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**2014**  
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"To every thing there is a season," and so it is with life in South Dakota.

Welcome to 2014. We wish you a bountiful year, and we think you are going to find bounty wherever and whenever you look for it in South Dakota's great outdoors.

Have you tried cross country skiing or snowmobiling? Where there is snow, there are great trails through our state park system.

Spring fever have you in its throes? Then it is time to gear up for fishing and camping.

The heat of summer keeping you feeling penned in? Cool it with a day at one of our many lakes or streams.

How about a hike through the autumn leaves?

South Dakota's state park system is a palette of incredible colors. Let's see, Autumn. What else? Just the crown jewel of outdoor experiences in South Dakota...hunting seasons!

Don't leave the family behind. Everyone deserves a chance to experience the many outdoor adventures our state has to offer. Not sure how to get started? Check us out at The Outdoor Campus in either Sioux Falls or Rapid City for great hands-on learning opportunities.

Get out of the house, get out of your vehicle and enjoy the rewards of living life outdoors in the greatest state in the union.

Just follow along with our calendar, and add your own events as they arise.

## CALENDAR LEGEND

◆ Dates when an event is planned. Refer to the events pages in the back of the calendar for more details.

● New Moon

◐ First Quarter

● Full Moon

◑ Third Quarter



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# JANUARY 2014

Black Hills Winter.

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<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  Martin Luther King Day	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 	<b>25</b> 
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Ice Fishing on Lake Sharpe.  
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FEBRUARY  
2014





Annual spring snow goose migration.  
Photo © Jim Thompson Jr.

MARCH  
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SD GF&P Commission Meeting - Ft. Pierre



Sharp-tailed grouse defending its lek.  
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APRIL  
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Buffalo calf at Custer State Park  
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MAY  
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18  FREE Fishing & Parks Open House Weekend	19	20	21  ☾	22	23 ◆	24 ◆
25 ◆	26  Memorial Day	27	28  ●	29	30	31 ◆

SD GF&P Commission Meeting - Custer State Park

FREE Fishing & Parks Open House Weekend



JUNE  
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Enjoying a stroll through open meadows.  
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Kids enjoy summertime fishing.  
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JULY  
2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 ◆	2	3	4 ◆  Independence Day	5 ◆  
6	7	8	9 ◆  SD GF&P Commission Meeting - Ft Pierre	10 ◆	11	12 ◆  
13	14	15 ◆	16 ◆	17 ◆	18 ◆  	19 ◆
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Palisades State Park - Garretson, SD.  
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AUGUST  
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SD GF&P Commission Meeting - Ft. Pierre

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# SEPTEMBER 2014

Good Earth State Park - South Dakota's newest state park.  
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <small>Labor Day</small>	2 ◆ 	3	4	5	6
7 ◆ <small>Grandparent's Day</small>	8 	9	10 ◆	11 <small>Patriot Day &amp; National Day of Service and Remembrance</small>	12	13
14	15 	16	17	18	19 ◆	20 ◆
21	22	23 <small>First Day of Fall</small>	24 	25	26 ◆	27 ◆
28 <small>National Hunt and Fish Day</small>	29	30			August S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	October S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31



Ring-neck pheasant finds security in the grass.  
Photo © Bruce Porisch

# OCTOBER 2014

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<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Native American Day	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 	<b>16</b> Boss's Day	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 
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SD GF&P Commission Meeting - Sturgis



# NOVEMBER 2014

Whitetail buck on the move.

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<b>30</b>				Thanksgiving Day		



# DECEMBER 2014

Setting the decoys.

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# South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks Events List

These events are marked with the ♦ symbol throughout the calendar. \* Events that do not require a state park entrance license.

## JANUARY

- 1 Winter Wonderland Nature Hike\*, Good Earth at Blood Run, 11 a.m. CT
- 1 First Day Snowshoe Hike, George S. Mickelson Trail, 1 p.m. MT
- 1 Creekside Stroll, Custer, 10 a.m. MT
- 1 First Day Hike, Lake Thompson, 2 p.m. CT
- 1 First Day Hike, Oakwood Lakes, 2 p.m. CT
- 1 Winter Hike along Split Rock Creek, Palisades, 3 p.m. CT
- 1 Riddle Hike, Newton Hills
- 4 Snowshoe Stomp, Fort Sisseton, 1 p.m. CT
- 4 Snowshoe Walk in the Park, George S. Mickelson Trail, 1 p.m. MT
- 11 Snowshoe Hike, Richmond Lake, 10 a.m. CT
- 11 Game Lodge Snowshoe Hike, Custer, 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. MT
- 18 Snowshoe Walk in the Park, George S. Mickelson Trail, 1 p.m. MT
- 25 Kool Kids' Klassic Fishing Derby, Oakwood Lakes, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. CT
- 26 Ground Hog Day Ski Event, Oakwood Lakes, 12:30 p.m. CT

## FEBRUARY

- 1 Wilderness Snowshoe Hike, West Whitlock, 1 p.m. CT
- 1 Snowshoe Walk in the Park, George S. Mickelson Trail, 1 p.m. MT
- 1 Ice Bowl Disc Golf Tournament, Richmond Lake, 10 a.m. CT
- 1 Ice Fishing Program, Custer, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. MT
- 1 Eagles and Bagels Walk in the Park, Oahe Downstream, 9 a.m. CT
- 15 Open House Weekend Reservations Open\*, www.CampSD.com or 1-800-710-2267 (CAMP), 7 a.m. CT
- 15 Valentine's Lover's Leap Snowshoe Hike, Custer, 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- 22 Memorial Day Weekend Reservations Open\*, www.CampSD.com or 1-800-710-2267 (CAMP), 7 a.m. CT

## FEBRUARY (continued)

- 22 Snowshoe on the Trail, George S. Mickelson Trail, 1 p.m. MT
- 22 Owl Moon Snowshoe Hike, Oakwood Lakes, 7 p.m. CT

## MARCH

- 1 Sylvan Lake Snowshoe Hike, Custer, 1 p.m. MT
- 2 Snowshoe on the Mickelson Trail, George S. Mickelson Trail, 1 p.m. MT
- 15 Father's Day Weekend Reservations Open\*, www.CampSD.com or 1-800-710-2267 (CAMP), 7 a.m. CT

## APRIL

- 5 Fourth of July Weekend Reservations Open\*, www.CampSD.com or 1-800-710-2267 (CAMP), 7 a.m. CT
- 12 Earth Day Bluebird Box Workshop, Custer, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. MT
- 19 SD/MN boundary waters fishing season opens

## MAY

- 3 4 parks, 4 hikes, 1 adventure, Good Earth at Blood Run, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. CT
- 3 4 parks, 4 hikes, 1 adventure, Newton Hills, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. CT
- 3 4 parks, 4 hikes, 1 adventure, Spirit Mound Historic Prairie, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. CT
- 3 4 parks, 4 hikes, 1 adventure, Union Grove, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. CT
- 10 Fishing Derby\*, City of Dante, 10 a.m. CT
- 16-18: Open House Celebration\*, Custer
- 16-18: Open House and Free Fishing Weekend\*, Statewide South Dakota state parks and public waters
- 17 Kites and Castles\*, North Point, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. CT
- 17 Kids to Parks Day\*, Richmond Lake, 10 a.m. CT
- 17 Disc Golf Demonstration and Instruction\*, Hartford Beach, 2-4 p.m. CT
- 17 Family Fishing\*, Palisades, 2 p.m. CT
- 17 South Dakota Birthday Bash\*, Big Sioux, 7 p.m. CT

## MAY (continued)

- 17 Dust Off the Dutch Ovens\*, Chief White Crane, 7 p.m. CT
- 17 Nature Hike\*, Good Earth at Blood Run, 9 a.m. CT
- 17 Kids' Fishing Derby\*, Lake Louise, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. CT
- 17 Step Outside\*, Newton Hills, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. CT
- 17 National Kids to Parks Day\*, Statewide South Dakota state parks, all day
- 17 Seasonal Volksmarch Trail opens, Custer (though 9/30)
- 17 125th Birthday Card Hunt Kickoff, Newton Hills (through 9/1)
- 23 Fiesta Friday! Chief White Crane, 7 p.m. CT
- 23-26: Memorial Day Weekend Campsite Decorating Display, Lake Poinsett
- 24 Extreme Campers Challenge, Big Sioux, 10 a.m. CT
- 24 Kids' Fishing Derby, Lake Poinsett, 10 a.m. CT
- 24 Wishard Memorial Disc Golf Tournament, Oahe Downstream, 10 a.m. CT
- 24 Family Fun Amazing Race, Newton Hills, 2 p.m. CT
- 25 Walk the Fort, Randall Creek, 1:30 p.m. CT
- 31 Labor Day Weekend Reservations Open\*, www.CampSD.com or 1-800-710-2267 (CAMP), 7 a.m. CT
- 31 Nature Hike\*, Good Earth at Blood Run, 9 a.m. CT
- 31 Who Lives in a Tree? Newton Hills, 1 p.m. CT
- 31 Kids' Fishing Derby, Oakwood Lakes, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. CT
- 31 Dutch Oven Gathering Night, Pierson Ranch, 6 p.m. CT

## JUNE

- 1 Deadwood Mickelson Trail Marathon, George S. Mickelson Trail, 7 a.m. MT
- 3 Trolley on the Trail\*, George S. Mickelson Trail, 1 p.m. MT
- 5 Nature Day Camp: Nature's Yuck!, Palisades, 9-11 a.m. CT

## JUNE (continued)

- 6-8 Fort Sisseton Historical Festival\*, Fort Sisseton
- 7 Kid's Fishing Derby, Chief White Crane, 1 p.m. CT-3 p.m. CT
- 7 Geocaching 101, Newton Hills, 1 p.m. CT
- 7 National Trails Day Hike: Little Devil's Tower Trail, Custer, 1 p.m. MT
- 7 Creative Crafting, Oakwood Lakes, 1-3 pm CT
- 7 Basic GPS and Geocaching, Lake Thompson, 10 a.m. CT
- 7 Kids' Fishing Derby, Oahe Downstream, 10 a.m. CT-12 p.m. CT
- 7 Searching for Bigfoot!, Big Sioux, 2 p.m. CT
- 7 National Trails Day Hike: Badger Clark Trail, Custer, 4 p.m. MT
- 7 Basic Birding, Lake Poinsett, 9 a.m. CT
- 7 South Dakota's Birthday Breakfast, Union Grove, 9 a.m. CT
- 7 National Trails Day Hike: Prairie Trail, Custer, 9 a.m. MT
- 7 National Trails Day, Statewide, all day
- 11 Nature Day Camp: Kids' Fishing Day, Angostura, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. MT
- 12 Nature Day Camp: Nature's Yuck! Big Sioux, 9-11 a.m. CT
- 13 Spook Yourself Silly Hike, Lewis and Clark, 10 p.m. CT
- 14 Nature Hike\*, Good Earth at Blood Run, 9 a.m. CT
- 14 Lewis & Clark Homestead Day, Pierson Ranch, 1-4 p.m. CT
- 14 Luce Cabin Pioneer Day, Lake Herman, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. CT
- 14 125th Anniversary Riddle Hunt, Newton Hills, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. CT
- 14 Archery for Beginners, North Point, 10 a.m. CT
- 14 Dutch Oven Cooking Demonstration, Oakwood Lakes, 10 a.m. CT
- 14 Parrot Program, Newton Hills, 11 a.m. CT
- 14 Techno Treasure Hunt Walk in the Park, Oahe Downstream, 2 p.m. CT
- 14 Fruits and veggies and nuts - Oh my! Palisades, 2 p.m. CT

### JUNE (continued)

- 14 Father's Day Treats for Dad, Lake Poinsett, 4 p.m. CT
- 14 Father's Day Bluebird Box Workshop, Angostura, 6 p.m. MT
- 14 Lantern Tour, Fort Sisseton, 9 p.m. CT
- 17 Nature Day Camp\*, City of Wagner, 6:30 p.m. CT
- 18 Nature Day Camp: Kids' Fishing Day, Rocky Point, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. MT
- 21 Extreme Campers Challenge, Lake Vermillion, 10 a.m. CT
- 21 Wilderness Survival Challenge, Lewis and Clark, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. CT
- 21 South Dakota Birthday History Hike, Newton Hills, 10 a.m. CT
- 21 Become a Buffalo Buff, Roy Lake, 3 p.m. CT
- 21 DakotaMan Triathlon, Lake Alvin, 8 a.m. CT
- 25 Nature Day Camp: Kids' Fishing Day, Custer, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. MT
- 27 The Great South Dakota Treasure Hunt, Lewis and Clark, 7 p.m. CT
- 27-29: Halloween in June, Lake Herman,
- 28 Nature Hike\*, Good Earth at Blood Run, 9 a.m. CT
- 28 Guess Who's Turning 125? Birthday Party, Chief White Crane, 8-10 p.m. CT
- 28 Dutch Oven Cooking Demonstration, Lake Poinsett, 10 a.m. CT
- 28 Birding Basics, Newton Hills, 10 a.m. CT
- 28 Dutch Oven Gathering, North Point, 10 a.m. CT
- 28 Carp-A-Thon, Palisades, 2 p.m. CT
- 28 Red Rocks South Dakota Birthday Party, Palisades, 2 p.m. CT
- 28 Become a Buffalo Buff, Fort Sisseton, 3 p.m. CT

### JULY

- 1 Trolley on the Trail\*, George S. Mickelson Trail, 1 p.m. MT
- 4 Classic Fourth at the Fort, Fort Sisseton, 1-4 p.m. CT
- 4 Independence Day Bike Parade, Lake Herman, 1 p.m. CT
- 4 Independence Day Bike Parade, Walker's Point, 10 a.m. CT
- 4 Uncle Sam's Bike Parade, Lake Vermillion, 11 a.m. CT

### JULY (continued)

- 4 Independence Day Bike Parade, Big Sioux, 3 p.m. CT
- 4 Glow Bug 4th of July Parade, Palisades, 8:30 p.m. CT
- 4-6 Patriotic Campsite Decorating Display, Lake Poinsett
- 4-6 Patriotic Campsite Decorating Display, Lake Thompson
- 4-6 Patriotic Campsite Decorating Display, Oakwood Lakes
- 5 Patriotic Bike Parade, Lake Poinsett, 10 a.m. CT
- 5 Red, White & Blue Bike Parade, Lewis and Clark, 10 a.m. CT
- 5 Extreme Amazing Race, Newton Hills, 10 a.m. CT
- 5 Extreme Campers Challenge, Palisades, 10 a.m. CT
- 5 Firefly Fiesta Hike, Lewis and Clark, 10 p.m. CT
- 5 Independence Day Parade, Newton Hills, 5 p.m. CT
- 5 Dash for the Cache GPS Tournament, Lewis and Clark, 7 p.m. CT
- 9 Trolley on the Trail\*, George S. Mickelson Trail, 10 a.m. MT
- 9 Nature Day Camp: Track Detectives, Angostura, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. MT
- 10 Nature Day Camp: Fish, Palisades, 9-11 a.m. CT
- 12 Nature Hike\*, Good Earth at Blood Run, 9 a.m. CT
- 12 Family Sand Volleyball Tournament, Lake Thompson, 10 a.m. CT
- 12 Outdoor Cooking from A to Z, Oahe Downstream, 10 a.m. CT
- 12 Parrot Program, Newton Hills, 11 a.m. CT
- 12 Bean Bag Game Tourney, Oakwood Lakes, 2-6 p.m. CT
- 12 Dutch Oven Gathering, Big Sioux, 3 p.m. CT
- 12 Knock on Wood, Fort Sisseton, 3 p.m. CT
- 12-14: Family Fun Days, Pickerel Lake
- 15 Nature Day Camp\*, City of Wagner, 6:30 p.m. CT
- 16 Nature Day Camp: Nature Explorers, Rocky Point, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. MT
- 17 Nature Day Camp: Fish, Big Sioux, 9-11 a.m. CT
- 18-20: Halloween in July, Oakwood Lakes
- 19 Dutch Oven 101, Union Grove, 1 p.m. CT

### JULY (continued)

- 19 Tree Walk, Newton Hills, 10 a.m. CT
- 19 Searching through a Dark Park, Pierson Ranch, 10 a.m. CT
- 19 Dutch Oven Cooking, Randall Creek, 10 a.m. CT
- 19 Basic GPS Program, Oakwood Lakes, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. CT
- 19 Knock on Wood, Roy Lake, 3 p.m. CT
- 19 Force of Nature Kids Duathlon, Big Sioux, 8 a.m. CT
- 20 Canoe/Kayak Tour, Oakwood Lakes, 12:30-4 p.m. CT
- 23 Nature Day Camp: Track Detectives, Custer, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. MT
- 25-27: Christmas in July, Lake Herman
- 25-27: Halloween in July, Lake Poinsett
- 25-27: Christmas in July, Walker's Point
- 26 Nature Hike\*, Good Earth at Blood Run, 9 a.m. CT
- 26 SD State Insect, Newton Hills, 10 a.m. CT
- 26 Kayaking for Fun, Randall Creek, 10 a.m. CT
- 26 Christmas in July Celebration, Chief White Crane, 7-9 p.m. CT
- 26 Lantern Tour, Fort Sisseton, 9:30 p.m. CT

### AUGUST

- 1-3 Sioux River Folk Festival, Newton Hills
- 2 Outdoor University\*, Outdoor Campus East, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. CT
- 2 Bean Bag Tourney, Newton Hills, 10 a.m. CT
- 2 Kayaking for Fun, North Point, 10 a.m. CT
- 2 Steady Eddy Disc Golf Tournament, Oahe Downstream, 10 a.m. CT
- 2 Dutch Oven Cooking Demonstration, Roy Lake, 3 p.m. CT
- 2 Music in the Park: John and Susan McNeill, Chief White Crane, 7 p.m. CT
- 2 Riverman/Riverwoman Sprint Triathlon, Farm Island, 7:40 a.m. CT
- 2 Evening with the Owls, Oahe Downstream, 8:30 p.m. CT
- 3 Petal to the Park, Oakwood Lakes, 12:30 p.m. CT
- 6 Nature Day Camp: Nature Explorers, Angostura, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. MT
- 7 Nature Day Camp: Fabulous Flowers, Palisades, 9-11 a.m. CT

### AUGUST (continued)

- 9 Adams Homestead Celebration\*, Adams Homestead, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. CT
- 9 Nature Hike\*, Good Earth at Blood Run, 9 a.m. CT
- 9 Un-Nature Hike, Newton Hills, 10 a.m. CT
- 9 Stories of the Stars Hike, Lewis and Clark, 10 p.m. CT
- 9 State of South Dakota Pioneer Birthday Bash, Lake Herman, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. CT
- 9 Sand Volleyball Fun, Oakwood Lakes, 2 p.m. CT
- 9 Animal Tracks, Fort Sisseton, 3 p.m. CT
- 9 Dutch Oven Basics, Lake Vermillion, 4 p.m. CT
- 9 Street Masters Car Show and Ice Cream Social, Oahe Downstream, 7:30-9 p.m. CT
- 9 RiverKid Sprint Triathlon, Farm Island, 9 a.m. CT
- 13 Nature Day Camp: Nature Explorers, Custer, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. MT
- 14 Nature Day Camp: Fabulous Flowers, Big Sioux, 9-11 a.m. CT
- 16 South Dakota Birthday Bash, North Point, 10 a.m. CT
- 16 Persied Meteor Shower and Star Party, Palisades, 10 p.m. CT
- 16 Parrot Program, Newton Hills, 11 a.m. CT
- 16 Family Dino Dig, Big Sioux, 2 p.m. CT
- 16 South Dakota Bat Festival, Custer, 6:30 p.m. MT
- 16 Lantern Tour, Fort Sisseton, 8:30 p.m. CT
- 23 Nature Hike\*, Good Earth at Blood Run, 9 a.m. CT
- 23 SD State Mammal, Newton Hills, 1 p.m. CT
- 23 Book on a Bike, Lewis and Clark, 10 a.m. CT
- 23 Celebrate SD Bike Hike, Oakwood Lakes, 10:30 a.m. CT
- 23 Animal Tracks, Roy Lake, 3 p.m. CT
- 23-24: Leanhorse Hundred, Half & 50K Run, George S. Mickelson Trail, 6 a.m. MT
- 29-31: Survivor Weekend, Newton Hills
- 30 Bike Rodeo, Randall Creek, 11 a.m. CT
- 30 Bean Bag Game Tourney, Oakwood Lakes, 2 p.m. CT
- 30 Monarch Butterfly Tagging, Palisades, 2 p.m. CT
- 30 Southern Hills Triathlon, Angostura, 7 a.m. MT

**AUGUST (continued)**

- 30 I Know Nuttin' about Nature Hike,  
Lewis and Clark, 9 a.m. CT
- 30 Labor Day Carnival,  
North Point, 9:30 a.m. CT
- 31 Bike Parade, Randall Creek, 11 a.m. CT
- 31 Bike Parade, North Point, 9:30 a.m. CT

**SEPTEMBER**

- 2 Trolley on the Trail\*,  
George S. Mickelson Trail, 1 p.m. MT
- 7 Homesteader Day Celebration\*,  
Beaver Creek, 1-4 p.m. CT
- 10 Trolley on the Trail\*,  
George S. Mickelson Trail, 10 a.m. MT
- 19-21: Mickelson Trail Trek\*,  
George S. Mickelson Trail,
- 20 Spirits of the Forest\*,  
Good Earth at Blood Run, 7 p.m. CT
- 20 Fall in the Park at Lewis and Clark,  
Lewis and Clark, 1-5 p.m. CT
- 26 Buffalo Roundup\*,  
Custer, 6:30 a.m.-3 p.m. MT
- 27 Spirits of the Forest\*,  
Good Earth at Blood Run, 7 p.m. CT
- 27-28: Buffalo Roundup Arts Festival, Custer,

**OCTOBER**

- 1 2015 Park Entrance Licenses Available\*,  
Statewide
- 4 FestiFALL, Newton Hills, 1-5 p.m. CT
- 4 CandleLight Walk,  
Newton Hills, 7:15-9:30 p.m. CT
- 5 Run Crazy Horse Marathon,  
George S. Mickelson Trail, 7 a.m. MT
- 11 Newton Hills Trail Run, 9 a.m. CT
- 18 Haunted Fort Tour,  
Fort Sisseton, 5:30-8:30 p.m. CT
- 24-25: Halloween Night Hike,  
Custer, 5:30-8 p.m. MT
- 25 Spooktacular Trick or Treat Trails,  
Big Sioux, 5-8 p.m. CT
- 26 Trick or Treat Trails\*,  
LaFramboise Island, 4:30-7:30 p.m. CT

**NOVEMBER**

- 1 Forest Drive Fright Night,  
Richmond Lake, 5-8 p.m. CT
- 8 Christmas at the Homestead\*,  
Adams Homestead, 12-4 p.m. CT
- 15 Fall Buffalo Auction\*,  
Custer, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. MT

**DECEMBER**

- 1 East River Snowmobile Trails Season  
opens\*, East River Snowmobile Trails  
(through 3/15/15)
- 13 Frontier Christmas,  
Fort Sisseton, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. CT
- 15 Black Hills Snowmobile Trails Season  
opens\*, Black Hills Snowmobile Trails  
(through 3/31/15)

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605-745-6996

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605-347-5240

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605-582-7243

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**George S. Mickelson Trail**

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605-987-2263

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605-765-9410

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**Lake Poinsett Recreation Area**

605-983-5085

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605-374-5114

**Llewellyn Johns Recreation Area**

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**Mina Lake Recreation Area**

605-626-3488

**Newton Hills State Park**

605-987-2263

**North Point Recreation Area**

605-487-7046

**North Wheeler Recreation Area**

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**Oahe Downstream Recreation Area**

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**Okobojo Point Recreation Area**

605-223-7722

**Palisades State Park**

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**Pease Creek Recreation Area**

605-487-7046

**Pelican Lake Recreation Area**

605-882-5200

**Pickerel Lake Recreation Area**

605-486-4753

**Pierson Ranch Recreation Area**

605-668-2985

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605-337-2587

**Randall Creek Recreation Area**

605-487-7046

**Revheim Bay Recreation Area**

605-845-7112

**Richmond Lake Recreation Area**

605-626-3488

**Rocky Point Recreation Area**

605-641-0023

**Roughlock Falls Nature Area**

605-584-3896

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605-448-5701

**Sandy Shore Recreation Area**

605-882-5200

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605-374-5114

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605-745-6996

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605-337-2587

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Meeting Times: Thursday 1-5 p.m.  
Friday 8 a.m. - noon unless otherwise indicated.

### JANUARY

January 9-10, Ft. Pierre, Holiday Inn Express  
110 East Stanley Road

**FEBRUARY** - No meeting

### MARCH

March 6-7, Ft. Pierre, Holiday Inn Express  
110 East Stanley Road

### APRIL

April 3-4, Oacoma, Cedar Shores Resort  
1500 Shoreline Drive

### MAY

May 1-2, Custer State Park, Sylvan Lake Lodge  
US Hwy 16A

### JUNE

June 5-6, Yankton, Lewis & Clark Resort  
43496 Shore Drive

### JULY

July 9, Ft. Pierre, Holiday Inn Express  
110 East Stanley Road *\*time TBD*

### AUGUST

August 7-8, Ft. Pierre, Holiday Inn Express  
110 East Stanley Road

**SEPTEMBER** - No meeting

### OCTOBER

October 2-3, Sturgis, Convention Center  
2715 Lazelle Street

### NOVEMBER

November 6-7, Sioux Falls, Ramada  
1301 West Russell Street

### DECEMBER

December 4-5, Ft. Pierre, Holiday Inn Express  
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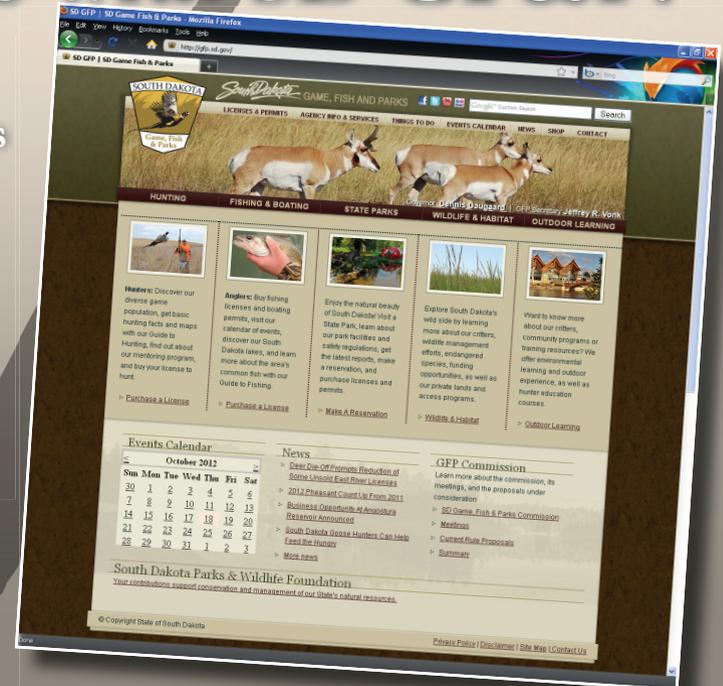
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