National Register of Historic Places

Let’s follow a couple planning a vacation. They want to see historic places.

They go on the internet and find that the National Register of Historic Places lists 86,275 places.

North Dakota has 422 of them or a little less than ½ of 1 percent.

Alaska, Hawaii and Nevada are the only states with less.

Griggs County has 4 sites listed or a little less than 1% of the 422 sites listed for North Dakota. Grand Forks County has the most with 63.

We have 6 neighboring counties and Barnes and Stutsman have 23 sites listed. Foster, Eddy, Nelson and Steele have 17.

The 4 sites in Griggs County are

1. Oscar Zero Missile alert Facility
2. Griggs County Courthouse
3. Northern Lights Masonic Lodge
4. Romness Bridge

The best promoted by far is Oscar Zero.

A Google search will fill find a hit for the Griggs County Courthouse and the Northern Lights Masonic Lodge because they are on Wikipedia and the [www.griggscounthnd.gov](http://www.griggscounthnd.gov) site respectively, but neither of these give any information about the location, touring information, or admission charges.

If a tourist stopped by and asked for directions to the Romness Bridge that is on the National Register of Historic Places, where would you send them?

The Courthouse, Masonic Lodge and Romness Bridge are not mentioned in the ND Tourism North Dakota Legendary or the ND State Historic Society website.

We can do a lot better than this. Let’s hear your suggestions on places in Griggs County that should be added to the National Register of Historic Places. How can we promote the 4 existing sites better?

And the more items that can be added and promoted by our neighboring counties, the better off we’ll all be.