

Burke Lake Recreation Area

West Shoreline Hiking Trail

Type of trail: Hiking

Rated: Moderate, somewhat hilly, even trail surface

Trail surface: Grass

Fee required: No fee

Length of trail in miles: .75 mile

Location of the trailhead: In the campground near site #3, and south picnic shelter – linear trail system

Facilities at or near the trailhead: Toilet, parking, picnic table, campground

Facilities along the trail: None

Will there be interpretive information available: No

What lodging opportunities are provided IN the park:

Tent camping and non-electrical campsites

Does this trail connect with any other trails: No

Nearest facilities for purchasing snacks, sunscreen etc.: City of Burke – 2 miles west

Nearest motels/restaurants OUTSIDE the park: City of Burke – 2 miles west

Nearest Chamber of Commerce:

Burke City Finance Office, Burke, South Dakota 57523

Emergency phone numbers:

Ambulance - (605) 775-2611 Sheriff - (605) 775-2626 Fire Department - (605) 775-2611

Do most cell phones work on this trail: Yes

The Burke Lake Recreation Area hiking trail is a linear trail system that follows the west shoreline of Burke Lake. Hikers can expect to find a variety of native flora and fauna around this small, impounded lake. Trees of the area include cottonwood, green ash, locust, and hackberry. Ponderosa pine and eastern red cedar abound in the drier portions of the park. Wild rose, plum, grape, gooseberry, and elderberry are among the common shrubs. Any number of different waterfowl can be found along the shoreline; some of these will even nest and raise their young in this environment. Mallards, teal, widgeon, and wood ducks have been seen on the lake. Northern harrier and red-tailed hawks patrol the skies; and, if you're quiet, you may be provided with a glimpse of a turkey, pheasant, or white-tail deer.

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