luxurious lodging accommodations. In the building, you will also find a restaurant, bar, and event space.



SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESS

local places to shop, eat, and play

Williston is filled with local businesses! Shop small and Shop Local! We are sure you can find everything you are looking for within this community.



FOOD & DRINK

places to eat, drink, and have a good time

Restaurants/Diners

- Williston Brewing Company
- Senior Egg
- Doc Holidays
- The Eleven Restaurant and Lounge
- Buffalo Wild Wings
- Pit 105
- Grand Buffet
- Applebees
- 3E Pastry
- Basil Sushi Bar
- Sakura
- Sagas Steakhouse
- Don Pedros Family Mexican

Restaurants/Diners Cont

- Lonnie's Roadhouse
- Dabeno's Bistro
- Grandma Sharons
- Dakota Farms
- Famous Dave's BBQ
- Star Thai Cuisine

Fast Casual

- Pita Palace
- Reyes Taqueria
- Go Go Cafe
- Spicy Mexican Food
- 3 Amigos
- Smiling Moose
- Qdoba

Fast Food

- Little Caesars
- Subway
- Coldstone Creamery
- Rice Bomb
- Pizza Pie on the Fly
- McDonald's
- Dairy Queen
- Hardee's
- Arby's
- Taco John's
- Slim Chickens
- Pizza Hut
- Dominos
- Papa John's
- Papa Murphys
- Culvers
- KFC



FOOD & DRINK

continued...
places to eat, drink, and have a good time

Bars/Breweries

- Rivers Edge Bar and Grill
- The Sports Den Bar
- Slaters Bar
- American Legion Bar
- Busters Bar
- Johnnys Bar
- Pete's Brewhaha
- Bills Back 40
- Cattails
- The Shop
- Busted Knuckle
- Hop & Berry Taproom

Coffee Shops

- Meg-A-Latte
- 3 Beans Espresso
- Caffeinated
- Deja Brew
- Boomtown Babes
- C-Cups Espresso
- Daily Addiction



LOCAL BOUTIQUES

places to shop

Local Clothing Stores

- Peachy's Boutique
- Style Uncorked
- Abele's Apparel Boutique
- Ellie & Claire Boutique
- Grace and Glam
- Benellis Boutique
- 701 Kids
- Maurices
- JCPenney's
- Genesis
- Boot Barn
- Home of Economy
- All Season Sport About
- Wise Penny
- Salvation Army

Other Speciality Boutiques

- Books on Broadway
- Country Floral
- Home Comforts
- Elite Designs
- Cooks on Main
- Service Drug
- Fresh Palate
- Crocus N' Flair
- Cedar Chest
- Empty Bobbin
- Midwest Metaphysics
- Goodvibes Crystal Sounds
- Complete Nutrition
- Riddle's Jewelry
- Ritter Brothers Jewelry
- Candy Crate



HEALTH AND WELLNESS

places for mind, body, and spirit

Fitness Centers

- Arc Parks and Recreation
- Elite Health Fitness
- Anytime Fitness
- Full Circle Strength Systems
- CrossFit Vokse
- Crossfit Infliction
- Wicked Tough Fitness
- The Pitt House of Gainz
- Exhale Yoga & Wellness
- The Vault Yoga
- Key Gym

Other Wellness Services

- Midwest Metaphysics
- Jackie's Wellness Massage
- RenZen Massage & Recovery
- Good to Go Massage
- Creative Elements
- Restore Wellness Spa
- Eternal Bliss Massage & Salon
- All the Rage Hair Studio and Salon
- Hair Society Institute of cosmetology
- Headlines
- Lila Salon and Boutique
- Mancave
- Hairport

Fitness Centers

- Sass Salon
- The Hairhut Salon and Spa
- Headrush
- Crude Cuts Men Salon
- Hair Port 79
- Trendy Tangles
- Just Teez's Salon
- Salon 701 Hair & Nails
- VIP Nail Salon
- Beyond Nails
- Nail Envious
- Da Vi Nails
- Diamond Nails and Spa
- Skylaa Nail Bar
- Luxi Nails





Once Again

WELCOME TO WILLISTON

Williston has so much to offer its community!
We hope this helps you connect with the many
great business owners we have in this community!

