

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

Camping permits and rules

Chapters 41:03:04

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	September 1, 2021	Rapid City
	Public Hearing	October 7, 2021	Deadwood
	Finalization	October 7, 2020	Deadwood

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; Dude Ranch; Elm Creek; Sheps Canyon Lakeside Use Area; 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) Preferred campground fee, \$19, including Fisher Grove; Buryanek; Oahe Downstream; Springfield; and West Bend; ~~and Randall Creek~~;

(9) 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; Randall Creek; and Fort Sisseton, except during the Fort Sisseton Festival in accordance with subdivision (6) of this section;

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(10) Custer State Park, French Creek Horse Camp fee, ~~\$34~~36;

(11) 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.

The nonprofit youth group camping fee is fifty cents for each person or six dollars, whichever is greater.

The Custer State Park group camping area fee, seven dollars a person for overnight use with a minimum fee of \$140.

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; 47 SDR 68, effective December 9, 2020.

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](#).

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SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Dude Ranch, Elm Creek, and Sheps Canyon Lakeside Use Areas are seeing increasing camping use. These areas currently allow free camping. With the increased use comes increased need for basic services such as designated camp pads, fire grates, and picnic tables.

Under definition in 41:03:04:01, a prime campground means a modern campground with weekend occupancy of and greater than 90 percent from the Friday before Memorial Day through Labor Day on non-equestrian and electrical campsites. The campground at Randall Creek has exceeded the 90% occupancy rate which would necessitate reclassifying it from a preferred to a prime campground.

The camping fee for the Custer State Park French Creek Horse Camp was approved for an increase from \$31 to \$36 by the Commission in October of 2019. The increase was inadvertently omitted from the package that went to the Interim Legislative Rules Committee in November 2019.

APPROVE **MODIFY** **REJECT** **NO ACTION**