May you get caught in many buffalo jams.
Sylvan Lake

2020 PARK ENTRANCE LICENSE FEE OPTIONS

Valid license accepted at all South Dakota State Park areas.

Temporary 1-7 days ...................... $20 per vehicle
Annual ......................................... $36 per vehicle
$18 for 2nd vehicle
Motorcoach .................................... $3 per person

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Custer State Park Visitor Center

Custer State Park's visitor center is open year-round except major holidays and offers an array of exhibits which include a large interactive map, 20 foot scale model of the Cathedral Spires, and displays depicting the natural world of the Park. Numerous displays showcase the park's iconic inhabitants, the buffalo, and a state-of-the-art theater features a 20 minute movie narrated by Kevin Costner. The Visitor Center is located just east of the State Game Lodge at the junction of the Wildlife Loop Road and US 16A.
Activities

Hayride Chuck Wagon
Cookout
Blue Bell Lodge
• Reservations Required By 2:00 p.m. 605-255-4531
• Arrive at Blue Bell Lodge by 4:30 p.m.
• Departure at 5:00 p.m. Arrive Back at 8:00 p.m.
A vehicle-drawn hay wagon takes you on a 45-minute scenic wildlife tour before stopping in a mountain meadow canyon for a chuck wagon feast. Sing-along country/folk music entertains everyone throughout the evening. A souvenir cowboy hat and bandanna for each paying guest.

Chuck Wagon Cookout Menu
• an 8 oz. choice sirloin steak or a 1/3 lb. hamburger entrée (vegetarian option available)
• cowboy beans / cornbread
• potato salad / coleslaw
• watermelon / cookies
• coffee and lemonade
Adults: $58
Children (11 & under): $51
Children 3 years and under: Free (If they sit on a parent’s lap on the ride and eat from a parent’s plate.)

Buffalo Safari Jeep Tour
State Game Lodge
• Reservations Required 605-255-4541
• 1-1.5 to 2 Hour Tours
• Departing 6 a.m. thru 6 p.m.
Driver/guide takes you where only they are permitted - off-road - to provide historical and educational information about the park and wildlife on this scenic tour of the backcountry. Named “Top 10 Safaris in the US” by MSN.
Adults: $55
Children (11 & under): $50

BUFFALO SAFARI JEEP TOUR - plus - CHUCK WAGON COOKOUT
State Game Lodge / 605-255-4541
Reservations Required By 2:00 p.m.
Departs at 4:00 p.m. each night from Creekside Lodge
Two adventures in one! Start with your guided off-road Buffalo Safari Jeep Tour, then meet up with the Chuck Wagon Cookout. Driver brings you back when you are done. Exact departure time varies by season. Back around dark.
Adults: $91 | Children (11 & under): $84
Group (10 or more): $84 per person
Activities

Horseback Trail Riding
Blue Bell Lodge Stables
• Reservations Recommended 605-255-4700
• Arrive 30 minutes prior to scheduled trail ride to complete the required insurance-related paperwork.
• Children must ride alone and meet minimum safety requirements.
1-Hour Trail Ride: $50/pp
2-Hour Trail Ride: $90/pp
1/2-day ride w/lunch: $190/pp
FULL-day ride w/lunch: $275/pp

Boat & Water Sport Rentals
Legion Lake Lodge / 605-255-4521
Sylvan Lake Lodge / 605-574-2561
• All persons under 18 years of age must have an adult sign for rental with adult supervision while in the water.
• Life jackets are furnished and required to be worn.
Capacities:
• Paddleboards – 1 person
• Canoes & Kayaks – 1-3 people
Half Hour: $14 per person
Family Rate: $50 / 4-6 people for 1 hour/1 boat
1-Hour: $24 per person

Custer State Park
JR. NATURALIST PROGRAM
Kids explore the great outdoors in this hands-on educational program. Ask about the program at any entrance station or visitor center.

NATURALIST PROGRAMS
Throughout the summer, our naturalists lead programs designed to enrich your experience.
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LEGEND

- Paved Road
- Improved Gravel Road
- US Highway
- SD Highway
- State Park Road
- National Forest Road
- Gas Pump
- Wildlife Loop Rd
- Needles Hwy
- Iron Mt. Rd

- Campground
- Dump Station
- Point of Interest
- Picnic Area
- Tunnel
- Information
- Gift Shop

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Lodging

All sleeping units are climate-controlled and fully furnished with flat screen TVs, refrigerators, microwaves, and coffee pots. Sleeping and housekeeping cabins available; select units feature full kitchens, fireplaces, and decks.

BLUE BELL LODGE
» 30 CABINS
SPECIALTY CABIN*:
» Ponderosa Cabin (sleeps 24)

LEGION LAKE LODGE
» 27 CABINS

STATE GAME LODGE
» 47 LODGE ROOMS - double queen and king guestrooms that have been recently enlarged, and several historical suites
» 28 CABINS
SPECIALTY CABIN*:
[ both year-round ]
» Reunion Cabin (sleeps 28)
» Tatanka Cabin (sleeps 24)

CREEKSIDE LODGE
[ on the SGL grounds ]
» 30 OVERSIZED LODGE ROOMS; double queen junior suites. Upgrade to private patio or deck.
» Open year-round

SYLVAN LAKE LODGE
» 35 LODGE ROOMS - queen, double queen, king and suites. Elevator available in lodge.
» 31 CABINS
SPECIALTY CABIN*:
» Cathedral Spires Cabin (sleeps 20)

*Our Specialty Cabins offer a luxury unit, fully furnished, complete with designer kitchens, four bedrooms, five bathrooms, stone fireplaces, peaceful decks, and unforgettable views!
Unpack and unwind beneath the stars in one of Custer State Park's 9 campgrounds. You'll find 325 campsites and 50 camper cabins near fresh flowing streams, mountain lakes, or in the midst of a ponderosa pine forest. Reservations can be made up to one year in advance in all campgrounds, except Center Lake Campground, which offers “same day reservations”. Reservations can be made at www.CampSD.com or by calling 1-800-710-2267. Go to www.CusterStatePark.com for more information on camping and reservations.

Camping fees, plus tax, range from $19.00 to $35.00 depending upon location. Camper cabins run $50.00 a night plus tax. Camping fees are collected in whole at the time the reservation is made.

Most campgrounds offer electric sites and, all but Center Lake, have modern comfort stations (showers and flush toilets). Center Lake has showers and vault toilets. A dump station is located on the east side of the Park near the Park's new Visitor Center.

Specialty campgrounds include French Creek Horse Camp for horse campers only as well as two group campgrounds and two non-profit youth campgrounds.

Evening programs are offered at the Game Lodge, Center Lake, Stockade North and Blue Bell Campgrounds on most evenings from Memorial Day through Labor Day and include movies, power point presentations and other naturalist programs. Schedules are posted weekly on campground bulletin boards.
Food & Retail

All four restaurants serve breakfast, lunch and dinner.

**BLUE BELL LODGE  605-255-4531**
Comfortable Old West saloon-style setting. Specialty burgers and sandwiches, salads, buffalo, trout and steak. And the Best Bloody Mary in the West! Peaceful patio overlooking French Creek!

**LEGION LAKE LODGE  605-255-4521**
Newly rebuilt, you'll enjoy the lakeside patio and deck or stay indoors and enjoy our unique dining experience with a view second to none. From specialty malts and coffee; full service breakfast selections, specialty burgers, flatbread pizzas, broasted chicken, nightly features and Happy Hour with draft beer and snack specials!

**STATE GAME LODGE  605-255-4541**
Eloquently historical. Dinner is a culinary treat. Entree selections highlight local game such as, pheasant, buffalo and elk. Reservations recommended.

**SYLVAN LAKE LODGE  605-574-2561**
Fantastic forest views indoors and outdoors. Exquisite cuisine featuring buffalo, fresh water trout and Wapiti (elk) tenderloin. Accompanied by an extensive hand selected wine library. Reservations recommended.

**CONVENIENCE STORES, GIFTS & SOUVENIRS**
All Lodges have a gift shop or store. The largest, Coolidge General Store, is a short distance from the State Game Lodge. All are stocked with:
- Apparel for the whole family
- Quality bison and wildlife items
- Personal care products
- Groceries and beverages (beer and liquor at some locations)
- Grab-and-go food
- Camping, fishing supplies and fishing licenses
Scenic Drives

Twist and turn your way along the famous Needles Highway where giant columns of granite pierce the skyline. Or witness Mount Rushmore National Memorial on a breathtaking drive on the Iron Mountain Road. Experience the Park’s Wildlife Loop Road where you might come face to face with the Park’s buffalo, a band of burros, or one of the other critters often seen along the roadway.