

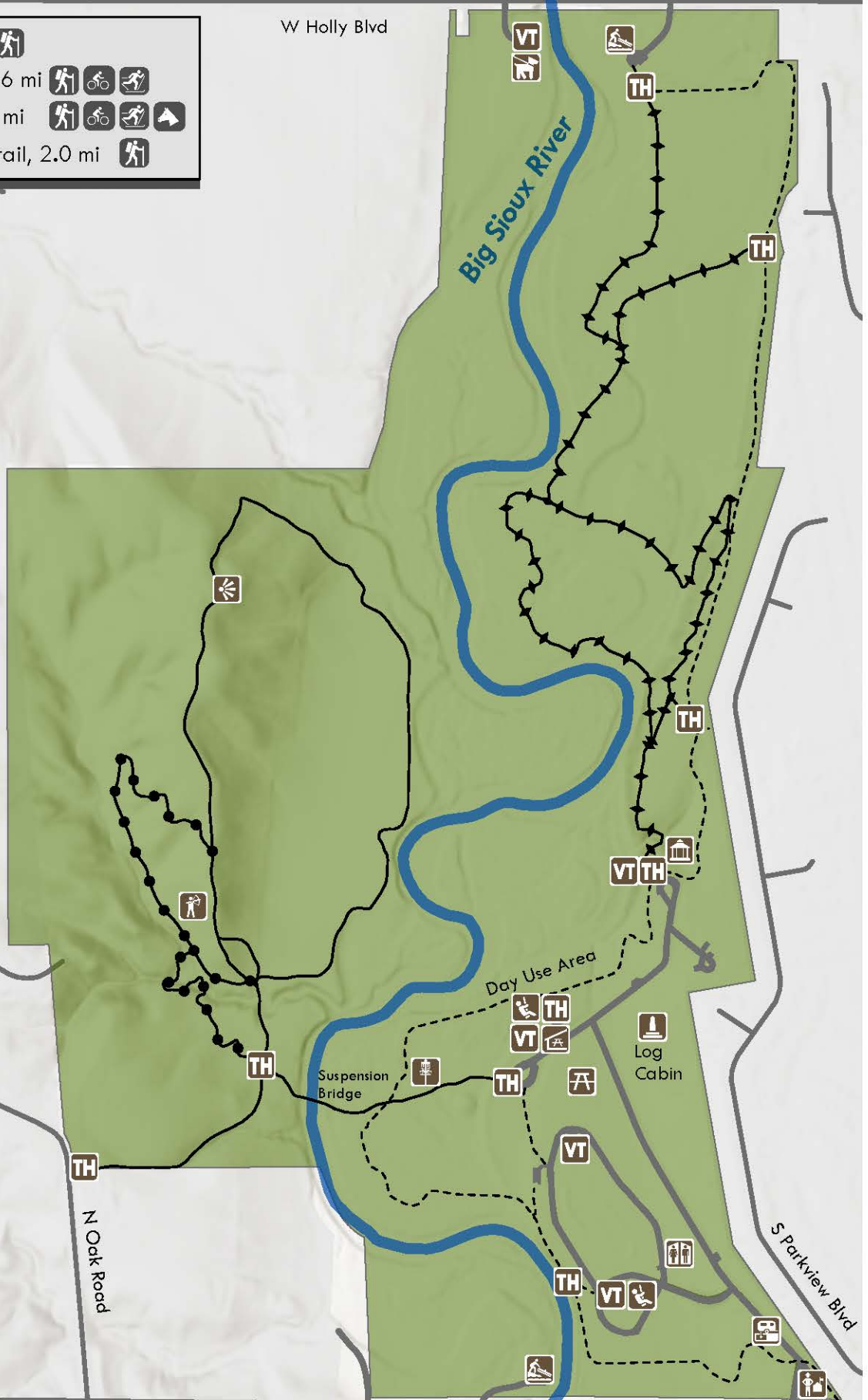


# BIG SIOUX RECREATION AREA

W Holly Blvd

- Archery Trail, 0.7 mi
- Big Sioux Bike Trail, 2.6 mi
- Prairie Vista Trail, 2.0 mi
- ◆ Valley of the Giants Trail, 2.0 mi

- Comfort Station
- Disc Golf
- Dog Park
- Dump Station
- Gazebo
- Historic Site
- Picnic Area
- Picnic Shelter
- Playground
- Scenic Overlook
- Trailhead
- Vault Toilet
- Entrance Booth
- Canoe Launch
- Archery Range
- Park Boundary



Sunset Cir.

N Oak Road

Suspension Bridge

Day Use Area

Log Cabin

S Parkview Blvd



# **Big Sioux Recreation Area**

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## **Archery Trail**

**Type of trail:** Archery trail with 14 stop-and-shoot points

**Trail surface:** Dirt

**Rated:** Somewhat difficult, strenuous in some areas

**Fee required:** Parks Entrance Fee

**Length of trail in miles:** One mile

**Location of the trailhead:** Located just west of the picnic shelter

**Facilities at or near the trailhead:** Drinking water, toilet, parking, picnic table, warming shelter, benches, campground

**Facilities along the trail:** None

**Will there be interpretive information available:** No

**What lodging opportunities are provided IN the park:** Tent camping, electrical and non-electrical campsites, wheelchair accessible campsite, camping cabins

**Does this trail connect with any other trails:** Yes, Prairie Vista Trail and the Bike Trail

**Nearest facilities for purchasing snacks, sunscreen etc.:** In Brandon, two miles

**Nearest motels/restaurants OUTSIDE the park:** In Brandon, two miles

**Nearest Chamber of Commerce:**

Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce, Box 182, Brandon, SD 57005, (605) 582-7400

**Emergency phone numbers:**

Ambulance – 911

Sheriff – 911

Fire Department – 911

**Do most cell phones work on this trail:**

Yes, however there may be a couple of spots along the trail with no signal

*This archery trail is unique to the area. Instead of just providing a shooting range, 14 stop-and-shoot points are in place along the trail. This is an aggressive course that challenges a person's endurance. Targets are changed regularly from May to October. Bows must be cased while walking to and from the trail. Please keep safety in mind and look before you shoot.*

# **Big Sioux Recreation Area**

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## **Bike Trail**

**Type of trail:** Hiking/walking and biking

**Trail surface:** Asphalt, Concrete and Gravel

**Rated:** Moderate, somewhat hilly, even trail surface

**Fee required:** Parks Entrance Fee (if drive in), no fee (if walk or bike in)

**Length of trail in miles:** Two and a half miles

**Location of the trailhead:** Four trailheads - 1) where it connects to Brandon  
2) by site 38E in campground 3) by park entrance 4) by North Canoe Launch

**Facilities at or near the trailhead:** Parking and campground

**Facilities along the trail:** None

**Will there be interpretive information available:** No

**What lodging opportunities are provided IN the park:** Tent camping, electrical and non-electrical campsites, wheelchair accessible campsite, camping cabins

**Does this trail connect with any other trails:** Yes, Valley of the Giants and Prairie Vista Trail

**Nearest facilities for purchasing snacks, sunscreen etc.:** In Brandon, two miles

**Nearest motels/restaurants OUTSIDE the park:** In Brandon, two miles

**Nearest Chamber of Commerce:**

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**Do most cell phones work on this trail:** Yes

*This paved trail is very popular with bikers, walkers, and joggers. The trail connects to the City of Brandon on one end, the campground in the middle, and the entrance to the park on the other end. People use the trail year-round. The trail follows along the Big Sioux River for almost a mile. In the evenings it is a great place to watch the fireflies come out and play. Be courteous to other trail users and please clean up after your pets.*



# **Big Sioux Recreation Area**

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## **Prairie Vista Trail**

**Type of trail:** Hiking, biking, horseback riding, snowmobiling, interpretive/viewing nature, cross-country skiing along some sections and GPS

**Trail surface:** Dirt

**Rated:** Very difficult, extremely hilly, very uneven surface

**Fee required:** Parks Entrance Fee

**Length of trail in miles:** 2.4 miles for loop, 2.8 miles if you include the river section

**Location of the trailhead:** Located just west of the picnic shelter

**Facilities at or near the trailhead:** Drinking water, toilet, and parking, picnic table, warming shelter, and campground

**Facilities along the trail:** None

**Will there be interpretive information available:** No

**What lodging opportunities are provided IN the park:** Tent camping, electrical and non-electrical campsites, wheelchair accessible campsite, camping cabins

**Does this trail connect with any other trails:** Yes, Bike Trail and Archery Trail

**Nearest facilities for purchasing snacks, sunscreen etc.:** In Brandon, two miles

**Nearest motels/restaurants OUTSIDE the park:** In Brandon, two miles

**Nearest Chamber of Commerce:** Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce, Box 182, Brandon, SD 57005, (605) 582-7400

**Emergency phone numbers:**

Ambulance – 911

Sheriff – 911

Fire Department – 911

**Do most cell phones work on this trail:** Yes

**Out-of-State Horses:** All out-of-state horses are required to have a valid, clean health certificate within the last 30 days, and a negative Coggins or ELISA EIA test within the last 12 months. SDCL 40-14-2. All documents must be on person.

*This 2.8-mile trail is an aggressive hiking trail that takes trail users along a scenic route of the Big Sioux River. A suspension bridge goes over the river where the majority of the trail is located. This trail winds along with the Big Sioux on one side and a large prairie area on the other. A pretty impressive hill provides an awe-inspiring view. The archery trail connects to this trail. Park visitors may want to do a treasure hike using a GPS unit to find coordinates set by park staff. Horseback riders can access the trail from their own designated parking lot. Snowmobilers can take advantage of the trail during the winter months.*

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## **Valley of the Giants Trail**

**Type of trail:** Hiking and cross-country skiing

**Trail surface:** Dirt

**Rated:** Somewhat difficult, strenuous in some areas

**Fee required:** Park entrance fee

**Length of trail in miles:** Two miles

**Location of the trailhead:** Located off northeast parking loop

**Facilities at or near the trailhead:** Drinking water (seasonal), parking, picnic table, shelter

**Facilities along the trail:** Bench

**Will there be interpretive information available:** No

**What lodging opportunities are provided IN the park:** Tent camping, electrical and non-electrical campsites, wheelchair accessible campsite, camping cabins

**Does this trail connect with any other trails:** Yes, bike trail

**Nearest facilities for purchasing snacks, sunscreen etc.:** Brandon

**Nearest motels/restaurants OUTSIDE the park:** Brandon

**Nearest Chamber of Commerce:**

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(605) 582-7400

**Emergency phone numbers:**

Ambulance – 911

Sheriff – 911

Fire Department – 911

**Do most cell phones work on this trail:** Yes, but coverage can be spotty when trees are in full foliage

*Several giant trees grow in this rich floodplain soil. This forest boasts some of the state's largest oak and cottonwood trees and near state records for elm, ash, boxelder, and willow. One oak and two cottonwoods are listed in the State Big Tree Registry. The preservation of these giant trees started with the original homesteader to the area, Ole Bergerson in 1868, who valued the protection and beauty afforded by these trees. Many species of plants and animals can be seen in and around this lush forest.*