

# CUSTER STATE PARK

## OPEN HOUSE

## WEEKEND



May 15 - 17, 2026



# FRIDAY, MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>

**8:00 a.m. 2025 Open House and Free Fishing Weekend Begins!**

New for 2026! All guests who are staying at a Custer State Park Resort lodge room or cabin on May 15, 16, and/or 17, 2026 will be entered into a drawing for a free upgrade to the Ponderosa Cabin at Blue Bell Lodge!



# SATURDAY, MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>

**7:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. Daily Horse Round Up**

*Blue Bell Lodge Horse Stables*

Each morning the Blue Bell herd of horses is rounded up for the day and brought in to the stables from their night pasture.

**8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Pancake Feed with Park Staff**

*Legion Lake Lodge*

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**9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Fishing Fun at Legion Lake**

*Legion Lake Fishing Dock*

*Registration 9:00 - 9:30*

*Fishing 9:30 - 11:30*

*Prizes 11:30 - 12:00*

**10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Outdoor Fair**

*Peter Norbeck Outdoor Ed Center*

Join us on the lawn of the Ed Center for an afternoon of fun hands-on activities and events.



**11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Hayrack Rides at Blue Bell Lodge**  
*Meet at the main lodge*

**11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Country Music Series - KEVIN KILLIAN**  
*Blue Bell Lodge*  
Enjoy live country music all weekend at Blue Bell Lodge. It's the perfect way to unwind after a day of exploring Custer State Park!

**2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Hayrack Rides at Blue Bell Lodge**  
*Meet at the main lodge*

**3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Bison Corral Tour**  
*Bison Center*

# SATURDAY, MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>

**5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** Country Music Series - KEVIN KILLIAN  
*Blue Bell Lodge*  
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**7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** Evening Program  
*Game Lodge Campground*

**7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** Trivia Night  
*Sylvan Lake Lodge*  
Test your knowledge of park history, wildlife, and local legends while enjoying the beautiful Black Hills scenery. Bring your team, grab a drink, and see who knows Custer State Park best!

# SUNDAY, MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>

**7:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.** Daily Horse Round Up  
*Blue Bell Lodge Horse Stables*  
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**8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.** Pancake Feed with Park Staff  
*Legion Lake Lodge*  
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**11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** Hayrack Rides at Blue Bell Lodge  
*Meet at the main lodge*

**11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** Country Music Series  
*Blue Bell Lodge*  
Enjoy live country music all weekend at Blue Bell Lodge. It's the perfect way to unwind after a day of exploring Custer State Park!

**1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.** Bison Olympics  
*Peter Norbeck Outdoor Ed Center*

**2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.** Hayrack Rides at Blue Bell Lodge  
*Meet at the main lodge*

**3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.** Buffalo Chip Flip  
*Peter Norbeck Outdoor Ed Center*  
*Registration 3:00 - 3:30*  
*Flip 3:30 - 4:30*  
*Prizes 4:45 - 5:00*

**5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** Country Music Series - RUSTY RIERSON  
*Blue Bell Lodge*  
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## VISITOR CENTER HOURS

Custer State Park Visitor Center  
8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Wildlife Station Visitor Center  
8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Peter Norbeck Outdoor Ed. Center  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Badger Hole Historic Site  
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Bison Center  
8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

## America 250: Make Your History

Celebrate the Past, Explore the Present, Protect the Future.

South Dakota State Parks invites you to be part of a nationwide milestone. As we approach America's 250th anniversary, we aren't just looking back at history—we're inviting you to make your own.



From the shadows of the Black Hills to the vast reaches of the Missouri River, our parks are the backdrop for your greatest stories. Whether you are retracing the steps of pioneers or establishing a new family tradition at a favorite campsite, your journey is a thread in the American fabric.

Follow us on social media and tag your adventures with #SDInTheField.

Show us the history you're making today in the Great Outdoors. After all, today's adventure is tomorrow's legacy.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

## BUFFALO ROUNDUP & Arts Festival

Feel the thunder and join the herd at the annual Custer State Park Buffalo Roundup and Arts Festival.

# September 25, 2026

