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Guides   



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Trail**  
*North Dakota*



## Roughrider Trail

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North Dakota's 21-mile Roughrider Trail was built along a former rail corridor south of Bismarck. Theodore Roosevelt's life was shaped by his experiences in North Dakota and the trail takes its name from the "Rough Riders" cavalry unit organized by Roosevelt for the Spanish-American War in 1898.

The unpaved trail can be used for mountain biking, ATVs, and horseback riding, as well as for snowmobile excursions in the winter. It follows the Missouri River and offers scenic views of the bluffs and surrounding landscape. The southern end point is at the Fort Rice Campground, which has a picnic area, fire rings, potable water, RV hookups, and restrooms.



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**States:** North Dakota

**Counties:** Morton

Length: 21miles

**Trail end points:** Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park to Fort Rice State Historic Site

**Trail surfaces:** Dirt,Gravel

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** ATV,Horseback

Riding,Mountain

Biking,Snowmobiling,Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

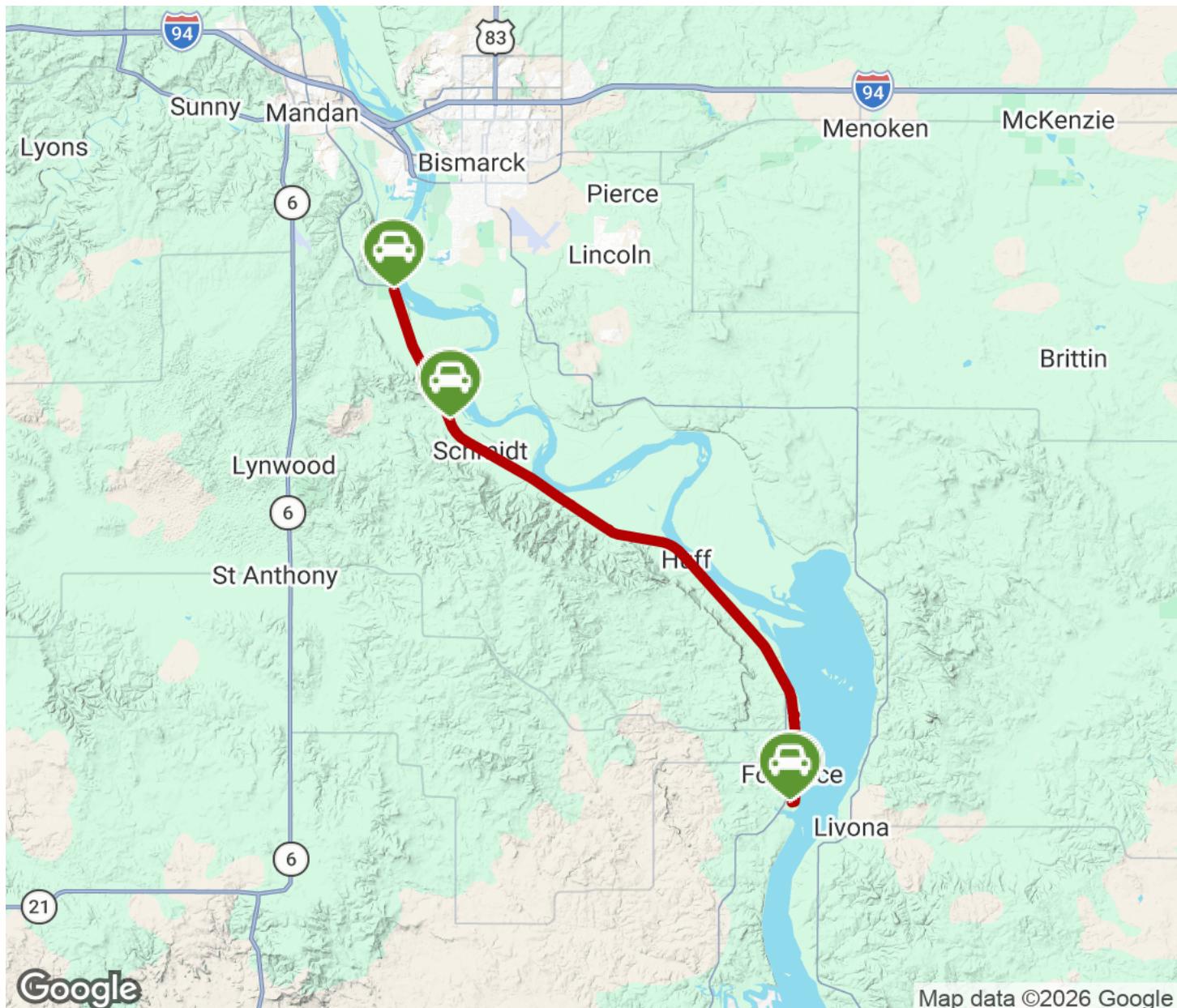
The trailhead is located at the Fort Rice Campground off State Route 1806, about 20 miles south of Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park and 28.6 miles from Mandan.

Parking is also available nearby at the Sugarloaf Recreation Area and Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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