Snake Creek Recreation Area

Shannon Trail

Type of trail: Hiking
Trail surface: Grass
Rated: Easy to moderate
Fee required: Parks Entrance Fee
Length of trail in miles: .75 mile
Location of the trailhead:
   Gazebo behind site 85; Between site 102 and 103 in South Campground.
Facilities at or near the trailhead: Drinking water, toilet, parking, picnic tables, campground
Facilities along the trail: None
Will there be interpretive information available: Yes
What lodging opportunities are provided IN the park: Tent camping, electric and non-electric campsites, wheelchair accessible campsite, camping cabins
Does this trail connect with any other trails: No
Nearest facilities for purchasing snacks, sunscreen etc.: Dock 44 Marina North of Highway 44
Nearest motels/restaurants OUTSIDE the park: In Platte - 14 miles east
Name, address, and phone numbers of nearest Chamber of Commerce:
   Platte Area Chamber of Commerce, 500 Main Street, Platte, SD 57369
Emergency phone numbers:
   Ambulance – 911 & (605) 337-3364
   Sheriff – 911 & (605) 487-7625
   Fire Department – 911 & (605) 337-2347
Do most cell phones work on this trail: Yes

The Shannon Trail is a linear trail that connects the north campground to the south campground. It also provides an avenue of access from both campgrounds to the swim beach area. It winds along the partially wooded draws and knolls that overlook Lake Francis Case. Eastern red cedar, green ash, and snowberry are interspersed with native grass areas that contain crested wheatgrass and big and little bluestem. White-tailed deer, mule deer, pheasants, and an occasional turkey may be seen. The skies can include red-tailed hawks, northern harriers, and the seasonal bald eagles. Rattlesnakes can be seen in the park so watch where walking. The trailhead in the North Campground starts at the amphitheater and gazebo with interpretive and educational materials.