# SOUTH DAKOTA **STATE PARK AND RECREATION AREA** HANDBOOK 2025



# SOUTH DAKOTA STATE PARKS



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- Lakeside Use Area
- \* Park entrance license not required

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PALISADES STATE PARK

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PICKEREL LAKE RECREATION AREA

# NEW IN OUR STATE PARKS

#### 2025 FEE UPDATES: INVESTING IN OUR PARKS

South Dakota State Parks entrance and camping fees increased in 2025 to adjust to rising costs and to help keep our parks welcoming, well-maintained, and ready for visitors. Our goal is to create a balanced budget that allows us to adequately maintain and improve our facilities while still keeping fees fair for all. Our state parks are renowned for their variety of amenities and natural beauty, attracting millions of visitors each year, and we want to ensure they remain in great condition for everyone to enjoy.

Additionally in 2025, a nonresident entrance license fee has been established. This approach aligns with practices in other states.

These fee adjustments are expected to generate around \$4.38 million with

the majority of this revenue directly supporting projects such as cabin remodels, comfort station repairs, road maintenance, new fish cleaning stations, boat ramp replacements, and playgrounds. The changes are an important step in our ongoing effort to keep our parks beautiful and inviting for everyone.

#### PICKEREL LAKE RECREATION AREA CABIN

The new modern cabin at Pickerel Lake Recreation Area provides a serene lakefront retreat, perfect for those seeking a peaceful getaway. Accommodating up to eight guests, it is an excellent choice for small business retreats, family reunions, or gatherings with friends. Centrally located, the cabin offers close access to a variety of hunting and fishing opportunities. Featuring a fully equipped kitchen, private bedrooms, and a bathroom, it ensures all the comforts of home during your stay. Additionally, for those planning a reunion, campsite 27 is conveniently located nearby.

#### PALISADES STATE PARK ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND

The all-inclusive playground at Palisades State Park is situated within the newly expanded day-use area. This thoughtfully designed playground features ADA accessibility and a variety of inclusive activities, including a tenor tree and ADA-compliant swings. A unique zero-entry orbit (merry-goround) enhances the play experience for everyone. The playground's pouredin-place rubber surface ensures easy navigation for strollers and wheelchairs while providing a safe environment for all visitors. Enjoy great views of the rock outcroppings and Split Rock Creek with a nearby shelter available for shade or picnicking.

#### SNAKE CREEK RECREATION AREA'S FISH CLEANING AND TRAILER DUMP STATION

Snake Creek Recreation Area offers a new fish cleaning and trailer dump station in 2025. Conveniently located just a mile east of the recreation area, these facilities are designed to ensure uninterrupted services during the bridge construction project expected to begin in 2025.

#### **NEW FACILITIES**

#### Custer State Park

» Playgrounds in Blue Bell, Center Lake, and Bison Center

#### Farm Island

- » Swim beach change house
- » Playground at beach

#### Good Earth

» Additional 2.5 miles of trails

#### Lake Alvin

- » New spillway
- » Updated amenities

**Lake Cochrane** » Picnic shelter

#### Lake Hiddenwood » Dump station » Hiking trails

#### Lake Louise

- » Archery range
- Lake Poinsett
  » Archery range

#### Lake Vermillion

- » Picnic shelter
- » Parking at swim beach

#### **Lewis and Clark** » Trail spur to resort area

Newton Hills » Flush toilet at horse camp » Dump station

#### Oahe Downstream » Dump station

Oakwood Lakes » 2 corrals in horse camp

#### Palisades

- » Picnic shelters
- » Camping cabins
- » ADA playground
- » Hiking trails
- » Vault toilets

#### Pickerel Lake

» Modern cabin

Sica Hollow » Open to all camping

#### Snake Creek

- » Dump station
- » Fish cleaning station

**Springfield** » Playground

#### Whetstone Bay » Fish cleaning station

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SOUTH DAKOTA STATE PARKS



## PARK PROGRAMS

#### PARK RX

It's no secret that a healthy dose of fresh air provides actual medical benefits for the human body. Did you know your health care practitioner can write you a Park Prescription? The prescription is redeemable for a free one-day pass to any South Dakota state park or a discounted annual pass for year-round activity.

Regular, outdoor exercise is proven to benefit both physical and mental health, and it doesn't take a big investment of time to make a big difference. Not only does it get the heart pumping and the body moving, even light outdoor exercise can improve cognitive development, reduce stress, and improve your mood.

Talk to your doctor today to see if they participate in the South Dakota Park Prescription program. If not, it's easy for them to sign up and start writing prescriptions. Conversation starters for doctors and patients:

#### Weekly Physical Activity

This is a chance for patients to share their current activity level and for doctors to suggest some small, simple changes to help people get more active.

#### **Family Activities**

What does the patient's family like to do together on a regular basis? If quality time often means TV time, the physician can offer tips to get the whole family more active. What if commercial breaks turned into a fitness break?

#### Aspirational Activities

What are the patient's goals? Run a 5K? Climb stairs easily? Longer playtimes with grandkids? When physicians understand their patients' motivations, they can work together to set achievable goals and a plan to reach them.

#### **GO FOURTH**

Since 2015, the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks has partnered with the Department of Health to put on the Go Fourth program. Go Fourth aims to get fourth graders and their families outside and active with the overall goal of improving the health of South Dakota youth and their families. All students are eligible.

The Go Fourth pass is redeemable for the student's choice of three state park discounts:

- » A free daily entrance license
- » Half off one annual entrance license
- » A free 3-year subscription to the *Conservation Digest*

Students also receive a coupon for a free one-hour equipment rental, where available. The Go Fourth and rental coupon are redeemable until December 31 of the issuing year.

We encourage students to go forth and create healthy habits, try new activities, and enjoy nature with their families.

#### Receiving your pass

Passes are typically distributed in March and April, either through the school office or through a classroom visit by GFP staff.

Parents of homeschool fourth grade students should contact a state park administrative office or email *parkinfo@ state.sd.us.* Please include your student's name and your mailing address so we can determine eligibility. Any South Dakota student who is a fourth grader in the 2024-2025 school year is eligible for the 2025 program.

#### Redeeming your pass

You can redeem your Go Fourth pass at any South Dakota State Park or Recreation Area.

#### CHECKOUT SD

In partnership between the South Dakota Department of Education and Game, Fish and Parks, library card holders may check out a threeday state park vehicle pass at their local, participating public library. The Check Out South Dakota State Parks library park pass is valid for entry of one passenger vehicle into any South Dakota State Park, Recreation Area, or Nature Area.

#### How does it work?

Contact your local library to Check Out South Dakota State Parks. If you don't have a library card, visit your local library to get one. The library card and the pass checkout are free!

During your park visit, visibly display the vehicle park entrance license on your vehicle's rearview mirror. Make sure to return the vehicle park pass to the library for others to Check Out South Dakota State Parks, and complete the survey about your experience.

#### **Participating Libraries**

View the list of participating libraries at *library.sd.gov/sdstateparks/participating. aspx.* 

Don't see your local library listed? Contact your library to request their participation.

# PARK ACTIVITIES

<ul> <li>Activity available at the park</li> <li>Accessible activity available</li> <li>Free equipment checkout</li> <li>Equipment available for a fee</li> <li>Rental through vendor in/near park</li> </ul>	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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# 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

2025 park entrance licenses are valid October 1,							
2024 through May 16, 2026. Fees are per vehicle							
Daily resident license \$10							
Daily nonresident license\$15							
Annual resident license\$40							
Two annual resident licenses\$60							
Transferable license (resident only)\$90							
Annual nonresident license\$60							
Two annual nonresident licenses \$90							
Custer State Park 7-day license \$25							
Custer State Park Motorcycle (7-day) \$20							

#### MICKELSON TRAIL PASS

Per	person,	age	12	and	older
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Daily	~	 \$5
Annual		 \$20

#### 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

#### 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. Modern campground......\$23 Basic campground.....\$16 Campsite electrical fee......\$7

#### Lodging

See page 32-33 for lodging infor	rmation.
Group Lodge	\$150-300
Modern cabin	\$120-205
Suite	\$85-175
Camping cabin	\$60

#### **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.



Gatherings in the state parks involving 50 or more people must complete a free **SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION**.

# SPENDING AN AFTERNOON IN OUR PARKS CAN LAST A LIFETIME

BASK IN THE SUN ON THE ROCKS PALISADES STATE PARK



HIKE A TRAIL WHERE PIONEERS LIVED ADAMS HOMESTEAD AND NATURE PRESERVE STROLL A QUIET TRAIL THAT WAS ONCE A BUSTLING NATIVE AMERICAN TRADE CENTER GOOD EARTH STATE PARK



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.

FOUNDATION

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





# **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 yearround, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. CT, 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 \$6 fee is assessed to all phone reservations.
- » A \$10 per site, non-refundable reservation fee applies to nonresidents.
- » Gift cards are accepted online, through the call center and at the parks. Gift cards can be combined with other payment methods.
- » Dogs and cats are allowed in petdesignated lodges, cabins, and suites with a \$10 pet accommodation fee.

#### 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*. 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. These sites are held until they are the last available site in the campground, then the ADA site is released to the public.

#### 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.
- » Dogs and cats are allowed in petdesignated lodges, cabins, and suites with a \$10 fee.

#### 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 Bend Lakeside Use Area
- » Little Moreau Recreation Area
- » Minneconjou Lakeside Use 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

- » 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 parking 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. A person may not cause unreasonable disturbance to others in park areas. Please be considerate while camping.

#### **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 ten feet at all times 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.
- » Pets are not allowed in comfort stations and visitor centers. Service animals are allowed.
- » Dogs and cats are allowed in petdesignated lodges, cabins, and suites for a \$10 fee. A list of pet-friendly cabins is available at gfp.sd.gov/camping-regulations.
- » 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.

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.

#### **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.

#### 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.
- » 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.
- » 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.
- » Firewood is available for purchase in the parks or from local stores outside the quarantine area.
- » 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 campsites and camping cabins:

- » 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*. Additional opportunities may also be available in designated areas of select state parks in September and May. Visit *sdgfp.maps.arcgis.com* or contact the park for details.

#### 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 accomodate these activities.

# 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, it is important to practice CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY:

- » 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 AR

ADAMS HOMESTEAD AND NATURE PRESERVE 2 miles SW of McCook Lake, SD, Exit 4 off I-29	605.232.0873
ANGOSTURA RECREATION AREA Off US 18/385, 10 SE of Hot Springs, SD	605.745.6996
<b>BEAR BUTTE STATE PARK</b> 6 miles NE of Sturgis, SD off SD 79	605.347.5240
<b>BEAVER CREEK NATURE AREA</b> 5 miles SE Brandon, SD off I-90, Exit 406	605.773.6245
BIG SIOUX RECREATION AREA 4 miles S Brandon, SD off I-90, Exit 406	605.773.8106
<b>BIG STONE ISLAND NATURE AREA</b> 4 miles N of Big Stone City off SD 15 on Big Stone Lake	605.432.6374
BURKE LAKE RECREATION AREA 2 miles E of Burke, SD off US 18	605.773.5527
<b>BURYANEK RECREATION AREA</b> 20 miles NW of Platte, SD off SD 44	605.773.5527
CHIEF WHITE CRANE RECREATION AREA 6 miles W of Yankton, SD off SD 52	605.668.2985
COW CREEK RECREATION AREA 15 miles NW of Pierre, SD off SD 1804	605.773.3117
<b>CUSTER STATE PARK</b> 5 miles E of Custer, SD off US 16A custerstatepark.com	605.394.2693
FARM ISLAND RECREATION AREA 4 miles E of Pierre, SD off SD 34	605.773.2885
FISHER GROVE STATE PARK 7 miles E of Redfield, SD off US 212	605.472.1336
FORT SISSETON HISTORIC STATE PARK 10 miles SW of Lake City, SD off SD 10	605.910.4465
<b>GEORGE S. MICKELSON TRAIL</b> In the Black Hills, runs from Edgemont to Deadwood mickelsontrail.com	605.584.3896

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GOOD EARTH STATE PARK AT BLOOD RUN From Sioux Falls, SD: I-29/Exit 73, 10 miles E, 2 N, 1 E off 85	605.213.1036 th Street
HARTFORD BEACH STATE PARK 15 miles N of Milbank, SD off SD 15	605.432.6374
INDIAN CREEK RECREATION AREA 2 miles SE of Mobridge, SD off US 12	605.223.5563
LAFRAMBOISE ISLAND NATURE AREA SW side of city of Pierre, SD	605.773-2885
LAKE ALVIN RECREATION AREA 4 miles E, 1 N Harrisburg, SD off Co. 135	605.987.2263
LAKE COCHRANE RECREATION AREA 10 miles E of Clear Lake, SD off SD 22	605.882.5392
LAKE HERMAN STATE PARK 2 miles W of Madison, SD off SD 34	605.256.5003
LAKE HIDDENWOOD RECREATION AREA 5 miles NE of Selby off US 12/83	605.223.5563
LAKE LOUISE RECREATION AREA 14 miles NW of Miller, SD off US 14	605.910.4589
LAKE POINSETT RECREATION AREA 14 miles NE of Arlington, SD off US 81	605.983.5085
LAKE THOMPSON RECREATION AREA 6 miles SW of Lake Preston, SD off US 14	605.847.4893
LAKE VERMILLION RECREATION AREA 5 miles S of I-90 at Montrose, SD Exit 374	605.773.5877
LEWIS AND CLARK RECREATION AREA 6 miles W of Yankton, SD off SD 52	605.668.2985
LITTLE MOREAU RECREATION AREA 6 miles S of Timber Lake, SD off SD 20	605.223.5563
LLEWELLYN JOHNS RECREATION AREA 12 miles S of Lemmon, SD off SD 73	605.374.5114
MINA LAKE RECREATION AREA 11 miles W of Aberdeen and 1 mile N off US 12	605.626.3488

# STATE PARKS AND RECREATION AR

NEWTON HILLS STATE PARK 6 miles S of Canton, SD off Co. 135	605.987.2263
NORTH POINT RECREATION AREA 1 mile NW of Pickstown, SD off US 281	605.773.8239
NORTH WHEELER RECREATION AREA 16 miles S of Platte, SD off SD 1804	605.773.8239
OAHE DOWNSTREAM RECREATION AREA 5 miles N of Fort Pierre, SD off SD 1806	605.223.7722
OAKWOOD LAKES STATE PARK 12 miles NW of Volga, SD off US 14	605.627.5441
OKOBOJO POINT RECREATION AREA 17 miles NW of Pierre, SD off SD 1804	605.773.3117
PALISADES STATE PARK 4.5 miles N, 2 W of I-90, Exit 410 near Garretson, SD	605.773.6245
PEASE CREEK RECREATION AREA 9 miles S of Geddes, SD off SD 1804	605.773.8239
PELICAN LAKE RECREATION AREA 9 miles SW of Watertown, SD off US 212	605.882.5392
PICKEREL LAKE RECREATION AREA 10 miles N of Waubay, SD off US 12	605.910.4515
PIERSON RANCH RECREATION AREA 4 miles W of Yankton, SD off SD 52	605.668.2985
PLATTE CREEK RECREATION AREA 14 miles SW of Platte, SD off SD 44	605.773.5527
<b>RANDALL CREEK RECREATION AREA</b> 1 mile W of Pickstown, SD off US 281	605.773.8239
<b>REVHEIM BAY RECREATION AREA</b> 1 mile SE of Mobridge, SD off US 12	605.223.5563
<b>RICHMOND LAKE RECREATION AREA</b> 10 miles NW of Aberdeen, SD off US 281	605.626.3488
<b>ROCKY POINT RECREATION AREA</b> 8 miles E Belle Fourche, SD off SD 212	605.773.2408

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ROY LAKE STATE PARK 3 miles SW of Lake City, SD off SD 10	605.910.4521
SANDY SHORE RECREATION AREA 5 miles W of Watertown, SD off US 212	605.882.5392
SHADEHILL RECREATION AREA 14 miles S of Lemmon, SD off SD 73	605.374.5114
<b>SHEPS CANYON RECREATION AREA</b> 6 miles S of Hot Springs, SD on SD 71, 5 miles E on Sheps Canyon	<b>605.745.6996</b> Road
SICA HOLLOW STATE PARK 15 miles NW of Sisseton, SD off SD 10	605.910.4521
SNAKE CREEK RECREATION AREA 14 miles W of Platte, SD off SD 44	605.773.5527
<b>SPEARFISH CANYON NATURE AREA</b> 1 mile W from the Scenic Byway at Savoy on FDR 222 in Spearfish C	605.584.3896 Canyon
SPIRIT MOUND HISTORIC PRAIRIE 5 miles N of Vermillion, SD off SD 19	605.987.2263
SPRING CREEK RECREATION AREA 15 miles NW of Pierre, SD off SD 1804	605.773.3117
SPRINGFIELD RECREATION AREA 1 mile E of Springfield, SD off SD 37	605.668.2985
SWAN CREEK RECREATION AREA 9 miles W of Akaska, SD off US 83	605.937.8413
UNION GROVE STATE PARK 11 miles S of Beresford, SD off I-29	605.987.2263
WALKER'S POINT RECREATION AREA 9 miles SE of Madison, SD off SD 19	605.256.5003
WEST BEND RECREATION AREA 35 miles SE of Pierre, SD off SD 34	605.773.2885
WEST POLLOCK RECREATION AREA 3 miles SW of Pollock, SD off SD 1804	605.223.5563
WEST WHITLOCK RECREATION AREA 18 miles W of Gettysburg, SD off US 212	605.937.8413

# PARK AMENITIES

	Adams Homestead	Angostura*	Bear Butte	Beaver Creek	Big Sioux*	Big Stone Island	Burke Lake	Buryanek*	Chief White Crane*	Cow Creek*	Custer*	Farm Island*	Fisher Grove*	Fort Sisseton*	GS Mickelson Trail	Good Earth	Hartford Beach*
Entrance fee		٠	•		٠			٠	•	٠	•	•	•	٠	٠	٠	٠
Total campsites		166	19		49		15	44	146	46	340	90	22	14			91
Electrical sites		160			43			41	144	38	214	90	22	10			89
Accessible sites		7			1			1	2		9	2	1				3
Tent-only sites		6	4		6				2		58			4			2
Showers		•			•			•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•
Dump station		٠			•			•	•	•	•	•	•				•
Horse campsites			4								29E						
Camping cabins		14			3			3	10	4	50	4		3			4
Modern cabins		-															
Suites																	
Lodge																	
Resort		•									•						
Playground	•	•			•			•	•		•	•	•			•	•
Swimming beach		•									•	•					•
Hiking trail	•	•	•	•	•		•		•		•	•		•	•	•	•
Horse trail			•		•						•				•		
CC ski trail	•																•
Warming shelter					•							•	٠		•		٠
Picnic shelters	1	5	1	2	1		2	1	1		12	4	1		14	1	1
Historical sites	٠		٠	•	•	•					•	•		•	•	•	•
Fishing dock		٠	•				•		•		•	•		•			
Fish cleaning station		٠						٠		•		•					•
Boating/ramps		٠	•				•	•	•	•	•	•		•			•
Visitor center	•	٠	•								•	•		•		•	
Concessions		•									•		•				

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

	Indian Creek*	LaFramboise Island	Lake Alvin	Lake Cochrane*	Lake Herman*	Lake Hiddenwood	Lake Louise*	Lake Poinsett*	Lake Thompson*	Lake Vermillion*	Lewis and Clark*	Little Moreau	Llewellyn Johns*	Mina Lake*	Newton Hills*	North Point*
Entrance fee	•		•	٠	•	•	•	٠	٠	•	•		•	•	•	•
Total campsites	123			30	72	13	39	112	103	130	422	6	10	37	132	115
Electrical sites	120			30	70	13	31	104	97	126	417		10	37	128	115
Accessible sites	1			1	2		1	2	1	3	5			1	2	2
Tent-only sites	3				2			6	6	4	5			1	9	
Showers	•			٠	•		•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•
Dump station	•			٠	•	٠	٠	٠	٠	٠	•			٠	•	٠
Horse campsites											8E				10E	
Camping cabins	2			1	4		2	4	5	9	20			1	11	7
Modern cabins														1	1	
Suites																
Lodge									•						2	
Resort	•										•					
Playground	•		•	٠	•	٠	•	•	•	٠	•			٠	•	•
Swimming beach			•	٠	•		•	٠	•	٠	•			٠	•	•
Hiking trail	•	•		٠	•	•	•	٠	•	٠	•			•	•	
Horse trail											•				•	
CC ski trail		٠			•			٠							٠	
Warming shelter															•	
Picnic shelters	2	1	1	1	2	1	3	1		2	8	1	2	1	6	1
Historical sites		٠			•								•			
Fishing dock		•	•	٠						٠				٠	•	
Fish cleaning station	•						•	٠	•	٠	•					•
Boating/ramps	•	•	•	٠	•		•	٠	•	٠	•	•		٠	•	•
Visitor center								٠			•					
Concessions	•										•					•

# PARK AMENITIES

	North Wheeler	Oahe Downstream*	Oakwood Lakes*	Okobojo Point	Palisades*	Pease Creek*	Pelican Lake*	Pickerel Lake*	Pierson Ranch*	Platte Creek*	Randall Creek*	Revheim Bay	Richmond Lake*	Rocky Point*	Roy Lake*
Entrance fee	٠	٠	٠	•	٠	٠	•	٠	•	٠	•	•	٠	٠	٠
Total campsites	27	205	145	18	111	29	83	65	67	36	132		24	62	101
Electrical sites	25	205	133		93	24	83	65	67	36	132		24	57	90
Accessible sites		4	4		4	1	1	1	1	1	3		1	3	2
Tent-only sites			6		18								2		11
Showers		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•
Dump station		٠	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	٠	•
Horse campsites			6			5	7E								
Camping cabins		8	7		10		2	7	2		4		1	2	3
Modern cabins		4						1							6
Suites															6
Lodge		•			•										•
Resort															
Playground		•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Swimming beach		٠	•				•	•		•			•	•	•
Hiking trail		•	•		•	•	•	•	•			•	•		•
Horse trail			•			•	•						•		
X-Country ski trail		٠	•				•						٠		
Warming shelter			٠				•						٠		
Picnic shelters		5	5	7	4	1	1	1	4	1	2	4	2	4	1
Historical sites			•		٠										
Fishing dock		٠	•				•	٠			•		•		•
Fish cleaning station	•	٠				٠		٠		٠	•			٠	•
Boating/ramps	•	٠	•	•		•	•	•		٠	•		•	•	•
Visitor center		٠													
Concessions															•

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	Sandy Shore*	Shadehill*	Sheps Canyon*	Sica Hollow*	Snake Creek*	Spearfish Canyon	Spirit Mound	Spring Creek	Springfield*	Swan Creek*	Union Grove*	Walker's Point*	West Bend*	West Pollock*	West Whitlock*
Entrance fee		٠	٠	٠	٠			٠	٠	٠	٠	٠	٠	٠	•
Total campsites	17	85	33	14	114				20	26	24	43	119	29	105
Electrical sites	15	85	22		110				19	23	21	42	108	29	101
Accessible sites	1	4	1		2					1		1	1		1
Tent-only sites	2										3	1			4
Showers	٠	٠	•		•				•	٠	•	•	•	•	•
Dump station		٠	•		•				•	٠	•	٠	٠	•	•
Horse campsites			11	12							4E				
Camping cabins	2	7	1		10				2			2	4		2
Modern cabins								12							
Suites								4							
Lodge		•	•												
Resort					•										
Playground	•	٠	•		•				•		•	٠	•	•	•
Swimming beach	•	٠			•										•
Hiking trail	•	٠	•	٠	•	•	•		•		•		•		٠
Horse trail			•	٠							•				
X-Country ski trail															
Warming shelter															
Picnic shelters	1	1			1				1		2		2		1
Historical sites				٠	•		•								
Fishing dock									•			٠			
Fish cleaning station		٠			•			•	•	٠		•	•	•	•
Boating/ramps	•	•	•		•			•	•	•		•	•	•	•
Visitor center		•													
Concessions					•			•							

# CAMPGROUNDS

#### **MODERN \$23** (ADDITIONAL \$7 FOR ELECTRIC CAMPSITES)

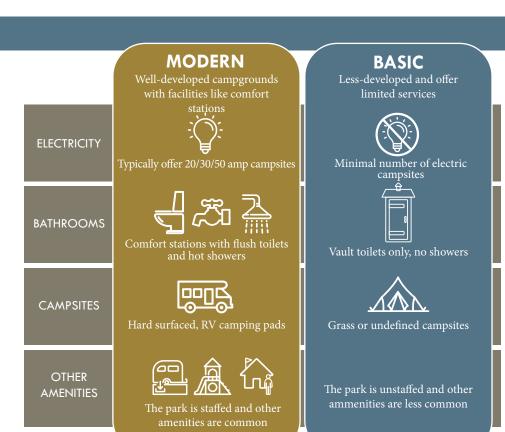
Angostura Recreation Area Big Sioux Recreation Area Buryanek Recreation Area Chief White Crane Recreation Area Cow Creek Recreation Area Farm Island Recreation Area Fisher Grove State Park Fort Sisseton Historic State Park Hartford Beach State Park Indian Creek Recreation Area Lake Cochrane Recreation 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 Oahe Downstream Recreation Area Oakwood Lakes State Park

#### **BASIC** \$16

Amsden Dam Lakeside Use Area Bailey 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 Hugh Glass Lakeside Use Area Lake Carthage Lakeside Use Area Lake Hiddenwood Recreation Area Little Bend Lakeside Use Area Little Moreau Recreation Area Llewellyn Johns Recreation Area Okoboio Point Recreation Area Palisades State Park Pease Creek Recreation Area Pelican Lake Recreation Area Pickerel Lake Recreation Area Pierson Ranch Recreation Area Platte Creek 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 Springfield Recreation Area Swan Creek Recreation Area Union Grove State Park Walker's Point Recreation Area West Pollock Recreation Area West Bend Recreation Area West Whitlock Recreation Area

Minneconjou Lakeside Use Area North Wheeler Recreation Area Sand Creek Lakeside Use Area S. Scalp Creek Lakeside Use Area Sheps Canyon Lakeside Use Area Sica Hollow State Park South Shore Lakeside Use Area Tabor Lakeside Use Area Twin Lakes Lakeside Use Area Walth Bay Lakeside Use Area Whetstone Bay Lakeside Use Area White Swan Lakeside Use Area

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#### 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	\$60
French Creek Horse Camp	\$40
Modern campgrounds	\$27
Tent only/Non-electric	\$16





# 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**

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Prices per night. Fees are subject to sales tax.

Camping cabin..... \$60

Cabin campsite ......\$30-\$34 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.

# LODGING

The state parks feature several different lodging options to fit a variety of 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 \$120-	-175
Spring Creek	\$85

#### **GROUP LODGE FEES**

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

Lake Thompson\$280
Newton Hills\$280
Oahe Downstream\$150
Non-profit youth groups\$40 *Set up for large gatherings, no bedrooms
Palisades\$280
Event shelter\$50
Shadehill\$300
Sheps Canyon\$280

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	\$185
Oahe Downstream	\$120-150
Pickerel Lake	\$150
Roy Lake	\$120-150
Spring Creek	\$150-205

#### ABOUT LODGING

- » Reservations can be made up to 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 provided.
- » Check-in time is 4 p.m. Checkout time is 11 a.m.
- » No smoking.
- » Dogs and cats are allowed in petdesignated lodges, cabins, and suites with a \$10 accommodation fee.
- » Learn more about each facility at *gfp.sd.gov*.



# CONCESSIONAIRE FACILITIES

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

#### 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 2025 *Tatanka, a 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 hookup campsites, outdoor swimming pool, basketball court, two large picnic shelters. Open year round.

#### 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.net* Marina, modern cabins, restaurant, bait, convenience store, floating fuel dock.

#### SPRING CREEK RECREATION AREA | NEAR PIERRE

SPRING CREEK RESTAURANT 605.773.3117 ext.2 | *boathousesd.com* Restaurant and bar

### RENT AN ADVENTURE

South Dakota State Parks offer a variety of rental and checkout opportunities. Try a new activity or skip the hassle of hauling your own equipment! See pages 12-13.

> BOAT RENTALS CANOES KAYAKS PADDLEBOARDS LIFE JACKETS YARD GAMES DISC GOLF BASKETBALLS SOCCER BALLS VOLLEYBALLS HORSESHOES CROSS-COUNTRY SKIS



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#### MAKE A SPLASH IN SOUTH DAKOTA STATE PARKS

Each year, South Dakota State Parks sponsors an annual activity to encourage everyone to visit and enjoy the parks. In 2025, we are making a splash! Get ready for a year filled with water adventures whether you're paddling, swimming, or just dipping your toes, every moment on the water is one to remember. Follow us and tag your posts with **#SDintheField** to show how you're enjoying the water in, near, or around our parks.







# JOIN OUR

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!**

