

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.