Camping permits and rules
Chapters 41:03:04

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DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes:

41:03:04:01. Definitions. As used in this chapter:

1. "Basic campground" means a campground equipped with vault toilets if camping is allowed on camping pads, grassed areas, or parking lots;

2. "Camper unit" means a powered vehicle, motor home, camping bus, pull-type camper, tent, or any other device designed for sleeping;

3. "Campground site" or "campsite" means a specific camping pad or a temporary area that is specifically designated by the park manager;

4. "Camping cabin" means a campsite with a wood structure provided by the department, furnished with beds and electricity;

5. "Equestrian campground" means a campground designed to accommodate camper units with horses;

6. "Family" means parents or grandparents and unmarried minor children;

7. "Hard sided camper" means any type of device that is designed for sleeping and shelter that is attached to at least a single axle;

8. "Large group camping reservation" means a reservation for a group camping loop at Lewis and Clark Recreation area or for 10 or more campsites at any other state park campground that accepts a group camping reservation;

9. "Lodge" means a permanent structure provided by the department, furnished with beds, appliances, and home decor;

10. "Modern cabin" means a campsite with a wood structure provided by the department, furnished with beds, electricity, sewer and water;

11. "Suite" means a campsite with a wood structure that contains multiple rental units provided by the department, furnished with beds, electricity, sewer and water;

12. "Modern campground" means a campground equipped with flush toilets, lavatories, hot showers, and individual camping pads;

13. "Nonprofit youth group" means an organized group of persons under age 18, sponsored by a nonprofit organization, and accompanied by a smaller group of adult leaders that have been designated by the organization to provide supervision, guidance, and instruction to the group. Any
adult accompanying the youth group for the primary purpose of supervising the adult's own children is not considered an adult leader of the group;

(14) "Preferred campground" means a modern campground with weekend occupancy of 80 percent to 89 percent from the Friday before Memorial Day through Labor Day on nonequestrian and electrical campsites;

(15) "Prime campground" means a modern campground with weekend occupancy of 90 percent or greater from the Friday before Memorial Day through Labor Day on nonequestrian and electrical campsites;

(16) "Recreational vehicle campsite" means a campsite where a self-contained, pull-type camping unit designed for recreational use is provided by the department;

(17) "Rent-a-camper" means a campsite with a hard sided camper provided by the department, furnished with beds, appliances, and electricity; and

(18) "Semi-modern campground" means a campground equipped with individual camping pads and either flush toilets and lavatories without showers or a shower house and vault toilets.


General Authority: SDCL 41-17-1.1(1).

Law Implemented: SDCL 41-2-24, 41-17-1.1(1).

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

In 2019 a definition for modern cabin lodging was created for lodging in parks such as Oahe Downstream, Mina Lake and a new proposed modern cabin at Newton Hills. The acquisition of facilities at Spring Creek and Roy Lake has further diversified the options to include one bedroom, two-bedroom, three-bedroom and four-bedroom units contained in one structure similar to a motel/hotel type of experience. By adding the suite definition our customers will have much clearer understanding of this new facility type.