



# GOOD EARTH

state park Dec 2025

## SOUTH DAKOTA GAME, FISH, AND PARKS

### Dec. Programs

#### **Dec 3 — 1 pm F.I.S.H. Moths of Good Earth**

Hear about this summer's Black Lighting for Moths.

#### **Dec 6—5-7 pm— Holiday Tree Event**

Santa, Live Music and More!

#### **Dec 18 7 pm— Thursday Talk— Visiting Australia**

Volunteers will share about their recent visit to Australia

### **Trail Hours**

**6:00 am—11:00 pm**

### **Visitor Center Hours:**

Monday—Closed

Tuesday—Saturday

9 am-4 pm

Sunday 1pm—4 pm

Visitor Center will be closed  
Dec 24-26 in observance of  
Christmas



## Holidays are Here!

Visit the Good Earth Visitor Center  
from Dec 2—Jan 4th to see the  
holiday trees set up inside the  
visitor center.

Santa will visit Saturday Dec 6 from  
5-7 pm

More information below.



# VOLUNTEERS



**If you enjoy Good Earth State Park, then you must  
thank a volunteer.**

**We are looking for more folks to add to the  
Good Earth Volunteer Family!**

**Contact the park for more information or sign up  
below.**

**<https://www.volgistics.com/appform/23131216>**

Follow us on Facebook for all the details!

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

# DEC 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 VC Closed Trees Up	2	3 10 am LA— Predators 1 pm FISH Moths of Good Earth	4	5	6 5-7 Holiday Tree Event
7	8 VC Closed	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 VC Closed	16	17	18 7 pm Thurs Talk Australia	19	20
21	22 VC Closed	23	24 VC Closed	25 VC Closed	26	27
28	29 VC Closed	30	31	1. 2 pm First Day Hike		

Dec 3—1 pm—F.I.S.H.—Friendly Interactive Senior Hour—Nick W will speak about his time at Good Earth Black Lighting for Moths.

Dec 6—5-7 pm—Holiday Tree Event—Come out and enjoy the holiday trees all light up. Santa will be here as well as live music by Holly VandenBerg. Treats will be served while they last.

Dec 18—7 pm—Thursday Talk—Visiting Australia—Volunteers Moira and Steve will share their recent visit to Australia. This will be presented in the theater.

Jan 1—2 pm—First Day Hike—Kick off the new year with an one mile guided hike. Be sure to dress for the weather with warm layers and good hiking boots. If the temperature with wind chill is 0 or below the hike will be canceled.




# Good Earth State Park F.I.S.H.

Friendly Interactive Senior Hour

**First Wednesday of Each Month**

**1:00 pm**



**Nov 5 - Bats of South Dakota** - Learn all about the  
bats of South Dakota

**Dec 3 - Moths of South Dakota** - Volunteer Naturalist Nick  
will present on his black lighting for moths in the park.

**Jan 7 - Junk Journaling**- Learn how to build a journal  
with recycled items.

**Feb 4 - Volunteering at Good Earth** - Learn all about  
the volunteer opportunities at Good Earth State Park.

**March 4 - Frogs and Toads** - By Jim Henning Learn  
about the frogs and toads of South Dakota.

**April 1 - Nature's Tricksters**- Playing dead and  
pretending to be someone else, learn about nature's  
tricksters.

Good Earth State Park 605-213-1036





2025  
GOOD EARTH STATE PARK

# HOLIDAY TREES



Trees, Music, Treats and more

HOLIDAY TREES WILL BE SET  
UP FROM DEC 2 - JAN 4





# GOOD EARTH STATE PARK



## THURSDAY TALK SERIES ~ 7:00 PM

OCT  
16

### THE CRITTERS OF GOOD EARTH

Jen Stahl and Jim Henning will share the educational animals of Good Earth State Park. Snakes, turtles, spiders and more!

NOV  
20

### FORT SISSETON THEN AND NOW

Dennis Skadsen will talk about the history of Fort Sisseton and compare the past to the present.

DEC  
18

### VISITING AUSTRALIA

Moria and Steve will share their adventures on t recent visit to Australia. This program will take place in the theater.



JAN  
15

### FINDING AND ENJOYING NATURE

SD Volunteer Naturalist Jennifer McLaughlin will share how to find joy in nature, even in your backyard.

FEB  
19

### OWLS OF SOUTH DAKOTA

The Sioux Falls Bird Club will share about the owls of South Dakota.

MARCH  
19

### HONEY BEES, NATIVE BEES AND WANNABES

Phill Breed, a local bee keeper and South Dakota Volunteer Naturalist will give a talk on all things buzzy.

Thursday Talks are a classroom style presentations indoors. In the event of bad weather, the program may be canceled or rescheduled; please call the center or check the park's Facebook page. Registration is not required. Events are free with a South Dakota park entrance license.



# 2025 Photography Contest Winners



Overall Winner  
Julie Maloney





1st Place Anything Goes Ashlyn Erdmann



Jessica Ignasiak

2nd Place Anything Goes Jessica Ignasiak



2nd Place Forrest Linsey Duffy

1st Place Forrest JoSee Carlin



# 2025 Photography Contest Winners



1st Place Insects Dan Stoller



2nd Place Insects Tanya Bjerke

**All photography entries are displayed on a  
TV inside the visitor center**

Please note the tv will not be displayed during  
December to make space for holiday trees.



# Mark your Calendars!

## First Day Hike

**Jan 1, 2026**

**2:00 pm**



Kick off the year with a hike in nature. This one mile guided hike will explore nature in the winter. Be sure to dress for the weather with warm layers and good hiking boots. If the temperatures, including windchill, are 0 or below the hike will be canceled.





# ANNUAL STATE PARK ENTRANCE LICENSES

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Annual Park Entrance License	\$40
Annual Park Entrance License Double	\$60
Annual Park Entrance License Transferable	\$90



Nonresident Annual Park Entrance License	\$60
Nonresident Annual Park Entrance License Double	\$90

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