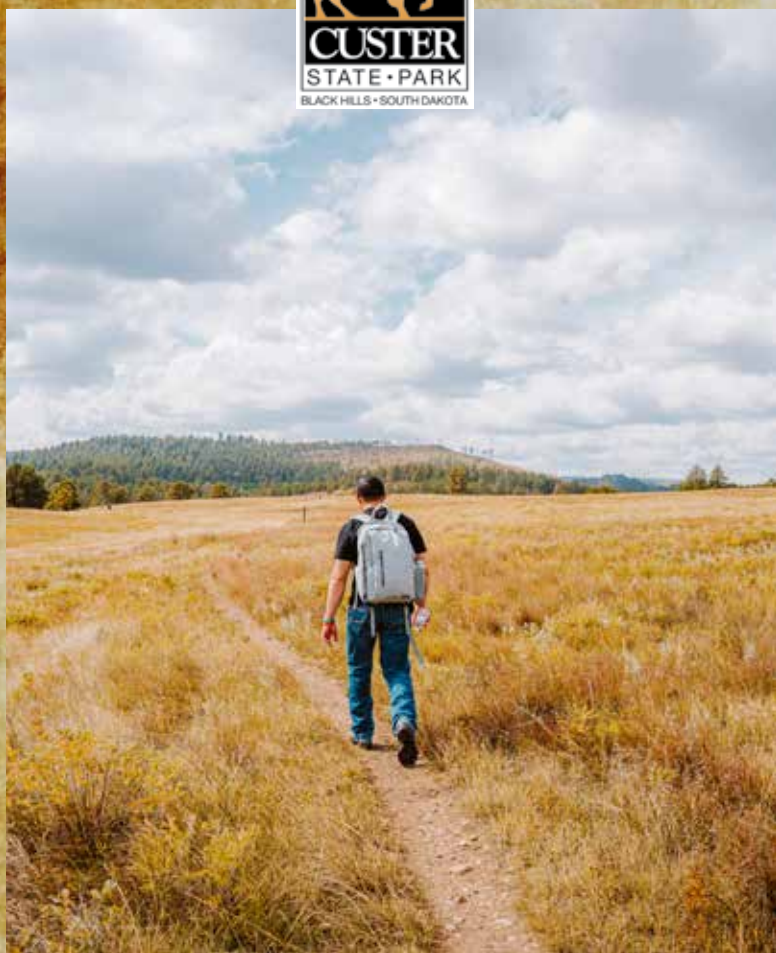


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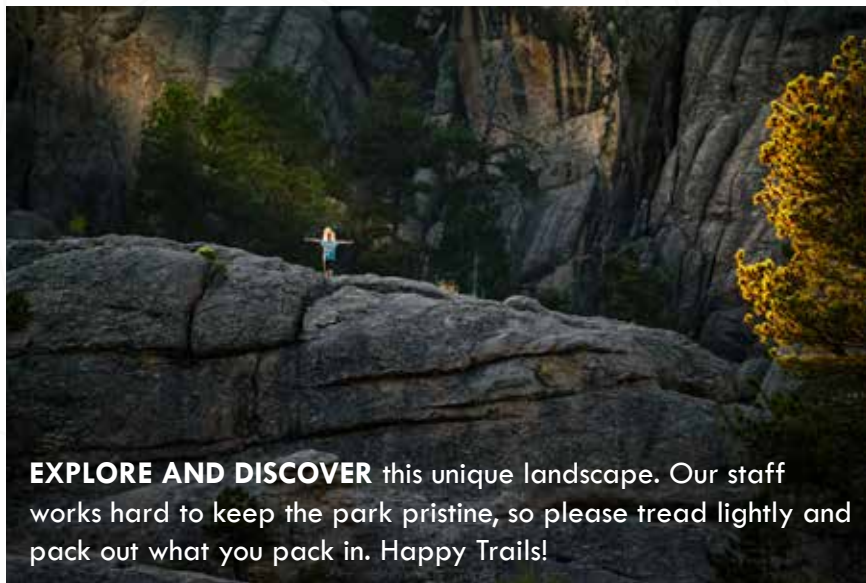
TRAIL MIX

A HIKER'S GUIDE TO CUSTER STATE PARK'S TRAILS



A photograph of a family of three walking through a field of tall, green grass. The father is on the left, wearing a blue jacket and a cap, carrying a young child on his back. The mother is on the right, wearing a grey jacket and a cap, smiling. The child is in the middle, wearing a red shirt and a floral patterned jacket. The background is a vast field of tall grass under a bright sky.

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EXPLORE AND DISCOVER this unique landscape. Our staff works hard to keep the park pristine, so please tread lightly and pack out what you pack in. Happy Trails!

TRAIL RATINGS

Easy / The trail mainly follows level ground with very little elevation change







Moderate / Parts of the trail include more inclines, hills or elevation changes. It may have more technical terrain such as rocky or root-covered trail, loose gravel on inclines, or narrow paths.

Strenuous / Much of the trail includes very steep slopes and rocky areas. It may include a long steady climb, may have steps or stairs and roots. Slippery rocks or other difficult terrain is also present.

CAUTIONARY TIPS

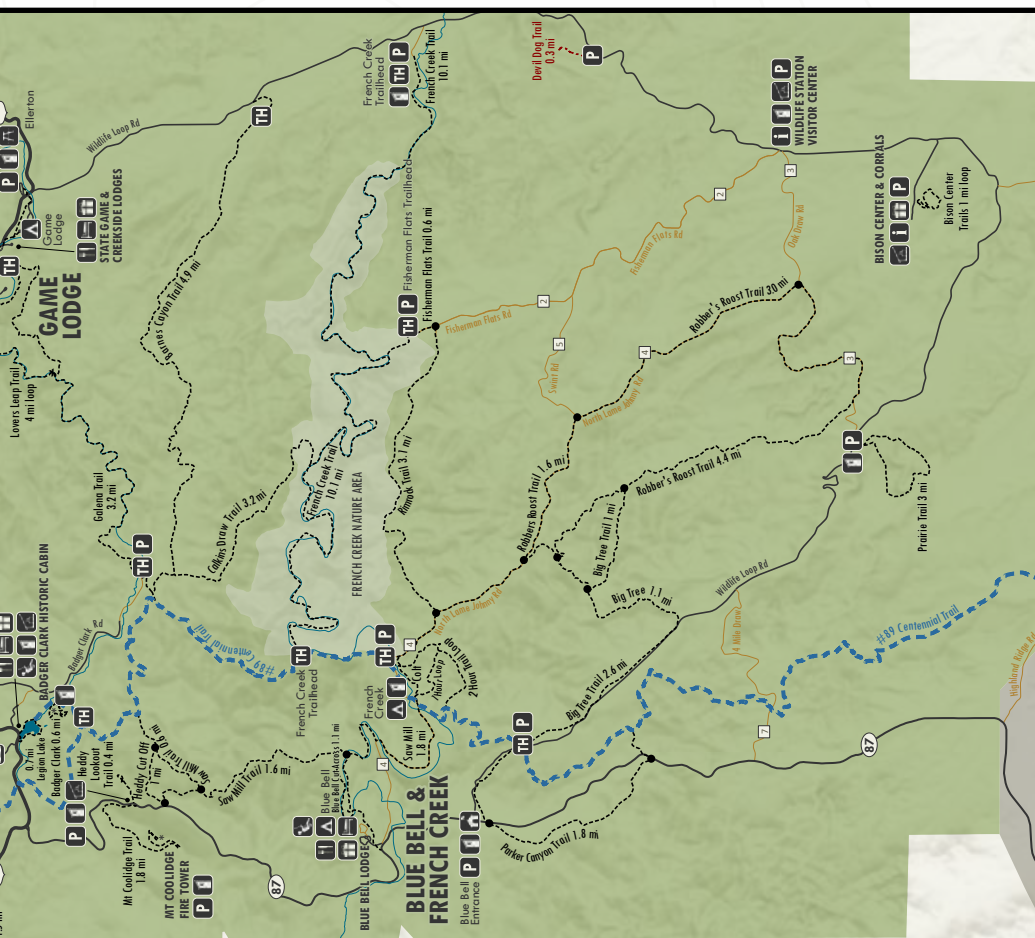
- There are no restrooms located along trails.
- Thunderstorms containing hail, strong winds, lightning and rain are frequent during the summer months.
- Wear shoes suitable for rugged terrain.
- Take a least one quart of water per person.
- Pack out your trash.
- Buffalo are common in these areas. Please remain at least 100 yards away.
- Leave what you find; removing plants, rocks and other items from the park is prohibited.

MAP LEGEND

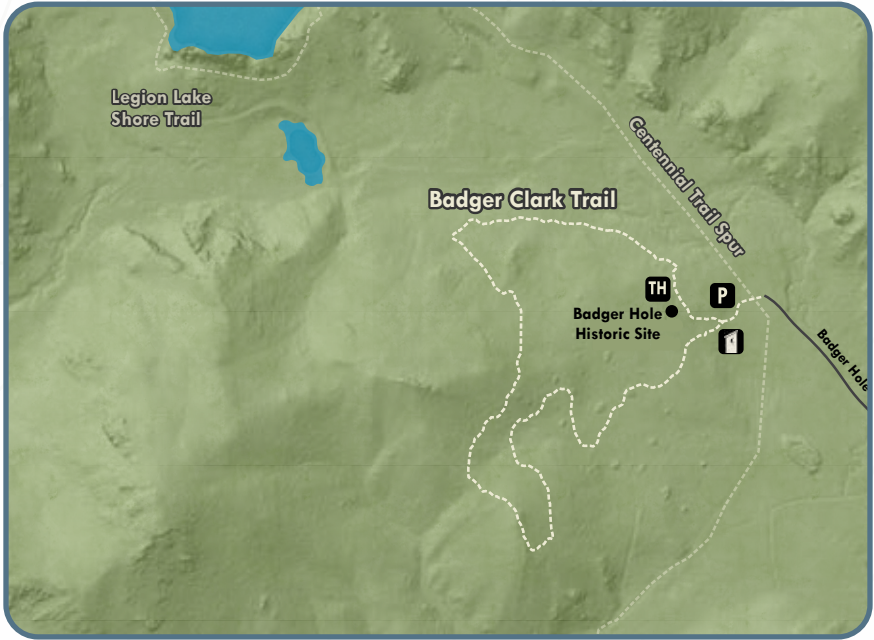
-  Trailhead
-  Vault Toilet
-  Parking
-  Swim Beach
-  Restroom/Shower
-  Boat Ramp



STOCKADE LAKE



	CSP Road		Restaurant
	Point of Interest		Shower House
	Tunnel		Trailhead
	Trail Segment		Vault Toilet
	Amphitheater		Visitor Center
	Campground		Hiking Only Trail
	Entrance Booth		Hike + Horse Trail
	Gift Shop		Multi-Use Trail
	Lodging		Centennial Trail
	Office		Connector Trail
	Parking		Paved Road
	Picnic Area		Gravel Road
	Picnic Shelter		Custer State Park
	Playground		National Park Service
	Playhouse		Black Elk Wilderness



BADGER CLARK TRAIL

Length: .7 mile (Loop)

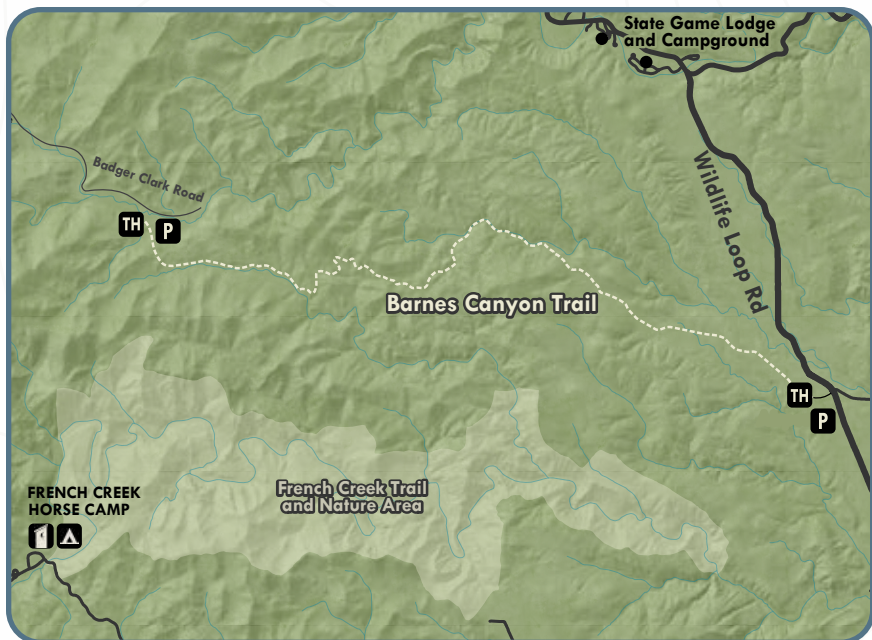
Time: .5 - 1 hours

Difficulty: **Easy** to **Moderate**

Starting beside the historic Badger Hole, this 1-mile loop winds through mixed pine and hardwood forest and along rocky hillsides. A portion of the rock-lined trail was built by the famous cowboy poet Badger Clark himself. As you hike, look for interpretive signs featuring his poetry, and enjoy scenic views of Legion Lake and Mount Coolidge from the trail's higher points.

FUN FACTS

- While Charles "Badger" Clark was officially South Dakota's first poet laureate, he jokingly preferred the title "Poet Lariat."
- Clark lived in Custer State Park for the last 30 years of his life. His cabin, which he called the "Badger Hole," was built without running water or electricity and is preserved exactly as he left it in 1957.
- Visit the Badger Hole during the summer season to see Clark's boots, his massive library, and his original writing desk.



BARNES CANYON TRAIL

Length: 4.9 miles (One-Way)

Time: 4-5 hours

Difficulty: Moderate

Step back in time on this trek through the heart of the park's backcountry. The Barnes Canyon Trail follows the historic routes carved out by homesteaders, loggers, and miners along the banks of Dry Creek. While the creek's flow is seasonal, the wildlife is a constant—keep a sharp eye out for elk, deer, bighorn sheep, and the park's iconic bison herds roaming the canyon floor.

FUN FACTS

- Look closely at the rock formations along the canyon walls; this area was once scouted for mica and feldspar, minerals that were highly sought after during the Black Hills mining boom of the late 1800s.
- This trail is a preferred corridor for the park's bison. Because the canyon walls provide natural shelter from the wind, hikers often find "wallows" (large dust bowls) where the bison roll to keep cool and ward off insects.
- Barnes Canyon gets its name from a 19th-century homestead once tucked deep within its walls. Imagine building a life here back when your only neighbors were the elk and the elements!



BISON TRAILS

Length:

Red Dog Trail - .2 mile (Loop)

Bison Trail - .7 mile (Loop)

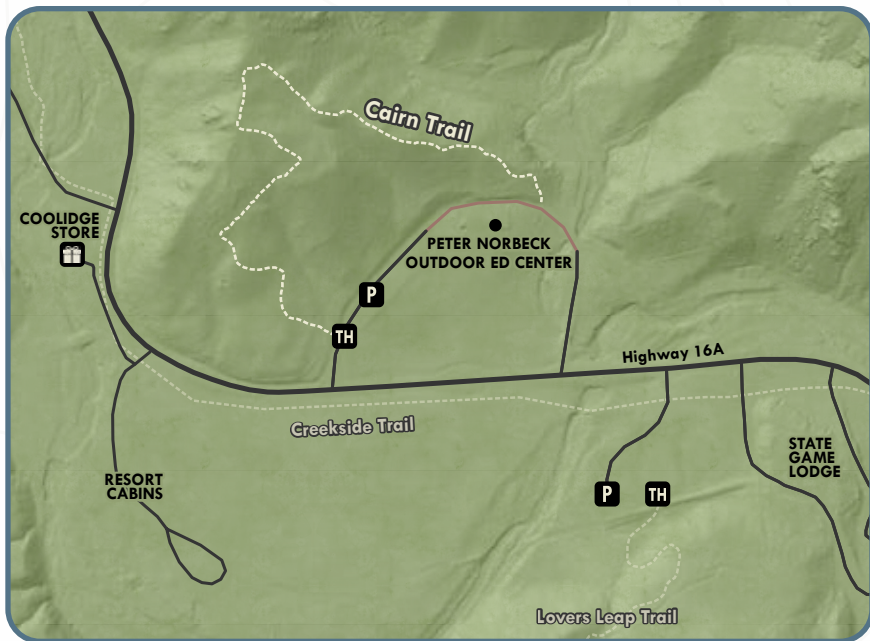
Time: .5 - 1 hours

Difficulty: Easy to Moderate

Immerse yourself in the rolling sea of grass that defines the southern Black Hills. Starting near the Bison Center along the Wildlife Loop Road, these trails wind through the heart of the park's expansive prairie. As you climb, the path unfolds into a vibrant tapestry of seasonal wildflowers and native grasses. The trail offers a 360-degree vista of the prairie landscape—a view that looks much the same today as it did centuries ago.

FUN FACTS

- What's a "red dog"? It's a baby bison. Bison calves tend to be born from late March through May and are orange-red in color, earning them the nickname "red dogs."
- The bison you see here are descendants of a small herd of just 36 animals brought to the park in 1914. Today, Custer State Park manages one of the largest publicly owned herds in the world!



CAIRN TRAIL

Length: .4 mile (Loop)

Time: 1 hour

Difficulty: Easy to Moderate

Rising sharply behind the Peter Norbeck Outdoor Education Center, the Cairn Trail offers a front-row seat to the forest's natural cycle of rebirth. This path winds through the dramatic "scars" and silver snags left by the 1988 Galena Fire, showcasing decades of vibrant new growth. Along the ridge, you will have views of the State Game Lodge and the Grace Coolidge General Store.

Note: This trail has limited shade, so bring plenty of water and enjoy the wide-open views!

FUN FACTS

- The trail is named after "cairns"—carefully stacked piles of rocks. Since prehistoric times, travelers have used these stone towers as landmarks to find their way through rugged or unfamiliar terrain.
- While the fire changed the landscape, many hardy Ponderosa Pines survived. On a warm day, lean in and smell the bark of an older tree—many hikers swear it smells exactly like vanilla or butterscotch!



CATHEDRAL SPIRES TRAIL

Length: 1.2 miles (Round Trip)

Time: 1-2 hours

Difficulty: **Strenuous**

STAFF NOTES:

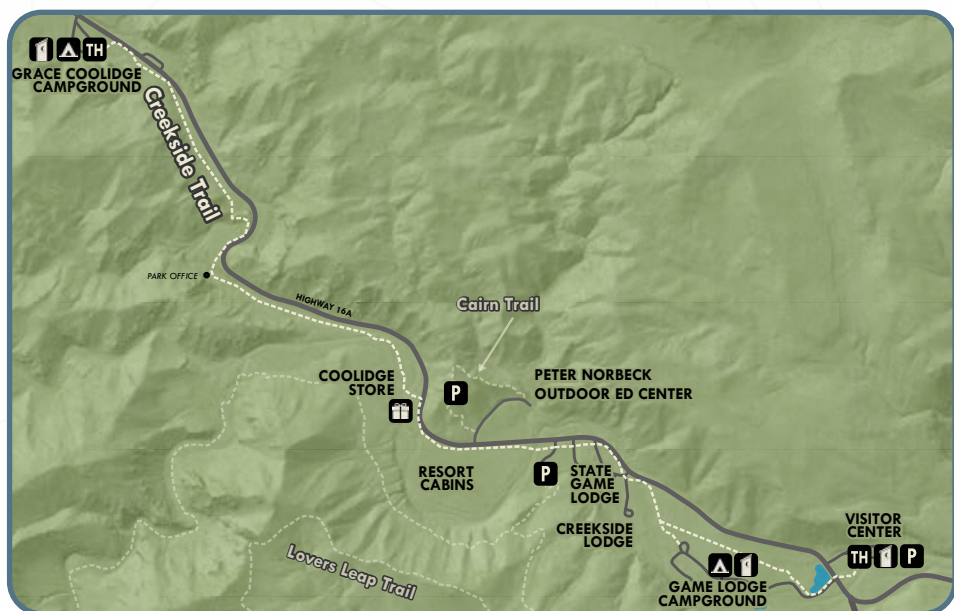
*This trail connects with Black Elk Trail #4 and Little Devil's Tower Trail. Look for signs and be aware of trail markings.

*Parking is limited

Prepare for a breathtaking ascent into a granite kingdom. The Cathedral Spires Trail leads you deep into the heart of the Needles, where massive rock pillars—sculpted by millions of years of erosion—tower hundreds of feet overhead. While the trail earns its “strenuous” rating with a steep scramble over boulders, the reward is unmatched: a secluded mountain valley surrounded by jagged “cathedral” walls that feel worlds away from the highway below.

FUN FACTS

- The Spires are a registered National Natural Landmark as a unique geological formation.
- The Cathedral Spires are named for their resemblance to organ pipes in the back of a cathedral.
- Before choosing Mount Rushmore, Gutzon Borglum first considered carving the Spires into historical western figures, however the granite was deemed unsuitable.



CREEKSIDE TRAIL

Length: 2.4 miles (One-way)

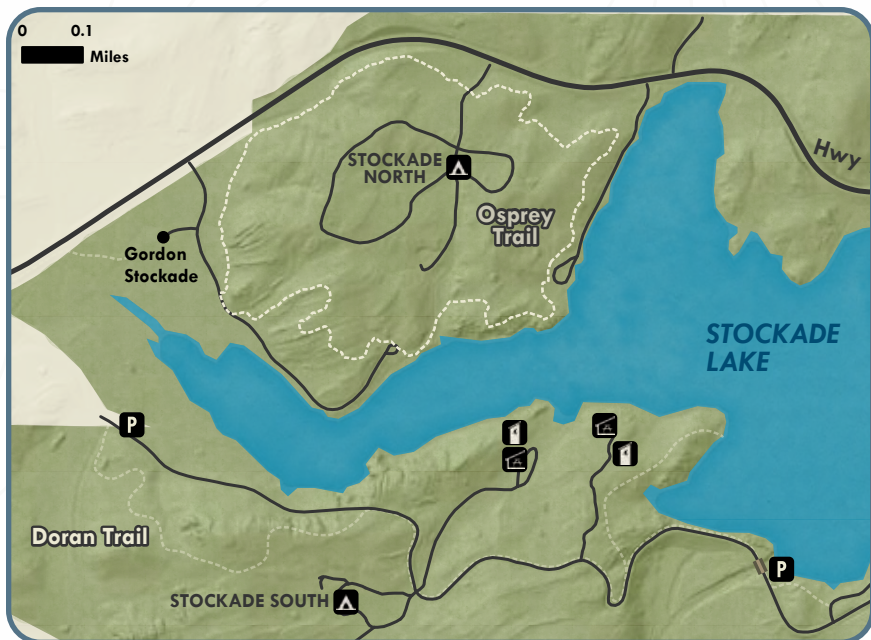
Time: 1-2 hours

Difficulty: Easy

Perfect for a peaceful stroll or a family bike ride, the paved Creekside Trail offers a gentle, level path accessible to all—including wheelchairs and strollers. This scenic route meanders alongside the bubbling waters of Grace Coolidge Creek, crossing several charming bridges and passing through shaded woodlands and open meadows. Whether you're looking for a quick morning walk or a spot to teach the kids to fish, this trail is the park's most inviting "backyard."

FUN FACTS

- The trail follows the creek named after First Lady Grace Coolidge. While her husband, President Calvin Coolidge, was busy fishing (and working) at the State Game Lodge in 1927, Grace was known for her love of the outdoors and her graceful, friendly personality.
- Grace Coolidge Creek is a favorite spot for anglers! The park regularly stocks the creek with Brook and Rainbow Trout. If you stop on one of the bridges and look closely into the clear pools, you can often see the fish hovering near the rocks.



DORAN TRAIL

Length: .6 miles

Time: Less than 1 hour

Difficulty: Easy

STAFF NOTES:

*Please be aware that this trail utilizes portions of Stockade Lake Drive. You will be walking on a paved road shared with vehicles.

Step back into the 1930s on the south shore of Stockade Lake. This unique trail patches together history and scenery, following segments of the original Camp Doran. As you hike, you'll walk the same stone paths and climb the very stairs built by the young men of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) nearly a century ago. It's a "living" trail that connects the ruins of the past with the beauty of the present.

FUN FACTS

- The trail is named after "Camp Doran," a CCC camp from the late 1930s. Interestingly, the original tent site for the camp is now completely submerged under the waters of Stockade Lake!
- Like many of the park's early features, the original route and the nearby Stockade Lake dam were hand-built by the young men of the Civilian Conservation Corps, who lived on-site in barracks while they transformed the park.

DISCOVER CUSTER STATE PARK EVENTS

Experience the best of South Dakota's "Crown Jewel" through our interactive event calendar. Our portal provides real-time updates on daily park programs, guided tours, and special upcoming events. Whether you are a local resident or a first-time visitor, use the portal to filter by date or event type and register for activities directly through the Go Outdoors South Dakota system.



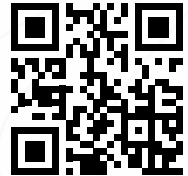
TRAIL CHALLENGE

Take your exploration to the next level with our annual Trail Challenge! To begin your journey, pick up an official entry form at any of our Visitor Centers or the Park Office.

As you traverse the park's scenic landscapes, look for the unique "Trail Challenge" medallions located along the designated routes. Participants are required to collect a physical rubbing of each medallion to track their progress. Once you've conquered the trails and filled your form with every rubbing, return it to us to claim your exclusive CSP Summer or Winter Trail Challenge Pin. It's the perfect way to turn your hike into a lasting memory of the "Crown Jewel."

FISHING

Whether you're a seasoned angler or a first-time visitor, Custer State Park offers premier fishing across all our waters. You'll find Rainbow, Brown, and Brook Trout throughout the park, while Stockade Lake is home to northern pike, bass, and panfish.



A valid South Dakota fishing license is required and can be purchased online at gfp.sd.gov or at any of our four resort areas, where bait and tackle are also available. Please note the daily limit is 5 trout, with only one exceeding 14 inches. For a full breakdown of regulations, pick up a 2026 Fishing Handbook at a visitor center or access it via the Go Outdoors South Dakota app.

TRACK CHAIR

Experience the rugged beauty of Custer State Park with our all-terrain Trackchairs®. These specialized, tracked wheelchairs provide the stability and safety needed to navigate trails and areas that are typically inaccessible, making hunting, fishing, and backcountry exploration possible for everyone.

Trackchairs® are free to check out and can be reserved by contacting the Custer State Park office at 605.394.2693. Please note that a signed user waiver is required before heading out. If your adventure involves transporting the chair via trailer to a specific trailhead, an additional trailer-use waiver will also be needed.



FRENCH CREEK TRAIL

Length: 10.1 miles (One-way)

Difficulty: Moderate to Strenuous

Explore the untamed heart of the park. The French Creek Natural Area covers 2,200 acres of protected gorge, where the creek meanders beneath sheer canyon walls and through lush, diverse forests. Because this area is preserved in its natural state, there is no marked trail—hikers forge their own path by following the water or scouting the footsteps of those who came before. Be prepared for a rugged journey: you will cross the creek dozens of times, and “wet feet” are a rite of passage for anyone exploring this stunning wilderness.

STAFF NOTES: The Narrows is where the creek pinches together and access is limited to climbing over the cliff (a steep embankment of 60 feet) or swimming (100 feet) through the creek.



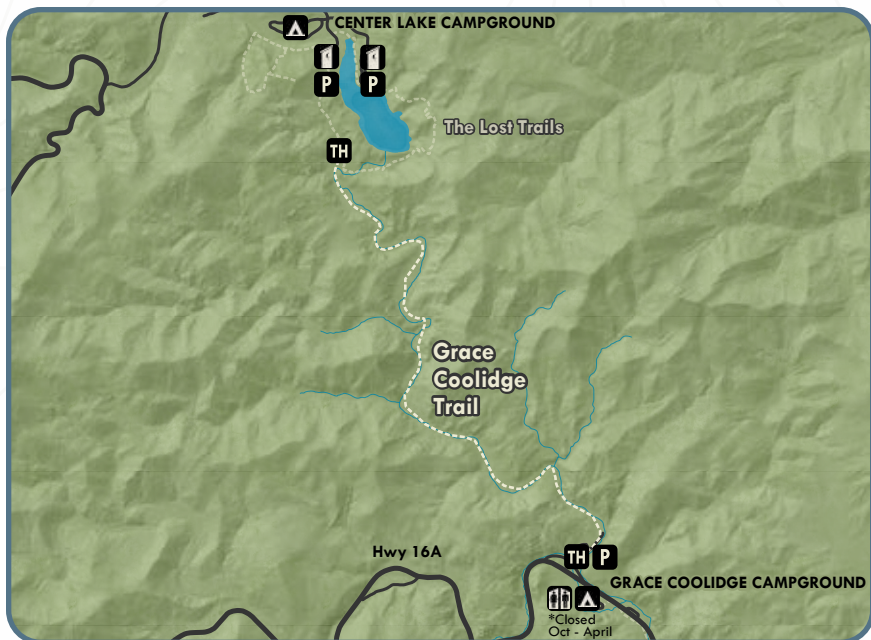
FRENCH CREEK TRAIL PRIMITIVE CAMPING

Primitive camping is allowed within the French Creek Natural area.
Please Note:

- Overnight camping is only allowed within the canyon bottom.
- Campsites must be at least 50 feet from the stream.
- Open fires are strictly prohibited.
- Campers must self-register and pay camping fee at the East Trailhead or West Trailhead camping self-fee station.

FUN FACTS

- In the drier months, the first mile of the creek from the east trailhead literally vanishes! The water flows through a subterranean limestone network, leaving a dry, rocky bed on the surface before “reappearing” further downstream.
- The sheer canyon walls are home to rare plants that can’t be found anywhere else in the park. Look for delicate ferns and mosses clinging to the rock faces, kept alive by the cool, damp microclimate created by the deep gorge.



GRACE COOLIDGE TRAIL

Length: 2.3 miles (One-way)

Time: 2- 4 hours

Difficulty: Easy to Moderate

Following the gentle flow from the Center Lake spillway, this nearly-level trail meanders through a scenic valley carved by Grace Coolidge Creek. The route features six low-head dams that create calm, deep pools—perfect for a quiet afternoon of trout fishing. Be prepared for a bit of a splash, though; the trail crosses the creek multiple times, and depending on the season, you should expect to get your boots wet as you navigate the valley's floor.

Please note: Horses are not allowed in this watershed area.

FUN FACTS

- The six low-head dams along this trail were not just built for scenery! They were specifically designed to create deep, cool pools that provide a perfect habitat for Brook, Brown, and Rainbow trout to thrive even during the hot summer months.
- The creek is named after First Lady Grace Coolidge. While her husband, President Calvin Coolidge, was famously “silent,” Grace was known for her warm personality and her love of hiking these very hills during their 1927 stay.



LEGION LAKE TRAIL

Length: Less than 1 mile (Loop)

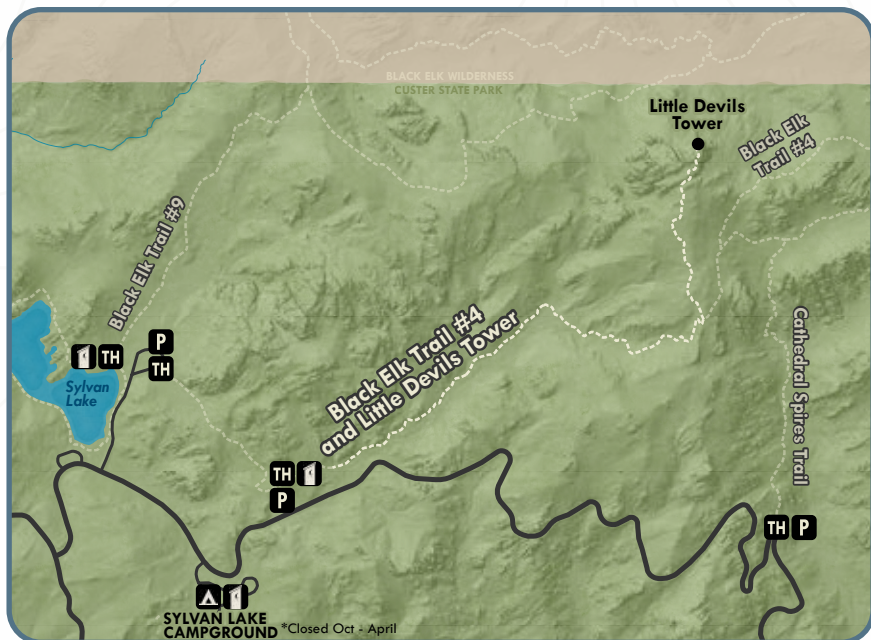
Time: .5 - 1 hours

Difficulty: Easy to Moderate

Centrally located yet tucked away in quiet solitude, the Legion Lake Trail offers a quick but rewarding foray into the forest of Custer State Park. Starting near the Legion Lake Campground, this 1-mile loop climbs through dense pine and spruce forest, leading you past dramatic granite outcroppings and moss-covered boulders.

FUN FACTS

- The lake and trail are named for the American Legion Post 46 of Custer. In the 1930s, the Legion leased this land and built the original lodge as a summer camp for veterans. It wasn't until 1941 that the area officially became part of Custer State Park.
- Part of this loop shares a path with the Centennial Trail, a massive 111-mile route that stretches across the entire Black Hills. By walking just this one mile, you're technically trekking a portion of a trail that runs from Wind Cave National Park all the way to Bear Butte State Park.



LITTLE DEVILS TOWER TRAIL

Length: 1.5 miles (One-way)

Time: 2-4 hours

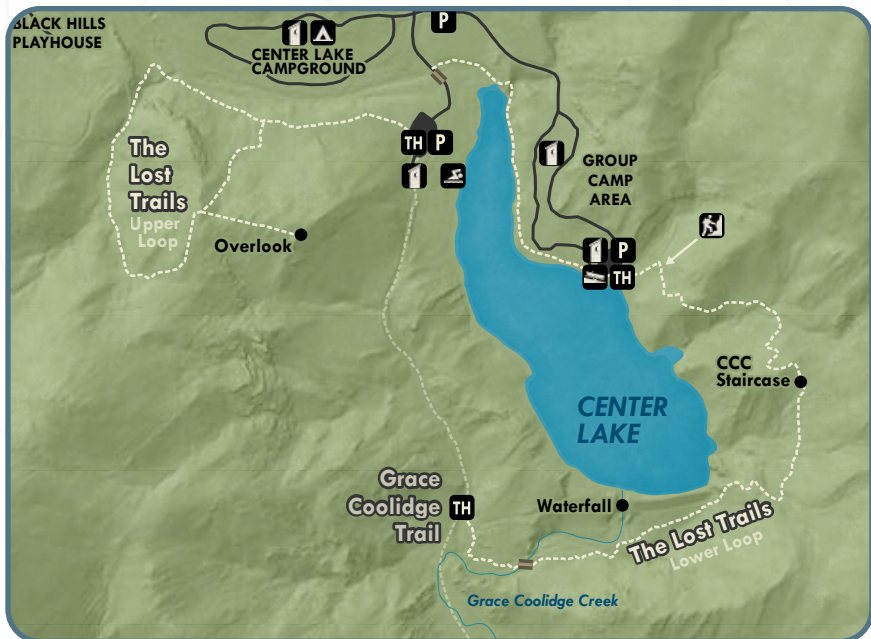
Difficulty: **Strenuous**

STAFF NOTES: This trail connects with Black Elk Trail #4. Look for signs and be aware of trail markings. There is rock scrambling on this trail.

Prepare for a granite scramble with a world-class reward. Branching off the Black Elk Peak Trail #4, this spur trail ascends to the jagged crown of Little Devils Tower. The path is a true mountain experience, requiring hikers to navigate uneven ground and squeeze through narrow rock “chimneys.” Once you reach the summit, you’ll find yourself standing on a massive granite fin with a 360-degree view that places you eye-to-eye with the Cathedral Spires and the historic stone tower atop Black Elk Peak.

FUN FACTS

- Don’t let the name fool you! While it’s “Little” compared to its famous cousin in Wyoming (Devils Tower National Monument), this formation is actually part of the same ancient granite core as Black Elk Peak—the highest point between the Rockies and the Pyrenees Mountain.
- At an elevation of approximately 6,962 feet, the top of Little Devils Tower is one of the highest accessible points in South Dakota. On a clear day, you can see deep into the Nebraska sandhills and across the vast Wyoming plains.



LOST TRAILS

Length:

Upper Loop - 1 mile (Loop)

Lower Loop - 1.5 miles (Loop)

Time: 2-4 hours

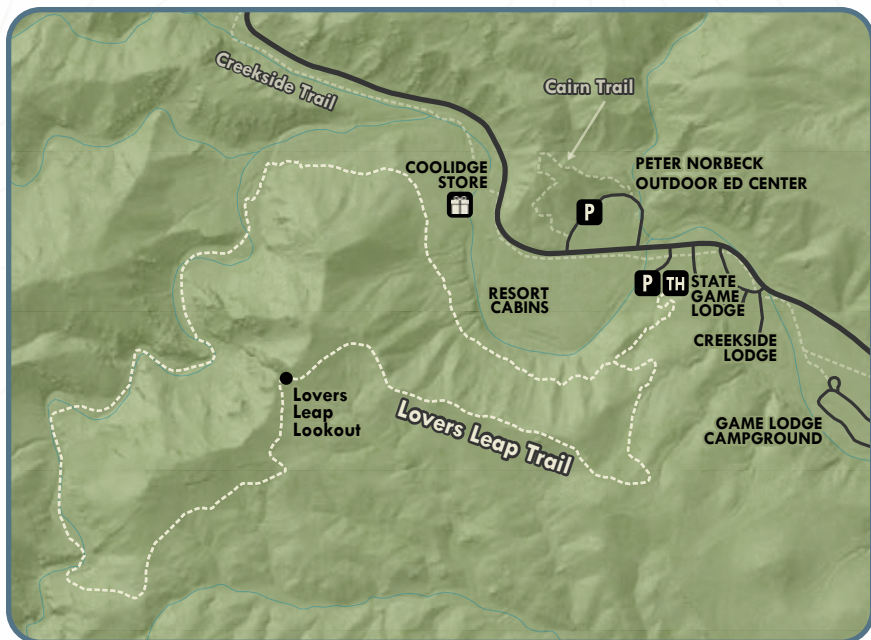
Difficulty: Moderate

STAFF NOTES: Poison ivy is commonly found along this trail. Long pants and boots are recommended.

Step into a piece of rediscovered history. Believed to have been hand-built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in the 1930s, the Lost Trails were forgotten for decades until portions were recently unearthed and restored. Today, the trail system is split into two loops near Center Lake: a lower loop that circles the shoreline and an upper loop that climbs to a stunning overlook. As you navigate the granite rock staircases and follow the original stone-lined paths, you'll be walking the same "lost" route that crews carved out of the wilderness nearly a century ago.

FUN FACTS

- Built by the Civilian Conservation Corps as a working trail, this trail was "lost" to time. In 2017, park staff found the remnants of the trail and recreated the hike.
- The men of the Civilian Conservation Corps also built the dam on Center Lake and some of the buildings at the Black Hills Playhouse.



LOVERS LEAP TRAIL

Length: 4 miles (Loop)

Time: 2-4 hours

Difficulty: **Moderate**

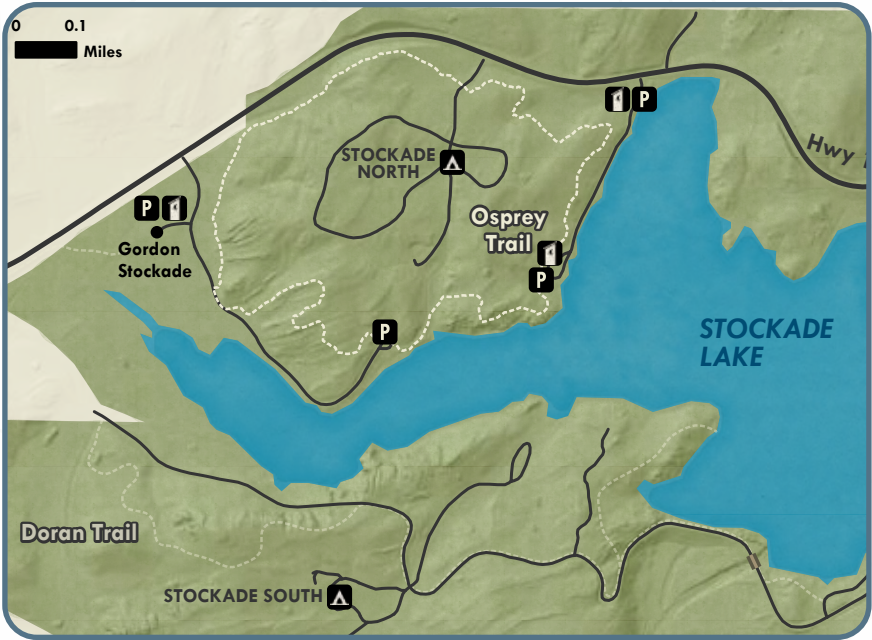
STAFF NOTES: Poison ivy is commonly found along this trail. Long pants and boots are recommended. Trailhead is behind the large church.

As one of the park's most iconic hikes, the Lovers Leap Trail offers a front-row seat to the powerful forces of nature. The journey begins with a steep ascent through a forest of ponderosa pine and oak, eventually leveling out along a dramatic ridgeline. From the legendary rocky outcropping known as Lovers Leap, you'll find spectacular views of Mount Coolidge, Black Elk Peak, and the Cathedral Spires.

Note: This trail has been significantly reshaped by the Galena and Legion Lake Fires, as well as the historic December 2025 windstorm. Hikers will witness a landscape of recovery, with open vistas where dense forest once stood. After the ridge, the trail descends quickly to Galena Creek, which you will cross numerous times as you wind your way back through the valley.

FUN FACTS

- Once you reach the bottom of the ridge, get ready for some footwork! The trail crosses Galena Creek over 20 times. While there are some small bridges, many crossings require balancing on stones or logs—a fun challenge that almost guarantees a little water in your boots.



OSPREY TRAIL

Length: 1.7 miles (Loop)

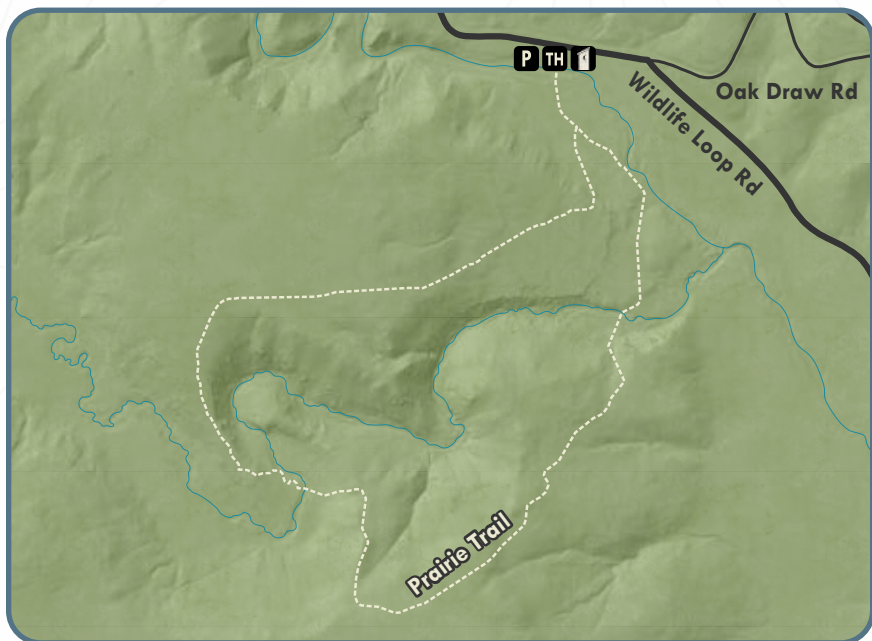
Time: 1-2 hours

Difficulty: Moderate

This scenic new addition to the park's trail system offers a perfect blend of lakeside beauty and pioneer history. Starting in the Stockade North Campground, the trail meanders through shaded woodlands down to the sparkling shores of Stockade Lake. The path follows the shoreline, offering tranquil water views and excellent birdwatching opportunities, before leading you toward the site of the historic Gordon Stockade. It then loops back through the pines to return you to the campground, making it an ideal choice for a morning stroll or a sunset walk.

FUN FACTS

- Because this trail follows the quieter western shore, it's a prime spot to see Ospreys and Bald Eagles diving for fish. You might also spot painted turtles sunning themselves on the rocks and logs near the bank.
- As you approach the southern end of the trail, you are near the site of the Gordon Stockade. This was a log fortress built in 1874 by a group of gold-seekers who entered the Black Hills illegally, defying a treaty that forbid settlement at the time.



PRAIRIE TRAIL

Length: 2 miles (Loop)

Time: 2-3 hours

Difficulty: **Moderate**

STAFF NOTES: Poison ivy is commonly found along this trail. Long pants and boots are recommended. Buffalo are also common in this area.

Immerse yourself in the wide-open beauty of the Great Plains. The Prairie Trail explores the park's rolling grasslands, serving as a vibrant stage for a spectacular summer wildflower display that changes week by week. The path occasionally dips into shaded stands of mixed hardwoods following a small, meandering stream, offering a brief respite from the sun. Because much of the route is open to the elements, there is limited shade—be sure to bring a hat, plenty of water, and your camera for those endless horizon views.

FUN FACTS

- The wildflowers here aren't just pretty; they are a clock! You might see the purple Pasqueflower in early spring, the bright yellow Prairie Coneflower in mid-summer, and the deep blue Asters as autumn approaches. No two hikes on this trail ever look exactly the same.
- As you hike, you'll notice large, circular depressions in the earth where the grass doesn't grow. These are bison wallows! Bison roll in the dirt here to shed their thick winter fur and protect themselves from biting flies.



STOCKADE LAKE TRAIL

Length: 1.1 miles (Loop)

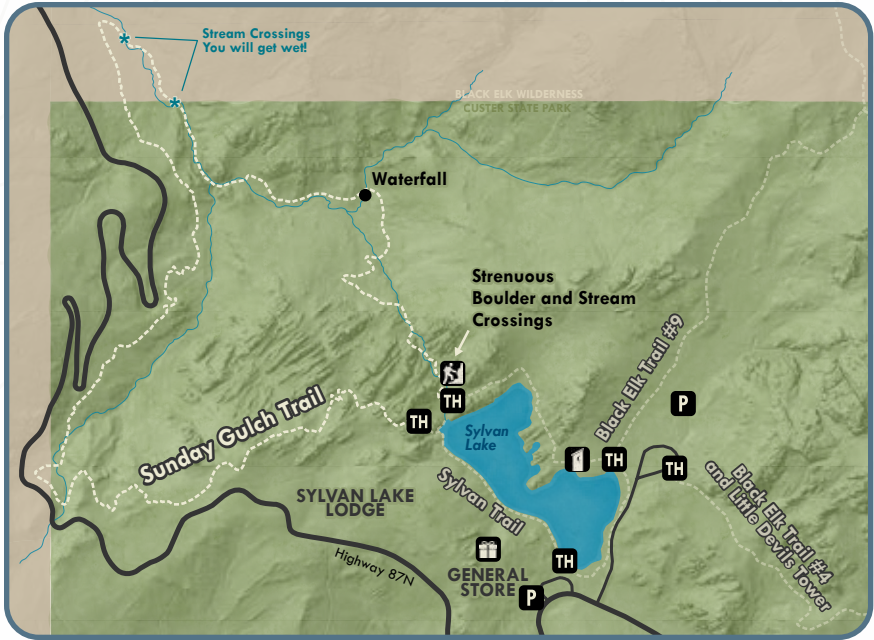
Time: 1-2 hours

Difficulty: Moderate

Beginning on the east side of Stockade Lake, this trail climbs a wooded ridge then circles back to the road. Hikers trek through dense pines and thickets of aspen and birch on this fairly steep walk. Top views include the Needles, Black Elk Peak and Crazy Horse Memorial®.

FUN FACTS

- Originally known as Doran, the lake was renamed for the Gordon Stockade on its western shore.
- Doran is the home of the original homesteader in the area.
- The lake and trail were built by the men of Camp Doran, a 1930s Civilian Conservation Corps camp.



SUNDAY GULCH TRAIL

Length: 3 miles (Loop)
Time: 2-4 hours
Difficulty: **Strenuous**

STAFF NOTES: Many rescues happen on this trail due to hikers being ill prepared for the strenuousness of the trail. Please make sure you are aware of the challenges of this hike.

Discover one of the Black Hills' most enchanting and hidden treasures. Tucked behind the iconic granite walls of Sylvan Lake, Sunday Gulch transports you into a lush canyon of towering trees, colossal boulders, and a sparkling mountain stream. This trail is famous for its "strenuous" middle section, where hikers must navigate a natural stone staircase through a narrow gorge. Prepare for a rugged adventure: for about a quarter of the hike, you'll be scrambling over mossy rocks and climbing alongside small waterfalls and cooling pools.

FUN FACTS

- You will climb alongside multiple waterfalls on this trail. Be prepared to get wet.
- Because the canyon walls are so steep and narrow, Sunday Gulch stays significantly cooler than the rest of the park. In the summer, the temperature at the bottom of the gulch can be 10 to 15 degrees lower than at Sylvan Lake!



SYLVAN LAKE SHORE TRAIL

Length: 1 mile (Loop)

Time: 1 hour

Difficulty: Easy to Moderate

STAFF NOTES: This trail connects with Sunday Gulch Trail. Look for signs and be aware of trail markings.

Experience the trail that “lacks nothing in natural beauty.” Recently enhanced with stunning new boardwalks on the main sections, this 1-mile loop offers a front-row seat to Sylvan Lake’s world-famous granite formations. The path winds along the water’s edge, weaving through massive boulders and over wooden walkways that provide seamless views of the reflections. While the new boardwalks offer a smooth start, the “backside” of the lake remains a classic Black Hills scramble over uneven rock and through narrow granite passages, making for a fun and varied adventure.

FUN FACTS

- This trail takes you past the location of the original Sylvan Lake Lodge which burned down in the 1930s.
- Movie fans may recognize these granite spires from the film *National Treasure: Book of Secrets*. In the movie, the rock formations behind Sylvan Lake served as the “secret entrance” to a fabled city of gold—though in real life, the only treasure you’ll find is the view!
- Please note parking is limited and this is a very popular trailhead.

CUSTER STATE PARK & BLACK ELK PEAK* TRAILS INFORMATION

Two of the most popular trailheads to Black Elk Peak (*formerly known as Harney Peak) start within Custer State Park and continue across the boundary to the Black Hills National Forest and Black Elk Wilderness.

TRAIL #9 TO BLACK ELK PEAK

Length: 3.3 miles (one-way)

Time: 2-4 hours

Difficulty: Moderate to Strenuous

STAFF NOTES: Begin just across the footbridge leading to the swimming beach. The most traveled and shortest route to Black Elk Peak*.

TRAIL #4 TO BLACK ELK PEAK

Length: 3.5 miles (one-way)

Time: 3-4 hours

Difficulty: Moderate to Strenuous

STAFF NOTES: Begin at the furthest southeast corner of the day use parking area. Connects to the Little Devil's Tower Spur trail, and ends at the intersection of Norbeck Trail 3. Norbeck Trail 3 intersects with Trail 9, which continues to Black Elk Peak*.

Note: Stay left at the Grizzly Creek Trail 7 intersection to stay on Trail 3. Watch for the intersections with Norbeck Trail 3, Grizzly Creek Trail 7 and Trail 9 in the Black Elk Wilderness. These are easy to miss, especially on the return trip.

MAPS

- Detailed topographical maps are available for sale at any of the park general stores.
- AVENZA MAPS app is highly recommended. This app uses your devices built-in GPS to locate you even when you are out of range of a network or Internet connection and is free to use.



Download the app from the *APP STORE* or *GOOGLE PLAY*. Then search for Custer State Park Maps. Or scan the this QR code.

RULES & REGULATIONS

Regulations differ within the state park system and the National Forest and Wilderness areas. Open fires in Custer State Park and Black Hills National Forest Service are only allowed in designated fire grates in established campgrounds and day use areas.

CUSTER STATE PARK REGULATIONS & INFORMATION

- A park entrance license is required and must be obtained at an entrance gate prior to entering or parking.
- Trails are marked with blue diamonds.
- Stock is prohibited on the Black Elk Peak Range trails within the park as well as the Grace Coolidge Walk-in Area.
- Camping is allowed only in designated campgrounds.
- Pets must be under the immediate control of the owner.

BLACK ELK WILDERNESS REGULATIONS & INFORMATION

- Trails are marked with tree blazes and signs at intersections.
- Stock are allowed on trails, unless otherwise noted.
- Camping is allowed anywhere EXCEPT within 1/4 mile of Black Elk Peak* and Trail 9, and at least 100 feet from water sources.
- Pets must be leashed or under strict voice control.
- Groups are limited to 25 beating hearts (stock, pets, hikers combined) - groups of 10 or less are recommended.
- Only non-mechanized, non-motorized transportation, no bikes, strollers, etc.

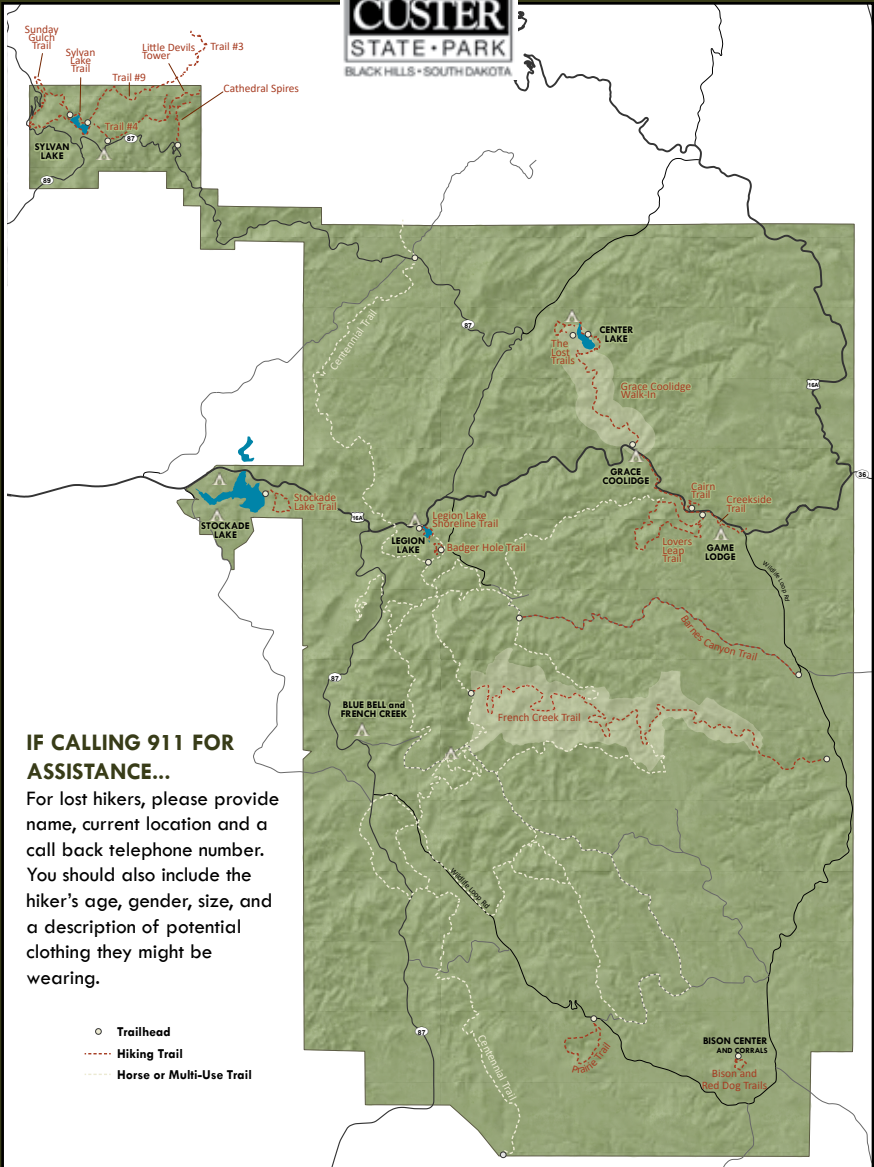
Cautionary Tips For Hiking Black Elk Peak*

- Thunderstorms containing hail, strong winds, and rain are prominent during the summer months.
- Wear shoes suitable for rugged terrain.
- Take extra clothes, it will likely be windy and cooler at the peak.
- Take at least one quart of water per person.
- NO RESTROOMS or water located along the trails.
- Pack out your trash.

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