

*In South Dakota, an Old West adventure awaits behind every rock and around every turn. But for a real outdoor experience, saddle up and hit the trail at one of the horse trails found in these South Dakota state parks.*

### Bear Butte State Park

6 miles NE of Sturgis off SD 79

☎ (605) 347-5240

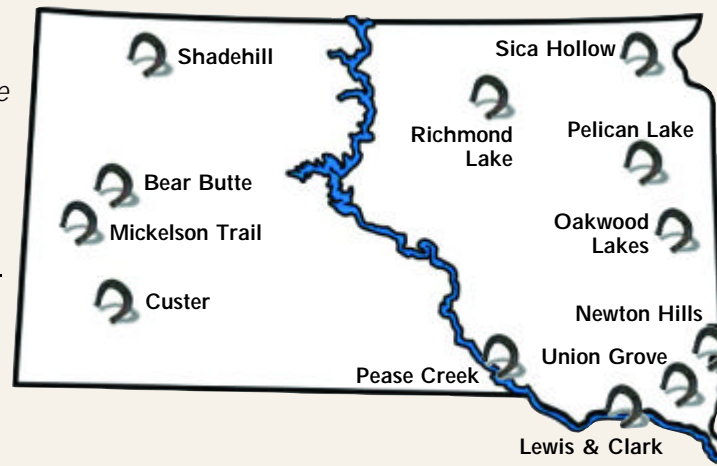
- Two miles of natural trail leads around Bear Butte Lake. Horseback riding allowed west of Highway 79 only.
- Connects to the Centennial Trail, which leads riders through the Black Hills.
- Horse camp with primitive sites, water and corral. Reservations available.

### Custer State Park

4 miles E of Custer off US 16A

☎ (605) 255-4515 [www.custerstatepark.info](http://www.custerstatepark.info)

- 71,000 acres of pine-covered mountains and rolling prairie foothills. Most of the park is open to horse back riding. Check in advance for any closures.
- Marked trails begin and end at French Creek Horse Camp. Riders may also choose to blaze their own trails.
- French Creek Horse Camp has 23 campsites with electricity, 3 camper cabins, a modern comfort station, water and corrals. Vault toilets are available for year round use. Reservations required.
- Concessionaire at the Blue Bell Lodge provides rentals and trail rides. Information: (605) 255-4531.



### Lewis & Clark Recreation Area

6 miles W of Yankton off SD 52

☎ (605) 668-2985

- 4.1 miles of marked trail provide riders with spectacular views of the chalkbluffs that help form Lewis and Clark Lake.
- Multi-use trail, also used by hikers and bikers. Yield system in place.
- Horse camp with electrical sites, bathrooms with showers, water and corrals. Reservations available.

### Mickelson Trail

In the Black Hills, runs Edgemont to Deadwood

☎ (605) 584-3896

- 109 miles of crushed limestone and gravel; runs through the heart of the Black Hills.
- Multi-use trail, used primarily by hikers and bikers. Yield system in place.
- *Please note:* Horseback riding on a wet trail, especially in the spring and fall, can severely damage the trail. Please call the trail office for conditions before planning to ride the Mickelson Trail.

### Newton Hills State Park

6 miles S of Canton off US 18

☎ (605) 987-2263

- Six miles of marked trail meander through 200 acres of deep woods.
- Multi-use trail, also used by hikers and bikers. Yield system in place.
- Horse camp with electrical sites, water and corrals. Reservations available.

### Oakwood Lakes State Park

7 miles N and 3 miles W of Volga off US 14

☎ (605) 627-5441

- Over 2.5 miles of trail winds around the peninsulas created by eight natural lakes.
- Multi-use trail, also used by hikers and bikers. Yield system in place.
- Horse camp with primitive sites, water, hitching posts and corrals. Reservations available.

### Pease Creek Recreation Area

11 miles W of Lake Andes off SD 1804

☎ (605) 487-7046

- Three miles of marked trail lead through wooded areas and offers scenic views of the Missouri River.
- Horse camp with primitive camping, water, corrals, and vault toilets. Reservations available.
- Multi-use trail, also used by hikers and bikers. Yield system in place.

### Pelican Lake Recreation Area

9 miles SW of Watertown off US Hwy 212

☎ (605) 882-5200

- 5.2 miles of natural trail wind through prairie grasses and lakeshore shelterbelts.
- Multi-use trail, also used by hikers and bikers. Yield system in place.
- Horse camp with electrical sites, water, and corrals. Reservations available.

### Richmond Lake Recreation Area

10 miles northwest of Aberdeen off US 281

☎ (605) 626-3488

- Three miles of natural trail.
- Trail leads riders through a wooded area and along Richmond Lake.

### Shadehill Recreation Area

14 miles S of Lemmon off SD 73

☎ (605) 374-5114

- More than 6,000 acres of state park land and National Grasslands to explore.
- No marked trails, only wide open spaces.
- Horse camp at Hugh Glass Lakeside Use Area with primitive sites and water. Available first-come, first-served only.

### Sica Hollow State Park

15 miles NW of Sisseton off SD 10

☎ (605) 448-5701

- 15 miles of marked trail; several junctions allow the rider to customize route.
- Trail guides riders through 900 acres of woodland, open prairie, ravines and creek crossings; several rim points give riders a scenic overlook of the entire Hollow.
- Horse camp with primitive sites, water and corrals. Available by reservation only, please call the park office.

### Union Grove State Park

11 miles S of Beresford off I-29

☎ (605) 987-2263

- Over four miles of marked trails lead riders through 150 acres of rolling hills covered with lush native plants.
- Horse camp with electrical sites, water and corrals. Reservations available.

## a day on the trail....

After a day exploring a new trail, nothing beats sitting back and relaxing by the fire. To make your reservations at one of the horse camps in South Dakota state parks, visit [www.CampSD.com](http://www.CampSD.com) or call 1-800-710-CAMP.

## ...a night under the stars



*Before planning to ride, please be aware of the current feed and inspection requirements. Contact the S.D. State Brand Board at (605) 773-3324 for more information.*



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