

South Dakota

MISSOURI RIVER

Travel Guide



UNFORGETTABLE HUNTING

CAMPING OUT ON THE BEST FISHING SPOTS

WORLD CLASS FISHING

ROLLING RIVER SCENIC ROUTES

Life is Better on the River

2026-2027

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Take the Scenic Route **DISCOVER FORT PIERRE**

Just 30 miles off I-90, Fort Pierre is where history and adventure meet. Dare to conquer 8 seconds at the Casey Tibbs Rodeo Center. Grasp history at your fingertips at the Verendrye Monument. Hike the legendary riverfront trails of Lewis & Clark and Native Americans.

A quick 30-minute detour... A lifetime of memories!

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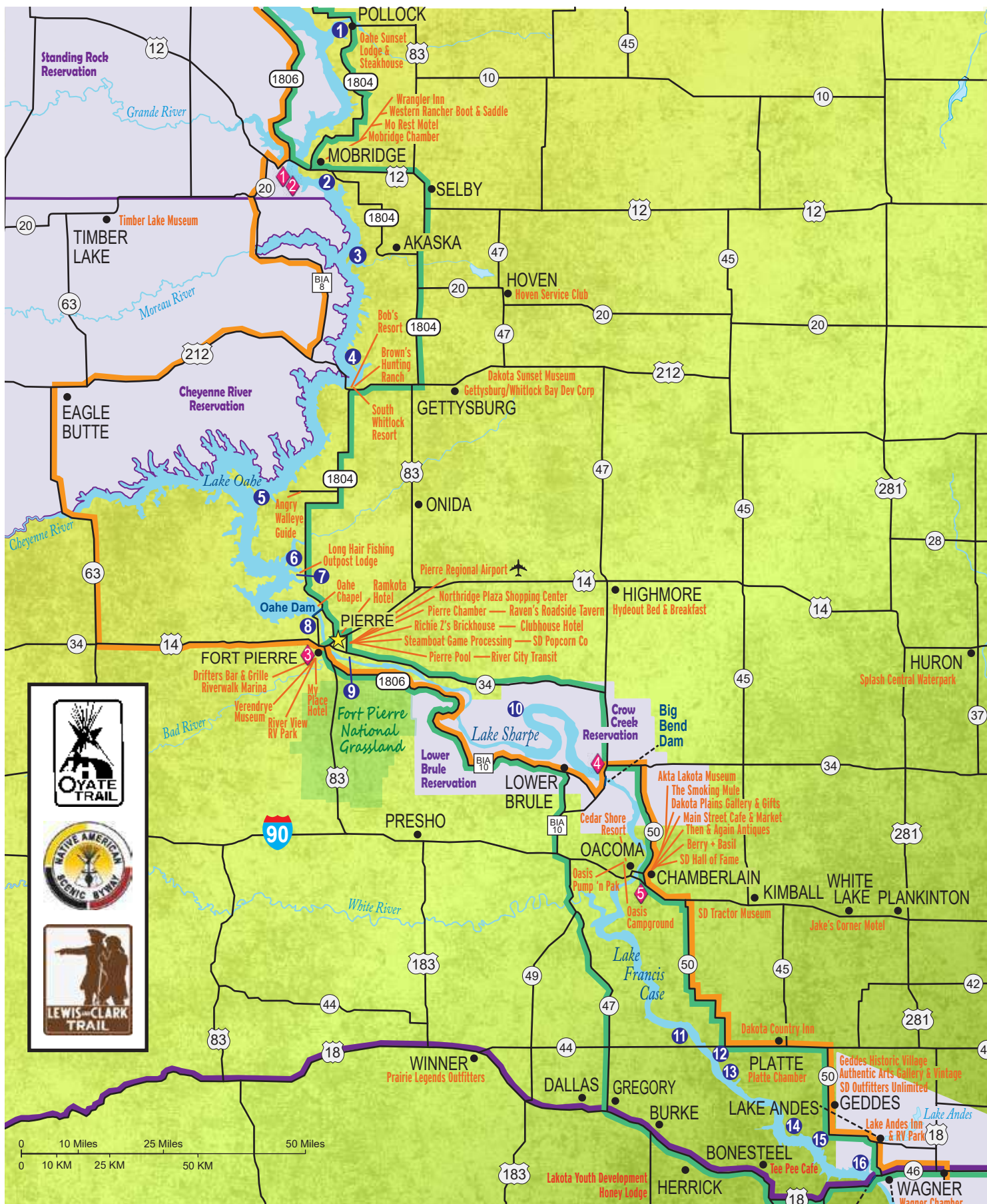
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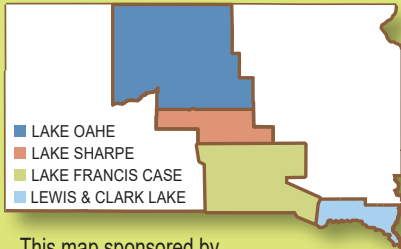
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SD MISSOURI RIVER ADVENTURE MAP



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- Native American Scenic Byway
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- Airports
- Area Attractions
- National Forest
- Sioux Tribe Reservations
- Monuments
- State Recreation Areas



FULL MAP

Explore Central South Dakota where the river runs through the heart of the state, tying together western, eastern, and Native cultures.

MISSOURI RIVER GETAWAY

Explore the Missouri River Region with the **Missouri River Getaway Passport**, a free, mobile-exclusive guide hosted by Travel South Dakota that helps you find scenic views, historic sites, charming small towns, and outdoor adventures while earning points toward exciting prizes. Use the QR Code to sign up and start exploring!



WIN PRIZES



MISSOURI RIVER VACATION GIVEAWAY

Sign up for a chance to win a FREE vacation to explore the Missouri River. Prize trips include a Family Vacation and 2-Day Fishing Trip. Hunting enthusiasts can try their luck by entering for the Huntman's Drawing! Use the QR code to visit the Vacation Giveaway Sign-Up Page and choose a giveaway package.



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SEE OTHER SOUTH DAKOTA DESTINATIONS!

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CrazyHorseMemorial.org

Reptile Gardens
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(605) 342-5873
ReptileGardens.com

GLACIAL LAKES

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DeSmet 57231 | (605) 854-3984
IngallsHomestead.com

Splash Central Waterpark
345 9th St SW, Huron 57350
(605) 353-8537
SplashCentralWaterpark.com

Calendar

JANUARY

Ice Fishing Tournament
Mobridge, Lake Oahe

APRIL

Cedar Shore Walleye Tournament
Oacoma, Lake Francis Case

Lake Oahe Pikemaster Invitational Championship
Lake Oahe

Sharpe Showdown
Pierre, Lake Sharpe

MAY

Platte Fishing Tournament
Platte, Lake Francis Case

Indian Relay Races
Mobridge

JUNE

Ale Trail
Chamberlain - Oacoma

Casey Tibbs Match of Champions
Fort Pierre

Dupree Pioneer Days
Dupree

Oahe Days Music & Arts Festival
Pierre

Old Settler's Days
Highmore

Ribfest
Gregory - Dallas

SD Governor's Bass Cup
Lake Oahe

SD State High School Rodeo
Fort Pierre

Scavenger's Journey
Multiple Communities

Tour de Oahe - Rocking the River
Pierre

Fish Days
Lake Andes

JULY

Burke Stampede Rodeo
Burke

Grassland Gravel Bicycle Tour
Fort Pierre

Oahe Blues Festival
Pierre

Owakpamni Wacipi
Wagner - Greenwood

Rock the Bluffs Fireworks
Chamberlain - Oacoma



CHRISTMAS AT THE CAPITOL

SD Governor's Cup Walleye Tournament
Lake Oahe

Sitting Bull Stampede Rodeo
Mobridge

Walleye Classic & Festival
Akaska, Lake Oahe

AUGUST

Cheyenne River Labor Day Wacipi
Eagle Butte

Fall Festival
Gregory

Fall Festival Car Show
Mobridge

Fort Pierre Trader Days
Fort Pierre

Geddes Trader Days
Geddes

Harvest Festival
Chamberlain-Oacoma

HayDaze
Platte

Ranch Bronco Night
Winner

Sunflower Festival
Highmore

SEPTEMBER

St Joseph's Annual Powwow
Chamberlain

Wagner Labor Day Celebration
Wagner

Winner Labor Day Rodeo
Winner

OCTOBER

Rooster Rush Pheasant Opener
Statewide

Fort Pierre Horse Races
Fort Pierre

NOVEMBER
Christmas at the Capitol
Pierre

DECEMBER
Christmas at the Capitol
Pierre

Christmas on the Prairie Concert
Hoven

Festival of Trees
Chamberlain-Oacoma

Oahe Winter Festival
Pierre, Fort Pierre



TURKEY RACES, FORT PIERRE TRADER DAYS

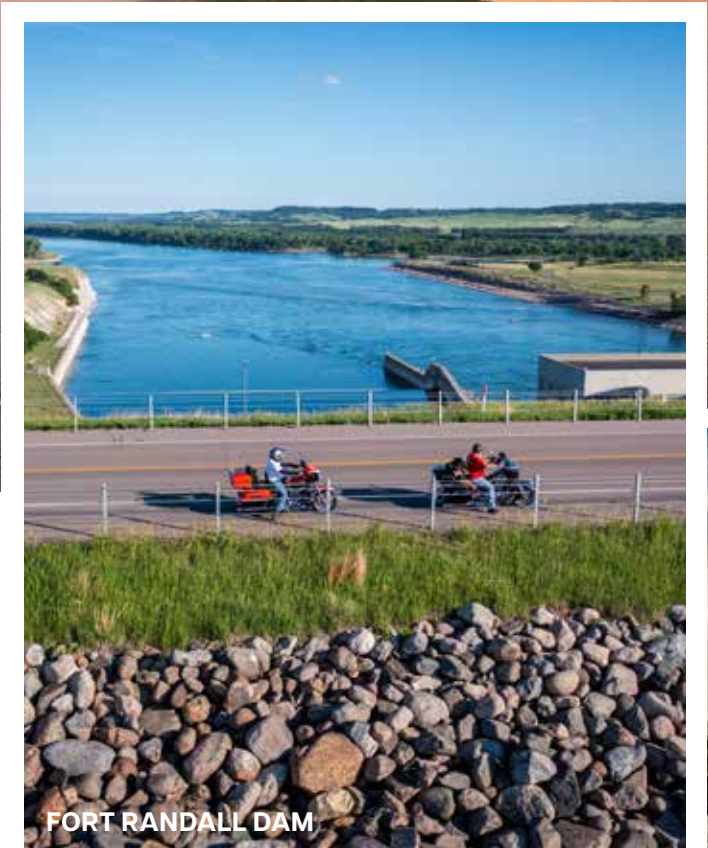




Welcome to the River

FOUR RIVER RESERVOIRS

Four beautiful lakes are at the center of activity for recreation, hunting, fishing, and water sports along the Missouri River: **Lake Oahe, Lake Sharpe, Lake Francis Case, and Lewis & Clark Lake**. The lakes straddle the divide between the climate and topography of forested, humid, eastern states and arid, mountainous, western states, giving each lake a distinct landscape. Being in the middle of the state between population-dense areas, the river is the perfect relaxing getaway. Everyone out on the river is there to have fun and take their leisurely time. If you aren't going out on the water, you can enjoy the view of the river valley from historic highways **1804 & 1806** on the **Lewis & Clark Trail** and **Native American Scenic Byway**.



FORT RANDALL DAM

FOUR GRAND DAMS

The four lakes are reservoirs created by four hydroelectric dams: **Oahe Dam, Big Bend Dam, Fort Randall Dam, and Gavins Point Dam**. These dams are engineering marvels and stunning places to visit. The Oahe Dam, Fort Randall Dam, and Gavins Point Dam have visitor centers, offering history and knowledge about the operations of the dams and the river system.



OAHE DAM POWER HOUSE

Mighty Mo Bucket List

LEWIS & CLARK TRAIL

Historic highways **SD 1804 & 1806** are named for Lewis & Clark's journey up and down the Missouri River in those years. The trail overlaps with much of the **Native American Scenic Byway**, which passes through five tribal lands in Central South Dakota. Both scenic roadtrips showcase the breathtaking beauty of the river valley landscape: rolling hills, high bluffs, sweeping prairies, and the vast waters of the reservoirs.

ARTS & CULTURE



Indulge in the local arts scene, where rustic life calling for creativity and grit meets the sweeping beauty of the river landscape and mysterious wildlife. See the intricate and delightfully wild **Walleye Up** statue, or the impressive **Dignity: of Earth & Sky** statue, the historic **Oscar Howe Murals** in Mobridge and the **Sea of Grass** art timeline at Timber Lake Museum. There are many galleries and shops dedicated to authentic Native Art; notable Native Art hotspots include the modern art displays in the **Akta Lakota Museum** and the **Dakota Plains Gallery & Gift Shop**, both in Chamberlain, SD.



WESTERN RODEOS

There are dozens of rodeos that take place annually across the state, varying from 4-H and high school to Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) events. An exciting rodeo to catch this year is the town of Mobridge's 80th annual **Sitting Bull Stampede Rodeo**. For a year-round calendar of rodeo events, the town of Fort Pierre hosts a wide variety of competitions. See [page 27](#) for a list of popular rodeos.

MUSEUMS

Local museums, historic buildings, and monuments are plentiful in Central SoDak, featuring Wild West history, stories of the Great Plains tribal peoples, small-town history, artifacts, fossils, and amazing exhibits. Many of these museums are free and one-of-a-kind, displaying history and artifacts from their own area, making perfect, one-hour stops on a roadtrip. See [page 28](#) for a list of fantastic museums in Central SoDak.

WACIPI - POWWOW

The SD Missouri River is home to five tribes of the Oceti Sakowin nation: **Standing Rock, Cheyenne River, Crow Creek, Lower Brule, and Yankton Sioux Tribe**. The tribes hold annual wacipi to celebrate culture, family, history, and values. "Wacipi" translates to "powwow". See [page 26](#) for more information on Tribes along the Missouri River.



STATE CAPITOL BUILDING & GROUNDS

At 100 years old, the **SD State Capitol Building** is a historic landmark and active home of state government, displaying the life and times of South Dakota's history as a state. The Capitol Building is open year-round to visitors. Outside on the grounds are various memorials. If you visit during the holiday season, the festive **Christmas at the Capitol** will be bustling with live entertainment and full of spectacular Christmas trees in the Capitol rotunda.

BIG SKIES: STORMS, STARS, SUNSETS

Central SoDak's wide prairies have no forests, letting the sky take over almost completely. Storms and sunsets become show-stoppers during the day. At night, the stars can come out all the way, even the dusty clouds of the **Milky Way Galaxy**. In the far northern reaches of South Dakota, **Northern Lights** sightings are possible. Wherever you are in the region, the outdoor theater is sure to give you a show!

SUNFLOWER SEASON

The sunflower blooming season runs July-August, and rural central SoDak is full of the golden flower. Driving through **Sully, Hyde, Hughes, and Stanley** counties will give you stunning views of bobbing heads of sunshine yellow as far as the eye can see.



Scenic Routes

Taking the scenic route means you've plenty of space to yourself. expect no crowds, sodak hospitality, wide skies, and glorious sunsets. the towns are small, the speed steady, the air free.



LEWIS & CLARK TRAIL

**Highways SD 1804 & 1806
North to South**

Lewis and Clark's exploration across the continent found them sailing up and down the Missouri River between the years 1804 and 1806: the highways numerated after these years follow this past route. The Lewis & Clark Historic Trail is a combination of highway, biking and hiking paths following the Missouri River. Bike routes and walking paths can be found in river towns, featuring historic markers of significant places where the explorers made discoveries or had contact with native tribes.

What makes the Lewis & Clark Trail special is the breath-taking beauty of the drive - the twists and turns around the rolling hills of the river valley, the sweeping prairies and vast open waters of the river reservoirs. "Scenic" comes up short to describe this landscape.

NATIVE AMERICAN SCENIC BYWAY

**Combination of SD-1804
& SD-1806
North to South**

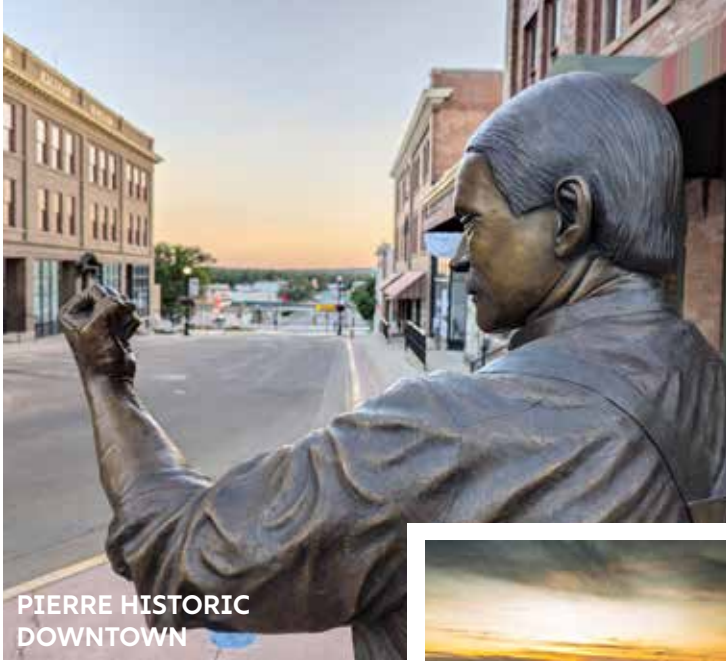
Take your time on the road less traveled through tribal lands and their fantastic landscapes. The Native American Scenic Byway (NASB) takes a route through all five tribal lands on the Missouri River. It starts by following the Lewis & Clark Trail from the Nebraska border to Fort Pierre, through Yankton, Crow Creek, and Lower Brule Reservations. The Byway shifts over to the west side of the river for Cheyenne River and Standing Rock Reservations.



OYATE TRAIL

**Combination of US-18
& US-50
East to West**

The Oyate Trail is a cultural route that explores the southernmost parts of the state between the Badlands and Central South Dakota, with cultural and historical opportunities representing the Lakota Sioux Indians and the Great American West. This area provides family-friendly stops steeped in rich agricultural landscape, Native American history, and South Dakota hospitality. Start in the far east corner of South Dakota, turning off I-29 at Vermillion and heading west on US Highway 50 and State Highway 18, and end your trip in Hot Springs in the southern Black Hills. The full trail is 420 miles and takes about 6.5 hours to complete. Ideally situated between the Missouri River and the Badlands, this road trip is perfect for travelers who want big park experiences, small town stays, and easy river access.

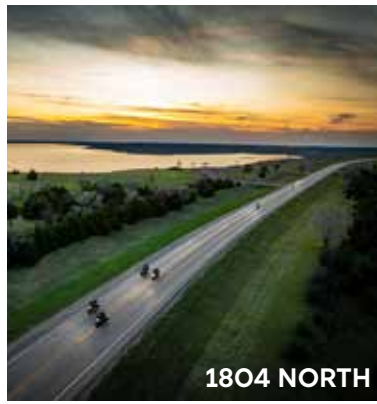


PIERRE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN

DIGNITY; OF EARTH & SKY



DEER NEAR THE BAD RIVER, FT PIERRE



1804 NORTH



MONUMENTS, STATUES, AND MEMORIALS

Chamberlain
Dignity of Earth & Sky

Big Bend Dam
Spirit of the Circle Monument

Fort Pierre
Verendrye Monument

Pierre
Trail of Governors

State Capitol Grounds
Flaming Fountain
WWII Memorial
Korean Memorial
Vietnam Memorial
Fighting Stallions Memorial

Mobridge
Sitting Bull & Sakakawea
Walleye Up Statue



HWY 1804 & 1806 POPULAR STOPS

From Southern Towns to the Far North

Yankton: The furthest southern portion of 1804, Yankton is home to the Mead Museum, The Lewis & Clark Visitor Center at Gavins Point Dam, and the Gavins Point Bluffs trail system.

Pickstown: right next to Fort Randall Dam, the Pickstown Museum tells the unique story of the town that built the dam in a decade. Fort Randall Dam visitor center houses Lewis & Clark exhibits, plus other local curiosities like a giant fossil found during the excavation of the dam foundations.

Chamberlain: Driving through Chamberlain and Oacoma on I-90 gives you a hair-raising, spectacular view from east river going down into the valley and across the bridge. The Dignity sculpture stands atop the hill just before the plunge. The Lewis & Clark hiking and biking trail starts in downtown and ends atop a high bluff overlooking the river in Roam Free Park. The Chamberlain Lewis & Clark Welcome Center is a great mini-

museum dedicated to Lewis & Clark history. The Akta Lakota Museum is an amazing gem of Native history, art, and culture just north of Chamberlain's downtown.

Fort Pierre: The Verendrye Monument sits atop a tall bluff, providing a stunning view of the two river cities, the river, and the Oahe dam.

Pierre: There are many sights to see in the Capitol, see Page 35 for a full list.

Eagle Butte: The HV Johnson Lakota Center houses collections of historical artifacts from the Cheyenne River Tribe, including murals, old photographs, beadwork and paintings.

Timber Lake Museum: At the museum is the Sea of Grass display, an art timeline created by 24 different artists, illustrating the history of north central South Dakota.

Mobridge: Across the bridge on US-12 takes you to a look-out bluff with Sitting Bull and Sakakawea monuments. In town, the Walleye Up statue and prolific native artist Oscar Howe's Murals are notable artsy stops. A riverside Lewis & Clark walking/biking trail can be found just south of downtown.

BACKROADS TO STURGIS

Bikers riding to the 85th Sturgis Rally can treat themselves to South Dakota's backroads, where green-and-amber prairies drop away to grand sweeps of river, framed by rolling hills great and small. You'll be ascending the hills and bluffs, winding up and down among them, coming to peaks and seeing for miles across the river valley and expansive plains. The Byway is another route for bikers to take who want to see more of scenic South Dakota. The Byway follows the Lewis & Clark Trail on 1804 and 1806 in the southern part of the state, but up north it takes the west shore, and the rippling river terrain is just jaw-dropping.

Stunning Day Drives
Mobridge - Pollock: SD Hwy 1804

Forest City - Sitting Bull: BIA 8 to BIA 4 and Co Rd 10, onto Co 6304

Fort Pierre - Lower Brule: SD Hwy 1806 to BIA 10

Chamberlain - Platte: via SD 50 W

Platte - Bonesteel: SD-44 to SD Hwy 1806 and Old 1806th Rd

FOUR RIVER RESERVOIRS

LAKE OAHE

This broad, far-reaching lake is the largest reservoir in South Dakota and the fourth largest man-made reservoir in the United States. With a shoreline of 2,250 miles, its beach acreage surpasses California's coastline, stretching from North Dakota to the **Oahe Dam** near South Dakota's capitol city **Pierre**. Oahe is big water, perfect for sailing, fishing, and swimming, pristinely clear on windless days. 2023 saw two walleye state records broken within a month of each other in Lake Oahe, the largest weighing in at 17.87 lbs. While walleye are found in all the reservoirs, Lake Oahe is home to the big ones because of its unique ecology. It is also the only reservoir in South Dakota where salmon can live due to its deep, cold waters.



LAKE OAHE

231 MILES LONG
310,000 ACRES
205 FT MAX DEPTH

Lake Oahe Towns
Pollock, Mobridge, Akaska,
Gettysburg, Whitlock Bay



LAKE SHARPE

Running between Pierre and Fort Pierre, this shorter lake is popular for visitors and locals alike. The water in town, by the bridge, and below the dam fills with boats on any warm day. South of Pierre, the river runs between Lower Brule and Crow Creek Reservations, where lies the Big Bend river horseshoe. The lake is named after 17th governor Merrill Q. Sharpe, instrumental in creating the four Missouri River dams in South Dakota.

LAKE FRANCIS CASE

Almost reaching the South Dakota border, Lake Francis Case is the second largest reservoir in the state. The lake is named after former SD representative and senator Francis Higbee Case. Fishing, camping, and recreation is big on this long lake.

LEWIS & CLARK LAKE

The smallest of the four reservoirs sits along the South Dakota-Nebraska border. It is known for its signature shoreline chalky bluffs and its colorful sailboats, attracting 2 million visitors each year. At the northern end of the lake, the Missouri River changes shape, becoming narrow and winding, fracturing into many channels, much like its original self before the dams made the waters wide. This river landscape is closer to what Lewis and Clark would have seen during their trip in 1804.



LAKE FRANCIS CASE

107 MILES
102,000 ACRES
140 FT MAX DEPTH

Lake Francis Case Towns
Chamberlain, Oacoma, Platte, Bonesteel,
Geddes, Lake Andes, Pickstown

LEWIS & CLARK LAKE

25 MILES LONG
31,000 ACRES
45 FT MAX DEPTH

Lewis & Clark Lake Towns
Yankton





SANDY BEACHES

Indian Creek RA | Mobridge

West Whitlock RA | Whitlock Bay

“California Beach” | Pierre

Farm Island RA | Pierre

Steamboat Park Beach | Pierre

Oahe Downstream RA | Fort Pierre

North Point RA | Pickstown

Lewis & Clark RA | Yankton



SPRING CREEK RA



LAKE SHARPE

80 MILES LONG

56,000 ACRES

78 FT MAX DEPTH

Lake Sharpe Towns

Pierre, Fort Pierre, Lower Brule, Fort Thompson

ON THE RIVER

What to Do: camping, hiking, canoeing, kayaking, paddle boarding, water skiing, fishing, beaching, swimming, snorkeling, scuba diving, spear fishing, ice fishing, sailing, pontooning.

What to Bring: sun screen, hat, water shoes, bug spray, drinking water, life jackets, layers for cooler days and nights.

Best Time for Warm Waters: June - August



WINTER ICE ON LAKE OAHE

NATURAL RIVER HORSESHOES

Big Bend | Lake Sharpe

The largest naturally occurring river horseshoe bend in the USA.

The Narrows Recreation and Historical Interpretive Area

Lower Brule Reservation | lbrst.org | (605) 208-0781

The Narrows is the thin strip of land that makes up the inside of the horseshoe shape of Big Bend. Visitors with a permit from the **Lower Brule Wildlife Office** (see page 26) can explore a traditionally-built earthlodge and climb into the hills to see a stunning vista of the bend.

Little Bend RA | Lake Oahe

A smaller natural river horseshoe in the southern half of Lake Oahe, with a state park, lake access, game production area and hiking access on its land peninsula.



LITTLE BEND RA



OAHE DAM
2 MILES LONG | 245 FT HIGH
ROLLED-EARTH FILL & SHALE BERMS

FOUR GRAND DAMS

OAHE DAM

Fort Pierre, Pierre, SD

Lake Oahe is created by Oahe Dam, just north of Pierre and Fort Pierre. President John F. Kennedy commemorated the dam upon its completion in 1962. At the time, it was the largest earth-rolled dam in the world, and today it fits easily within the top ten list of largest dams made of anything. At the top of the dam, aside from amazing views and gorgeous sunsets, is the **Oahe Dam Visitor Center** and the iconic, historic **Oahe Chapel & School House**, both open year-round to visitors.

BIG BEND DAM

Fort Thompson, SD

This dam is named after nearby natural river formation **Big Bend**. It was the last dam of four to be built on the river.

FORT RANDALL DAM

Pickstown, SD

The oldest of the four dams, completed in 1954, named after 1800s military base Fort Randall. President Eisenhower threw the generator switch. The Visitor Center on the east side has a plethora of different displays on local history, Lewis & Clark, and dam operations.

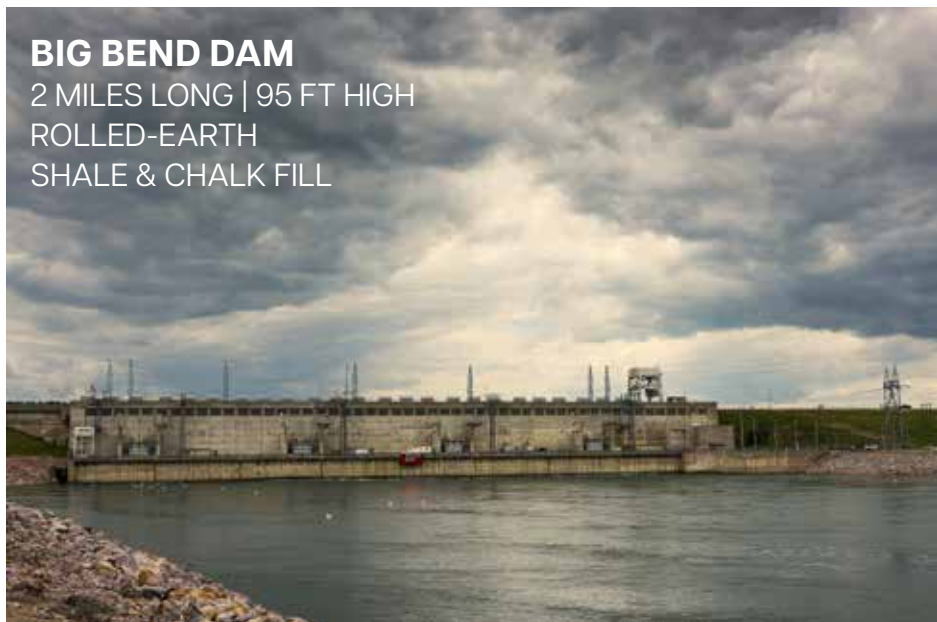
GAVINS POINT DAM

Yaknton, SD

Gavins Point Dam is the smallest dam, furthest downstream, and last in line of the four dams on the Missouri River in South Dakota. The Visitor Center on the west side of the dam displays excellent Lewis & Clark exhibits, as well as information about how the dams on the Missouri River operate.

BIG BEND DAM

2 MILES LONG | 95 FT HIGH
ROLLED-EARTH
SHALE & CHALK FILL



OAHE DAM VISITOR CENTER

20207 SD Hwy 1806, Pierre 57501
SDMissouriRiver.com
(888) 386-4617 | Open Year-round



OAHE CHAPEL

20207 SD-1804, Pierre 57501
(605) 773-2907

Oahe Chapel Preservation Society
PO Box 7201, Pierre 57501
(605) 773-3458



FORT RANDALL DAM VISITOR CENTER

US-18, Lake Andes 57356
(605) 487-7845 | Open Seasonally



CHAMBERLAIN-OACOMA BRIDGE



FORT RANDALL DAM
2 MILES LONG | 165 FT HIGH
ROLLED-EARTH FILL & CHALK BERMS

BRIDGES

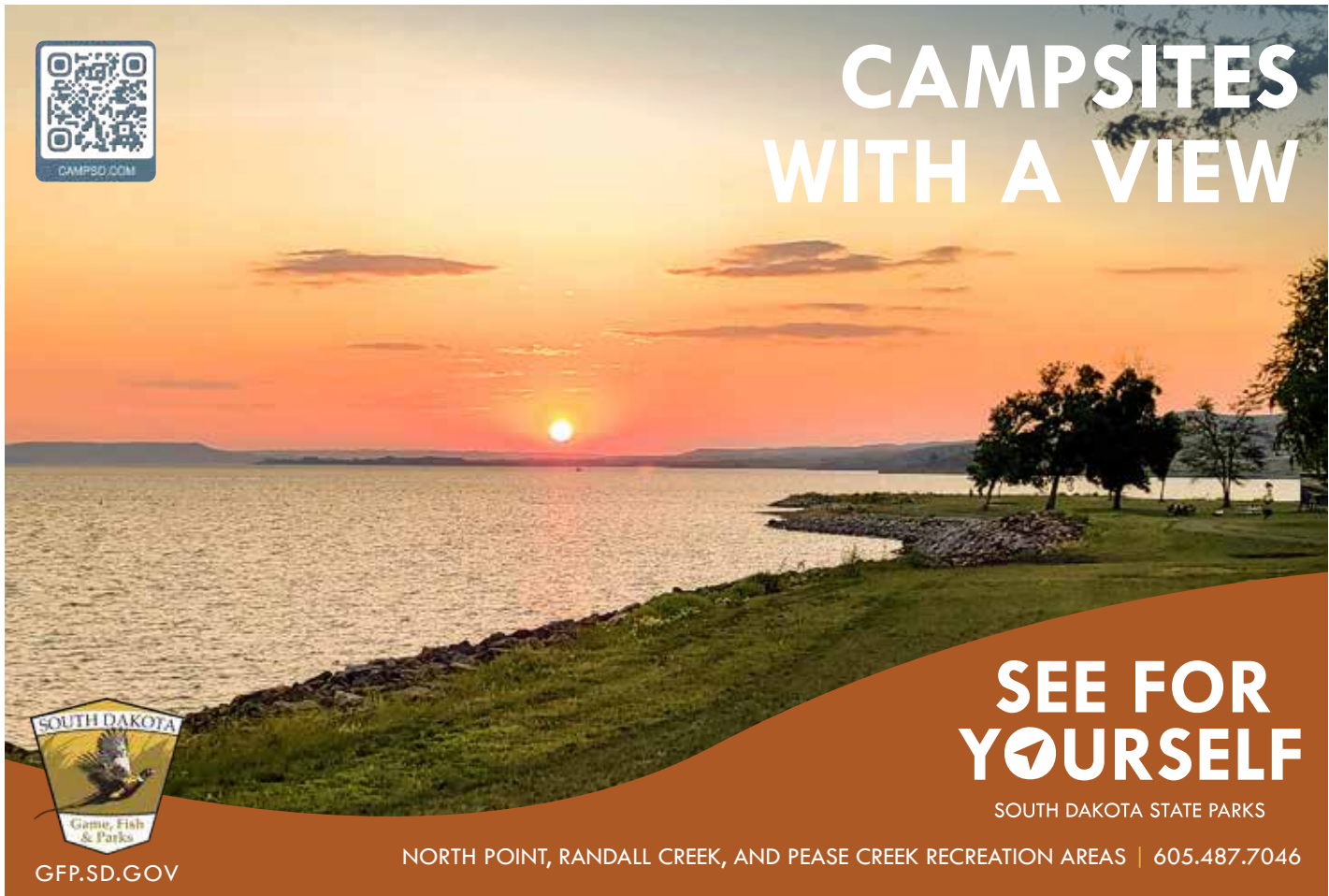
- Mobridge-Standing Rock Reservation**
US-12
- Whitlock Bay -Forest City**
US-212
- Pierre-Fort Pierre**
SD-34
- Chamberlain-Oacoma**
I-90
- Platte-Winner**
SD-44



GAVINS POINT DAM
1.6 MILES LONG | 74 FT HIGH
ROLLED-EARTH & CHALK FILL



CAMPSITES WITH A VIEW



GFP.SD.GOV

SEE FOR YOURSELF

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE PARKS

NORTH POINT, RANDALL CREEK, AND PEASE CREEK RECREATION AREAS | 605.487.7046



US Army Corps
of Engineers

Traverse the Trails



OAHE WEST SHORE TRAILS

OAHE WEST SHORE MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS

Fort Pierre, west of the Oahe Dam

These dirt trails were built for mountain biking on the undulated hills next to Oahe Dam, strenuous but lovely, and are open to hikers as well. The two main trailheads make great pitstops for a scenic overlook. These trails are public access.

LEWIS & CLARK PAVED RIVER TRAILS

Pierre, Fort Pierre, Mobridge, Chamberlain

Several paved trails follow the river in Pierre, Fort Pierre, Chamberlain, and Mobridge. Historical markers detail different aspects of river and prairie life, pioneer living, and Lewis & Clark's journey. In Pierre, the trail starts in **Farm Island RA**, running into town, over the bridge and into Fort Pierre, where it becomes the **Oahe Dam Downstream Fort Pierre Trail** ending in **Oahe Downstream RA** next to the Oahe Dam. In Mobridge, the trail connects to the **Walleye Up** statue and downtown area. Chamberlain's trail starts in **Roam Free Park** on a high bluff overlooking the river and runs into downtown Chamberlain and along the river's edge.

OWEN'S BAY TRAIL

Lake Andes

Take this easy hike on the lovely, lonesome **Lake Andes National Wildlife Refuge**, where the water is tranquil and the sunsets are mesmerizing. Immerse yourself in this remote part of the state on **Yankton Reservation**, home to ducks, geese, cranes, and other wildlife.

LA FRAMBOISE ISLAND

Pierre

Lying between Pierre and Fort Pierre, this large river island is a piece of wilderness in the middle of town. With long dirt trails, both for biking and hiking, this public island park is a favorite spot for sunny beach days, kayaking, and spotting wildlife, such as deer and beaver activity.

FORT PIERRE NATIONAL GRASSLANDS

Fort Pierre

The rolling prairies of 116,000 acres of preserved natural grasslands provide visitors with hunting, fishing, hiking, birding, camping, and horse riding. The Grasslands are a great spot for prairie dog hunting in particular, and it's one of the easiest places to observe the prairie grouse during their spring mating season. For this nature preserve, it is important to familiarize yourself with Grassland rules and regulations, so please check in at the US Forest Ranger Kiosk in Fort Pierre at 1020 Deadwood Street before your visit.

LITTLE BEND RA

North of Pierre

For adventurers who crave unbeaten paths, follow 1804 north of Pierre to Little Bend, the narrow strip of land inside a natural river horseshoe. This nature and game production area is free to roam, remote and vast and beautiful; you can follow a non-maintained path across the length of the peninsula, climbing up gently rolling hills and drinking in the incredible views of river and sky.

PARK MANAGEMENT

US Army Corps of Engineers

nwo.usace.army.mil

Omaha District: (402) 221-3917

Fort Pierre National Grassland

US Forest Service: (605) 224-5517

fs.fed.us/r2/nebraska/units/fp/ftpierre.htm

SD Game, Fish & Parks

gfp.sd.gov | campsd.com

Parks and Rec: (605) 773-3391

Camping Reservations: 1(800) 710-2267

Reservations.GoOutdoorsSouthDakota.com



Oasis Campground

See *Directory for Contact Info*

Camp in relaxation right next to the Missouri River in the beautiful Oacoma-Chamberlain valley, with access to showers, full RV hook-ups, heated swimming pool, Wi-Fi at site, great fishing, and a golf course. Open April 1 - Oct 31.



Riverview RV Park

See *Directory for Contact Info*

Take your RV camper to this extraordinary campsite with an incredible view overlooking the river and South Dakota's capitol city, Pierre, as well as Fort Pierre. Located close to town amenities and a nature-rich area; enjoy hunting, fishing, and river recreation during your stay!



BOAT RAMPS




BOAT RAMPS

See the **Public Water Access Map** on the SD GFP website under Maps on their homepage navigation bar for accessible boat ramps and ramp closures.



























PARKS & CAMPING

RV Campsites
Tent Campsites
Modern Cabins
Fish Clean Station
Playground
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Camping Out on the Best Fishing Spots

The Missouri River through South Dakota offers ample outdoor recreation opportunity, with numerous state parks and recreation areas, fantastic walleye fishing, and the greatest pheasant hunting in the country. Boating, hiking, and Missouri River sunsets add to the outdoor opportunity, and with so much to do, you're best off staying right in the heart of the action.

Fortunately, the 23 state parks and recreation areas dotting the river from Pollock to Yankton provide numerous opportunities to camp and stay on the water's edge. Many of these parks offer both traditional camping sites and camping cabins, and two offer additional lodging opportunities.

The opportunity begins near the North Dakota border along expansive Lake Oahe with West Pollock Recreation Area. A quiet campground, West Pollock provides easy access to under-the-radar fishing spots on Lake Oahe north of Mobridge. The campsites along the water's edge also make for a perfect spot to enjoy a Missouri River sunset.

A few miles downriver, Indian Creek Recreation Area offers some of the best access points for the excellent fishing available on Lake Oahe near Mobridge. With over 120 campsites and two camping cabins, Indian Creek is one of the most popular destinations on the upper end of Lake Oahe. Large boat ramps and parking areas make for easy boating access, and the indoor fish cleaning station allows for comfort after a day on the water regardless of the weather or season.

The Akaska area is one of the most popular trophy walleye spots in South Dakota, and Swan Creek Recreation Area sits right in the heart of the action. Two small campgrounds make for a quiet stay, between, of course, the excitement about landing the walleye of a lifetime!

Another trophy walleye spot, West Whitlock Recreation Area offers a larger campground with over 100 sites and two camping cabins. Multiple large flats, including one just outside the campground, make for convenient fishing even in the toughest of weather conditions. The West Whitlock Spawning Station also provides a unique glimpse into the Lake Oahe salmon population throughout the month of October.

The lower end of Lake Oahe features a peninsula with a variety of opportunities. Spring Creek Recreation Area offers 10 modern cabins and 12 suites, along with an on-site restaurant and large boat ramp and marina. A short drive up the road on the north side of the peninsula is home to Cow Creek Recreation Area, which offers nearly 50 campsites and four camping cabins. The area is completed with Okobojo Point Recreation Area, which offers 18 sites on a first-come, first-served basis.

Below the dam, as in literally below the Oahe Dam, is Oahe Downstream Recreation Area. This larger park offers three campgrounds including over 200 campsites, eight camping cabins, four modern lodges, and a group lodge. Regardless of how you wish to stay, there's an opportunity at Oahe Downstream.

A few miles further downriver, Farm Island Recreation Area offers two unique ways to fish on Lake Sharpe. Polo Fields Boat Ramp offers access to the main body of Lake Sharpe, while Hipple Lake features a shallow, fertile fishery that is home to walleye, white bass, channel catfish, northern pike, and crappie. Two campgrounds combine for 90 total campsites and four camping cabins, many of which offer excellent shore fishing directly off the site!

Speaking of excellent fishing, you don't have to go far from West Bend Recreation Area to be on some of the best action fishing on Lake Sharpe. Anglers staying at the 120 campsites

and four camping cabins are minutes away from some of the best fishing spots on the lower end of the fishery.

On Lake Francis Case, some of the best fishing can be found in the Platte area, and whether you're chasing walleyes or boating on the river, Platte Creek Recreation Area and Snake Creek Recreation Area make perfect spots to stay. Platte Creek Recreation Area offers 36 campsites, while Snake Creek Recreation Area has 115 campsites and 10 camping cabins.

Just across the river, Buryanek Recreation Area offers over 40 sites and three camping cabins, with every park in the area providing easy access to some of the most popular fishing spots on the lower end of Lake Francis Case.

Pease Creek Recreation Area is arguably one of the best fishing spots on the reservoir, and a small, quiet park makes for the perfect fishing base camp. Perhaps the only park quieter would be North Wheeler Recreation Area, just a short ways north.

North Point Recreation Area, sitting at the end of the reservoir just north of Fort Randall Dam, offers 115 campsites and seven camping cabins. Prairie Dog Bay and St. Francis Bay makes this entire area a boater's dream.

Whether you're looking for the best bite, a fun day on the water, or just to relax on the shores of the Mighty Mo, see for yourself what makes camping out on the Missouri River the best way to spend a day.

written by **Nick Harrington**
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FISH BY SEASON

Spring: A favorite time to fish in South Dakota, when the weather is mild. Species move in spawn patterns, swimming upriver to the north ends of the reservoirs. Water levels are typically high in the spring. Fishing tournaments begin in spring and happen throughout the summer.

Summer: Fish spread out in the water as temperatures rise, flowing back south on the reservoir systems. Water levels vary as dams release water based on the needs of the systems.

Fall: The Fall Bite is a popular time for another wave of fishing, when the weather cools. Historically, fall is the season for catching record-breaking walleye. The salmon spawn on Lake Oahe takes off in October.

Winter: Ice-fishing can happen on all lakes, typically after the holidays when South Dakota's extreme temperatures provide optimal conditions for thick ice.

FISHING LICENSES

Nonresident: One-Day, Three-Day, Annual, Habitat Stamp

Resident: 1-Day, Annual, Combination, Senior Combination, Senior Annual, Habitat Stamp

Youth Fish Free: Under 18 years

GAME, FISH & PARKS

PUBLICATIONS

SD Fishing Atlas 2026

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HUNTING GUIDES AND LODGES

We asked our out-of-state hunters what makes them come back to South Dakota year after year. Their answer: fun and hospitality! When it comes to an awesome hunting trip, the right hunting guide or outfitter can be a critical component to making or breaking your hunting excursion. In Central SoDak there are many **experienced guides** and **outfitters** equipped with the know-how and personality to make an impressive and memorable trip. There are even guided hunting trips on horse-back! Guides and outfitters can be found in town or at **private lodges** on hunting lands teeming with wildlife. These guides have access to thousands upon thousands of acres of hunting preserves and private grounds.

HUNTING LICENSES

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Youth Nonresident: Youth Small Game (12-17)

Resident: Small Game, 1-Day Small Game, Combination, Combination Senior, State Migratory Bird Certificate, Federal Waterfowl Stamp, Predator/Varmint (hunt or trap), Furbearer (hunt or trap), Big Game and Tags, Habitat Stamp

Youth Resident: Youth Small Game (12-17), some species require no license for resident youth under 18

GAME, FISH & PARKS PUBLICATIONS

Public Hunting Atlas 2025-26

Hunting Handbook 2025-26

Hunting publications are updated every year and published in August, right before fall hunting seasons begin. See these handbooks for regulations, licensing, limits, public hunting lands, seasons, maps, species and other useful information.

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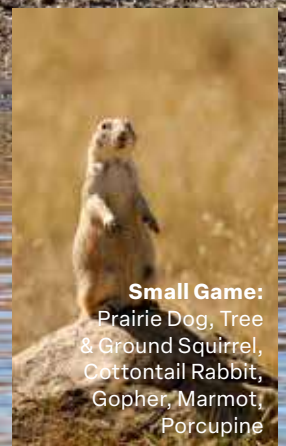
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South Dakota's rich wildlife population is due in large part to hunting outfitters who farm and care for thousands of acres. Prairie Legends Outfitters, based out of Winner, SD, has 55,000 total acres they farm and preserve for hunting purposes, measuring 80 miles in total from northern to southern tip. Managing crops, planting trees, clearing dead trees, cutting paths, and raising birds all happen for months before the hunting season begins. Conservation practices, such as rotational grazing and planting, sustain the fertility of the land, providing long-lasting habitat conditions for birds and deer.

together," says Tarrell. "But for pheasant, a grandpa, dad, and grandson can all be active and shooting at the same time."

SHARPTAILED GROUSE & MOURNING DOVES

These two popular birds are harder to find later in their season. Their prime-time is September - October, preferably early September. However, there are no shortages of doves; you can hunt them just by walking around. Sharptails are the opposite - they are very skittish. Successful hunts tend to be made of 1-2 people and a pointing dog.

"We will find a way to let kids enjoy the hunt," says Tarrell, "we'll shoot trap, take small groups, or hunt after the adults."

There hasn't been a better time to join in the hunt in SD. The state has enjoyed two exceptional years of hunting, especially for pheasants, and is looking forward to another great season in 2026!

written with **Tarrell Bauld**
Manager and Guide at
Prairie Legends Outfitters

55,000 acres provides great variety; from thick woods near the Missouri River to plots of standing crops to open prairies, no day out on the hunt has to be the same. Tarrell Bauld, guide at Prairie Legends, shares he has land for every occasion. "If we're getting crappy, rainy weather, we can go out to the river bottom ground that's more heavily wooded. If it's hot and fair, we've got the prairies." On lands like these, hunters have a pick of game. White-tails, muleys, pheasant, turkey, sharptail, and dove are all options at Prairie Legends. They also keep a small preserve of 2,400 acres, which benefits hunters with timing constraints. The preserve hunting season runs September 1 - March 31, while the regular season runs the 3rd weekend in September to December 31. "If you want to hunt in a t-shirt," says Tarrell, "early September has the weather for that."

DEER

"For deer, you need to be a true, die-hard hunter," says Tarrell. Hunting for White-tails or Mule deer is a limited affair, with tags drawn each year. Fortunately, Prairie Legends is set up to guide in SD and NE, advising their hunters to apply for tags in both states in order to secure at least one. Timing is also limited for deer. The Rifle Season runs only 2 weeks in SD, starting on the 2nd weekend of November. In Nebraska, the season is even shorter, only 1 week. Archery Season is much longer, running from Sept 1 - Dec 31 in SD.

BOOKING AN OUTFITTER

"Don't be in a hurry to book; make sure you're getting the right outfitter that fits you," advises Tarrell. There are a multitude of outfitters in SD, and all have their own way of hunting. For Tarrell's operation, they take experience into account - first-timers will hunt in smaller groups of 2-3. By in large, the hunting community in SD are excited to welcome new hunters young and old. For kids 12 and under, Mentor Tags are available. Tarrell's own co-guide is his 12-year-old son.



PHEASANT HUNTS

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Standing Rock Tourism Office: StandingRockTourism.com

CHEYENNE RIVER

Just south of Standing Rock, the Cheyenne River tribal lands is the largest tribe on the Missouri River and the largest reservation in South Dakota. The Moreau River runs through it, and the Cheyenne River borders it to the south.

BYWAY STOPS

HV Johnson Lakota Center
Timber Lake & Area Museum

Cheyenne River Tribal Office: (605) 964-4155 | Sioux.org

Cheyenne River GFP: crstgfp.com

CROW CREEK

Sitting northeast of Lake Sharpe in the middle of the state, across the river from Lower Brule reservation, the area is split into three community districts: Fort Thompson, Big Bend, and Crow Creek.

BYWAY STOPS

Spirit of the Circle Monument

Crow Creek Tribal Office
(605) 245-2221 | CrowCreekConnections.org

LOWER BRULE

Northwest of Big Bend Dam in the Lake Sharpe area, the Lower Brule Tribe hosts an annual wacipi, fair, and rodeo. Hunting and fishing are available as well; see their Department of Wildlife for more details.

BYWAY STOPS

The Narrows Historical Interpretive Area
Lower Brule Buffalo Center

Lower Brule Tribal Office: (605) 473-5561 | LowerBruleSiouxTribe.com

City of Lower Brule: 187 Oyate Cir, Lower Brule | lbst.org

Wildlife, Fish & Recreation: LowerBruleWildlife.com

YANKTON

Lying along the southern part of the Missouri River, north of Fort Randall Dam, the Yankton Reservation is home to many small towns: Wagner, Lake Andes, Dante, Marty, and more. The area is great for fishing, hunting, and wildlife watchers, especially around the area of **Lake Andes National Wildlife Refuge**.

Yankton Tribal Office: (605) 384-3641

Yankton Sioux GFP: YanktonSiouxGameFishandParks.com



The ancestors of today's tribes left many artifacts and ruins behind. Resist the impulse to pick up ancient souvenirs. Native American remains and artifacts are protected federally.



Wild West Rodeos

Rodeos are a staple entertainment in the Great Plains, featuring championships, races, and Indian Relays. From Professional to Local rodeos, take the chance to catch a wild ride during your South Dakota travels. Many central SoDak towns hold their own rodeos for 4H and highschool competitions, charities, or as part of holiday celebrations; the 4th of July is a popular time to throw a rodeo.

The Western Rodeo is an outgrowth of regular ranching activities, and there are common kinds of challenges to be found at any rodeo event.

Roughstock Events: Bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding - these events display the rider's skill and agility to stay on the bucking steed.

Timed Events: Steer wrestling, team roping, tie-down roping, barrel racing - these events are a race to be the fastest at a task, either individually or in teams.



Indian Relay Races are a unique event among rodeos. Teams compete in a relay, one rider racing three different horses around the track, always bareback, while their teammates stand ready to pass off the next horse for the next lap.

Indian Relay Races | May
Mobridge, SD | Mobridge.com

SD State High School Rodeo | June
Fort Pierre, SD | FortPierre.com/fort-pierre-events/

Casey Tibbs Match of Champions | June
Fort Pierre, SD | CaseyTibbs.com

Sitting Bull Stampede Rodeo | July
Mobridge, SD | Mobridge.org

Burke Stampede Rodeo | July
Burke, SD | BurkeSouthDakota.com

Winner Labor Day Rodeo | September
Winner, SD | WinnerSD.org

Fort Pierre Horse Races | October
Fort Pierre, SD | [Facebook - Fort Pierre Horse Racing](https://www.facebook.com/FortPierreHorseRacing)



CASEY TIBBS RODEO MUSEUM



AKTA LAKOTA MUSEUM

MARVELOUS Museums

Many collections housed in our small-town museums are supplemented by items donated from the public, such as fossils given to the Timber Lake Museum from amateur paleontologists. The care taken in each of these local museums is exceptional, and their knowledge of area history always impressive.

Casey Tibbs Rodeo Center & Museum

Admission | Year-round
210 Verendrye Dr, Fort Pierre 57532
(605) 494-1094 | CaseyTibbs.com

Dakota Sunset Museum

Free Admission | Year-Round
205 W Commercial Ave, Gettysburg 57442
(605) 765-9480 | DakotaSunsetMuseum.com

Klein Museum

Admission | Seasonal
1820 W Grand Xing, Moberg 57601
(605) 845-7243 | Facebook

The Mead Museum

Free Admission | Year-Round
82 Mickelson Dr, Yankton 57078
(605) 665-3898 | MeadBuilding.org

Pickstown Fort Randall Museum

Free Will Offering Admission
Call for Tours May-Oct, Saturday 12:30-4pm
310 White Swan Dr, Pickstown 57367
(605) 487-7299 | Facebook

SD National Guard Museum

Free Admission | Year-Round
301 E Dakota Ave, Pierre 57501
(605) 773-2475 | SD.Gov/ngm

SD Tractor Museum

Free Admission | Seasonal
117 Cemetery Rd, Kimball 57355 | (605) 778-6421

Timber Lake & Area Museum

Free Admission | Year-Round
800 Main St, Timber Lake 57656
(605) 865-3553 | TimberLakeHistory.org
Presenting the rich history of north central SD, with new exhibits every year. See world-class fossils collected by local amateurs; Lakota Sioux history, including exhibit White Horse Winter Count; the Sea of Grass Art timeline; Frank Cundill photos; Ranch and Rodeo exhibit, and more. We offer resources for historians and genealogists.

Verendrye Museum

Free Admission | Year-Round
115 Deadwood St, Fort Pierre 57532
(605) 223-7697 | VerendryeMuseum.com



TIMBER LAKE MUSEUM



SD Cultural Heritage Center

Closed | Reopens 2026
900 Governors Dr, Pierre 57501
(605) 773-3458 | History.SD.Gov
The museum is currently undergoing major renovations. Upon reopening, the museum will host new world-class exhibits, with a new Arikara-style lodge built for meetings and educational presentations. State Archives are open and providing research services to the public.



Akta Lakota Museum & Cultural Center

Free Admission | Year-Round
1301 N Main St, Chamberlain 57325
(800) 798-3452 | AktaLakota.stjo.org
Located on the campus of St. Joseph's Indian School, the museum houses a rare combination of Native American historical artifacts and contemporary art by the Northern Plains people. Featured attractions include interactive displays, a life-sized mounted buffalo, and a 36-ft diorama depicting life on the prairie from the Missouri River to the Black Hills.



SD Hall of Fame

Free Admission | Year-Round
1480 S Main St, Chamberlain 57325
(605) 234-4216 | SDHallOfFame.org
Discover stories of men and women who paved the way in South Dakota—true Champions of Excellence—at the SD Hall of Fame. The center features exhibits celebrating the life and times of these inspiring individuals, including the Making and Meaning of Dignity—Dale Lamphere's iconic sculpture overlooking the Missouri River. Open year-round.



VISIT PIERRE
SOUTH DAKOTA



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Your adventure on the River

Slow down and reconnect with nature in Pierre, SD—home to incredible hunting, legendary fishing, and endless outdoor beauty. Here, every adventure is a chance to create memories that last a lifetime.



Visit Pierre, SD



www.pierre.org/visit-pierre



605.224.7361



Various cooking influences come together in Central SoDak: home-style cooking, classic american fare, German desserts and brews, and specialties intrinsic to the western states where beef and buffalo are big. Many fishing lodges and resorts have restaurants that will cook whatever fish you caught that day. The region, being in the heart of ranch-land, boasts great steaks and burgers with bison and deer options.

Local restaurants are always mixing it up in their small towns, creating specialty dishes and recipes unique to each kitchen – go brave, go bold, and try something new! Here is a shortlist of Central SoDak foods to sample.

Buffalo/Bison: Raised on the Great Plains, this leaner meat has a different texture and flavor than common beef.

Pheasant: In sandwiches or stew, this bird is famous throughout the state to hunt and eat.

Walleye: Everyone's favorite fish to catch, this mild white fish is served baked or fried.

Chislic: Small-cut pieces of beef, bison, or lamb cooked to tenderness, with dipping sauce on the side.

Indian Fry Bread: Soft and slightly crunchy on the outside, this bread, stuffed or used for tacos, is found at local restaurants like What the Duck? in Lake Andes.

Anywhere you choose to dine, it's a sit back and relax atmosphere, so come in your jeans and boots and pass a pleasant hour in a cozy corner.

Riverside Dining





Al's Oasis

1000 E SD Hwy 16, Oacoma 57365
(605) 234-6054 | AlsOasis.com

Choteau Creek Brewing Company

40228 296th St, Wagner 57380
(605) 384-3620 | Facebook-LoveOurBeer

The Depot Restaurant

519 Airport Rd, Mobridge 57601
(605) 848-0601 | Facebook

Drifters Bar & Grille

325 Hustan Ave, Fort Pierre 57532
(605) 220-5014 | DriftersBarandGrille.com

Connected: Riverwalk Landing Marina

Grey Goose Store & Social Club

28886 Merry Rd, Pierre 57501
(605) 945-0794 | Facebook

Mad Mary's Steakhouse & Saloon

110 E Dakota Ave, Pierre 57501
(605) 224-6469
MadMarysSteakhouse.com

Main Street Cafe & Market

117 S Main St, Chamberlain 57325
(605) 234-5481

McCarville Coffee Roaster

309 Mellette St, Bonesteel 57317
(605) 654-2226 | McCarvilleCoffee.com

Platte Locker Plant

209 W 4th St, Platte 57369
(605) 337-3801 | Facebook

Raven's Roadside Tavern

611 S Lowell Pl, Pierre 57501
(605) 494-0122 | RavensRT.com

Richie Z's Brickhouse BBQ & Grill

401 S Central Ave, Pierre 57501
(605) 494-0414 | RichieZsBBQ.com

Strubel Brewing Company

Open: Fri-Sat 5-9pm
207 E Capitol Ave #106, Pierre 57501
(605) 519-8009 | StrubelBrewing.com

What the Duck? BBQ & Grill

58 S 3rd Ave, Lake Andes 57356
(605) 487-6008



The Smoking Mule

309 E Glen Ave, Chamberlain 57325
(605) 234-6853 | Facebook

Hop of I-90 for this foodie destination and satisfy your cravings for savory all-American cuisine. Their menu comes with a kick of bold flavors, serving hearty entrees like specialty pizzas, burgers, and barbeque. Don't miss delectable seafood entrees like Bayou Spicy Shrimp, Drunken mussels, and Lobster 'n Shrimp Po Boy.



Tee Pee Cafe & Catering

402 US-18, Bonesteel 57317 | (605) 654-9595
Facebook

A home-away-from-home cafe serving all your favorites with smalltown hospitality and service! Check Facebook to see weekly menus and home cooked specials. Friday's are for homemade pizza. During summer Saturdays, the Tee Pee Cafe parking lot is full of Farmers Market activities, local goods, and often hosts coffee trucks.



WHAT THE DUCK?, LAKE ANDES



MCCARVILLE COFFEE ROASTER, BONESTEEL



GREY GOOSE STORE & SOCIAL CLUB, PIERRE



MAD MARY'S STEAKHOUSE, PIERRE



DAKOTA PLAINS GALLERY, CHAMBERLAIN

Shop Local

An authentic blend of western and midwest culture creates an eclectic shopping landscape. Our local shops are run by the passion and sweat of small business owners. Each brick-and-mortar store has its own origin story, from the love of making beautiful kitchens come to life, to providing fresh flowers or pure honey. Take time to explore this diverse local landscape and discover your great new find.

NATIVE ARTS & CRAFTS

Galleries, shops, and museums curate and carry artwork directly from Great Plains Tribal artists. These items are bright and colorful, made with skill, whether it is paintings, beaded jewelry, quilts or dreamcatchers.

WESTERN-STYLE

Part of ranching culture and life, western-style articles and wear can be found scattered in every shop around the state. Leather, boots, cowboy hats, fringe, stars and stripes, metal and bead-work are common motifs. For a store dedicated to this style, try *Western Rancher Boot & Saddle*.

ANTIQUES

The antique scene is rich in the region, pulling from towns that are nearly one hundred years old. Shops feature unique items with a great amount of variety. Stop in at *Then & Again* or *The Collective* for an hour of antique browsing.

SHOPPING

212 Coffee Bean

Mini-mall & Cafe
301 N Main St, Gettysburg 57442
(605) 765-9331 | Facebook

Cole's Computers

Computers, Games, Electronics
509 Main St, Platte 57369
(605) 337-3154 | ColesComputers.com

The Collective

Antiques, Handmade Goods, Decor
201 E Sioux Ave, Pierre 57501
(605) 280-5792

Coneflower Quilt Co

Quilting Supplies, Classes
201 N Euclid Ave, Pierre 57501
(605) 224-5534 | ConeflowerQuiltCo.com

Dakota Plains Gallery & Gifts

Art Gallery & Native Art
209 N Main St, Chamberlain 57325
(605) 234-5472
DakotaIndianFoundation.net/dpg

Northridge Plaza

Shopping Mall
1615 N Harrison Ave, Pierre 57501
(605) 224-6331 | Facebook

Oasis Pump-N-Pak

Convenience Store, Gas, & Bait
802 E Hwy 16, Oacoma 57365
(650) 234-5325 | Facebook

Puddleducks Consignment Store

Home Goods & Clothing
414 Main St, Platte 57369
(605) 337-2345 | Facebook

Then & Again

Antiques, Vintage, & Gifts
121 S Main St, Chamberlain 57325
(605) 234-0123 | Facebook

Honey Lodge

Lakota Youth Local Honey
30122 352nd Ave, Herrick 57538
LakotaHoneyLodgeSD.com

Lynn's Dakotamart

Grocery & Hunting/Fishing Gear
120 W Sioux Ave, Pierre 57501
(605) 224-8871 | LynnsDakotamart.com

Runnings

Home & Farm Supply
1600 N Harrison Ave, Pierre 57501
(605) 224-1669
Runnings.com/StoreLocator/Store/Pierre

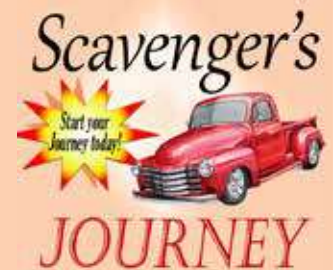
SD Popcorn Company

Popcorn & Local Specialties
321 S Pierre St, Pierre 57501
(605) 222-6240 | SDPopcorn.com



Authentic Arts Gallery & Vintage Store

Art Gallery & Vintage Items
317 Main St, Geddes 57342
(605) 428-5007 | AuthenticArts605.com
A small-town gallery offering a unique collection of art and handmade items created by local South Dakota artists. Includes paintings, photography, metal-work, wood-work, mixed media, and more. The gallery also offers services such as interior design and art classes.



Scavenger's Journey | June 26 -28

Flea Market & Garage Sale Event
PO Box 262, White Lake 57383
ScavengersJourney.com
Spend time exploring this one-of-a-kind 3-day event that takes you along a route in South Dakota communities. Check out city-wide garage sales, flea markets, good food, specialty shops, and more with something for everyone. Always the first weekend after Father's Day. Find us on Facebook or website.
Participating Cities: Kadoka, Midland, Murdo, Reliance, Oacoma, Chamberlain, Pukwana, White Lake, Plankinton, Stickney, Geddes, Lake Andes, Armour, and others on our website.



Western Rancher Boot & Saddle

Clothing, Footwear, Accessories, Saddles
221 Main St, Moberge 57601
(605) 845-2330 | TheWesternRancher.com
This charming western shoppe will saddle you up with classic country attire - from jeans, boots, hats, snazzy t-shirts, handmade leatherwear and more. Clothing includes infant through adult sizes. Shine up your wardrobe with unique western accessories like belts, bags, sunglasses, and jewelry. The shop also carries saddles and other supplies.



Berry + Basil

Kitchen & Home Decor
 123 S Main St, Chamberlain 57325
 (605) 234-2665 | BerryAndBasil.com

This locally-owned high-end kitchen and gourmet food store is joy curated! Take the afternoon in downtown Chamberlain to browse this beautiful shop's impressive selection of kitchen wares, fine wines, foods and home decor. Find everything you need for complete cooking perfection and feed your hungry kitchen soul.



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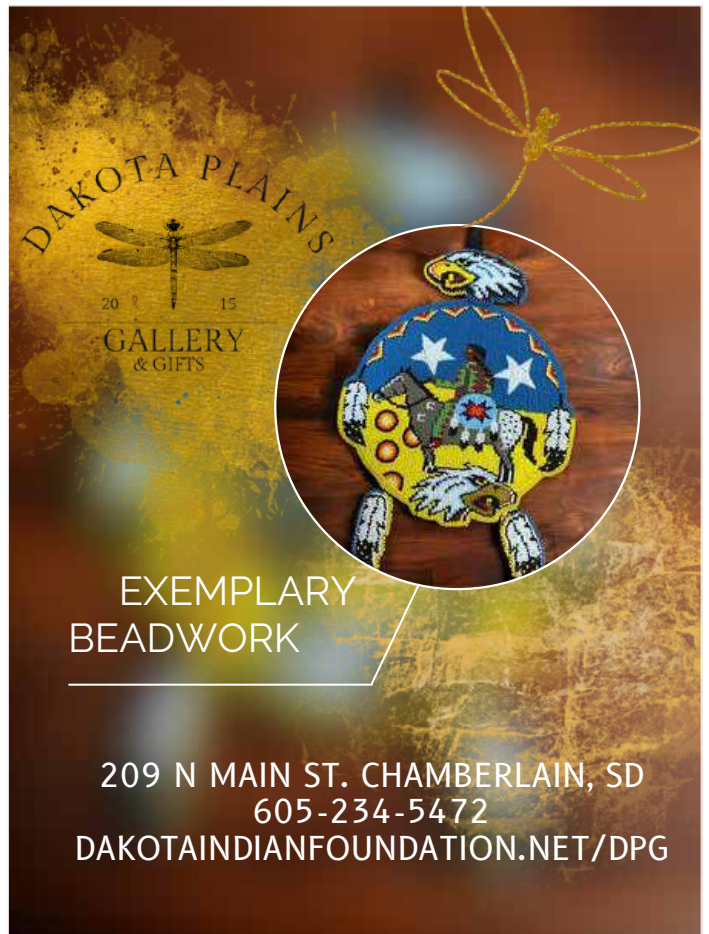


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Pierre

SD State Capitol

THE HEARTLAND

Pierre (pronounced "pier") is the capitol of South Dakota, second smallest state capitol by population in the United States. Residents and visitors play, hunt, and fish on both Lake Oahe and Lake Sharpe. On either side of the river, buffalo, mule deer, and pheasants roam the fields. On the water, bald eagles hunt and beavers make dams in the reeds; walleye, yellow perch, and northern pike reside in Lake Sharpe and Lake Oahe.

TOUR THE CAPITOL

State Capitol Building

The SD State Capitol Building and Grounds affords much sight-seeing. From touring the inside of the Capitol Building, to visiting memorials and getting a glimpse at the history of the state, one can easily spend an afternoon just around the well-maintained grounds of the Capitol.

WWII, Korean, Vietnam Memorials

Dedicated to the soldiers from South Dakota who lost their lives in the major wars, these Capitol Grounds memorials include the Flaming Fountain, WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam War sculptures, installed next to Capitol Lake.

Fighting Stallions Memorial

Made to commemorate Governor George S. Mickelson and seven other men who perished in an airplane crash in April 1993, the memorial is a replica of a carving by Korczak Ziolkowski, artist of the Crazy Horse Memorial in the Black Hills.

Trail of Governors

The trail follows a series of bronze statues of South Dakota's governors crafted to reflect their life and times. The trail winds around the State Capitol Grounds and into downtown Pierre. Statues have a plaque or QR code which tells each governor's story.

EVENTS

Oahe Days Art & Music Festival

June

Oahe Winter Festival

December

Christmas at the Capitol

November - December

SIGHTS

Oahe Zap Baseball | Hyde Stadium

First United Methodist Church

117 Central Ave, Pierre 57501

(605) 224-5939

PierreFirstUMC.org | Facebook

Oahe Dam Visitor Center

Open Year-round

SD Cultural Heritage Center

Closed | Reopens Summer 2026

SD National Guard Museum

Open Year-round

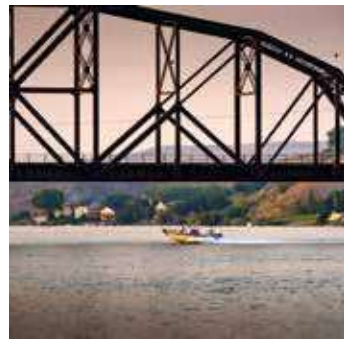
Sunflower Blooming Season

August

Waterfront Gallery for the Arts



LEWIS & CLARK PAVED TRAIL



PLACES TO PLAY

Hillsview Golf Course

4201 SD-34, Pierre 57501
(605) 773-6191
HillsviewGolf.com

Pierre Outdoor Pool

Outdoor Seasonal Waterpark
715 E Dakota Ave, Pierre 57501
(605) 773-2775
CityOfPierre.org

SD Discovery Center

Children's Science Museum

HIKES

Hilger's Gulch

La Framboise Island

Lewis & Clark Paved Trail

Farm Island RA

CHRISTMAS AT THE CAPITOL



LA FRAMBOISE ISLAND

STAYS

ClubHouse Hotel & Suites

Ramkota Hotel

The Outpost Lodge

Sunset Lodge

DINES

Branding Iron Bistro

Grey Goose Store & Social Club

Mad Mary's Steakhouse & Saloon

Raven's Roadside Tavern

Richie Z's Brickhouse BBQ & Grill

Strubel Brewing Company

SHOPS

The Collective

Antiques, Decor, Clothes

Coneflower Quilt Co

Quilting Supplies

Lynn's Dakotamart

Grocery & Hunting/Fishing Gear

Northridge Plaza

Runnings Home & Farm Supply

SD Popcorn Company

Popcorn & Local Specialties

TRANSIT

Pierre Regional Airport

3800 Airport Rd #209, Pierre 57501
(605) 773-7447 | CityOfPierre.org

River City Transit

1600 E Dakota Ave, Pierre 57501
(605) 945-2360 | RCPtransit.com

CHAMBER

Visit Pierre | Pierre Area Chamber

800 W Dakota Ave, Pierre 57501
1(800) 962-2034 | Pierre.org



Fort Pierre

Fort Pierre is the oldest established settlement in South Dakota, dating back to 1817 at the founding of a fur trading post. The town has preserved many landmark sites and original buildings, like its tiny jailhouse, train depot, and one-room schoolhouse. The Verendrye Monument marks the spot where French explorers buried a lead plate in 1743, discovered in 1913, and stands on a breath-taking overlook of the river valley and the towns of Fort Pierre and Pierre.

SIGHTS

Casey Tibbs Rodeo Center & Museum
Rodeo Events & Year-round Museum

Verendrye Museum | Seasonal
Historic Buildings: Fort Pierre Depot, 1905 Stanley County Jail, Log Cabin Visitor Center, Sansarc Country School

Verendrye Monument

DINES & DOCKS

Drifters Bar & Grille

Riverwalk Landing Marina
500 Island Dr, Ft Pierre 57532
(605) 224-6345

HIKES

Lewis & Clark Paved Trail

Oahe Downstream RA

Oahe West Shore Trails

EVENTS

Trader Days
August

Rodeos
Year-round

STAYS

AmericInn Lodges & Suites

My Place Hotel

CHAMBER

Fort Pierre Chamber
310 Casey Tibbs St,
Ft Pierre 57532
(605) 223-2178
FortPierreChamber.com

Fort Pierre Tourism
(605) 223-7603
FortPierre.com/tourism



EAGLE ROOST, Oahe Downstream RA



4TH OF JULY



Oahe West Shore Trails



TRADER DAYS BACKYARD BBQ COMPETITION, FORT PIERRE

WHITLOCK BAY

The stretch of river near the Whitlock Bay area is where the two most recent state-record walleye were caught in 2023. It is a fishing and hunting haven, home to guides, full-service resorts, and stunning river landscapes.

Bob's Steakhouse & Resort

Brown's Hunting Ranch & Bar

South Whitlock Resort

West Whitlock Bait & Resort

West Whitlock RA



WHITLOCK BAY BRIDGE



DAKOTA SUNSET MUSEUM

GETTYSBURG

Dakota Sunset Museum

Open Year-Round

212 Coffee Bean

Coffee & Shopping

Gettysburg/Whitlock Bay Development Corporation

113 W Garfield Ave Ste 3, Gettysburg 57442
(605) 765-2731 | CityOfGettysburgSD.com

15 miles from the Missouri River and Whitlock Bay area, this small farmtown community is a good spot to stay if you are looking for outdoor fun and recreation. It is a fishing and hunting haven, home to guides, full-service resorts, and stunning river landscapes.



City of Pierre

PIERRE REGIONAL AIRPORT

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Highmore

An agricultural community 49 miles east of Pierre, in the heart of hunting lands teeming with pheasants and deer. They host the Sunflower Festival in August.

Hydeout Bed & Breakfast
Local BnB



Highmore Sunflower Festival

Elmer Quirk Memorial Park,
Highmore 57345, August 15

The town of **Highmore** hosts a **Sunflower Festival** during the height of blooming season in August. Tour local farms' sunflower fields, learn about sunflower production, and take amazing photos of miles of gold. Enjoy a day of arts and crafts vendors, hayrides, live music, and family fun.



PRESHO

South of Pierre and Fort Pierre off I-90 in the middle of the prairie, Presho's proximity to hunting grounds and guides make it very accessible to hunters.

605 Rooster Hive

Pheasant Guiding Service

Presho Area Chamber

112 Main Ave, Presho 57568
(605) 895-9445 | Presho.net

ONIDA

An old town established in 1883, 30 miles east of the river, with local hunting and fishing guides.

Onida Area Economic Development

Onida 57564 | Onida.org | SullyCounty.net



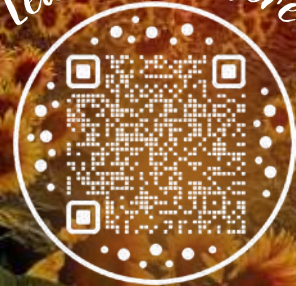
**AUGUST
15TH
WEEKEND**



Activities

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arts & crafts vendors
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SOUTH DAKOTA STATE PARKS



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SNAKE CREEK, PLATTE CREEK, AND BURYANEK RECREATION AREAS | 605.337.2587



Mobridge

This river bridge town may be best known for pristine fishing conditions as it sits on the far northern shores of Lake Oahe; the **Walleye Up** statue pays homage to its fishing reputation. Their annual January Ice Fishing Tournament is incredibly popular, drawing hundreds every year. But there is so much more in Mobridge! The wide banks of the Missouri River affords great recreation areas, hunting, and camping, with budget and family options in town. On your way to the 80th **Sitting Bull Stampede Rodeo**, stop by **Western Rancher Boot & Saddle** in downtown Mobridge for your cowboy and cowgirl duds.

SEE

Walleye Up Statue
Downtown Mobridge

Oscar Howe Murals
Mobridge Chamber

Klein Museum
Seasonal

Sakakawea & Sitting Bull Monuments
US-212

SHOP & DINE

The Depot Restaurant

Western Rancher Boot & Saddle
Antiques, Vintage, & Gifts

HIKE

Lewis & Clark Paved Trail

Indian Creek RA

STAY

Mo Rest Motel

Grand River Casino & Resort

Wrangler Inn

EVENTS

Ice Fishing Tournament
January

Sitting Bull Stampede Rodeo
July

CHAMBER

Mobridge Chamber
212 N Main St, Mobridge 57601
(605) 845-2387 | Mobridge.org



Pollock

LAKE POCASSE, POLLOCK



KLEIN MUSEUM

The northernmost river town in South Dakota, Pollock is happily situated between a long bay of Lake Oahe on one side, and Lake Pocasse, a calm stretch of water home to a wildlife refuge. The area provides camping, hunting, fishing, and recreating in the midst of natural, rugged beauty of both the river and the prairies.

Oahe Sunset Lodge & Steakhouse

West Pollock RA

City of Pollock
(605) 889-2490
PollockSouthDakota.com



ST ANTHONY OF PADUA

HOVEN

This little town on the prairie has a big Cathedral on the Prairie, a catholic building of truly marvelous architecture and stained glass. Their Christmas Concert is a special treat for music lovers. Hoven is quiet and clean, taking pride in its local schools, and while it sits a ways from the river, it is still near enough to be a good location for booking lodging if you want to hunt or play near the water.

City of Hoven
(605) 948-2257 | HovenSD.com

St Anthony of Padua Church
Open Year-Round
546 Main St, Hoven 57450 | (605) 948-2451
SaintAnthony.wordpress.com



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JULY 25TH & 26TH 2026

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Facebook.com/SDWalleyeClassic
AFTCO.com

MID-WEEK ADVENTURES



CAMPSD.COM



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SOUTH DAKOTA STATE PARKS

INDIAN CREEK AND WEST POLLOCK RECREATION AREAS | 605.223.5563
WEST WHITLOCK AND SWAN CREEK RECREATION AREAS | 605.937.8413



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Chamberlain & Oacoma

A set of river towns, two bridges connect these communities sharing the banks of Lake Francis Case. Hunting, fishing, water sports and camping are favorite past-times here, and it's an excellent spot for enjoying all of them. Chamberlain's downtown is full of unassuming little shops that house hidden treasures - open a door and never fail to be amazed by what's inside. Check in at Dignity on the Missouri River Getaway passport.

SIGHTS

Akta Lakota Museum & Cultural Center

Open Year-Round

Dignity: Of Earth & Sky

I-90, Chamberlain 57325

Lewis & Clark Welcome Center

Open Seasonally

I-90, Chamberlain 57325

(605) 734-4562

SD Hall of Fame

Open Year-Round

HIKES

Roam Free Park

Chamberlain

Lewis & Clark Paved Trail

Chamberlain

Cedar Shore Bike Trail

Oacoma

EVENTS

River City Friday Nights

Summer

Rock the Bluffs

4th of July

Festival of Trees

December

DINES

Al's Oasis

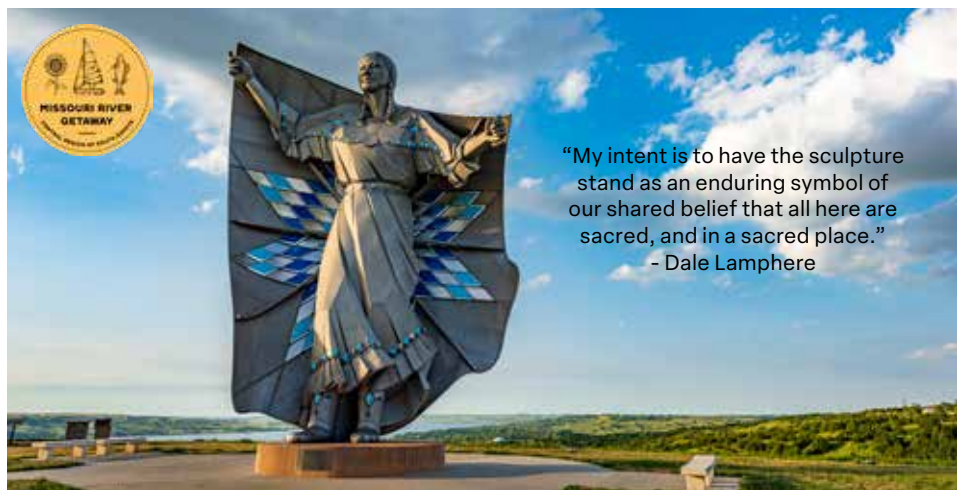
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- Dale Lamphere

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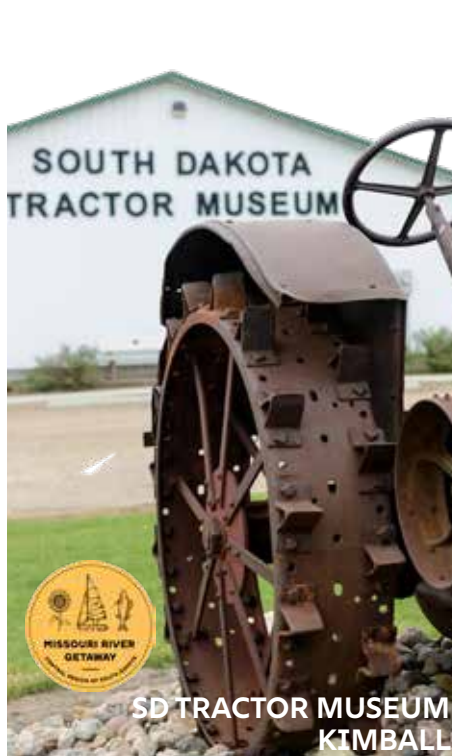
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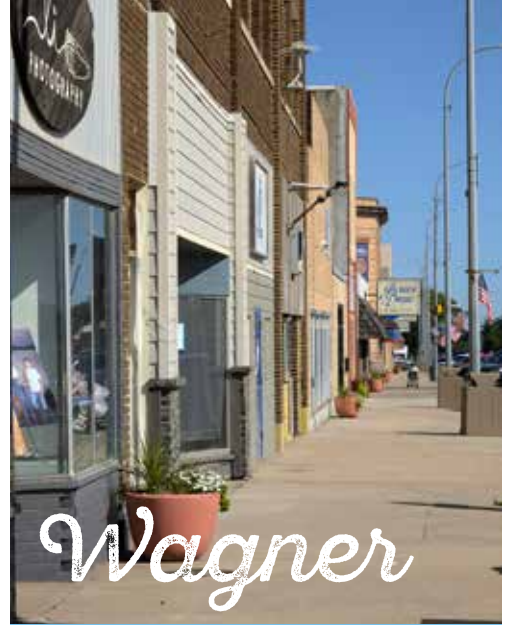
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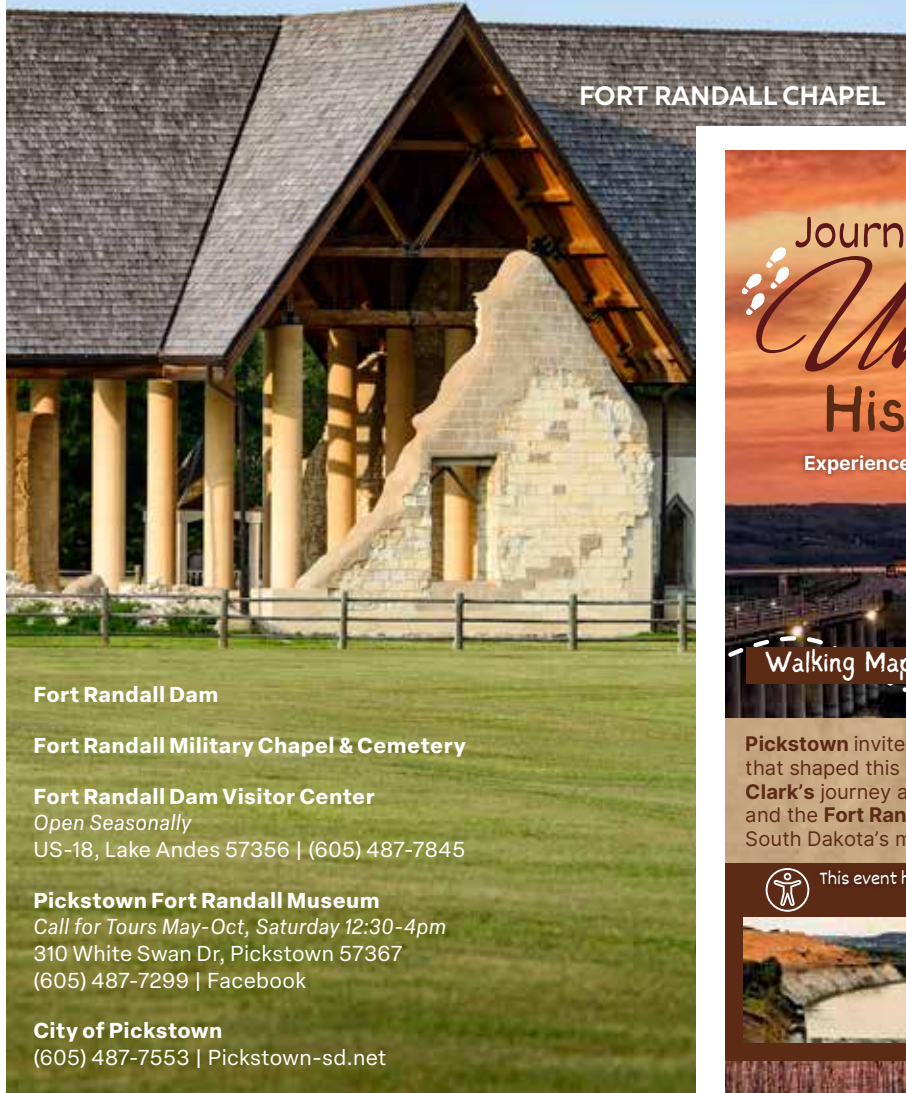
This agricultural town on Yankton Reservation has an energetic atmosphere. In summer, the Wagner Speedway smokes with races, the downtown is hopping, and powwows and rodeos celebrate native and western culture.

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A sprawling, friendly town that caters to hunters and displays veteran-appreciation proudly. The town has a throw-back feel, with many of its neighborhoods featuring pretty, historic houses. Downtown is spacious and perfect for spending a lazy afternoon shopping and sampling the local food. The town has area-famous Leahy Bowl ballpark, heralded as one of the best places to play baseball. Winner is a well-known hunting paradise, and while pheasant is big here, turkey is also a heavy-hitter.

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