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**STATE PARK AND
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— HANDBOOK 2023 —



SOUTH DAKOTA STATE PARK SYSTEM



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- Lakeside Use Area

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SOUTH DAKOTA STATE PARKS



The South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks' mission is to serve and connect people and families to the outdoors through effective management of our state's parks, fisheries, and wildlife resources.



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NEW IN OUR STATE PARKS

LAKE HIDDENWOOD REOPENS

After a 2018 flood washed out the dam and road and closed the park, Lake Hiddenwood Recreation Area received a new entrance road and the park reopened in 2022. Although the dam and lake have not been restored, there are many activities and amenities to make this hidden gem worth exploring. The park features 13 campsites, hiking trails, a picnic shelter, a playground, and a basketball court. The state park is located 5 miles northeast of Selby on Highway 12. Camping reservations can be made 90 days in advance.

MAKE AND CHANGE RESERVATIONS ONLINE

Did you know that by creating a profile on *GoOutdoors.SouthDakota.com* you are able to make and change reservations yourself? With the recent updates to the cancellation policies and the new Go Outdoors reservation system, reserving and making changes is even easier! Once logged in, you can setup a camping profile and the website will remember your equipment preferences and save favorite campsites. This same login is also used to purchase vehicle park entrance license and hunting and fishing licenses.



NEW NEWTON HILLS LODGE

A new lodge at Newton Hills State Park near Canton is now available for reservations. The lodge features 4 bedrooms, 3 full bathrooms, 1 half bathroom, an open kitchen, a spacious great room, and ADA accessibility. Located in a peaceful and more private setting within Newton Hills State Park, the lodge is near horse corrals and a connector trail to the multiuse trails. Spend a weekend riding and relaxing in comfort! This residence was acquired with land from the Boy Scouts of America and fully renovated. The lodge can be reserved up to one year in advance and requires a minimum two-night stay.

PURCHASE DIGITAL GIFT CARDS

Give the gift of the outdoors conveniently delivered to your recipient by email! Gift cards can be used to purchase fishing licenses, hunting licenses, camping reservations, annual park entrance licenses, daily entrance fees, a subscription to the South Dakota Conservation Digest, and even firewood. You choose the amount you want to place on the card. Order online at GoOutdoors.SouthDakota.com or by calling 1.800.710.CAMP.

NEW FACILITIES

Angostura

- » Roll-in fishing dock
- » Camping cabin at Cheyenne Campground

Big Sioux

- » Scenic overlook deck

Custer State Park

- » New trails near Bison Center
- » Rock climber at Center Lake swim beach

Hartford Beach

- » Archery range

Lewis and Clark

- » Mountain bike connector trail

Newton Hills

- » Lodge

Oakwood Lakes

- » Fishing pier at Oakwood East PWA

Pickerel Lake

- » Kayak launch

Rocky Point

- » Group shelter at archery range
- » Replaced fish cleaning station
- » Shelter at dog park

Roy Lake

- » Kayak launch
- » Dump station

Shadehill

- » Playground

Sheps Canyon Lakside Use Area

- » 40 campsites
- » 2 primitive camp pads

Spring Creek

- » Remodeled modern cabins

MODERN LODGING

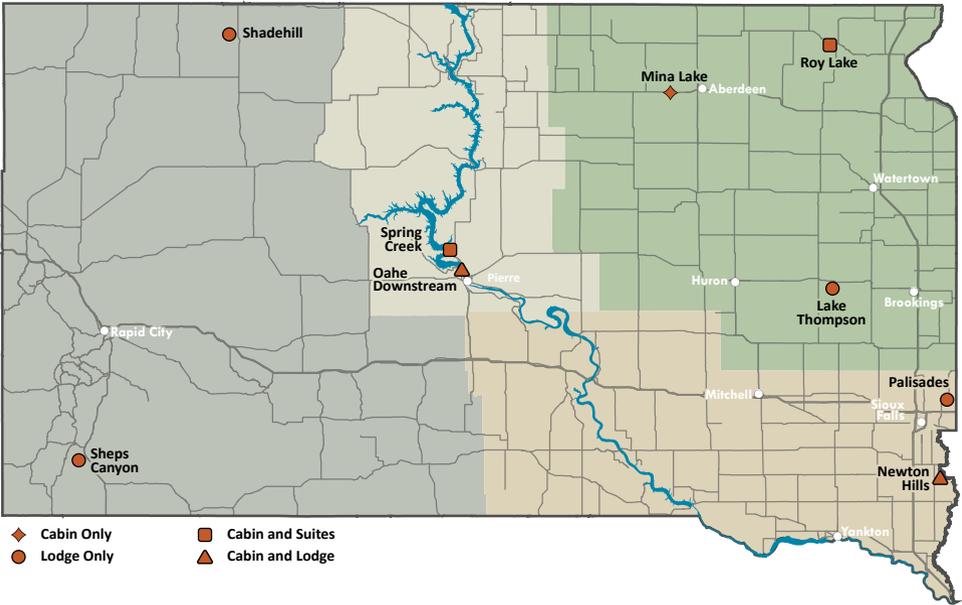
South Dakota State Parks offer several modern lodging options that provide the conveniences of home while being nestled in the great outdoors. Modern lodging amenities include electricity, climate control, kitchens, bathrooms, private bedrooms, and more.*

Plan your next getaway with a stay in one of the South Dakota State

Park's modern accommodations! Each suite, cabin, and group lodge is designed to accommodate various groups sizes year round.**

Visit gfp.sd.gov/modern-lodging to learn more and to see inside each unique unit. Modern lodging can be reserved up to one year in advance at campsd.com.

*Available amenities vary by unit. **Visit campsd.com for availability



NEWTON HILLS STATE PARK



MODERN LODGING

GROUP LODGES

Group lodges are single rental structures with multiple rooms for larger groups. They offer more private bedrooms and accommodate large gatherings with beds for up to 10-20 people. Group lodges are a great, centralized gathering location with campsites nearby at the Group Lodge at Lake Thompson Recreation Area. The group lodges located at Newton Hills, Palisades, Shadehill, and Sheps Canyon are also ideal for accommodating everyone in your group.

SUITES

Suites are multiple rental units housed within one structure, like a motel complex. With 1-2 bedrooms and a bathroom, the modern suites at

Roy Lake and Spring Creek are great for relaxing. Whether fishing, bird watching, or making other memories, the suites provide a comfortable accommodation for everyone.

MODERN CABINS

Modern cabins are single rental structures, like cottages, with multiple rooms. Each modern cabin features 1-3 bedrooms, a bathroom, and a kitchen. The cabins provide privacy with their own deck to unwind and watch the sunset in the evening.

Many modern cabins are surrounded by activities including a dock within walking distance at Mina Lake and a yard for games. Other modern cabins at Newton Hills, Roy Lake, and Spring Creek offer nearby recreational activities for everyone.





PARK ACTIVITIES

	Hiking/biking trails	Fishing	Birdwatching	Horse trails	Disc golf	Basketball	Soccer	Volleyball	Horseshoes	Cross-country skiing	Snowshoeing	Snowmobiling	Trapshooting/rifle range	Archery range/trail	Swimming	Paddleboarding	Canoeing	Kayaking	Life Jackets
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Beaver Creek	■		■							■	■								
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Burke Lake	■	■																	
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Chief White Crane	■	☐	■			◆	■	■	◆							○	○	○	
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Revheim Bay	■	■	■					■	■		■			■	■				
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Sandy Shore	■	◆	■												■	■	■	●	◆
Shadehill	■	■						■	◆					■	■	■	■	■	
Sheps Canyon		◆	■	■												●	●	●	●
Sica Hollow	■		■	■						■	■								
Snake Creek	■	◆				◆			◆						■	○		○	◆
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Spirit Mound	□		■																
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Union Grove	■		■	■															
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West Whitlock	■	■	■								◆				■	◆	◆	◆	◆

PARK FEES

Fees collected by South Dakota’s state parks play an important role in daily operations. Park entrance licenses and camping fees comprise over two-thirds of the funding needed to operate the parks and to provide facilities and recreational opportunities for our guests.

PARK ENTRANCE LICENSES

Per vehicle

Annual license.....	\$36
Second annual license (with coupon).....	\$18
Transferable license.....	\$80
Daily license	\$8
Custer State Park 7-day license	\$20

TRAIL PASS

Per person, age 12 and older

Mickelson Trail Pass.....	\$4/day
.....	\$15/year

DAY USE RENTALS

- » Rental fees are required in addition to park entrance fees.
- » Fees are subject to sales tax.
- » Fees required year-round.

Equipment checkout..... Free
(lawn games, sport balls, discs, and other checkouts available at some parks)

Equipment rental

varies by park
(canoes, kayaks, bicycles, and other rentals available at some parks)

Standard picnic shelter	\$20
Kitchenette shelter	\$50
(located at Pierson Ranch and Fort Sisseton)	

Good Earth picnic shelter	from \$100
Good Earth classroom.....	from \$100
Good Earth amphitheater	from \$300
Fort Sisseton south barracks	\$500/weekend

Gatherings in the state parks involving 50 or more people must complete a free special event application.

ACCOMMODATIONS

- » Camping and lodging fees are required in addition to park entrance fees.
- » Fees are subject to sales tax.
- » Fees are per unit per night.
- » Fees are required year-round.

Campsites

See page 30-31 for a list of campgrounds.

Prime campground	\$26E/\$22
Preferred campground	\$23E/\$19
Modern campground.....	\$20E/\$16
Basic campground.....	\$15E/\$11
Tent only campsites	\$15
Semi-modern equestrian campground	\$26E/\$22
Basic equestrian campground	\$18

E = indicates electrical site

Lodging

See page 32-33 for lodging information.

Group Lodge	\$125-280
Modern cabin.....	\$120-205
Suite.....	\$85-205
Camping cabin.....	\$55

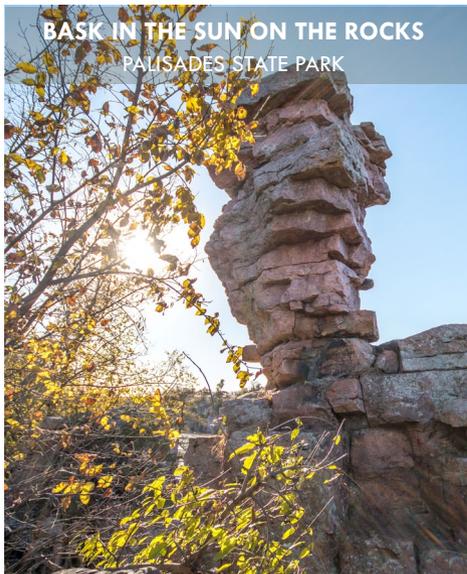
CUSTER STATE PARK

Camping fees vary from other parks, and Custer State Park takes camping reservations up to a year in advance. See page 31 for Custer State Park camping fees.

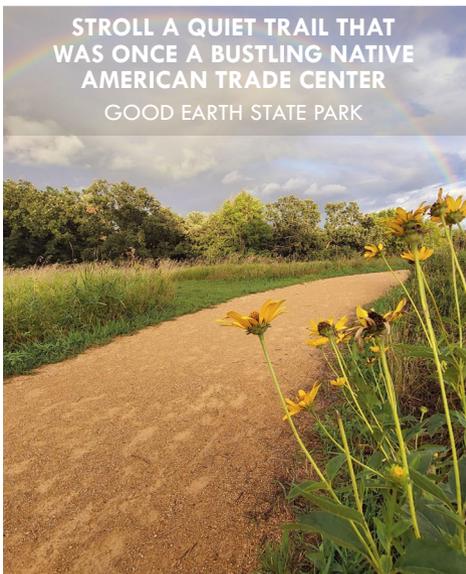


SPENDING AN AFTERNOON IN OUR PARKS CAN LAST A LIFETIME

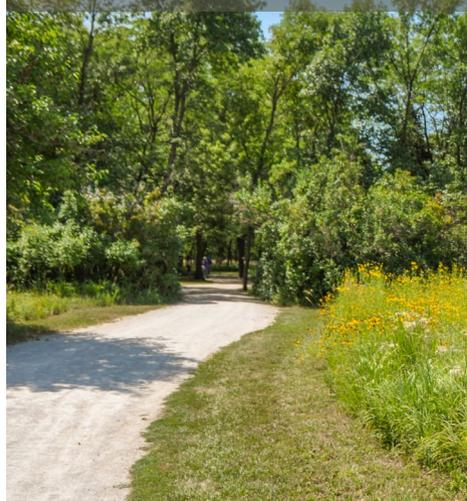
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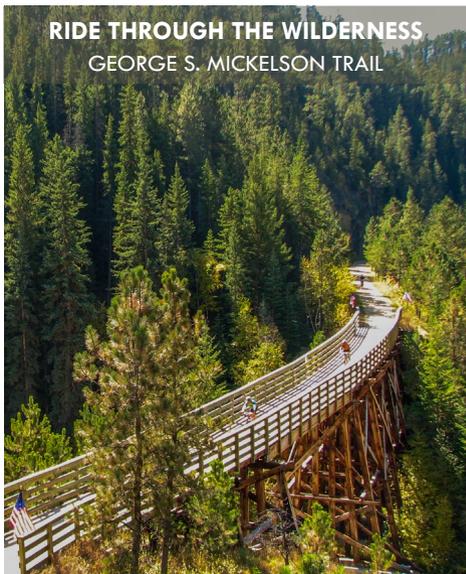
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GOOD EARTH STATE PARK



HIKE A TRAIL WHERE PIONEERS LIVED
ADAMS HOMESTEAD AND NATURE PRESERVE



RIDE THROUGH THE WILDERNESS
GEORGE S. MICKELSON TRAIL



The mission of the South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation is to enhance outdoor recreation for future generations and preserve our parks and wildlife.

SCAN THE CODE TO SUPPORT MEMORY MAKING FOR GENERATIONS TO COME!



RESERVATIONS: CAMPSD.COM | 1.800.710.CAMP (2267) 15

RESERVATION INFORMATION

RESERVATION GUIDELINES

- » Make reservations online at campsd.com or by calling 1.800.710.CAMP (2267).
- » Reservations open online and through the call center at 7 a.m. CT on the first day of the facility's reservation window.
- » Reservation call center is open year-round, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Central Time, 7 days a week.
- » Online reservations can be made 24 hours a day once the reservations open at 7 a.m. CT the first day of the 90-day window.
- » A campsite can only be occupied for 14 consecutive nights before the camper must leave the park for at least one night.

PAYMENT AND FEES

- » Full payment is required at the time a reservation is made.
- » A non-refundable \$2 fee is assessed to all phone reservations.
- » A \$7.70 per site, non-refundable reservation fee applies to non-residents.
- » Gift cards are accepted online, through the call center and at the parks. Gift cards can be combined with other payment methods.

CANCELLATIONS OR CHANGES

- » Changes in departure dates and full cancellations can be done online or through the call center before your arrival date. Cancellations to the beginning of a reservation are not allowed.
- » **Cancellation fees within 7 days:**
 - » Campsite | One half of one night of the camping fee
- » **Cancellation fees within 30 days:**
 - » Camping cabin | One half of one night of the rental fee
 - » Modern cabin | One half of one night of the rental fee
 - » Lodge | One half of one night of the rental fee
 - » Standard picnic shelter | \$5 fee

AT THE PARK

- » All campers are required to register before they set up on a site.
 - » Campers with reservations: If staff is not available, set up on your designated campsite.
 - » Campers without reservations: If staff is not available, make a reservation online or through the call center and then set up on the campsite you reserved.
- » Cash, credit cards and gift cards are accepted at the park for payment of any state park fees, merchandise and services.

Visitors reserving an **ADA campsite or Camping cabin** should book their site as early as possible. A handicap permit number is required when making a reservation for an ADA campsite. Visit campsd.com or call 1.800.710.2267.

CAMPSITES

- » Reservations open 90 days prior to arrival, except at Custer State Park where reservations open one year in advance.
- » Reservations can be made up to the day of arrival if sites are available.
- » Check-in/checkout time is 4 p.m., except at Custer where check-in/checkout time is noon.

CAMPING CABINS

- » Reservations open 90 days prior to arrival.
- » Reservations must be made by midnight at least two days before arrival.

MODERN LODGING

- » Group Lodges, Modern Cabins, Suites
- » Reservations open one year prior to arrival.
- » Reservations must be made by midnight two days prior to your arrival.
- » A two-night stay is required.

LARGE GROUP CAMPSITES

- » Custer State Park and Lewis and Clark Recreation Area accept group reservations up to one year prior to arrival.
- » Payment is required and cancellation fees apply once the reservation is made.
- » Call 1.800.710.2267. Online reservations not available for large group campsites.

PICNIC SHELTERS

- » Reservations open 90 days prior to arrival.
- » Reservations must be made by midnight two days before arrival.
- » Reservations secure use from 8 a.m.-11 p.m.
- » Fort Sisseton State Park and Pierson Ranch Recreation Area each feature a picnic shelter with a kitchenette.

SAME-DAY RESERVATIONS

- » Campgrounds at Center Lake at Custer State Park and the Yankton section campground at Lewis and Clark Recreation Area are available for same-day reservations.
- » All open sites can be reserved beginning at 7 a.m. CT on the day of arrival.
- » Campers are required to place their camping unit on and to occupy their campsite by 10 p.m. on the first night of their reserved stay. If they fail to do so, they will be charged a cancellation fee and forfeit the reservation.

FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED

The following campgrounds are available on a first-come, first-served basis:

- » Bear Butte State Park
- » Burke Lake Recreation Area
- » Little Moreau Recreation Area
- » North Wheeler Recreation Area
- » Okobojo Point Recreation Area

NOTE: All Lakeside Use Areas with camping are available on a first-come, first-served basis. (page 31)

GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS

CAMPING

- » Campsite check-in/checkout time is 4 p.m., except at Custer State Park where check-in/checkout time is noon.
- » Camping is permitted only in designated areas.
- » One camping unit permitted per site.
- » Electrical hook-ups are available only to campers registered on an electrical site. Extension cords may not be run from one campsite to another.

VEHICLES

- » Motor vehicles must stay on established roads and park lots.
- » Only vehicles licensed to operate on public roads are allowed to operate on park roads.
- » A valid park entrance license must be affixed to the vehicle in designated fee areas.
- » Mopeds, scooters, and golf carts that are not registered for public road use may operate on park roads if they are equipped with safety equipment required by state law. A valid park entrance license is required. For more information, visit gfp.sd.gov and search “off-highway vehicles.”

QUIET HOURS

- » Between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m., parks are open to registered campers only. Quiet hours are in effect during this time.

BACK-IN CAMPSITES

- » To avoid damage to grass and confusion on park roads, campers must back-in to all campsites unless they are designated as pull-through sites.

PETS IN THE PARK

- » Keep pets on a leash no longer than 10 feet at all times when in the campgrounds and near other visitors.
- » Leashes can be removed if in a remote area and more than 200 feet from other visitors. However, pets must be kept under immediate control.
- » Animals are not allowed in comfort stations and visitor centers. Service animals are allowed; please notify the park prior to your visit for overnight facilities.
- » Owners must clean up after their pets. A cleaning or replacement fee may be charged for pet damage to park facilities.
- » Pets are not allowed on designated swimming beaches. Pets are welcome to swim in other areas.
- » Please do not leave pets unattended.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Visitors are welcome to host special events like reunions and meetings in a state park. Please fill out the special events form at gfp.sd.gov or contact the park directly.

PARK ENTRANCE LICENSES

Buying

Customers can buy a park entrance license online at campsd.com, at any state park or regional Game, Fish and Parks office, or at a self-service kiosk located at parks.

Multiple licenses

- » Each park entrance license purchase includes a coupon for the purchase of a second license for half price.

FIRES AND FIREWORKS

- » Campfires are allowed only at designated campsites and in approved fireplaces, stoves, or grills.
- » All types of fireworks are prohibited on state-managed lands.

FIREWOOD RESTRICTIONS

- » Collecting firewood is prohibited.
- » No out-of-state firewood is allowed in state parks and recreation areas due to the threat of bug infestations.
- » Do not bring wood that has been within the emerald ash borer quarantine area into any South Dakota state park unless it has a label affixed certifying it as emerald ash borer treated and safe to move.
- » In parks located within the quarantine area, outside firewood must have a label affixed certifying it as emerald ash borer treated and safe to move.

A **CAMPING UNIT** is any one hard-sided camper and/or one or more tents, if all occupants meet the definition of family (parents or grandparents and their minor children) or do not exceed six people.

- » Firewood is available for purchase in the parks or from local stores outside the quarantine area.
- » Smooth dimensional lumber scraps are acceptable if sized to fit within the firegrate. Wood containing nails, screws, or hardware - including rough and pallet lumber - cannot be brought into any state park area to be used as firewood.
- » If you purchase firewood from a state park within the quarantine area, do not remove it from the park.

Restrictions may change. Ask park staff or visit gfp.sd.gov for the most current information. Visit EmeraldAshBorerInSouthDakota.sd.gov to learn what else you can do.

RESELLING CAMPSITES

- » Reselling campsites is prohibited.
- » Campers who cannot make a scheduled stay can transfer the reservation to another date or park at no extra cost. If upgrading, the difference in fees will apply. Transfers can only be done by calling 1.800.710.CAMP. Specify that you wish to transfer your reservation to avoid a cancellation fee.

GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS

DISABLED VETERAN PASS

Any South Dakota resident who meets one of the following criteria may apply for a free lifetime park entrance license and half-priced camping:

- » A veteran's allotment for a total disability which is deemed a service-connected injury.
- » The recipient of the United States Veterans Administration "K" Award.
- » Was held as a prisoner of war.

Apply online at gfp.sd.gov.

LASER LIGHTS

- » Those who set up outdoor lights while camping, such as laser light projectors, are asked to be courteous to fellow campers. Please turn them off between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m.

HUNTING IN PARKS

- » Hunting, with restrictions, is allowed in state parks between October 1 and April 30. Details can be found in the current *Hunting and Trapping Handbook*.

SWIMMING BEACHES

For the safety of swimmers, designated swimming beaches do not allow:

- » Glass
- » Boats, including kayaks, canoes, and paddleboards
- » Pets
- » Fishing

Please look for other areas that accommodate these activities.

FREE ENTRANCE FOR MILITARY GROUP EVENTS



Park entrance licenses and Mickelson Trail passes are not required for past and present military personnel participating in an eligible military group event. This includes South Dakota military veterans, members of the South Dakota National Guard and military reserve units, patients of veterans' hospitals in South Dakota and family members and guests attending the event.

To host a military event in a state park, complete the special event application at gfp.sd.gov. For more information, call 605.773.3391.

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

To help slow the spread of zebra mussels and other aquatic invasive species in South Dakota, minimize the transport of raw water that may harbor these microscopic hitchhikers. Know and follow fish and bait transport rules:

- » Except for emergency response boats, all trailered boats must have all drain plugs, bailers, valves, and other devices used to control the drainage of water opened or removed, except while in a boat ramp parking area or while being launched or loaded.
- » Aquatic bait and fish may not be transported outside of a boat ramp parking area in raw water taken from a lake, river, or stream. Aquatic bait can be transported in domestic water (tap water, well water, bottled water, ice). Most domestic water must be treated to remove chlorine prior to putting bait in it.
- » Anglers may transport fish still in raw water to an adjacent fish cleaning station. If no cleaning station is available, aquatic bait must be disposed of in trash containers or transported in domestic water and all plugs must be pulled before travel.
- » Unused bait should be poured into the fish grinder at a cleaning station or drained and disposed of in the trash. It is a violation of state statute to dump unused minnows into a water body.
- » For more information, visit SDLeastWanted.sd.gov.

RESPECT THE PAST NEVER REMOVE ARTIFACTS

HELP PROTECT OUR CULTURAL RESOURCES.

Cultural resources provide an understanding and appreciation of South Dakota's heritage. The removal of cultural resource artifacts from land managed by South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks is a violation of state and federal laws.

If you find an artifact, please leave it in its place and contact our Department Cultural Resource Protection Officer at 605.668.2985. Please provide accurate information on where the item or items have been located.

STATE PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

NORTHEAST

BIG STONE ISLAND NATURE AREA <i>4 miles N of Big Stone City off SD 15 on Big Stone Lake</i>	605.432.6374
FISHER GROVE STATE PARK <i>7 miles E of Redfield, SD off US 212</i>	605.472.1336
FORT SISSETON HISTORIC STATE PARK <i>10 miles SW of Lake City, SD off SD 10</i>	605.448.5474
HARTFORD BEACH STATE PARK <i>15 miles N of Milbank, SD off SD 15</i>	605.432.6374
LAKE COCHRANE RECREATION AREA <i>10 miles E of Clear Lake, SD off SD 22</i>	605.882.5200
LAKE HERMAN STATE PARK <i>2 miles W of Madison, SD off SD 34</i>	605.256.5003
LAKE LOUISE RECREATION AREA <i>14 miles NW of Miller, SD off US 14</i>	605.853.2533
LAKE POINSETT RECREATION AREA <i>14 miles NE of Arlington, SD off US 81</i>	605.983.5085
LAKE THOMPSON RECREATION AREA <i>6 miles SW of Lake Preston, SD off US 14</i>	605.847.4893
MINA LAKE RECREATION AREA <i>11 miles W of Aberdeen and 1 mile N off US 12</i>	605.626.3488
OAKWOOD LAKES STATE PARK <i>10 miles NW of Volga, SD off US 14</i>	605.627.5441
PELICAN LAKE RECREATION AREA <i>9 miles SW of Watertown, SD off US 212</i>	605.882.5200
PICKEREL LAKE RECREATION AREA <i>10 miles N of Wanbay, SD off US 12</i>	605.486.4753
RICHMOND LAKE RECREATION AREA <i>10 miles NW of Aberdeen, SD off US 281</i>	605.626.3488
ROY LAKE STATE PARK <i>3 miles SW of Lake City, SD off SD 10</i>	605.448.5701

SANDY SHORE RECREATION AREA 605.882.5200
5 miles W of Watertown, SD off US 212

SICA HOLLOW STATE PARK 605.448.5701
15 miles NW of Sisseton, SD off SD 10

WALKER'S POINT RECREATION AREA 605.256.5003
9 miles SE of Madison, SD off SD 19

SOUTHEAST

ADAMS HOMESTEAD AND NATURE PRESERVE 605.232.0873
2 miles SW of McCook Lake, SD, Exit 4 off I-29

BEAVER CREEK NATURE AREA 605.594.3824
5 miles SE Brandon, SD off I-90, Exit 406

BIG SIOUX RECREATION AREA 605.582.7243
4 miles S Brandon, SD off I-90, Exit 406

CHIEF WHITE CRANE RECREATION AREA 605.668.2985
5 miles W of Yankton, SD off SD 52

GOOD EARTH STATE PARK AT BLOOD RUN 605.213.1036
From Sioux Falls, SD: I-29/Exit 73, 10 miles E, 2 N, 1 E off 85th Street

LAKE ALVIN RECREATION AREA 605.987.2263
4 miles E, 1 N Harrisburg, SD off Co. 135

LAKE VERMILLION RECREATION AREA 605.296.3643
5 miles S of I-90 at Montrose, SD Exit 374

LEWIS AND CLARK RECREATION AREA 605.668.2985
6 miles W of Yankton, SD off SD 52

NEWTON HILLS STATE PARK 605.987.2263
6 miles S of Canton, SD off Co. 135

PALISADES STATE PARK 605.594.3824
7 miles N, 1 W of I-90, Exit 410 near Garretson, SD

PIERSON RANCH RECREATION AREA 605.668.2985
4 miles W of Yankton, SD off SD 52

SPIRIT MOUND HISTORIC PRAIRIE 605.987.2263
5 miles N of Vermillion, SD off SD 19

SPRINGFIELD RECREATION AREA 605.668.2985
1 mile E of Springfield, SD off SD 37

UNION GROVE STATE PARK 605.987.2263
11 miles S of Beresford, SD off I-29

STATE PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

CENTRAL

BURKE LAKE RECREATION AREA <i>2 miles E of Burke, SD off US 18</i>	605.337.2587
BURYANEK RECREATION AREA <i>20 miles NW of Platte, SD off SD 44</i>	605.337.2587
COW CREEK RECREATION AREA <i>15 miles NW of Pierre, SD off SD 1804</i>	605.773.3117
FARM ISLAND RECREATION AREA <i>4 miles E of Pierre, SD off SD 34</i>	605.773.2885
INDIAN CREEK RECREATION AREA <i>2 miles SE of Mobridge, SD off US 12</i>	605.845.7112
LAFRAMBOISE ISLAND NATURE AREA <i>SW side of city of Pierre, SD</i>	605.773-2885
LAKE HIDDENWOOD RECREATION AREA <i>5 miles NE of Selby off US 12/83</i>	605.845.7112
LITTLE MOREAU RECREATION AREA <i>6 miles S of Timber Lake, SD off SD 20</i>	605.765.9410
NORTH POINT RECREATION AREA <i>1 mile NW of Pickstown, SD off US 281</i>	605.487.7046
NORTH WHEELER RECREATION AREA <i>16 miles S of Platte, SD off SD 1804</i>	605.487.7046
OAHE DOWNSTREAM RECREATION AREA <i>5 miles N of Fort Pierre, SD off SD 1806</i>	605.223.7722
OKOBOJO POINT RECREATION AREA <i>17 miles NW of Pierre, SD off SD 1804</i>	605.773.3117
PEASE CREEK RECREATION AREA <i>9 miles S of Geddes, SD off SD 1804</i>	605.487.7046
PLATTE CREEK RECREATION AREA <i>14 miles SW of Platte, SD off SD 44</i>	605.337.2587
RANDALL CREEK RECREATION AREA <i>1 mile W of Pickstown, SD off US 281</i>	605.487.7046

REVHEIM BAY RECREATION AREA <i>1 mile SE of Mobridge, SD off US 12</i>	605.845.7112
SNAKE CREEK RECREATION AREA <i>14 miles W of Platte, SD off SD 44</i>	605.337.2587
SPRING CREEK RECREATION AREA <i>15 miles NW of Pierre, SD off SD 1804</i>	605.773.3117
SWAN CREEK RECREATION AREA <i>9 miles W of Akaska, SD off US 83</i>	605.765.9410
WEST BEND RECREATION AREA <i>35 miles SE of Pierre, SD off SD 34</i>	605.773.2885
WEST POLLOCK RECREATION AREA <i>3 miles SW of Pollock, SD off SD 1804</i>	605.845.7112
WEST WHITLOCK RECREATION AREA <i>18 miles W of Gettysburg, SD off US 212</i>	605.765.9410
WEST	
ANGOSTURA RECREATION AREA <i>Off US 18/385, 10 SE of Hot Springs, SD</i>	605.745.6996
BEAR BUTTE STATE PARK <i>6 miles NE of Sturgis, SD off SD 79</i>	605.347.5240
CUSTER STATE PARK <i>5 miles E of Custer, SD off US 16A</i> <i>culsterstatepark.com</i>	605.255.4515
GEORGE S. MICKELSON TRAIL <i>In the Black Hills, runs from Edgemont to Deadwood</i> <i>mickelsontrail.com</i>	605.584.3896
LLEWELLYN JOHNS RECREATION AREA <i>12 miles S of Lemmon, SD off SD 73</i>	605.374.5114
ROCKY POINT RECREATION AREA <i>8 miles E Belle Fourche, SD off SD 212</i>	605.641.0023
SHADEHILL RECREATION AREA <i>14 miles S of Lemmon, SD off SD 73</i>	605.374.5114
SHEPS CANYON RECREATION AREA <i>6 miles S of Hot Springs, SD on SD 71, 5 miles E on Sheps Canyon Road</i>	605.745.6996
SPEARFISH CANYON NATURE AREA <i>1 mile W from the Scenic Byway at Savoy on FDR 222 in Spearfish Canyon</i>	605.584.3896

PARK AMENITIES



	Big Stone Island	Fisher Grove*	Fort Sisseton*	Hartford Beach*	Lake Cochrane*	Lake Herman*	Lake Louise*	Lake Poinsett*	Lake Thompson*	Mina Lake*	Oakwood Lakes*	Pelican Lake*	Pickrel Lake*	Richmond Lake*	Roy Lake*	Sandy Shore*	Sica Hollow*	Walker's Point*
Entrance fee		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Total campsites		22	14	89	30	72	37	114	103	38	145	83	65	24	98	17	8	43
Electrical sites		22	10	87	30	70	29	108	97	38	133	83	65	24	87	15		42
Accessible sites		1		3	1	2	1	2	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1		1
Tent-only sites			4	2		2	2	6	6		6				12	2		1
Showers		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●
Dump station		●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●
Horse campsites											6	7E					8	
Camping cabins			3	4	1	4	2	4	5	1	7	2	7	1	3	2		2
Modern cabins										1					8			
Suites															5			
Lodge									●									
Resort																		
Playground		●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●
Swimming beach				●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		
Hiking trail			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Horse trail											●	●		●			●	
CC ski trail				●		●					●	●		●				
Warming shelter		●		●							●	●		●				
Picnic shelters		1	1	1	1	2	3	2		1	5	1	1	2	2	1		
Historical sites	●		●	●		●					●						●	
Fishing dock			●		●	●	●			●	●	●	●	●	●			●
Fish cleaning station				●		●	●	●				●		●				●
Boating/ramps			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●
Visitor center			●					●										
Concessions		●													●			

*Indicates parks on the reservation system. ● Tan number or dot indicates accessible facilities available.

SOUTHEAST

	Adams Homestead	Beaver Creek	Big Sioux*	Chief White Crane*	Good Earth	Lake Alvin	Lake Vermillion*	Lewis & Clark*	Newton Hills*	Palisades*	Pierson Ranch*	Spirit Mound	Springfield*	Union Grove*
Entrance fee			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●
Total campsites			49	146			130	418	136	34	67		20	25
Electrical sites			43	144			126	417	128	22	67		19	17
Accessible sites			1	2			3	5	2	1	1			
Tent-only sites			6	2			4	1	8	12				4
Showers			●	●			●	●	●	●	●		●	●
Dump station			●	●			●	●	●		●		●	●
Horse campsites								8E	10E					4E
Camping cabins			3	10			9	19	9	6	2		2	
Modern cabins									1					
Suites														
Lodge									2	●				
Resort								●						
Playground	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●
Swimming beach						●	●	●	●					
Hiking trail	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Horse trail			●					●	●					●
CC ski trail	●								●					
Warming shelter			●						●					
Picnic shelters	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	8	6	1	4		1	2
Historical sites	●	●	●		●					●		●		
Fishing dock				●		●	●	●	●				●	
Fish cleaning station							●	●					●	
Boating/ramps				●		●	●	●	●				●	
Visitor center	●				●			●						
Concessions								●						

PARK AMENITIES



	Burke Lake	Buryanek*	Cow Creek*	Farm Island*	Indian Creek*	LaFramboise Island	Lake Hiddenwood	Little Moreau	North Point*	North Wheeler	Oahe Downstream*	Okobojo Point	Pease Creek*	Platte Creek*	Randall Creek*	Revheim Bay
Entrance fee		●	●	●	●		●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Total campsites	15	44	46	90	123		13	5	115	27	205	18	29	36	132	
Electrical sites		41	38	90	120		13		115	25	205		24	36	132	
Accessible sites		1		2	1				2		4		1	1	3	
Tent-only sites					3											
Showers		●	●	●	●				●		●	●	●	●	●	●
Dump station		●	●	●	●				●		●		●	●	●	
Horse campsites													5			
Camping cabins		3	4	4	2				7		8				4	
Modern cabins											4					
Suites																
Lodge											●					
Resort					●											
Playground		●		●	●		●		●		●		●	●	●	●
Swimming beach				●					●		●			●		●
Hiking trail	●			●	●	●	●				●		●			●
Horse trail													●			
X-Country ski trail						●					●					
Warming shelter				●												
Picnic shelters	2	1		4	2	1	1	1	1		5	7	1	1	2	4
Historical sites				●		●										
Fishing dock	●			●		●					●				●	
Fish cleaning station		●	●	●	●				●	●	●		●	●	●	
Boating/ramps	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Visitor center				●							●					
Concessions					●				●							

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Snake Creek*	Spring Creek	Swan Creek*	West Bend*	West Pollock*	West Whitlock*
●	●	●	●	●	●
114		26	119	29	105
110		23	108	29	101
2		1	1		1
					4
●	●	●	●	●	●
●		●	●	●	●
10			4		2
	12				
	4				
●					
●			●	●	●
●					●
●			●		●
1			2		1
●					
●	●	●	●	●	●
●	●	●	●	●	●
●					

WEST	Angostura*	Bear Butte	Custer*	Llewellyn Johns*	Mickelson Trail	Rocky Point*	Shadehill*	Sheps Canyon*	Spearfish Canyon
	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Entrance fee	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Total campsites	166	19	338	10		62	85	33	
Electrical sites	160		209	10		57	85	22	
Accessible sites	7		5			3	4	1	
Tent-only sites	6	4	69						
Showers	●		●			●	●	●	
Dump station	●		●			●	●	●	
Horse campsites		4	29E					11	
Camping cabins	13		50			2	7	1	
Modern cabins									
Suites									
Lodge							●	●	
Resort	●		●						
Playground	●		●			●	●	●	
Swimming beach	●		●			●	●		
Hiking trail	●	●	●		●		●	●	●
Horse trail		●	●		●			●	
X-Country ski trail									
Warming shelter					●				
Picnic shelters	3	1	1	2	14	4	1		
Historical sites		●	●	●	●				
Fishing dock	●	●	●						
Fish cleaning station	●					●	●		
Boating/ramps	●	●	●			●	●	●	
Visitor center	●	●	●				●		
Concessions	●		●						

CAMPGROUNDS

PRIME \$26E/\$22

Angostura Recreation Area
Big Sioux Recreation Area
Chief White Crane Recreation Area
Farm Island Recreation Area
Fort Sisseton Historic State Park
Hartford Beach State Park
Lake Cochrane Recreation Area
Lake Herman State Park
Lake Louise Recreation Area
Lake Poinsett Recreation Area
Lake Thompson Recreation Area
Lake Vermillion Recreation Area
Lewis and Clark Recreation Area
Mina Lake Recreation Area
Newton Hills State Park
North Point Recreation Area

Oakwood Lakes State Park
Palisades State Park
Pease Creek Recreation Area
Pelican Lake Recreation Area
Pickerel Lake Recreation Area
Pierson Ranch Recreation Area
Randall Creek Recreation Area
Richmond Lake Recreation Area
Rocky Point Recreation Area
Roy Lake State Park
Sandy Shore Recreation Area
Shadehill Recreation Area
Sheps Canyon Recreation Area
Snake Creek Recreation Area
Union Grove State Park
Walker's Point Recreation Area

PREFERRED \$23E/\$19

Fisher Grove State Park
Buryanek Recreation Area
Oahe Downstream
Recreation Area
Springfield Recreation Area
West Bend Recreation Area

MODERN \$20E/\$16

Cow Creek Recreation Area
Indian Creek Recreation Area
Okobojo Point Recreation Area
Platte Creek Recreation Area
Swan Creek Recreation Area
West Pollock Recreation Area
West Whitlock Recreation Area

BASIC \$15E/\$11

Amsden Dam Lakeside Use Area
Bear Butte Lakeside Use Area
Burke Lake Recreation Area
Dude Ranch Lakeside Use Area
East Whitlock Lakeside Use Area
Elm Creek Lakeside Use Area
Lake Carthage Lakeside Use Area
Llewellyn Johns Recreation Area
North Wheeler Recreation Area
Sand Creek Lakeside Use Area
S. Scalp Creek Lakeside Use Area
Sheps Canyon Lakeside Use Area
South Shore Lakeside Use Area
Tabor Lakeside Use Area
Walth Bay Lakeside Use Area
Whetstone Bay Lakeside Use Area
White Swan Lakeside Use Area

EQUESTRIAN \$18-40

Campgrounds specifically for campers with horses. Includes trailer parking and corrals/hitching posts.

Custer State Park, French Creek Campground.....\$40E

Semi-modern equestrian campgrounds..... \$26E/\$22

- » Lewis and Clark Recreation Area
- » Newton Hills State Park
- » Oakwood Lakes State Park
- » Pease Creek Recreation Area
- » Pelican Lake Recreation Area
- » Sheps Canyon Recreation Area
- » Union Grove State Park

Basic Equestrian Campgrounds..\$18

- » Bear Butte State Park
- » Sica Hollow State Park

CUSTER STATE PARK

Camping fees vary from other state parks and recreation areas. Custer State Park takes camping reservations up to one year in advance. For more information visit custerstatepark.com.

CAMPING FEES

Camping cabin..... \$55
French Creek Horse Camp..... \$40E
Modern campgrounds.....\$30E/\$26
Semi-modern campgrounds..... \$19
Tent only/Non-electric..... \$15



CAMPING CABINS

These one-room, log-style cabins are found in parks and recreation areas throughout the state and are available to rent year-round. Each cabin has heating, air conditioning, and electricity. Furnishings can include a set of bunk beds, a double bed, a table and benches. A porch provides a pleasant place to relax and enjoy the scenery.

CAMPING CABIN FEES

Prices per night. Fees are subject to sales tax.

Camping cabin..... \$55

Cabin campsite \$20-26

Campsite is adjacent to the cabin and can only be rented by the party renting the cabin. Not available at all parks. Contact the park.

ABOUT CAMPING CABINS

- » Cabins are reservable year-round, 90 days prior to arrival, except at Custer State Park where reservations are taken one year in advance.
- » **Reservations must be made by midnight at least two days before arrival.**
- » Camping cabins sleep up to 4 or 5 people.
- » Linens are not included.
- » Check-in time is 4 p.m.
- » Checkout time is 11 a.m.
- » No smoking in the cabins.
- » No cooking in the cabins.



CUSTER STATE PARK

LODGING

The state parks feature several different lodging options to fit your needs. They offer the comforts of home in an outdoor setting any time of the year. Lodging accommodations feature heating, air conditioning, electricity, and bathroom facilities. The number of bedrooms, maximum occupants, extent of kitchen facilities, and availability of other amenities vary by unit. Visit gfp.sd.gov for detailed information.

SUITE FEES

Multiple rental units housed within one structure. Units feature 1-2 bedrooms, sleep 3-8. Prices per night per unit. Fees subject to sales tax.

Roy Lake.....	\$85-175
Spring Creek.....	\$85

GROUP LODGE FEES

Single rental structure with multiple rooms for larger groups. Feature 3-5 bedrooms, sleep 12*. Prices per night. Fees subject to sales tax.

Lake Thompson.....	\$280
Newton Hills.....	\$280
Oahe Downstream.....	\$125
Non-profit youth groups.....	\$40
*Set up for large gatherings, no bedrooms	
Palisades.....	\$280
Event shelter.....	\$50
Shadehill.....	\$280
Sheps Canyon.....	\$280
Bunkhouse.....	\$55

Lodge campsite..... \$20-\$26
Campsite is adjacent to the lodge and can only be rented by the party renting the lodge. Not available at all parks. Contact the park.

MODERN CABIN FEES

Single rental unit with multiple rooms. Feature 1-3 bedrooms, sleep 3-10. Prices per night. Fees subject to sales tax.

Mina Lake.....	\$150
Newton Hills.....	\$150
Oahe Downstream.....	\$120-150
Roy Lake.....	\$120-150
Spring Creek.....	\$150-205

ABOUT LODGING

- » Reservations can be made as much as one year prior to arrival.
- » Reservations must be made by midnight two days prior to your arrival.
- » A two-night stay is required.
- » Linens are not included.
- » Furnishings are provided.
- » Basic kitchenware may be provided.
- » Check-in time is 4 p.m. Checkout time is 11 a.m.
- » No smoking.
- » Learn more about each facility at gfp.sd.gov.

CONCESSIONAIRE FACILITIES

ANGOSTURA RECREATION AREA | NEAR HOT SPRINGS

ANGOSTURA MARINA AND RESORT

605.745.6665

Marina, beachside restaurant, modern cabins, convenience store, floating fuel dock, bait

CEDAR SHORE LAKESIDE USE AREA | NEAR OACOMA

ARROWWOOD CEDAR SHORE RESORT, MARINA, AND RV PARK

605.734.6376 | arrowwoodcedarshore.com

Hotel, convention center, restaurant and lounge, marina, floating fuel dock, bait shop, campground. Open year round.

CUSTER STATE PARK | NEAR CUSTER

CUSTER STATE PARK RESORTS

888.875.0001 | custerresorts.com

Features a variety of accommodations in four resorts – Blue Bell Lodge, Legion Lake Lodge, the State Game Lodge and Sylvan Lake Lodge – including cabins and rooms, convenience stores, restaurants, recreation/equipment rentals, wildlife tours, trail rides. See the 2023 *Tatanka*, the guide to Custer State Park. Open year round.

INDIAN CREEK RECREATION AREA | NEAR MOBRIDGE

BRIDGE CITY MARINA AND RESORT

605.845.9129 | bridgecitymarina.com

Marina, restaurant, modern cabins, convenience store, fuel, bait. Open year round.

LEWIS AND CLARK RECREATION AREA | NEAR YANKTON

LEWIS AND CLARK MARINA

605.665.3111 | lewisandclarkpark.com

Marina, floating fuel dock, slip and boat rentals, boat service, restaurant, convenience store.

LEWIS AND CLARK RESORT

605.665.2680 | lewisandclarkpark.com

Lodge, motel rooms, modern two- and three-bedroom cabins, cottages, full hook-up campsites, outdoor swimming pool, basketball court, two large picnic shelters. Open year round.

These facilities are privately operated under agreement with South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks. Contact the establishments for more information.

NORTH POINT RECREATION AREA | NEAR PICKSTOWN

FORT RANDALL MARINA

605.487.7272

Marina, convenience store, floating fuel dock

SNAKE CREEK RECREATION AREA | NEAR PLATTE

DOCK 44 MARINA

605.337.3080 | dock44.com

Marina, modern cabins, restaurant, bait, convenience store, floating fuel dock

SPRING CREEK RECREATION AREA | NEAR PIERRE

BOAT HOUSE BAR AND GRILL AT SPRING CREEK

605.773.3117 ext.2 | boathousesd.com

Restaurant and bar



LEWIS AND CLARK RECREATION AREA

HIKING TIPS

BEFORE YOU GO...

1. View the interactive map of all parks and trails at gfp.sd.gov/maps and print individual park maps at gfp.sd.gov/parks/findpark.
2. Consider purchasing the AllTrails mobile app and the free Avenza Maps mobile app to help navigate the trail while at the park. These third-party mobile apps require the trail map to be downloaded prior, though work offline to track your progress and location.
3. Bring more water than you expect to need. And even for planned short hikes, carry food and a light in the event your hike takes longer than expected.
4. Check the weather and remember sun protection, layers, and the right footwear.
5. Tell a friend where you are hiking and when you expect to return.
6. If hiking with a pet, review all park pet policies. This includes no pets on Bear Butte State Park's trail, carrying waste back out with you, and always keeping your pet under control.

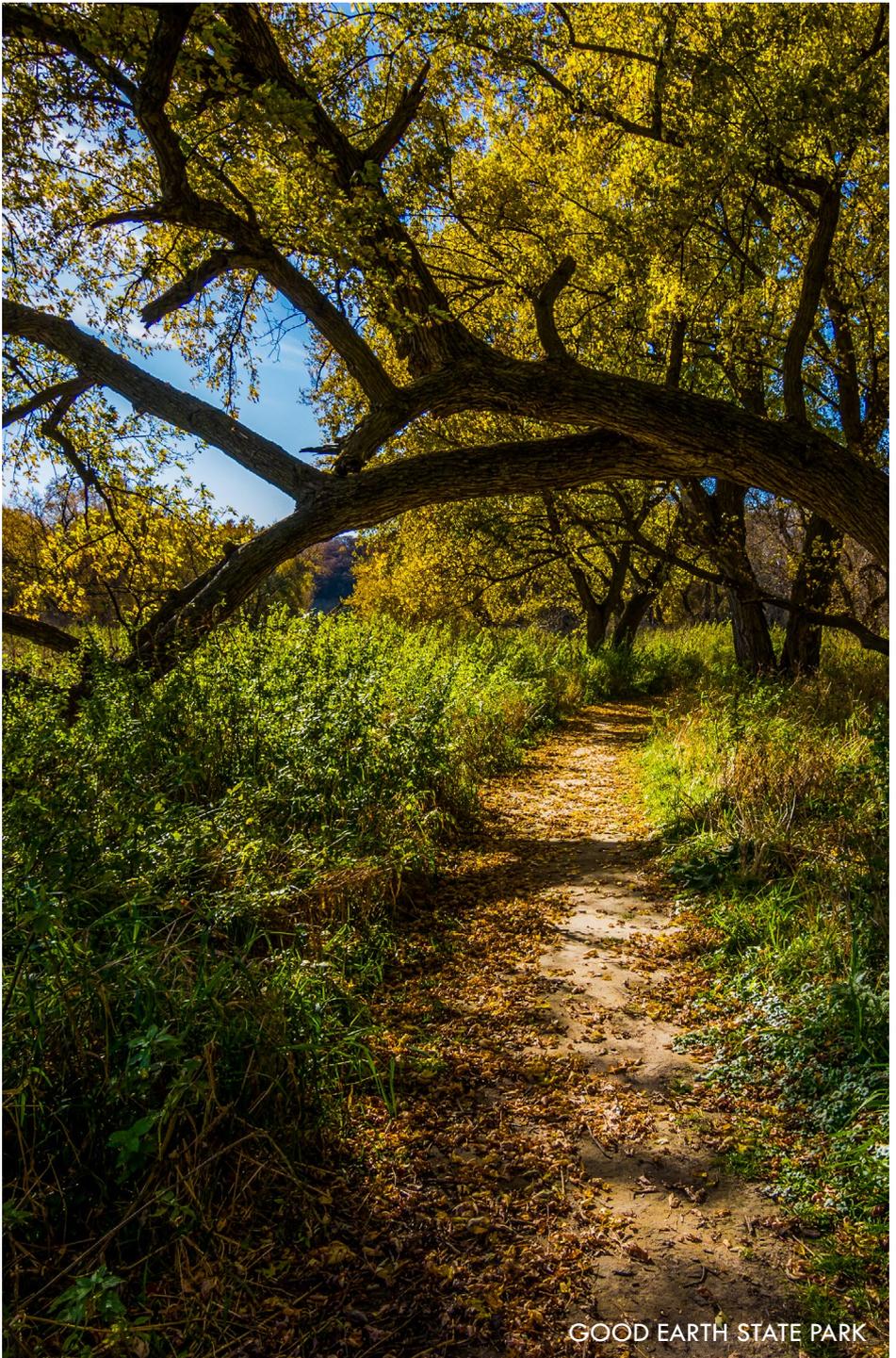
While hiking in the winter, consider checking out snowshoes at participating parks or purchase ice cleats for better traction on snow and ice.

WHILE ON THE TRAIL...

1. Stay on the designated and well-marked trail and avoid muddy trails.
2. Dispose of all trash appropriately.
3. Stay aware of your surroundings and weather changes. Be mindful of poisonous plants.
4. Be courteous to others on the trail, including giving right of way to hikers going uphill and yield for horses on multiuse trails.
5. When approaching other hikers, make your presence known. If hiking as a group, be courteous by hiking single file.
6. Recognize your limits and know when to turn around to make the hike back out safely.
7. Enjoy the time in nature by taking lots of breaks to listen and take in the scenery.

Remember to check back in with your friend when you are safely off the trail.

Interested in more hiking tips and outdoor survival skills? Visit gfp.sd.gov/education to sign-up for an outdoor skills class. And visit gfp.sd.gov/events for a list of guided hikes scheduled at your local state park.



GOOD EARTH STATE PARK

THE TRAILS ARE CALLING

A sasquatch has been spotted in South Dakota State Parks! The trails are calling you to find bigfoot and earn prizes! Hike the participating parks' trails and look for sasquatch signs. Snap a photo and submit at gfp.sd.gov/hike2023.

Seek Sasquatch all year, January 1 to December 31, 2023.



LEARN MORE!



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JOIN OUR TEAM



Each year, parks across the state hire seasonal employees, volunteers, and interns to help provide a positive experience for our guests. Here is your opportunity to work in the natural beauty of your favorite state park.

APPLY TODAY!



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