

# Buffalo Bill State Historical Park

park information: William "Buffalo Bill" Cody built his home in North Platte in 1886. His ranch once spanned 4,000 acres. After he sold it in 1909, the land changed hands a few times and finally in 1960, the state of Nebraska purchased 23 acres around the mansion and barn. After a few years of restoration, it opened to the public as a state historical park in 1965.

Along with touring the mansion and barn, other fun things to do here include picnicking, hiking along the North Platte River, bird watching, fishing, camping, horse trails, petting zoo, and canoeing and kayaking down the river.

The park is open starting April 21 on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 10-4. From Memorial Day until Labor Day, we are open 7 days a week from 9-5. After Labor Day we reduce our hours back to Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10-4 through the end of September. There is a \$2 admission fee to tour the historical park (\$1 for kids 3-12). A valid Nebraska vehicle park permit is required and can be purchased at the mansion.

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camping amenities: 23 RV pads, electric only, and eight primitive tent sites.

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activities: Find fun things to do at [www.negpp.org](http://www.negpp.org) under "Activities."

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directions: Take I-80 Exit 177 and head north on Jeffers St. (Hwy 83 and follow the signs). Stay on Jeffers St. for about 2 miles, then turn west (left) on Rodeo Rd (Hwy 30). Head west for about 3 miles and turn north (right) onto Buffalo Bill Ave. After 1 1/2 miles the road will dead end. To the right are the campgrounds and horse rides. To the left is the historical park.

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**clue: This is where Bill used to keep his horses. Look for an original piece of equipment. The tower has been rebuilt, but the top metal is all original.**

**distance: About 475 feet from the mansion.**

**surface: Paved sidewalk and grass.**

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