

**GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
FINALIZATION**

Camping permits and rules

Chapters 41:03:04

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	September 3, 2020	Teleconference
	Public Hearing	October 1, 2020	Fort Pierre
	Finalization	October 1-2, 2020	Fort Pierre

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes:

41:03:04:03. Camping permit fees. The daily fee for the use of a campground site by one camper unit is as follows:

(1) Custer State Park modern campground fee, \$26, including State Game Lodge; Sylvan Lake; Grace Coolidge; Legion Lake; Stockade North; Stockade South; and Blue Bell;

(2) Modern campground fee, \$16, including Platte Creek; Swan Creek; West Whitlock; Indian Creek; Okobojo Point; Cow Creek; and West Pollock;

(3) Custer State Park semimodern campground fee, \$19 for Center Lake;

(4) Basic campground fee, \$11, including Burke Lake; Shadehill-Llewellyn Johns Memorial; Bear Butte Lake unit; Lake Hiddenwood; Sand Creek; East Whitlock; Tabor; North Wheeler; Spring Creek; Oakwood primitive area; Lake Carthage; South Shore; Whetstone Bay; South Scalp Creek; White Swan; Walth Bay; and Amsden Dam;

(5) Custer State Park French Creek natural area, seven dollars for each person;

(6) Use of a campground site at Fort Sisseton during the annual Fort Sisseton Festival, \$25, provided that participants and festival campers are exempt from paying the camping fee;

(7) Equestrian campground fee, \$18, including Bear Butte Horse Camp and Sica Hollow Horse Camp. For Lewis and Clark Horse Camp, Newton Hills Horse Camp, Oakwood Lakes Horse Camp, Pease Creek Horse Camp, Pelican Lake Horse Camp, Union Grove Horse Camp, and Sheps Canyon Horse Camp the camping fee is \$22;

~~(8) Camping cabin fee, \$55;~~

~~(9) Modern cabin fee, \$150, including those campgrounds in all state parks and recreation areas where modern cabins are located;~~

~~(10)~~ (8) Nonprofit youth group camping fee, fifty cents for each person or six dollars, whichever is greater;

~~(11)~~ (9) Preferred campground fee, \$19, including Fisher Grove; Buryanek; Oahe Downstream; Springfield; West Bend; and Randall Creek;

~~(12)~~ (10) Prime campsite fee, \$22, including all campsites furnished with sewer, water, and electrical service; Lewis and Clark; Chief White Crane; Angostura including Sheps Canyon; Palisades; Big Sioux; Lake Vermillion; Rocky Point; Mina Lake; Lake Herman; North Point; Walker's Point; Lake Poinsett; Oakwood Lakes; South Pelican; Newton Hills; Shadehill Ketterlings Point; Pickerel Lake; Lake Cochrane; Sandy Shore; Pierson Ranch; Union Grove; Richmond Lake; Pease Creek; Lake Thompson; Roy Lake; Farm Island; Snake Creek; Lake Louise; Hartford Beach; and Fort Sisseton, except during the Fort Sisseton Festival in accordance with subdivision (6) of this section;

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~~(13)~~ (11) Custer State Park group camping area fee, seven dollars a person for overnight use with a minimum fee of \$140;

~~(14)~~ The group lodging fee at Lake Thompson State Recreation Area, Palisades State Park, Sheps Canyon State Recreation Area, Newton Hills State Park, and Shadehill State Recreation Area is \$280 per night for the first 12 persons plus \$10 for each additional person with a maximum occupancy of 15 persons;

~~(15)~~ (12) Custer State Park, French Creek Horse Camp fee, \$31;

~~(16)~~ Oahe Downstream Group Lodge use fee is \$40 per night for nonprofit youth groups year-round and for nonprofit groups and government agencies from November 1 through March 31 and \$125 per night for all other groups year-round. The use fee for all groups except nonprofit youth groups is \$125 from April 1 through October 31;

~~(17)~~ (13) Campsites designated for tent camping only, regardless of campground designation, \$15.

An additional charge of four dollars per unit is made for campground sites with electricity.

A resident of this state who may purchase a camping permit and campsite electrical service for one-half price pursuant to SDCL [41-17-13.4](#) shall submit written verification of that status from the United States Veterans Administration to the licensing office of the department in Pierre. The licensing office shall send the resident a billfold-size card to use as proof of eligibility for half-price camping fees.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 1 SDR 30, effective October 13, 1974; 2 SDR 90, effective July 11, 1976; 3 SDR 73, effective April 25, 1977; 6 SDR 96, effective April 1, 1980; 7 SDR 69, effective January 25, 1981; 8 SDR 170, effective June 20, 1982; 9 SDR 147, effective May 22, 1983; 10 SDR 73, effective January 17, 1984; 10 SDR 76, 10 SDR 102, effective July 1, 1984; 11 SDR 156, effective May 27, 1985; 13 SDR 128, effective March 22, 1987; 13 SDR 192, effective June 22, 1987; 14 SDR 14, effective August 6, 1987; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 14 SDR 114, effective March 9, 1988; 14 SDR 164, effective June 16, 1988; 15 SDR 139, effective March 20, 1989; 16 SDR 114, effective January 18, 1990; 16 SDR 135, effective February 18, 1990; 17 SDR 12, effective July 31, 1990; 17 SDR 139, effective March 21, 1991; 17 SDR 170, effective May 14, 1991; 17 SDR 188, effective June 13, 1991, and July 1, 1991; 18 SDR 98, effective December 12, 1991; 18 SDR 144, effective March 15, 1992; 19 SDR 82, effective December 7, 1992; 19 SDR 190, effective June 15, 1993; 20 SDR 150, effective March 23, 1994; 21 SDR 86, effective November 10, 1994; 21 SDR 148, effective March 6, 1995; 22 SDR 82, effective December 10, 1995; 22 SDR 89, effective December 26, 1995; 23 SDR 87, effective December 3, 1996; 23 SDR 197, effective May 27, 1997; 24 SDR 99, effective February 2, 1998; 24 SDR 107, effective February 26, 1998; 24 SDR 156, effective May 17, 1998; 25 SDR 108, effective February 28, 1999; 25 SDR 141, effective May 27, 1999; 26 SDR 41, effective September 28, 1999; 26 SDR 85, effective December 26, 1999; 26 SDR 117, effective March 16, 2000; 26 SDR 162, effective June 14, 2000; 27 SDR 49, effective November 16, 2000; 27 SDR 85, effective February 26, 2001; 28 SDR 103, effective January 30, 2002; 29 SDR 80, effective December 10, 2002; 30 SDR 99, effective December 22, 2003; 30 SDR 171, effective May 11, 2004; 31 SDR 62, effective November 4, 2004; 32 SDR 109, effective December 27, 2005; 32 SDR 128, effective January 31, 2006; 33 SDR 107, effective December 27, 2006; 33 SDR 180, effective May 7, 2007; 33 SDR 225, effective June 25, 2007; 34 SDR 179, effective December 24, 2007; 36 SDR 112, effective January 11, 2010; 37 SDR 112, effective December 8, 2010; 38 SDR 101, effective December 5, 2011; 39 SDR 32, effective September 5, 2012; 39 SDR 100, effective December 3, 2012; 39 SDR 204, effective June 11, 2013; 40 SDR 113, effective December 16, 2013; 41 SDR 93, effective December 3, 2014; 44 SDR 93, effective December 4, 2017; 45 SDR 89, effective December 31, 2018; 46 SDR 74, effective December 2, 2019.

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General Authority: SDCL [41-17-1.1\(7\)](#), [41-17-13.4](#).

Law Implemented: SDCL [41-2-24](#), [41-17-1.1\(7\)](#), [41-17-13.4](#).

41:03:04:03.02 Camping permit fees – Camping cabins – Suites - Lodges. Fees for the following are:

(1) Camping cabin fee, \$55;

(2) Modern cabin and suite fees, \$85 to \$205 subject to size, amenities, and occupancy rates provided:

(a) The commission shall annually approve the schedule of fees; and

(b) Discounts to increase occupancy during periods of lower demand, many not exceed 25 percent of the approved fee.

(3) The group lodging fee at Lake Thompson State Recreation Area, Palisades State Park, Sheps Canyon State Recreation Area, Newton Hills State Park, and Shadehill State Recreation Area is \$280 per night for the first 12 persons plus \$10 for each additional person with a maximum occupancy of 15 persons;

(4) Oahe Downstream Group Lodge use fee is \$40 per night for nonprofit youth groups year-round and for nonprofit groups and government agencies from November 1 through March 31 and \$125 per night for all other groups year-round. The use fee for all groups except nonprofit youth groups is \$125 from April 1 through October 31;

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Parks currently has only two categories for assessing fees on overnight rental facilities; \$55 for a camping cabin and \$150 for a modern cabin. With the acquisition of facilities at Spring Creek and Roy Lake, there are now many different variations of cabins and suites that do not fit into either of these categories. Many of the units have full kitchens and include one bedroom, two-bedroom and three-bedroom options. Several comments have been received indicating the current rental fee of \$150 may be too low for some facilities and too high for others, requiring a review of the current pricing structure to reflect what each facility offers.

Rather than identifying each of the 16 variations of facilities and an associated fee in rule, the Department is suggesting a range of pricing from \$85-\$205 to cover all types of facilities. A fee schedule would be provided to the commission each year identifying the fee for each type of facility. In addition, the Department is asking for the ability to reduce the price of modern cabins and suites by up to 25% to align rental facilities fees with the local market, occupancy rates and create marketing packages that will promote increased use.

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APPROVE MODIFY REJECT NO ACTION

	Current Fee	Past Private Resort Fee	Suggested Maximum Fee
Modern Cabins			
Roy Lake - 5 Units with 2-bedroom, bath, full kitchen	\$150	\$165-185	\$150
Roy Lake - 3 units with 1-bedroom, bath, full kitchen	\$150	\$135-155	\$120
Spring Creek - Modern Cabin with 3-bedrooms, bath, no kitchen	\$150	\$250	\$150
Spring Creek - Modern Cabin with 2-bedroom, bath, no kitchen	\$150	\$200	\$150
Mina Lake - 1 unit with 3-bedroom bath, full kitchen	\$150	NA	\$150
Newton Hills - Modern Cabin 2-bedroom, bath, full kitchen	NA	NA	\$150
Oahe Downstream - 2 Units with 2-bedroom, bath, full kitchen	\$150	\$185	\$150
Oahe Downstream - 2 Units with 2-bedroom, bath, full kitchen	\$150	\$155	\$120
Pickereel Lake - Modern Cabin 2-bedroom, bath, full kitchen	NA	NA	\$150
Suites			
Roy Lake - Suite - 4 units with 2-bedroom, bath and full kitchen	\$150	\$205	\$175
Roy Lake - Suite -1 unit with 2-bedroom, bath and full kitchen	\$150	\$169	\$150
Roy Lake - Suite - 1 unit with 3-bedroom, 2 bath, and full kitchen	\$150	\$215	\$205
Roy Lake - Suite - 1 Unit with 2-bedroom, bath, full kitchen	\$150	NA	\$150
Roy Lake - Small suite with 1-bedroom, bath	NA	NA	\$85
Spring Creek - Small suites - 4 units with 1 bedroom and bathroom	\$55	\$100	\$85
Spring Creek - 4-Plex -2 units each with 4 large suite, single bedroom, bath, no kitchen, common area	\$150ea. Or \$600	\$150 ea. or \$600	\$125 ea. or \$400