

GOOD EARTH

state park



August 2020

Self Guided Events

Aug 14-16— Percied Meteor Shower Hike

Aug 21-23— Traditional Outdoor Games

Zoom Programs*

Aug 5 —1:00 pm F.I.S.H.— Turtles of the World *

Videos on Facebook

Archery —Facebook Video Releasing Sat Aug 1

Little Acorns—Grasshoppers Releasing Wednesday Aug 5

Facebook Live:

Aug 8— 10:00 am— Wild Flower Hike

Trail Hours

6:00 am—11:00 pm

Visitor Center Hours:

Monday—Closed

Tuesday—Saturday 9 —4 pm

Sunday 1 pm—4 pm

* email for zoom log in

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Good Earth State Park offers EVERYONE a great escape. Come out and enjoy some time in nature. With over 7 miles of hiking trails and several picnic spaces, Good Earth offers the perfect get away for the day. Don't forget the self guided programs happening. Pets are welcome if on a leash. All you need is a park entrance license, available at the visitor center during normal business hours, or at the entrance self-sale kiosk.



Volunteer News



Good Earth State Park at Blood Run has some great volunteers! We are so appreciative of the help we have received inside and outside the visitor center.

July Birthdays

JoJean C. ~ August 15 Betty W. ~ August 28

We don't know how we could ever get by without them!!

Did you know that after just 24 hours of volunteer time each year, volunteers earn a park entrance license?

If you would like to volunteer at Good Earth State Park just visit

<http://gfp.sd.gov/state-parks/volunteer/default.aspx>



Please Note: Currently all programming will be done on your own or virtually.

August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 2 pm Archery Video Face- book Video
2	3 Closed	4	5 10 am Little Acorns— grasshoppers Facebook video 1 pm—F.I.S.H—Turtles	6	7	8 10 am Face- book live Wild Flower Hike
9	10 Closed	11	12	13	14 Self Guided Persied Mete- or Shower Hike	15 Self Guided Persied Mete- or Shower Hike
16 Self Guided Persied Mete- or Shower Hike	17 Closed	18	19	20	21 Self guided Outdoor Games	22 Self guided Outdoor Games
23 Self guided Outdoor Games	24 Closed	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Closed					



Little Acorns

With the changing times, the Good Earth State Park is offering its Little Acorns Classes via Facebook Videos. Be sure to follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/GoodEarthStatePark>



August 5 ~ Grasshoppers

September 2 ~ Turkey Vultures

October 7 ~ Spiders

November 4 ~ Squirrels

December 2 ~ Tracks

January 6 ~ Bison

February 3 ~ Weasels

March 3 ~ Beaks

April 7 ~ Earth



F.I.S.H.—Zoom

Friendly Interactive Senior Hour will be on Zoom!

August 5—Turtles

Join a special speaker on the turtles of South Dakota and their work with sea turtles in Hawaii.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://state-sd.zoom.us/j/92927482280?pwd=dm5WV2F4a1VOaldMbElaSStMdW1DUT09>

Meeting ID: 929 2748 2280

Passcode: 025062

Zoom is a free, internet based way for groups and business to virtually connect. It is a interactive way to talk to people. <https://zoom.us/>



Attention Teachers!

Zoom ~ School Outreach Programs

2020-2021

Bison of the Plains

Grades 1-4 Time: 45 min

Description: Students will learn about the American Bison today and in the past. Students will learn how Native Americans used the bison to meet many needs.

Standards: 1-H-1-2; 2-G-6-2; 3-H-2-3; 4-H-3-1

Blood Run

Grades 3-12 Time: 60 min

Description: Students will learn about the history of Blood Run, the daily life of the people who lived here between 1400—1700, the landscape, and how Good Earth State Park became a park.

Standards: 3.H.1.2 ; 3.H.2.3; 3.H.5.1; 4.H.1.1; 4.H.1.2; 4.H.3.1; 4.G.2.1; 5.H.2.1; 5.H.3.1; 6.H.1.2; 6.H.2.1; 6.H.2.4; 6.H.4.1; 7.G.6.2; K-12.G.3; K-12.H.1; K-12. H.3

Amazing Arthropods

Grades K—4 Time: 45—60 min

Description: Insects and spiders are amazing creatures. Students will learn their similarities and differences. There will be live insects and tarantula.

Standards: K-LS1-1;K-ESS3-3; 1-LS1-1; 2-LS2-1; 3-LS1-1; 3-LS3-1; 3-LS4-2; 4-LS1-2

Owls of South Dakota

Grades K—12 Time: 45—60 min

Description: Students will learn about the owls of South Dakota. They will learn the unique adaptations of these raptors.

Standards: K-LS-1; 1-LS1-1; 2-LS4-1; 3-LS4-2; 3-LS4; 4-LS1-2; MS-LS2-1; HS-LS2-8

Park Naturalist, Jen, will offer virtual programming this school year. Zoom, videos, and Microsoft teams will be the avenues.

Looking for a specific topic? We may be able to help. Please call us to discuss how we can help in your classroom. Please allow two weeks to develop and present your specialized program.

How about a virtual field trip to the Good Earth State Park visitor center?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jaKybZDvhvY&t=2s>

2020 Good Earth Photo Contest

Official Rules for 2020 Good Earth State Park Photo Contest

Photos must be taken at Good Earth State Park anytime during the year.

Photos must be submitted by midnight on October 1, 2020

There are three categories for 2020:

Good Earth State Park – What says Good Earth State Park to You? Trees? Flowers? Trails? The building?

Macro – Zoom in close for those small subjects.

Anything Goes – Any subject, Artistic, etc.

All photos should be unfiltered pictures of unadulterated nature. Minor digital enhancements for cropping, red-eye removal, filters and corrective functions are permitted, but images that have been altered significantly should be entered in the artistic category.

There will be 3 judges. Judges subject to change due to scheduling issues.

There will be one prize for the overall winner.

There will be prizes for the top 3 photos in each category.

All photos submitted may be used in Good Earth State Park promotional material and displayed in the visitor center.

Winners will be chosen within one week from the close of the contest. The winners will be contacted through Facebook, phone, email or mail. **BE SURE TO GIVE US CONTACT INFO WITH YOUR PHOTO SUBMISSION.**

Park entrance licenses are required for vehicles entering the park.

Photos should be electronically submitted in .jpg format that is no larger than 5MB file size to goodearth@state.sd.us along with Name and Phone number.

Photo contest judges have discretionary authority to disqualify any image not suitable for representing Good Earth State Park's mission.

Prize and use of photos may change due to availability and demand.

Any questions on anything not specified should be directed to Park Naturalist Jen Nuncio jen.nuncio@state.sd.us or 605-213-1036.



Photo by Jacob Shane



ANNUAL STATE PARK ENTRANCE LICENSES



Annual Park Entrance License	\$36
Annual Park Entrance License Combo	\$54
Annual Park Entrance License, Transferable	\$80
Daily Entrance License	\$8

