

BUFFALO ROUNDUP ARTS FESTIVAL

Enjoy three days of continuous entertainment along with numerous arts and crafts booths near the State Game Lodge on Hwy 16A. Visit with artisans and crafters, hear cowboy poets spin tall tales, share the beauty of Native American dancers, and have a foot stompin' good time with some of the area's top musicians. Be on the lookout for trick shooters or kick up your heels with cloggers and square dancers. If you build up an appetite, you'll find plenty of good Western vittles right there on site. Park entrance license required.

THURSDAY, SEPT 27 • 10am-5pm

FRIDAY, SEPT 28 • 10AM-5PM

Friday is Buffalo Roundup Day: Park Entrance License Not Required

SATURDAY, SEPT 29 • 9AM-4PM



COME BACK NEXT YEAR!

SEPTEMBER 26-28, 2019

CUSTER STATE PARK

BUFFALO

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General Info

605-255-4515 • www.CusterStatePark.com

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800-710-2267 • www.CampSD.com

Lodging

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SEPT. 27-29, 2018

CRAZY HORSE SPECIAL FALL VOLKSMARCH

SEPT. 30, 2018





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The rumble starts underfoot as the first of the 1,300 buffalo crest the hill. Before long, the mighty animals are stampeding alongside Park personnel, cowboys and cowgirls, all attempting to herd the animals toward the Buffalo Corrals. You watch in awe from one of two designated viewing areas as the thundering beasts pass within a few hundred feet of you.

THAT'S THE BUFFALO ROUNDUP



Once the herd is safely in the corrals the buffalo are sorted, branded, tested, and certain animals are selected for the fall auction. The roundup and auction are conducted to keep the bison and the park's grasslands healthy. With the Park's grasslands only able to support about 1,000 animals through the winter, about 300 surplus buffalo are sold at the annual auction. Revenues from the fall auction help support the day-to-day operations of the South Dakota Park System.

Custer State Park has conducted the roundup and auction for over 50 years. Buyers from all over the United States and Canada have purchased these bison and started their own herds. The bison, which once faced extinction, now number about 500,000 and are found across North America.

VIEWING AREAS

While reservations are not required, you will need to determine which viewing area you will be going to prior to Friday morning. North Parking & Viewing: Follow the Green Route on the map. South Parking & Viewing: Follow the Red Route on the map. Porta-pottys available.

WHAT TO BRING

Folding chairs, cameras, binoculars, layered clothing, rain gear, water, snacks and sunscreen. Parking lots open at 6:15_{AM} and close at 9:00_{AM} Reservations are not required. Handicap parking provided in all areas. Please clearly display your handicap emblem.

MOTORGOACHES

Will park in the South Lot but access the area via the Green Route.

BUFFALO ROUNDUP

The Buffalo Roundup will begin at 9:30_{AM} Guests must stay in the viewing areas until the herd is safely in the corrals (usually around noon).

CONCESSIONS

Breakfast (\$) will be available at 6:15_{AM} in both viewing areas. Buffalo BBQ lunch (\$) will be served at the corrals once the buffalo are safely in the corrals until 1:00_{PM}.



FILL UP AT THE PANCAKE FEED!

Saturday, 8–10_{AM} at the Arts Festival Adults: \$5 | Kids 12 & under: \$3 Happening at the Festival Grounds. All proceeds go to the Custer Food Pantry.

SHUTTLE SERVICE

After the roundup, free shuttle service is provided from the viewing areas into the corrals and back. You may also walk down.

BUFFALO HANDLING

Testing, branding, and sorting will begin at 1:00pm until approximately 3:00pm.

DEPARTING

All vehicles must depart along the same way they entered.

CAMPER UNITS

We encourage you not to bring your camper. There is no drop location on-site for campers. If you do bring it, follow the Green Route and you will be parked in the North Overflow Lot and be shuttled to the Roundup site.

PETS

The Park encourages you to leave your pet at home or in your vehicle. Please note there is little to no shade in the north or south parking lots.

Parking entrance license not required on Buffalo Roundup day.