

CELEBRATE THE MAGIC OF DECEMBER IN YANKTON

We invite you to take the day off – or better yet, take the whole weekend – and discover what makes this Midwestern getaway so irresistible to travelers from all walks of life. Our community is a haven for those looking to 'fill their cup' – both in the metaphorical sense and the literal.

Explore the vibrant streets of historic downtown Yankton, where you'll discover local artisans, creative entrepreneurs, and a lively mix of shops and eateries, all set against a backdrop of rich history and culture. Take advantage of Yankton's incredible outdoor recreation opportunities during the winter months, from ice fishing and cross-country skiing to scenic winter hikes. Embrace the festive spirit with a visit to the Hall of Trees, showcasing beautifully decorated displays, and experience the enchantment of Light Up Yankton, where dazzling lights illuminate homes, businesses, & streets. There's always something special waiting for you in our community.

However you decide to experience Yankton, we encourage you to soak up the people, the places, and the experiences that set us apart.



Experience the magic of Light Up Yankton this holiday season! Grab the kids and the hot cocoa and use our interactive map to tour the community's festive lights and stunning Christmas displays. It's the perfect way to make unforgettable holiday memories in our winter wonderland.



Discover one-of-a-kind holiday treasures at the Crimson Door Holiday Boutique. Featuring unique gifts, festive décor, and handcrafted items, this seasonal event is perfect for holiday shopping and finding special items you won't see anywhere else all while supporting local artists!



Embrace the holiday spirit with Tour of Homes! This annual event offers an exclusive look inside some of the city's most beautifully decorated homes. Whether you're inspired by architecture, design, or the stories behind these residences, the tour is a festive way to celebrate the season.

EXPLORE THE MAP

CRIMSON DOOR

GET YOUR TICKET!



WINTER IS A WONDER

Get ready for a season of adventure in Yankton! From scenic fall hikes to cozy winter activities, there's so much to enjoy. Watch our "Winter is a Wonder" video to see why Yankton is perfect for your fall and winter plans!

WATCH IT NOW!



MEAD MUSEUM HALL OF TREES

The 7th annual Mead Hall of Trees runs daily through December 31, excluding Christmas Day. Held at the Mead Museum, this year's event is the largest yet, featuring 70 beautifully decorated trees by local businesses and organizations. The theme, "Mead-ville," brings a playful, vibrant flair with lime green, hot pink, turquoise, and oversized candy elements. Perfect for all ages, activities include scavenger hunts, Santa Sundays, holiday crafts, and free cocoa and coffee.

Admission: \$8/adults, \$5/seniors. FREE for kids and Yankton County Historical Society members.

LEARN MORE!

HOLIDAY FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Don't be a cotton-headed ninny muggins—mark your calendar for **Yankton's 2024 Holiday Festival of Lights** on Thursday, December 5th!

Kick off the evening with pre-parade family activities from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. at The Brewery (200 Walnut Street). At 6:00 p.m., the magic begins with the Holiday Festival of Lights Parade, followed by a festive finale at 7:00 p.m. featuring the community Christmas tree lighting, fireworks, and free treats like hot chocolate, cider, and Runza snacks.

Plus, enjoy free pictures with Santa to cap off a night of holiday cheer in the Meridian District!

VIEW FULL DETAILS!





DECEMBER EVENTS

5: Holiday Festival of Lights

6: Friday Night Lights: Mead Museum Hall of Trees

6-9: Goldilocks on Trial: Dakota Theatre Children's

7: Vespers: Mount Marty University Communiversity Band

7-8: Santa's Workshop: Dakota territorial Capitol Building

7: Craft Fair & Gift Wrapping: Celebrate Church

8: Tour of Homes: Yankton Area Arts

8: Santa Sunday: Mead Museum Hall of Trees

12: Sounds of Christmas Concert: Dakota Theatre

13: "The Nightmare Before Christmas" Showing: Dakota Theatre

13: Friday Night Lights: Mead Museum Hall of Trees

14-1: Santa's Workshop: Dakota territorial Capitol Building

14: Yankton Hockey Day

14: "It's a Wonderful Life" Showing: Dakota Theatre

15: The Carols of Christmas Concert: UCC Congregational

15: Santa Sunday: Mead Museum Hall of Trees

20: Friday Night Lights: Mead Museum Hall of Trees

20: "A Christmas Story" Showing: Dakota Theatre

21: "Die Hard" Movie Showing: Dakota Theare

22: "Miracle on 24th Street" Showing: Dakota Theatre

22: Santa Sunday: Mead Museum Hall of Trees

27: Friday Night Lights: Mead Museum Hall of Trees

ALL DECEMBER LONG

Mead Museum Hall of Trees Crimson Door Holiday Boutique Light Up Yankton

JANUARY EVENTS

3-5: Rushmore Rumble: NFAA Easton Archery Center

9-11: Gavins Point Rec RV Show: NFAA Easton Archery Center

10-12: River City Rumble Indoor Soccer Tournament

17-18: MMU Winter Theatre Production: Alive and Kicking

17-19: USA Archery & JOAD Indoor Nationals:

17-18: MMU Track Invitational & Multi's

18: Pheasants Forever

23-25: Dakota Territory Gun Show 25: Pinochle Tournament: Yankton VFW

FEBRUARY EVENTS

1-2: SDAA & USAA State Indoor Archery

1: Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

7-9: Dakota Cup & Midwest Sectionals

Archery Tournament

14-16: Collector's Toy Farmer Show

21-22: Hansen-Haas Memorial

Basketball Tournament



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