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**Mobridge!**



**A GUIDE TO MOBRIDGE**

# THE BRIDGE CITY

*Mobridge is a blend of past and present, a touchpoint of two cultures, and a gathering place for people of all ages.*

## BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER

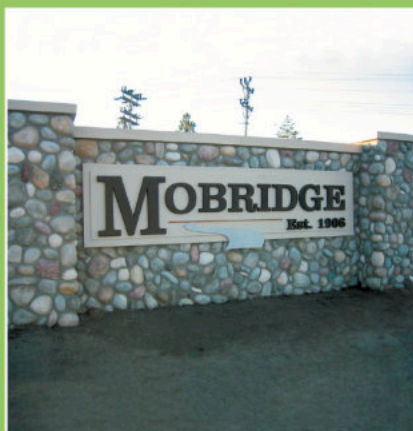
Mobridge draws people from all over the area, in every season. Join the thousands who come to see the Sitting Bull Stampede on the Fourth of July, or spend a relaxed weekend at one of our inviting campgrounds. Meet friends for some world-renowned walleye fishing on Lake Oahe, or golf at the nine-hole Oahe Hills Golf Course.

## LINKS TO THE PAST

Mobridge is so named for the bridge over the Mo', the great Missouri River, which has allowed people and goods to flow freely between the East and West for almost a century. This area was a significant stopping point along the Lewis & Clark Trail as well, and is the final resting place of both Sacagawea and Sitting Bull, two of the most respected and influential people in the Dakota Territory's early history.

## CONNECTING CULTURES

The Bridge City area is home to many events each year, celebrating culture of both Native Americans and the settlers of the new frontier. The work of renowned artist Oscar Howe graces the Scherr-Howe Arena as well, and is recommended viewing for all visitors.

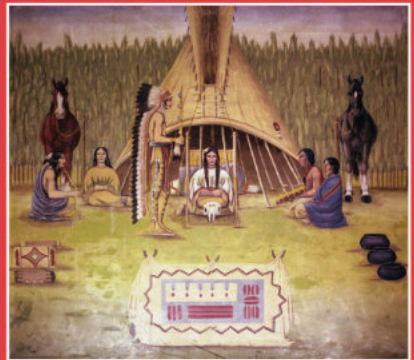


# HISTORY

On October 8, 1804, Lewis and Clark arrived in what is now Mobridge, South Dakota, on their Trail of Discovery. Upon their arrival, they had a friendly council with a band of Arikara, making use of two French traders as interpreters. Soon afterwards, Lewis and Clark gained the company and expertise of Toussaint Charbonneau and a Shoshone teenager named Sacagawea. As an interpreter and a “peace token,” Sacagawea helped the men navigate the Missouri River and negotiate with other Indian tribes, accompanying them all the way to the Pacific Ocean and back. She is said to have died at Fort Manuel, just northwest of present-day Mobridge.

In 1906, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad began construction of its Pacific Coast Extension. The extension, when completed in 1909, gave the Milwaukee a line to the Pacific coast and put South Dakota on a transcontinental rail line. People moved to the new town of Mobridge from neighboring communities after the Milwaukee crossed the Missouri.

To date, Mobridge is home to more than 3,400 residents, and is a crossroads in history for numerous Native American people and events. The Missouri River brings commerce and recreation, making Mobridge a popular tourist destination in South Dakota.



# THINGS TO SEE

## OSCAR HOWE MURALS

Located in the Scherr-Howe Arena on Main Street, this permanent art installation brings to life the way of the early Sioux Indians of the Mobridge area. The late South Dakota artist Oscar Howe painted these wall murals in 1942 under a Work Project Administration (WPA) program. The ten murals depict Sioux ceremonies and history. Each is about 16 feet high by 20 feet wide, with the top of the paintings about 30 feet from the floor. Visitors can view and experience the exhibit.

## SITTING BULL MONUMENT

Seven miles southwest of Mobridge on the west banks of Lake Oahe lies a monument of the great Hunkpapa leader Sitting Bull. He was shot and killed by the BIA on December 15, 1890. He is remembered as the spiritual leader who defeated Custer at Little Big Horn.

## SACAGAWEA MONUMENT

Near the Sitting Bull Monument, a monument to Sacagawea overlooks the Missouri River. It is believed that Sacagawea, the most illustrious female representative of the Indian nation, died in December of 1812 of a fever at Fort Manuel in Corson County. In 1929, Mobridge area school children donated pennies to erect this monument.

## JEDEDIAH SMITH MONUMENT

Jedediah Smith discovered and charted the central route from the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific in 1826-1827. This monument to him is located below the Grand River Casino and Resort, west on Highway 12 across the river.

## FORT MANUEL

On Highway 1806, near the west bank of the Missouri River, lies Fort Manuel. The original site, built in 1812, is partially under Lake Oahe, so the current fort was built in 2003 to overlook the old site. The fort is constructed as closely as possible to the original.

## KLEIN MUSEUM

At this "Smithsonian of the Prairie" on the west edge of Mobridge, you'll see cowboys, Indians, early pioneers and the railroad all well represented. Find beadwork by local Native Americans in the gift shop and let the kids play dress-up in period clothing.

## FOOL SOLDIER BAND MONUMENT

In August of 1862, a group of young Teton Sioux negotiated the release of white captives from the Santee Indians. They then returned the captives to their families. This selfless act of heroism and humanitarianism has been almost unparalleled throughout time.

## JOHN LOPEZ SCULPTURES

Local artist John Lopez creates unique sculptures using scrap iron and found materials. "Walleye Up" greets visitors on the south end of Main Street near the walking trail, while the Tiger sculpture at Mobridge-Pollock High School honors school pride.



# THINGS TO DO

## HUNTING

The Mobridge area is well-known for its abundance of wild game. Each year, thousands of hunters from across the nation visit the area for some of the best deer, antelope, and ringneck pheasant hunting in the country, as well as waterfowl, grouse and dove. Pheasant hunting is one of the largest industries in South Dakota. There are several public hunting areas around Mobridge, and the area is home to many professional guides.

## FISHING

The shores of Lake Oahe boast some of the top walleye fishing in the nation, along with northern pike, bass, catfish and other game fish. All year long, fishing is great on the open or frozen waters of the Missouri. The largest ice fishing tournament in the country is held each January along with many other tournaments during the year.

## GRAND RIVER CASINO AND RESORT

Just 2 miles west of Mobridge is the Grand River Casino and Resort. The casino has blackjack and poker tables, over 240 slot machines, and fine dining at the River's Edge. Whether you're a high roller or a first-time player, there's gaming for everyone at the Grand River Casino.

## FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Every year since 1945, Mobridge's famous Sitting Bull Stampede Rodeo draws some of the top cowboys and cowgirls in the professional rodeo circuit. Experience the excitement of the Old West with this PRCA (Professional Rodeo

Cowboys Association) rodeo. The Fourth of July festival is rounded out with parades, dances, a carnival and a huge fireworks display.

## RECREATION: ALWAYS SOMETHING TO DO!

### OAHE HILLS GOLF COURSE

- 9-Hole Golf Course

### CITY SPORTS COMPLEX

- 4 Tennis Courts
- Baseball Field
- Softball Field
- Public Pool
- Beach Volleyball

### MOVIE THEATERS

- Indoor Theater
- Drive-In Theater

### LAKE OAHE

- Boating
- Fishing
- Wind Surfing
- Jet Skiing
- Marinas

### PARK SYSTEM

- City Park
- Play Parks

- Frisbee Golf Course

- Ice Skating Rinks

### REVHEIM PARK

- Swimming Beach
- Picnic Grounds
- Playground Equipment

### CAMPING

- Indian Creek
- The Bay
- Revheim Park

### LEWIS & CLARK

### INTERPRETIVE TRAIL

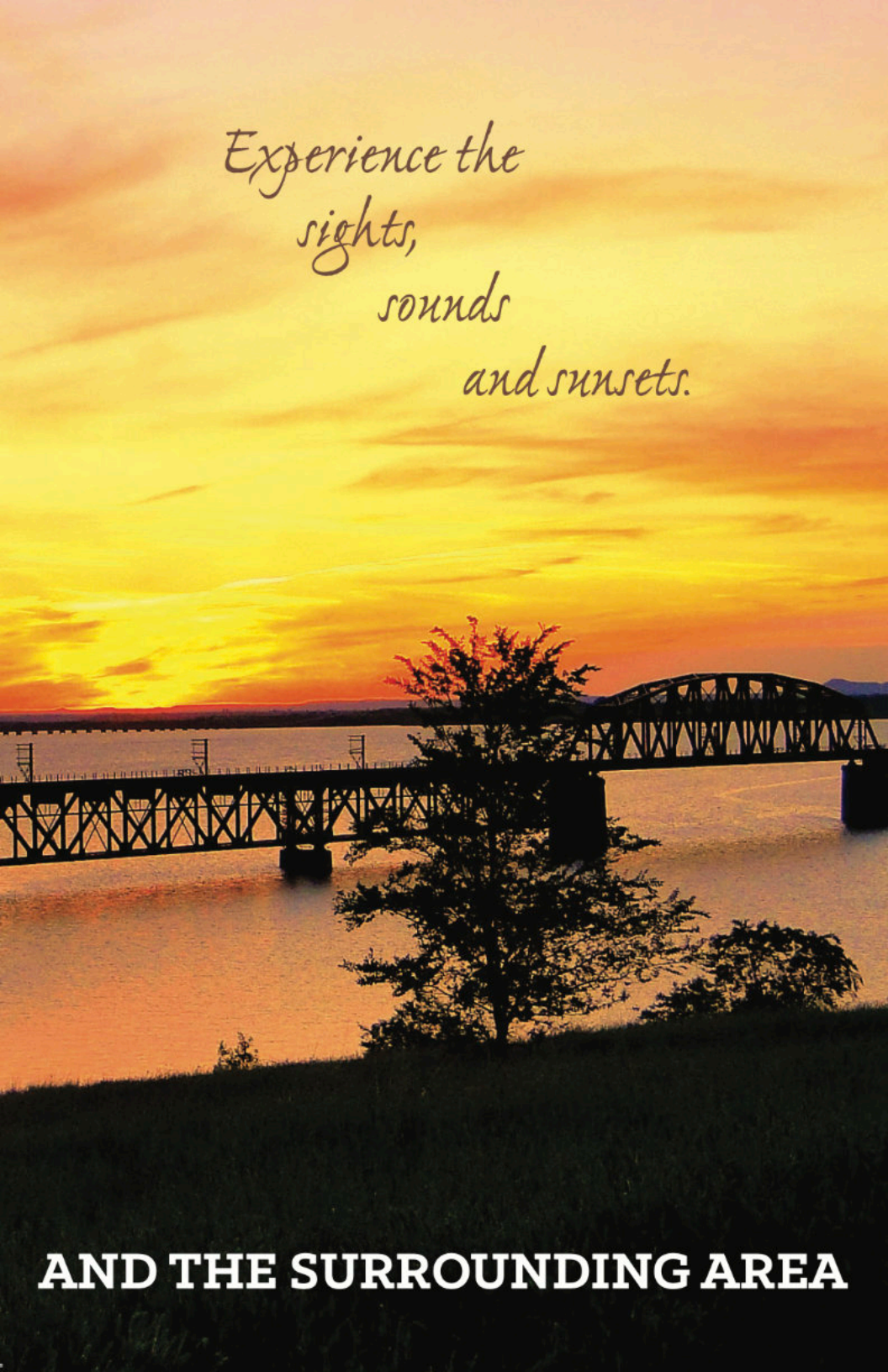
- Walking/Jogging
- Biking

### MOBRIDGE YOUTH ORGANIZATION

- Year-Round Sports Activities



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A scenic sunset over a body of water. The sky is filled with warm, golden and orange hues. A bridge with a truss structure spans across the water. In the foreground, the silhouette of a tree is visible against the bright sky. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

*Experience the  
sights,  
sounds  
and sunsets.*

**AND THE SURROUNDING AREA**



## MOBRIDGE FACTS

Population (as of 2021) .....	3,360
Average January Temperature .....	15.8°
Average July Temperature .....	75°
Churches .....	15
Public Schools.....	3
Colleges .....	1
Motels/Lodges .....	9
Restaurants .....	8
Fast Food.....	3
Gas Stations/Convenience Stores .....	5
Assisted Living Centers .....	1
Hospitals .....	1
Clinics/Medical Facilities .....	4
Airports .....	1



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**MOBRIDGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

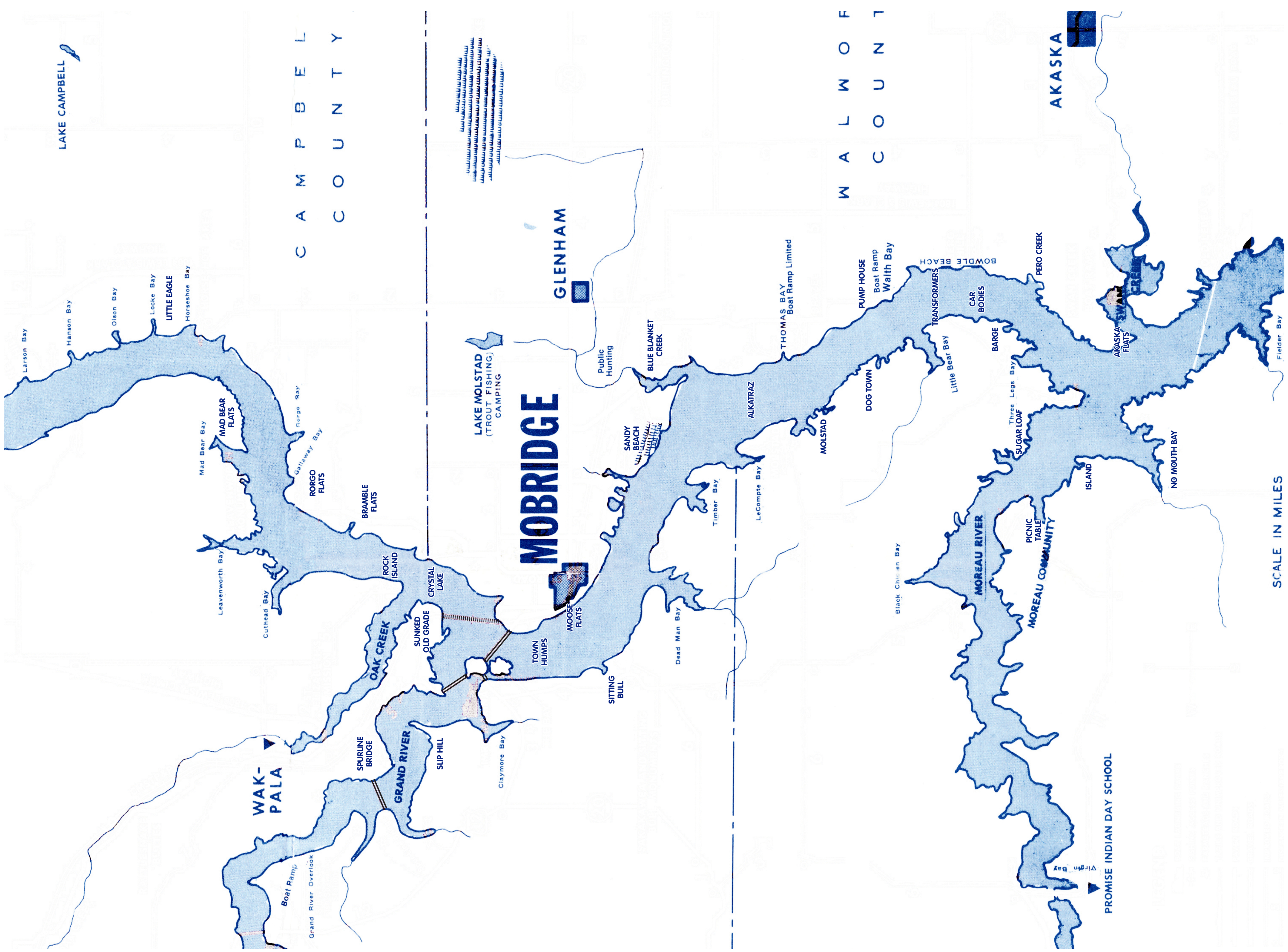
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