



# Garrison Dam

## National Fish Hatchery

### Station Facts

- The hatchery's trails total 1.7 miles
- Migrating chinook salmon can be seen along the trail in October
- Waterfowl overwinter along the trail attracted to the hatchery's warm effluent water
- Bald eagles and their nests can be observed along the route
- The Lewis and Clark trail provides historical information
- Challenge yourself with the species checkoff list

### Contact Information

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**Directions:**

Exit south off State Highway 200 one mile west of Riverdale, ND. Follow highway signs to the hatchery's visitor center and aquarium.

### Who We Are

The National Fish Hatchery System (NFHS) is comprised of a network of 71 National Fish Hatcheries which propagate imperiled species for restoration and recovery programs, provide emergency refugia for species whose habitat is threatened, provide fish to benefit Tribes, and mitigate for federal water projects.

### How We Help

The mission of this hatchery is to provide fish to maintain healthy fisheries resources in our region. But we also have a responsibility as stewards of the land to provide opportunities to educate and expose our citizens to the wonders of nature. Take time to experience your world outdoors.

### Youth in the Great Outdoors

The hatchery's trails are a great way to enable our youth to explore the Great Outdoors. Along the journey you will go back in time following the footsteps of the Corps of Discovery with Lewis and Clark. Imagine yourself back in time 100 years. Allow yourself to relax and enjoy the sounds of nature. Take frequent stops to observe your surroundings and experience the Great Outdoors.



Wetlands Loop

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Along the trail water flows from the hatchery attracting a variety of species. The wetlands serve as a filter to purify hatchery effluent water. Organic nutrients in the water provide the lush growth of plants along the water's edge. Invertebrates make their home under the rocks and woody debris - they also provide food to the fish living there. The wetlands give birth to several species of waterfowl and shorebirds. You'll see the great blue heron and kingfishers taking advantage of unsuspecting trout in the waters. Bald eagles and their nest are visible from the trail. In October you'll be able to witness the spawning return of Chinook salmon as they make their way up the Missouri River and into the stream adjacent the trail. The winter months bring a solitude in the cottonwoods overshadowing the trail and an opportunity for cross-country skiing or showshoes.



Witnessing the Salmon Migration

Rob Holm 2010

