



GOOD EARTH

state park Jan. 2024

SOUTH DAKOTA GAME, FISH, AND PARKS

Jan. Programs

Jan 1—2 pm First Day
Hike

**Jan 3 —10 pm—Little
Acorns** - Fox

Jan 3 —1 pm F.I.S.H.
Creatures of the Night

Jan 11—7 pm Rock Art in
France

Jan 13 — 2 pm Skins,
Skulls and Tracks

Trail Hours

6:00 am—11:00 pm

Visitor Center Hours:

Monday—Closed

Tuesday—Saturday 9-4 pm

Sunday 1pm—4 pm



Photo by Krissy Fossing

**Winter is a great time to get out
with a friend or pet.**

**Start the year with a First Day
Hike and keep that momentum
going!**

VOLUNTEERS



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.

Jan. Anniversaries

Shelley H	6 years
Jeff L	6 years
Loren S	4 years
Brianna S	4 years
Carter S	4 years
Craig N	3 years
Sam O	3 years
Don R	3 years

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>



Follow us on Facebook for all the details!

<https://www.facebook.com/GoodEarthStatePark/>

JAN. 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 2 pm First Day Hike VC Closed	2	3 10 am LA Fox 1 pm FISH – Creatures of the Night	4	5	6
7	8 VC Closed	9	10	11 7 pm TT– KC—Rock art of France	12	13 2 pm Skins, Skull, and tracks
14	15 VC Closed	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 VC Closed	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 VC Closed	30	31			

Jan 1—2 pm—First Day Hike—Kick the year off with a guided nature hike. Be sure to dress for the weather with warm layers, and good hiking boots. If the temp is zero or below the hike will be canceled.

Jan 3—10 am—Little Acorns—Fox, There will be a story, activity, craft and game

1 pm—Creatures of the Night—Learn about nocturnal animals of South Dakota

Jan 11—7 pm—Thursday Talks—Rock Art in France—K.C. Carlson, Ph. D. with Augustana University, will give a talk on prehistoric cave art found in France.

Jan 13—2 pm—Skins, Skulls and Tracks— Learn about the South Dakota Mammals.

Next month is LEGO month. Exciting news coming soon!

SUMMER SEASONAL NATURALIST INTERNSHIPS



Naturalist interns will assist education staff with programming needs at Good Earth State Park and Lake Alvin Recreation Area. The position will serve group and community programs, ranging from preschool to adult classes. Program topics include, but are not limited to, South Dakota natural resources, local cultural history, and outdoor skills.

Interns assist with programs, develop future programs for the public, and work at the information desk to meet programming and customer service needs. Candidate must enjoy working with children and adults and spending time outdoors. Training is provided.



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GOOD EARTH STATE PARK

LITTLE ACORNS

2023-2024 Fall - Winter - Spring Classes
Ages 3-5 **10:00 am**

August 2

Turkey Vultures

September 6

Bees

October 4

Owls

November 1

Deer

December 6

Fish

January 3

Foxes

February 7

Turtles

March 6

SKunks

April 3

Insects

Story
Activities
Game
Craft



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GOOD EARTH STATE PARK

F.I.S.H.

FRIENDLY INTERACTIVE SENIOR HOUR

Sept 2023 - April 2024

First Wednesday each month

1:00 pm

Sept 6 ~ Fall Flower Hike

Oct 4 ~ Volunteering at Honeymoon Island

Nov 1 ~ Science Behind Aesop's Fables

Dec 6 ~ Beyond the Hunt

Jan 3 ~ Creatures of the Night

Feb 7 ~ State Birds by Data

March 6 ~ Frog & Toad

April 3 ~ Dutch Oven Cooking

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26924 480th Ave Sioux Falls, SD



GOOD EARTH STATE PARK



THURSDAY TALK SERIES ~ 7:00 PM

SEPT
14

RESTORING YOUR CAST IRON

Jim Henning will demonstrate how to restore old and rusted cast iron pans. Bring yours along to join in the fun.

OCT
12

THE LAND SPEAKS

Dr. George Shurr (Geologist) speaks on What Plants and Animals Can Tell Us About Archaeological Features at Blood Run and Beyond.

NOV
9

THE HISTORY OF THE HIAWATHA ASYLUM

The Keepers of the Canton Asylum Story will tell the history of the Hiawatha Asylum that once operated in Canton, SD.

DEC
14

WHAT TRIPS MY TRIGGER

Local photographer Marty Dewitt will take you on a journey into the mind of a nature photographer.

JAN
11

ROCK ART IN FRANCE

K.C. Carlson, Ph.D. with Augustana University will give a talk on prehistoric cave art found in France.

FEB
8

BISON AT BROKEN KETTLE GRASSLANDS

Scott Moats will share about Broken Kettle Grasslands, home to Iowa's largest remaining prairie and over 200 bison and its management.

MAR
14

BEE KEEPING

Local bee keeper David Jastram will present on keeping honey bees.

APR
11

BACKYARD MEDICINE

Park volunteer Pat Mettler will share her knowledge on medicinal plants that may be growing in your own backyard.

Registration is not required. Events are free with a South Dakota park entrance license.



ANNUAL STATE PARK ENTRANCE LICENSES SOLD HERE



Annual Park Entrance License

\$36

Annual Park Entrance License Combo

\$54

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