



SOUTH DAKOTA GAME, FISH AND PARKS

2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

MISSION

We serve and connect people and families to the outdoors through effective management of our state's parks, fisheries and wildlife resources.

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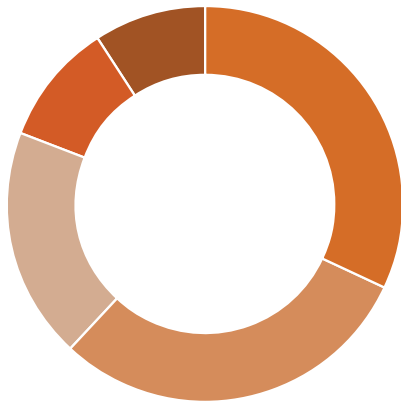
We will conserve our state's outdoor heritage to enhance the quality of life for current and future generations.

EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS

464 PERMANENT STAFF MEMBERS. 499 SEASONAL WORKERS. 151 SUMMER INTERNS. 450+ VOLUNTEERS.

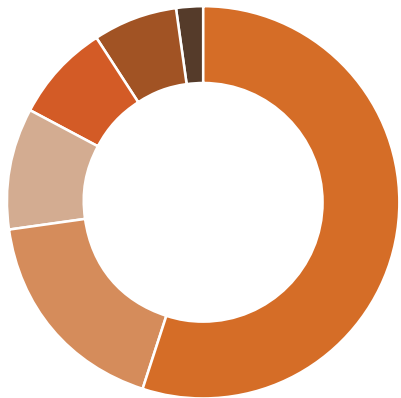
Each year our staff work tirelessly to collaborate across department lines, with local, state, and national partners along with private landowners from around the state. Through this they accomplish our strategic plan and tackle other challenges without hesitation or complaint. This work is all possible through everyone on Team GFP, which consists of full-time, seasonal, intern, and our volunteers.

WILDLIFE REVENUE | \$59,688,299



32%	NONRESIDENT LICENSES \$18,936,449
30%	FEDERAL AID \$17,807,596
19%	RESIDENT LICENSES \$11,613,876
10%	MISC. REVENUE + COUNTY ADC FUNDING \$6,015,548
9%	HABITAT STAMP FEES \$5,314,830

PARKS AND RECREATION REVENUE | \$44,005,580



55%	PARK ENTRANCE LICENSE & CAMPING FEES \$24,466,273
18%	GENERAL FUNDS \$7,753,074
10%	DEDICATED TAXES AND LICENSES \$4,328,384
8%	MISC. \$3,355,720
7%	FEDERAL FUNDS \$3,255,917
2%	SNOWMOBILE TRAILS LICENSES, TAXES & FEES \$846,212

TOP 10 MOST VISITED PARKS IN 2022

- CUSTER STATE PARK**
- LEWIS & CLARK RECREATION AREA**
- SPRING CREEK RECREATION AREA**
- OAHE DOWNSTREAM RECREATION AREA**
- LAKE ALVIN RECREATION AREA**
- COW CREEK RECREATION AREA**
- ANGOSTURA RECREATION AREA**
- SPRINGFIELD RECREATION AREA**
- NEWTON HILLS STATE PARK**
- PLATTE CREEK RECREATION AREA**



TRAIL PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 2022

- » \$1.7 M in projects in FY2022
- » Completed resurface of the entire George S. Mickelson Trail
- » Complete rebuild of Farm Island Recreation Area trail
- » Four bridges renovated on the George S. Mickelson Trail and two at Sica Hollow State Park
- » Trail surface treatments at Adams Homestead, Beaver Creek, Custer State Park, and Angostura
- » Trail overlook and stair structures at Hartford Beach and Big Sioux Recreation Areas
- » Flood repair and stabilization at North Point and Angostura Recreation Areas

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

CLASSES
3,824

PARTICIPANTS
97,966

33%
INCREASE IN PARTICAPANTS FROM 2021

2022 PARKS VISITATION

CUSTER STATE PARK

2.1 MILLION VISITATIONS

149,112 annual park entrance licenses were purchased along with more than **290,083 temporary park entrance licenses.**

STATE PARK SYSTEM

7.8 MILLION VISITATIONS

Park Lodging saw a 3% increase in stays in 2022.

CAMPING NIGHTS

396,000

1%

INCREASE IN CAMPING NIGHTS FROM 2021

BISON CENTER COMPLETION

This year was the Grand Opening of the Bison Center in Custer State Park and it had a wonderful first year. The center was made possible through a donation by the Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust. **Opening on May 20, the Bison Center saw 100,721 visitors by the time it closed on October 2.**

The Bison Center attracts tour buses, the safari jeep tours and families that travel the Wildlife Loop. There is no better place to tell the story of the park's bison than at the corrals. The corrals are the very location where our bison story began and continues today.

The Bison Center area will also undergo a little more construction during the off season. The road to the center is currently in the process of being paved and also widened. The park is also adding a working barn for the corral staff. The plan is to have this completed by May and the Bison Center opened for the 2023 season on May 19.



AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

Over 18,500 watercraft inspections occurred across the state, the highest number to date.

STATION	2022 INSPECTIONS
Ft. Pierre	1,277
Webster	680
Enemy Swim	1,223
Sioux Falls	1,707
Angostura	4,493
Pactola	4,552
Deerfield	81
Sheridan	1,826
Belle Fourche	2,154
Shadehill	589

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INSPECTION STATIONS ARE SET UP ON ANY GIVEN WEEK THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

2022 NEST PREDATOR BOUNTY PROGRAM

2022 was the fourth year of the Nest Predator Bounty Program. New for 2022, the month of March was open exclusively for youth under the age of 18. The program then opened on April 1 to all South Dakota residents. The goal of the program is to enhance nest success for pheasants and ducks at localized levels by removing primary nest predators while at the same time getting families and youth outside. Youth made up 32% of the total participants, which was higher than in 2021 at 29%.

2,100

NEST PREDATORS SUBMITTED DURING THE YOUTH-ONLY MONTH

2,367

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

55,220

PREDATORS REMOVED

2022 LICENSE SALES

