



Custer State Park

Seasonal Volksmarch Trail / May 19 - Sept 30, 2018

Trail Setting: Open Meadows and Pine / Deciduous Forests / Length: 6.2 miles / Difficulty: Moderate / AVA Rating: 3C

The following directions are a guide for the Seasonal Volksmarch Trail within Custer State Park. The trail begins at the Peter Norbeck Outdoor Education Center.

If you should have any questions relating to the trail, feel free to inquire at the Peter Norbeck Outdoor Education Center at (605) 255-4464.

Trail Reminders:

- All Volksmarch participants need to register at the Peter Norbeck Outdoor Education Center before hiking the trail. Ask for the Volksmarch box at front desk.
NOTE: A valid park entrance license is required of all vehicles entering Custer State Park.
- This trail is not a loop - walkers will hike out 3.1 miles and hike back 3.1 miles, equaling 6.2 miles when finished.
- There are two highway crossings on the way out and two highway crossings on the way back. Watch traffic carefully!
- **Trail is marked with yellow carsonite posts.**
- There are several creek crossings with plank bridges provided. Water may be very high after heavy rain.
- Be aware of your natural surroundings at all times. Please maintain a safe distance from all forms of wildlife species.
- Take plenty of water and be aware of weather conditions prior to walking the trail.



Trail Directions:

1. Park at the Peter Norbeck Outdoor Education Center located on Hwy 16A near the State Game Lodge.
2. Follow sidewalk from the parking lot to Highway 16A crosswalk. Cross the highway and follow paved path to your right (west) - leading toward the Custer State Park Chapel and General Store.
3. The paved trail leads through the General Store parking lot, past the Park Office to the Grace Coolidge Campground.
4. Walk through the Grace Coolidge Campground to the campground traffic entrance. (The Grace Coolidge Campground traffic entrance marks 1.55 miles. **This is the turn around point for 5K / 3.1 mile walkers**).
5. Cross the highway to the Grace Coolidge Walk-In Fishing Area and follow the side road. Turn right at the parking area and trailhead sign. Follow the gravel road past residence and pond to two small buildings.
6. Continue on the the Grace Coolidge Walk-In Fishing Area trail that follows the creek up the canyon.
7. The **10K turnaround** (walkers have walked a total of 3.1 miles at this point) is marked on a **yellow carsonite post**. Return to the Peter Norbeck Outdoor Education Center - totaling 6.2 miles.
8. FYI - if walkers continued up the trail past the 10K turnaround, they would reach Center Lake.

Congratulations!

You have finished the 2018 Custer State Park Seasonal Volksmarch Trail!