Lewis & Clark
- Recreation Area, Marina & Resort -

Great Views, Great Fun.

Yankton, South Dakota
Welcome to Lewis & Clark Recreation Area

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Important Phone Numbers

Park Office/Welcome Center &
Lewis & Clark Recreation Area.......... 605-668-2985
Camping Reservations ........ 1-800-710 -CAMP (2267)
Lewis & Clark Marina .................... 605-665-3111
Restaurant .................................. 605-665-5181
Lewis & Clark Resort ................. 605-665-2680
Yankton Area information .......... 1-800-888-1460
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers &
Gavins Point Dam Project Office ...... 1-402-667-7873

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General Park Guidelines

Camping
Camping is permitted only in designated areas.

Vehicles
• All motor vehicles must have a park entrance license.
• Motor vehicles must stay on established roads and must be operated by a licensed driver.
• The speed limit in all state parks and recreation areas is 20 miles per hour unless otherwise posted.
• ATVs must have a motor vehicle license and require a park entrance license.
• Scooters (under 50cc) are exempt from park entrance licenses, but must be street legal and operated by a licensed driver.

Hours
• Parks close from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. between May 1 and September 30 for anyone not camping, boating or fishing.
• Quiet hours are 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. year-round.
• Campsites must be re-registered or vacated by 4 p.m.
• Check-out time for camping cabins is noon.

Animals
• Pets must be on a leash no longer than 10 feet.
• Animals (except service animals) are not allowed on designated swimming beaches or in any park buildings (including camping cabins and comfort stations).
• Owners must clean up after their pets. Doggie waste bags are available free of charge at the Welcome Center and several locations throughout the park.
• Please do not leave pets unattended.

Firearms
• Uncased firearms and bows are prohibited in all designated campgrounds.
• Uncased .22-caliber firearms, air guns and paintball guns are not allowed in the parks.

Fire/Fireworks
• Campfires are allowed only at designated campsites and in approved fireplaces, stoves, grills or firepits.
• Collecting firewood is prohibited. Firewood is available to purchase from park staff.
• No out-of-state firewood may be brought into the park due to the threat of emerald ash borer.
• All types of fireworks are prohibited on state-managed land.

Enjoy your stay!
Lewis & Clark Recreation Area Camping

Located six miles west of Yankton, South Dakota on the shores of Lewis & Clark Lake, Lewis and Clark Recreation Area is the region’s most popular campground.

3 separate campgrounds feature more than 400 paved campsites & 17 camping cabins.

Whether you’re looking to get out on the lake for some fishing or water recreation, or just want to relax next to the campfire, Lewis & Clark Recreation Area is just the place for you!

“We love it in South Dakota – I’ve been coming to the area since I’ve been a baby & now can share it with my family. Everything is so clean. Keep up the good work – we’ll be back.”

Beth, Howells, NE

Firewood Safety
Do not bring out-of-state firewood into South Dakota. Firewood from another state may contain the Emerald Ash Borer, which is harmful to trees in this state. To help contain these destructive pests, we ask that you please leave out-of-state wood at home. Firewood is available for purchase at the park.
Lewis & Clark Recreation Area
Experience the breath-taking natural beauty of Lewis and Clark Lake. Enjoy the region’s largest and most popular campgrounds on the shore of Lewis and Clark Lake! The campgrounds are located 5 miles west of Yankton, SD.

- 409 paved campsites
- 17 camping cabins
- Electric hookups
- Modern restrooms with hot showers
- 18-hole disc golf course
- Firewood
- Accessible campsites and cabins
- Weekend park programs
- Swimming beaches and boating beaches
- Boat ramps and docks
- Archery range
- Bike trail
- Nature trail
- Multi-use trail
- Picnic shelters
- Dump station
- Fish cleaning station
- Equestrian base camp
- WiFi hotspot

Chief White Crane Recreation Area
Chief White Crane lies on the shores of Lake Yankton and is within close proximity to the Missouri River and Gavins Point Dam. The park was named after Chief White Crane who met with Lewis & Clark in this area in 1804. The park has an abundance of large, mature cottonwood trees that provide excellent shade for the campground and also serve as a place for bald eagles to roost during the winter.

The campground and cabins host several paddlefish anglers in the fall as they try their luck snagging the big one near Gavins Point Dam.

- 146 paved campsites
- 10 camping cabins
- Electric hookups
- Modern restrooms with hot showers
- Firewood
- Accessible campsites & cabins
- Weekend park programs
- Hiking trail
- Dump station
- Picnic shelter

Pierson Ranch Recreation Area
Pierson Ranch is located right off Highway 52 and provides easy access to the campground and picnic shelters.

The large day use area serves as an excellent facility for hosting family reunions and large group picnics. Playground equipment, basketball/tennis court and a large grassy area for soccer or softball add to the popularity of the area.

The park opened in 1959 and is the oldest campground in the area. It was the first campground to be built after Gavins Point Dam was completed.

- 67 paved campsites
- 2 camping cabins
- Electric hookups
- Modern restrooms with hot showers
- 9-hole disc golf course
- Firewood
- Accessible campsites & cabins
- Weekend park programs
- Hiking trail
- Picnic shelters
- Dump station
Horse Camp

A 4.1 mile trail and base camp offers horseback riders spectacular views of the chalk-bluffs that help form Lewis & Clark Lake, and provides a great place to bed down with their horses after a day of riding. The multi-use trail is also open to hikers, backpackers and mountain bikers.

The camp includes 8 electric gravel campsites, 8 corrals for horses, and a modern bathroom with showers. Water is also available for the horses. Park users must bring their own horses.

Tired of pitching tents?

Try reserving one of our rustic log-style camping cabins. Each cabin contains a set of bunk beds, a double bed, table, bench and electricity. A picnic table and fire ring are provided outside each cabin. All cabins sleep four-five people and are heated and air-conditioned. Cabins can be reserved for anytime throughout the year, up to 90 days before arrival. Cabins do not have restrooms, running water or kitchens.
Archery Range

Located at the west end of the park in the trails area, archers may take advantage of a 28-target NFAA (National Field Archery Association) certified archery range and a practice range. The archery range is set up into two, 14-target rounds and is laid out in a wooded section of the park, giving archers a natural setting to enjoy their sport. Archers also enjoy the new elevated shooting platform at the practice range. Scorecards, provided by Dakota Archery & Outdoor Sports, are available at the range. Visitors must bring their own archery equipment.

Disc Golf

Try your hand at disc golf on the course in the Gavins Section of Lewis & Clark Recreation Area.

Course Size: 18 holes
Trail Surface: grass
Rated: easy to moderate
Course Length: 1.2 miles (one way)
Facilities near First Tee: toilet, water
Hit the trails

Enjoy a walk through the park or bike ride on the six miles of paved trail that spans the entire Lewis & Clark Recreation Area. Visitors feeling a bit adventurous can hike the 1.2 mile nature trail or go for a run, bike ride or horseback ride along the 4.1 mile multi-use trail. The park also features an equestrian base camp with eight electrical campsites and corrals to accommodate visitors with horses.

Chalk Bluffs Multi-Use Trail
4.1 miles of crushed asphalt surface offers a varied grade, including moderate to fairly steep inclines. This trail is located in the Gavins Section of Lewis & Clark Recreation Area and is open to equestrian riders, hikers and mountain bikers.

Gavins Point Nature Trail
1.2 mile hiking trail with a natural wood chip and dirt surface. This trail winds through native woods, meadows and past scenic overlooks and is also located in the Gavins Section of Lewis and Clark Recreation Area.

Lewis & Clark Biking/Hiking Trail
6.9 miles including loops, an 8 foot wide asphalt, flat-grade trail. This scenic trail winds from the Pierson Ranch Recreation Area along Lewis and Clark Lake through Lewis and Clark Recreation Area.

Chief White Crane Trail
1 mile, 9 foot wide crushed asphalt surface, flat grade. This trail travels throughout the Chief White Crane campground and connects to the Riverside Acres Development (off of Deer Boulevard).
Lewis & Clark Lake is a 30-mile-long Missouri River reservoir created by the construction of Gavins Point Dam. The water surface is 31,400 acres with a maximum depth of 45 feet.

Reel ‘em in
Lewis & Clark Lake draws anglers from across the nation with its alluring combination of largemouth and small-mouth bass. Fishing piers are available for those with accessibility needs and offer low railing, accessible ramps, sidewalks and nearby parking areas. Fish cleaning stations are conveniently located near lake access ramps with electricity and running water.

Border Waters
Any person possessing a valid fishing license or permit issued by South Dakota or Nebraska may fish from boat or bank on Lewis & Clark Lake. From Gavins Point Dam to 0.6 miles downstream, a nonresident Nebraska fishing permit is required of persons who are not residents of Nebraska or South Dakota when fishing from either boat or bank. Anglers fishing in the South Dakota-Nebraska border waters shall follow the laws and regulations of the state in which they are licensed or the state in which they are fishing, whichever are more restrictive.

Paddlefish
Anglers interested in paddlefishing can pick from a summer archery season or a fall snagging season in the Missouri River downstream from Gavins Point Dam. Resident and nonresidential anglers must apply for a limited number of paddlefish tags.

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Lewis & Clark Recreation Area Map

Map Legend

1. Campground
2. Camping Cabins
3. Resort
4. Marina
5. Restaurant & Convenience Store
6. Park Office
7. Boat Ramp
8. Swimming Beach
9. Ski Beach
10. Bike Trail
11. Nature Trail
12. Multi-use Trail
13. Horse Camp
14. Picnic Shelter
15. Playground
16. Amphitheater
17. Disc Golf
18. Archery Range
19. Soccer Field
20. Fish Cleaning Station
21. Handicap Accessible Fishing Dock
22. Dump Station

There's Something for Everyone at Lewis & Clark
Dive right in!

Enjoy endless recreation on the water and along the shoreline of Lewis & Clark Lake with numerous boat ramps, docks and beach facilities. Soak up the sun on one of the sandy beaches or venture out onto the lake by sailboat, canoe, jet ski or boat.
Boating Basics

Personal Watercraft
No person under the age of 14 may operate a personal watercraft (PWC), regardless of horsepower, unless there is a person 18 years of age or older on board the PWC. It is illegal to operate a PWC at greater than “slow, no wake speed” within 150 feet of a:
- Dock
- Swimmer
- Swimming raft
- Non-motorized boat

Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs)
- All vessels must have at least one USCG-approved Type I, II, III or V PFD for each person on board or being towed.
- All children under 7 years of age must wear a PFD on any vessel operating at greater than “slow, no-wake speed” unless they are below deck or in an enclosed cabin.
- All personal watercraft may not be operated unless each person on board is wearing a USCG-approved Type I, II, III or V PFD.

Navigation Lights
The required navigation lights must be displayed between sunset and sunrise and during periods of restricted visibility.

Alcohol and Drugs
South Dakota law prohibits anyone from operating any vessel while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

For more information see “The Handbook of South Dakota Boating Laws and Responsibilities” available at the Welcome Center.
The Lodge

The Lodge is a 4,000 sq. ft. building designed to specialize in family reunions, weddings, corporate retreats or family vacations. It features an 1,800 sq. ft. gathering room, large full kitchen, six bedrooms & four bathrooms. Sleeps 28 people.

The new lodge features breath-taking views of Lewis & Clark Lake and it’s scenic Chalkstone Bluffs. Located on the waterfront near a cove with a swimming area.

• Large Equipped Double Kitchen
• Large Flat Screen TV
• Tables & Chairs to seat 100
• Audio/Visual Equipment
• 20’x57’ patio
• Campfire pit

The Resort specializes in family reunions and family vacations, corporate retreats and weddings, and is large enough to accommodate two weddings at the same time, at The Lodge or on the beach.

For Lodging, Cabin & Hotel Reservations at Lewis & Clark Resort Call 605-665-2680
Modern Cabins

Two Bedroom Cabin (Sleeps 8)
  Room with Queen Bed
Room with Queen Bed w/ set of bunks
  Sofa sleeper in living room
  Kitchen

Three Bedroom Cabin (Sleeps 10)
  Two Rooms with Queen Bed
Room with Queen Bed w/ set of bunks
  Sofa sleeper in living room
  Kitchen

Each Cabin Contains:
  Campfire pits & picnic tables, bathroom, linens, towels, coffee maker, toaster, skillet, refrigerator, microwave, stove, plates, sauce pan, cups, glasses, bowls, crock pot, silverware and utensils.

24 Motel Rooms
Room Types (All sleep 4)
  2 Queen Beds
  Queen Bed w/ Twin Bunk Beds
  King Bed w/Twin Bunk Beds

All rooms contain
  • Microwave • Coffee Maker
  Large Dorm Size Refrigerator
  • 32” flat screen TV • Cable TV • Hair Dryer

  5 campfire pits w/cooking grates available (first come, first served)
Lewis & Clark Marina features

- 400 wet slips for boat mooring
- Gas dock with 24 hour fueling
- Sanitation pump out
- Service Department offers launch/pull service
- Boat, engine/mechanical and trailer repairs
- Sailboat rigging
- Mast stepping
- Launching and pulling
- Bottom painting
- Fiberglass and gel coat repair
- Blister repair
- Shrink wrap
- 24 hour fuel dock

For Boat Rentals and Reservations at Lewis & Clark Marina Call 605-665-3111
Set sail for the largest marina on the upper Missouri River! Lewis & Clark Marina provides first class accommodations for the serious boater. Capable of handling vessels 50 feet in length and 15 tons of displacement with our mobile hoist, we are the premier service marina on the Missouri River.

Marina Grill
Casual dining and delicious food, overlooking the marina. Enjoy deck seating and indoor smoke-free atmosphere. Our menu is filled with mouth-watering choices. Eat-in or call ahead and get it to go. You can even park your boat at the courtesy dock.
Call 605.665.5181

Ship Store
Convenience and Parts Store for all your last minute needs. A variety of snacks, beverages, clothing and supplies.

Boat Rentals
Several sizes of pontoons & power boats are available for rental.

**Pontoon Boats**  
18-24’ with 25-40 HP Outboard (8-12 Passenger Maximum)

**Power Boats**  
18-21’ Open Bow with 200+ HP Sterndrive (6-8 Passenger Maximum)

Reservations available for full days only. Please call 7 days in advance. Boat will only be held until 9 a.m. on the day of reservation. Call 605.665.3111 for reservations.

24-Hr Dockside Fuel Service Available
Events & Programs

A variety of programs and events are offered for weekend visitors throughout the summer.

Junior Naturalist Program
A fun program for 7-12 year olds to learn about our rich natural and cultural history, and participate in recreational activities.

Walk in the Park Programs
A series of guided educational walks to learn about natural history, flora, fauna and more.

Dutch Oven Cooking
Learn the tips and tricks of making tasty treats over a campfire with a Dutch oven.

Bird Watching
Bring your binoculars and tour the park in search of a variety of birds found in South Dakota.

Geo-caching
Learn the basics of Geo-caching (using a GPS unit to locate hidden treasures in the park). Bring your own unit or rent one from the park.

Homestead Days
Make butter and candles, sample homemade ice cream, watch rope-making and spinning demonstrations, try for prizes in the homemade pie contest, and much more!

4th of July Bicycle Parade
Decorate your bike in patriotic splendor and join the parade through the park to celebrate our nation’s independence.

Trilogy Disc Golf Tournament
Disc golf players will participate in a tournament that will take you to three different courses in the area.

Galaxy Gazing
Bring a blanket and join the park naturalists for a night of sky observation and stars!

For more detailed information on programs pick up a copy of the park’s weekly newsletter, The Explorer.

Call now to make your plans!
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Nearby Attractions

Gavins Point Dam
5 Miles southeast from park Welcome Center. Tours of the power plant are available Memorial Day through Labor Day, and off season to groups by appointment.
Gavins Point Dam, power plant and visitor center, located on the Missouri River, is operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. See the generators in action!

Corps of Discovery Welcome Center
2 miles south of Yankton on Hwy. 81
Open Memorial Day through Labor Day with limited winter hours.
www.corpsofdiscoverywelcomecenter.net
Experience a warm welcome to Northeast Nebraska and Southeast South Dakota as you observe a panoramic view of the Missouri River Valley and Yankton. The Center offers tourists free information, gift shop and displays feature local businesses and artists.

Gavins Point National Fish Hatchery & Aquarium
1.75 miles east of the park Welcome Center.
Open daily April 1 through October 31.
www.fws.gov/gavinspoint
Built in 1960 on the Missouri River, the hatchery has produced over five billion fish for release in Midwestern waters. In the cool, dimly lit surrounds of the aquarium, visitors become part of the aquatic environment as fish and turtles slowly swim within 13 tanks.

There’s so much more to Explore! Check out the Yankton Convention and Visitor’s Bureau website for Yankton Area Information

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