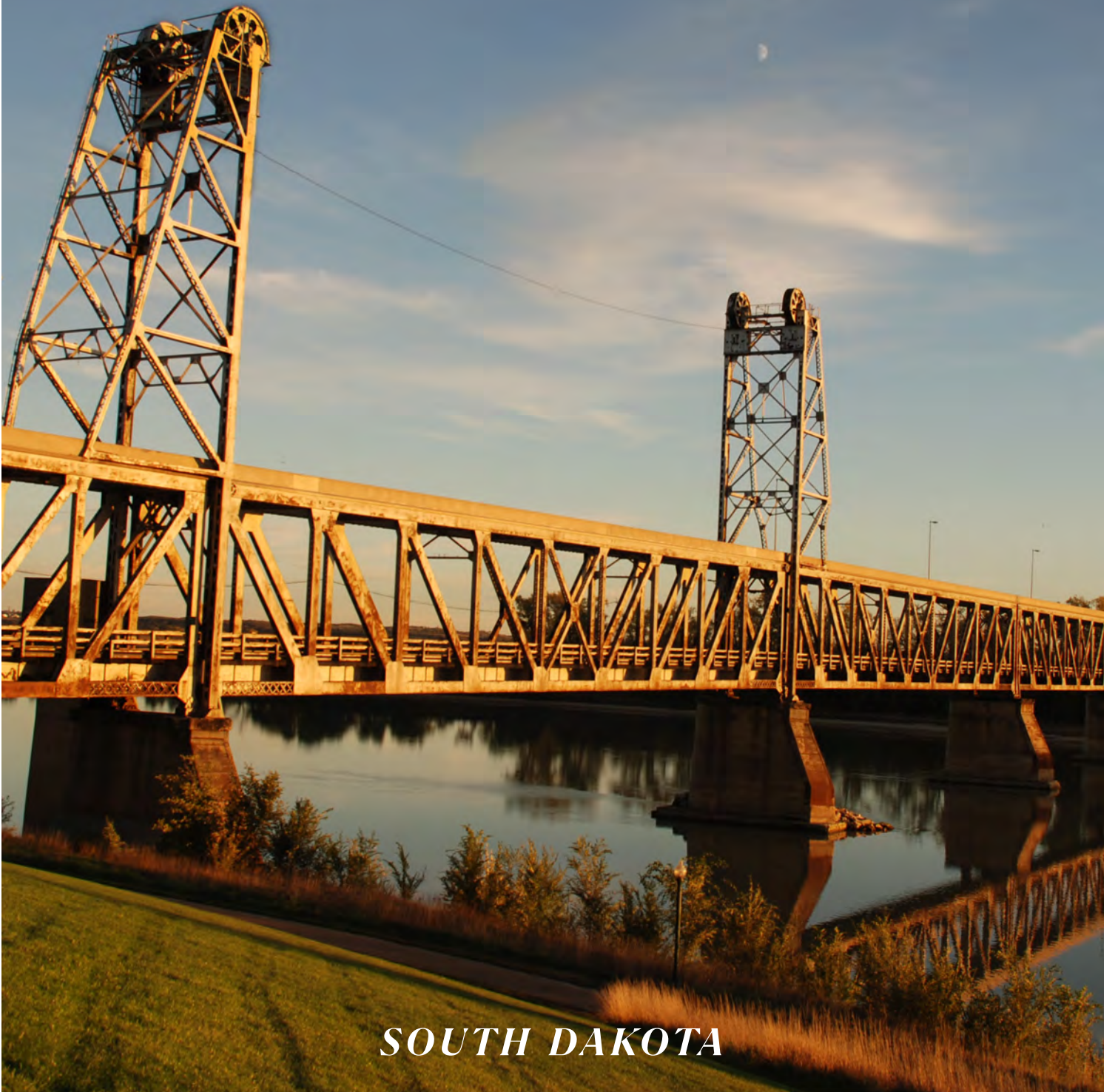


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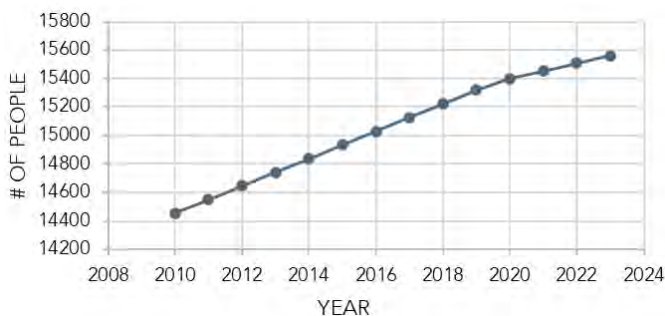


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Day Tripping!

Sioux City	64 mi
Sioux Falls	75 mi
Omaha	159 mi
Des Moines	261 mi
Minneapolis	316 mi
Fargo	318 mi
Kansas City	341 mi
Rapid City	358 mi
Denver	544 mi
Chicago	544 mi

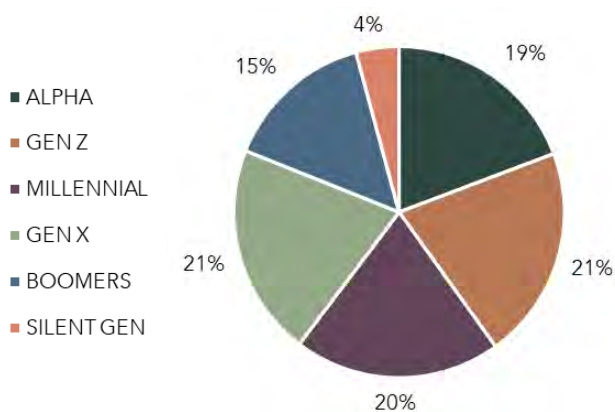
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Average Household Size

64.6%

Of Residents Are Homeowners

POPULATION BY GENERATION



Sourced From: United States Census Bureau

\$60,180

Average Household Income

12.1

Average Commute To Work (Minutes)

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Officially dedicated on October 11, 1924, the completed \$1.1 million Meridian Bridge was a symbol of local pride, in large part because it had been built under local leadership. Yankton hosted an 8-day celebration full of food, entertainment, parades, and fireworks. More than 100,000 visitors from around the region traveled to participate in the festivities. Community pride and hospitality continued as local churches and organizations opened their doors to feed guests, and the local legion organized "tent cities," a twist on modern day hotels where visitors could rent a tent for the night. In order to reimburse investors, a toll booth was implemented after the bridge's opening with rates of 50 cents per car and driver, and 10 cents for each additional passenger. In 1953, the wife of D.B. Gurney paid the last toll, and the bridge was converted into a free facility.

Since its initial completion, the bridge has undergone several rehabilitation projects within its first 76-years of life. The most significant alteration to the bridge occurred in 1983 when the lift span ceased to be movable. The towers remain, defining what was the vertical lift span. Added to the National Register of Historic Places in May 1993, the bridge retains its original configuration and is today distinguished as the only vertical lift span in Nebraska and South Dakota.

After a 10-ton gross weight limit was placed on the Meridian Bridge, a nearly \$5 million dollar conversion project went underway to allow for continued pedestrian and bike use, including structural repairs, spot painting, lighting, and railings. In November 2011, the Meridian Bridge reopened for recreational use and is a popular outdoor activity enjoyed by both locals and visitors. This project is expected to extend the lifespan of the bridge by at least another 25 years. The newly constructed Discovery Bridge opened for traffic on October 11, 2009, exactly 84 years after the dedication of the Meridian Highway Bridge. Yankton continues to hold a local nickname of "Bridge City."

As we celebrate the Meridian Bridge Centennial Year, we reflect on the rich history and significance of this iconic structure. Standing as a testament to the resilience of our community, the Meridian Bridge has connected generations and served as a symbol of unity. This milestone year is an opportunity to honor the bridge's legacy, acknowledge its role in shaping our city's identity, and envision a future where it continues to be a vital link between people, places, and memories.





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JAN | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | OCT | NOV | DEC

26 Meridian Bridge Centennial Celebration Kick-Off Party

20 River Rat Race Marathon

4 Market at the Meridian (Every Saturday from May-Oct)
17-19 SD State Parks Free Entrance & Free Fishing Weekend
21 Kid's Art Fest
25 Bragging Rights on Thursday Nights (Last Thursday of Each Month from May-Sep)

1 Kids in the Park (Every Sat in Jun)
4 Summer Concert Series (Every Tue Jun-Early Aug)
5 605 Day
8 RibFest
8 Lake Yankton Festival & Homestead Day

3 3rd on 3rd Block Party
4 Fourth of July Celebration & Fireworks
4 Music at the Meridian (Every Thursday Night Jul-Aug)
5 Meridian Bridge Centennial Live Music & Drone Show
27 Rock N Rumble
27 Tri-State Old Iron Association Tractor Ride and Parade

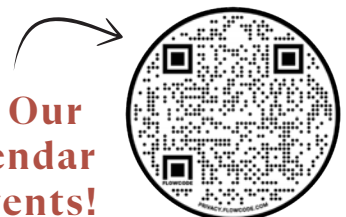
16-18 Riverboat Days
17 Extreme Bull Riding Tour
26 Yankton's Best Triathlon

12 Meridian Bridge Centennial Party & Rededication
26 Harvest Halloween

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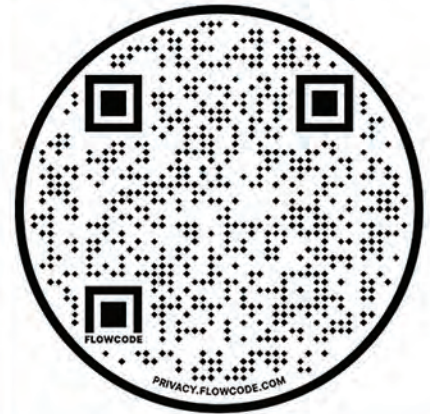
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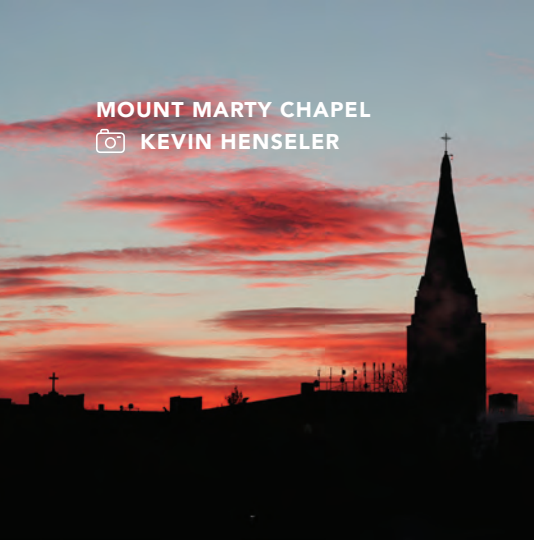
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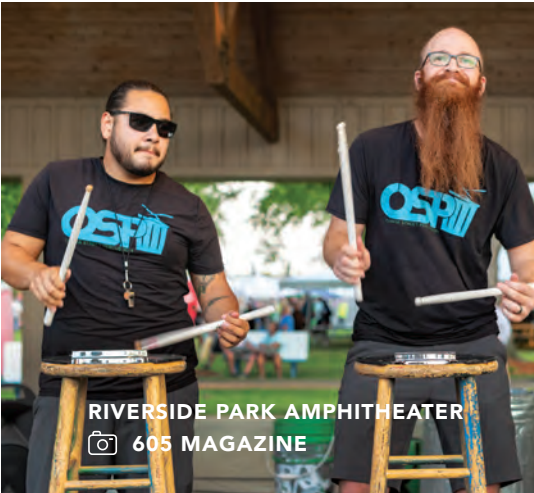
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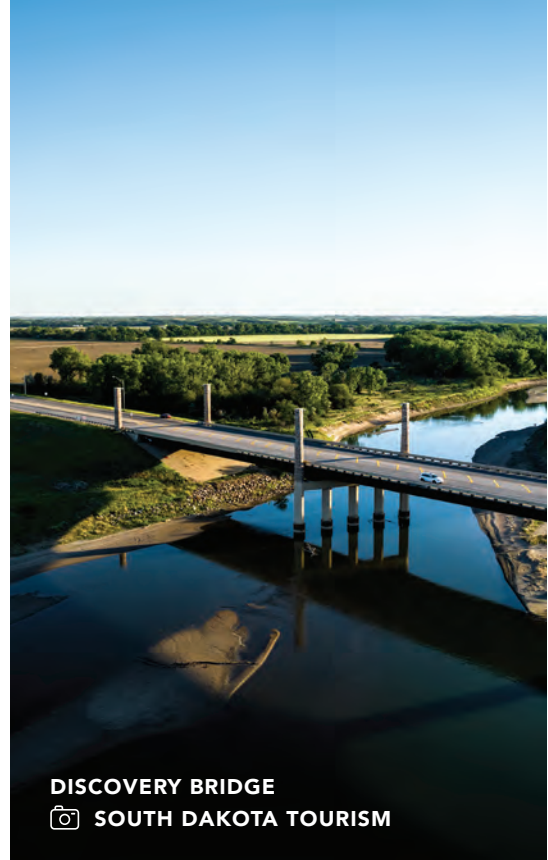
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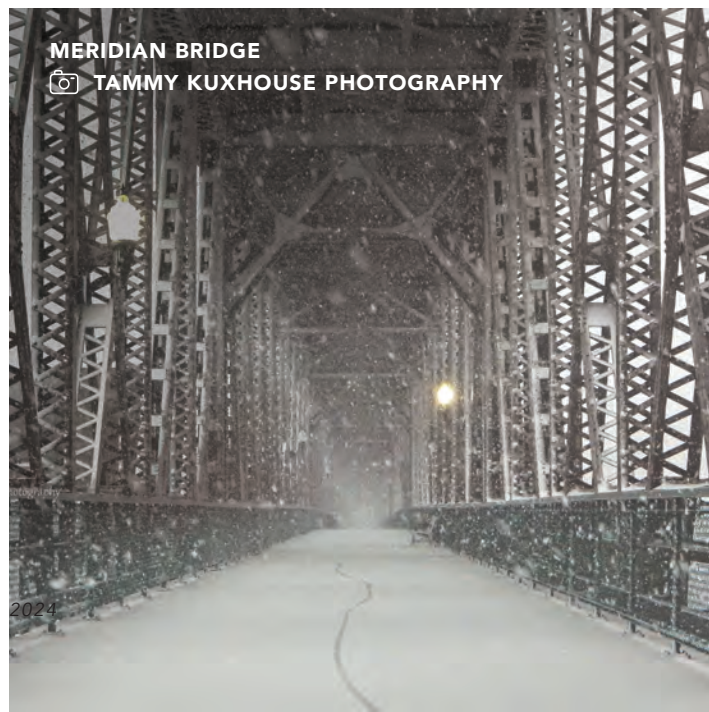
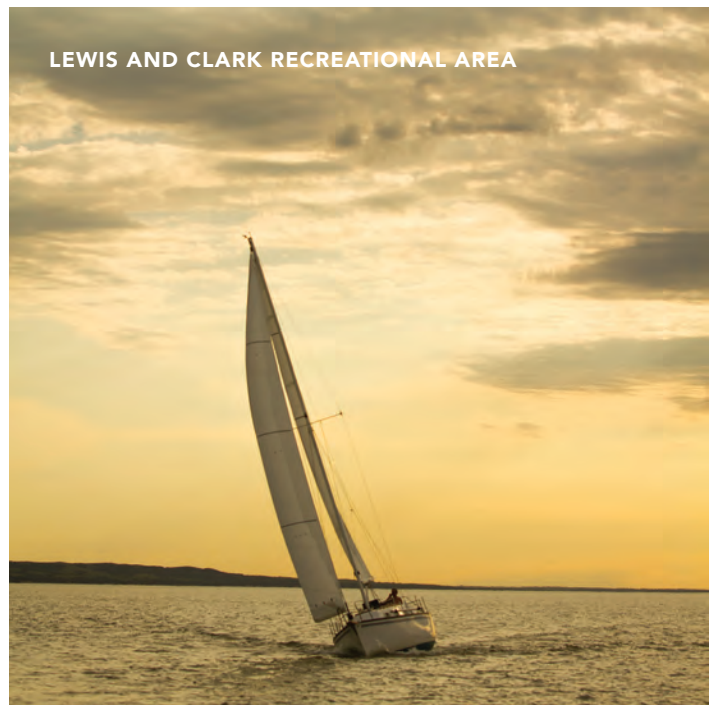
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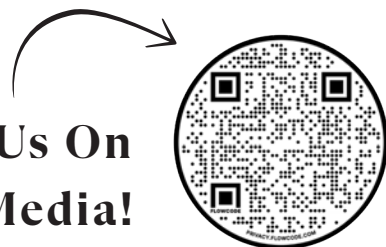
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HUNTING

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For many, hunting means more than reaching a limit. It means reconnecting with old friends to make new memories while experiencing the peace of nature. It means passing years of hunting experience on to the next generation. After a good hunt, friends and families gather around tables to share home-cooked meals, stories, and laughter. Hunting fills the belly, but most importantly, it fills the soul.

FISHING

Anglers are also drawn to Yankton throughout the year. With three large bodies of water all within 10 miles of each other, anglers can try different fishing styles each day. Lewis and Clark Lake and the Missouri River are open to boating without horsepower restrictions, allowing for effective boat fishing, especially in colder weather when fish are typically in deeper water. Gavins Point Dam's cool, flowing waters attract fish year long, making the Dam a popular spot for shore fishing. Lastly, Lake Yankton is unique as it does not allow gas motors; providing the perfect water for kayaks, canoes, and boats with trolling motors. Anglers have luck ice fishing in the wintertime as well.

Popular species include walleye, bass (largemouth, smallmouth, white), catfish, pike, and panfish. Snagging paddlefish season is Oct. 1-31 and bowfishing paddlefish season is July 1-31. Our waters border Nebraska, so please be mindful to follow our local fishing regulations when planning a trip.

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Trail Length: 2.75 Miles
Surface Type: 10' Wide concrete
Grade: Moderate grade with few slopes exceeding 5%

CALUMET BLUFF TRAIL

Trail Length: 0.9 Miles
Surface Type: 8' Wide dirt surface
Grade: Varied with some steep inclines

CHALK BLUFFS MULTI-USE TRAIL

Trail Length: 4.1 Miles
Surface Type: Crushed asphalt surface
Grade: Varied, moderate to fairly steep inclines

CHIEF WHITE CRANE TRAIL

Trail Length: 1 Mile
Surface Type: 9' Wide crushed asphalt
Grade: Flat

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Grade: Flat

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Surface Type: 10' Wide crushed asphalt
Grade: Flat

FANTLE MEMORIAL PARK TRAIL

Trail Length: 1 Mile around perimeter
Surface Type: 6' Concrete, 8' asphalt
Grade: Flat

GAVINS POINT NATURE TRAIL

Trail Length: 1.2 Miles
Surface Type: Wood chip and dirt surface
Grade: Varied, some steep inclines and declines

GREEN TRAIL

Trail Length: 1.75 Miles
Surface Type: Primitive dirt & sand trails
Grade: Mostly flat grade with few inclines

HIGHWAY 52 TRAIL

Trail Length: 3.14 Miles
Surface Type: 8' Wide asphalt
Grade: Flat, one moderate incline exceeding 5%

JAMES RIVER TRAIL

Trail Length: 4.3 Miles
Surface Type: 5' Wide dirt, paved 1 mile
Grade: Flat, moderate/fairly steep inclines

LAKE YANKTON PRAIRIE TRAIL

Trail Length: 1.5 Miles
Surface Type: Primitive trail
Grade: Flat

LEWIS & CLARK LAKE TRAIL

Trail Length: 6.9 Miles
Surface Type: 8' Wide asphalt
Grade: Flat

MAJESTIC BLUFFS TRAIL

Trail Length: 0.5 Miles
Surface Type: 10' Wide concrete
Grade: Flat

MARNE CREEK WEST GREENWAY TRAIL

Trail Length: 0.75 Miles
Surface Type: 8' Crushed concrete
Grade: Slight Slope

MERIDIAN BRIDGE TRAIL

Trail Length: 0.6 Miles Each Level
Surface Type: 12' Wide Concrete
Grade: No slope on lower level, steep slope on upper level entry ramps

NEBRASKA MERIDIAN TRAIL

Trail Length: 1.2 Miles
Surface Type: 10' Wide asphalt
Grade: Flat to moderate grades

NEBRASKA PRIMITIVE TRAIL

Trail Length: 1 Mile
Surface Type: 8' Wide dirt surface
Grade: Mostly flat grade with few inclines

SOUTH SHORE TRAIL

Trail Length: 3.8 Miles
Surface Type: 10' Wide dirt surface
Grade: Varied, moderate incline

TRAILHEAD TO RIVERSIDE PARK TRAIL

Trail Length: 1.5 Miles
Surface Type: 10' Wide concrete
Grade: Flat

TRAILHEAD TO PADDLEWHEEL POINT TRAIL

Trail Length: 0.4 Miles
Surface Type: 10' Wide concrete
Grade: Flat

TOE ROAD/LAKE YANKTON PRAIRIE TRAIL

Trail Length: 2.5 Miles
Surface Type: Paved, on-road and off-road
Grade: Flat

WESTSIDE PARK TO WEST CITY LIMITS ROAD TRAIL

Trail Length: 0.75 Miles
Surface Type: 8' Wide concrete
Grade: Flat



TREAD Lightly



KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Plan ahead. Bring along water to stay hydrated. No food, no fuel, no fun! Check the weather forecast, water levels, and wind conditions for your destination. Plan clothing, equipment and supplies accordingly. South Dakota State Park Entrance Licenses run \$8/day pass or \$36 for annual pass.



BOAT RENTALS & WATER SAFETY

Before and after a trip, wash your gear and support vehicle to reduce the spread of invasive species. Carry a Coast Guard approved life vest for each person. Always maintain your watercraft at a manageable speed. Top off your boat tank before leaving the marina. Be a sportsman; practice catch and release and keep only what you need.



STICK TO THE TRAILS

Help natural areas stay natural by sticking to designated trails and campsites. Even though shortcuts can be tempting, please do not take them. A few extra strides on the path will protect plants and the homes of our wildlife.



TRASH THE TRASH

Pack it in, pack it out. Take litter, crumbs, peels, and cores with you until you can dispose of them in your nearest waste bin. Detergents, toothpaste and soap harm fish and other aquatic life – use biodegradable when possible.



LEAVE IT AS YOU FOUND IT

Leave plants and rocks as you find them so others can experience the joy of discovery. South Dakota is beautiful all on its own. Carving or hacking into trees or rocks harms and disfigures them, impacting their vitality.



KEEP WILDLIFE WILD

Wildlife can be cute, but feeding wild animals isn't. You can alter their natural behaviors, exposing them to predators or even euthanasia. Always keep your dogs leashed when enjoying the trails and pack out their waste.



BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE

Observe all fire restrictions. Keep campfires small to avoid sparking wildfires. Never let a fire burn unattended. Always put cigarettes out completely and don't leave the butts behind. Allow the wood to burn down to a fine ash, if possible. Pour water on the fire and drown all embers until the hissing sound stops. Stir the campfire ashes and embers until everything is wet and cold to the touch. If you don't have water, use dirt.



SHARE THE TRAILS & PARKS

Be considerate of others on the roads and trails. Yield to the uphill hiker and biker - they need momentum! On roads and trails, horses always have the right of way. Be considerate of other campers' privacy - keep your distance and avoid traveling through their campsites. Keep your pets under control. Keep noise to a minimum, especially in the early morning and evening hours, so all can enjoy the peace of South Dakota.



OUR WATERS

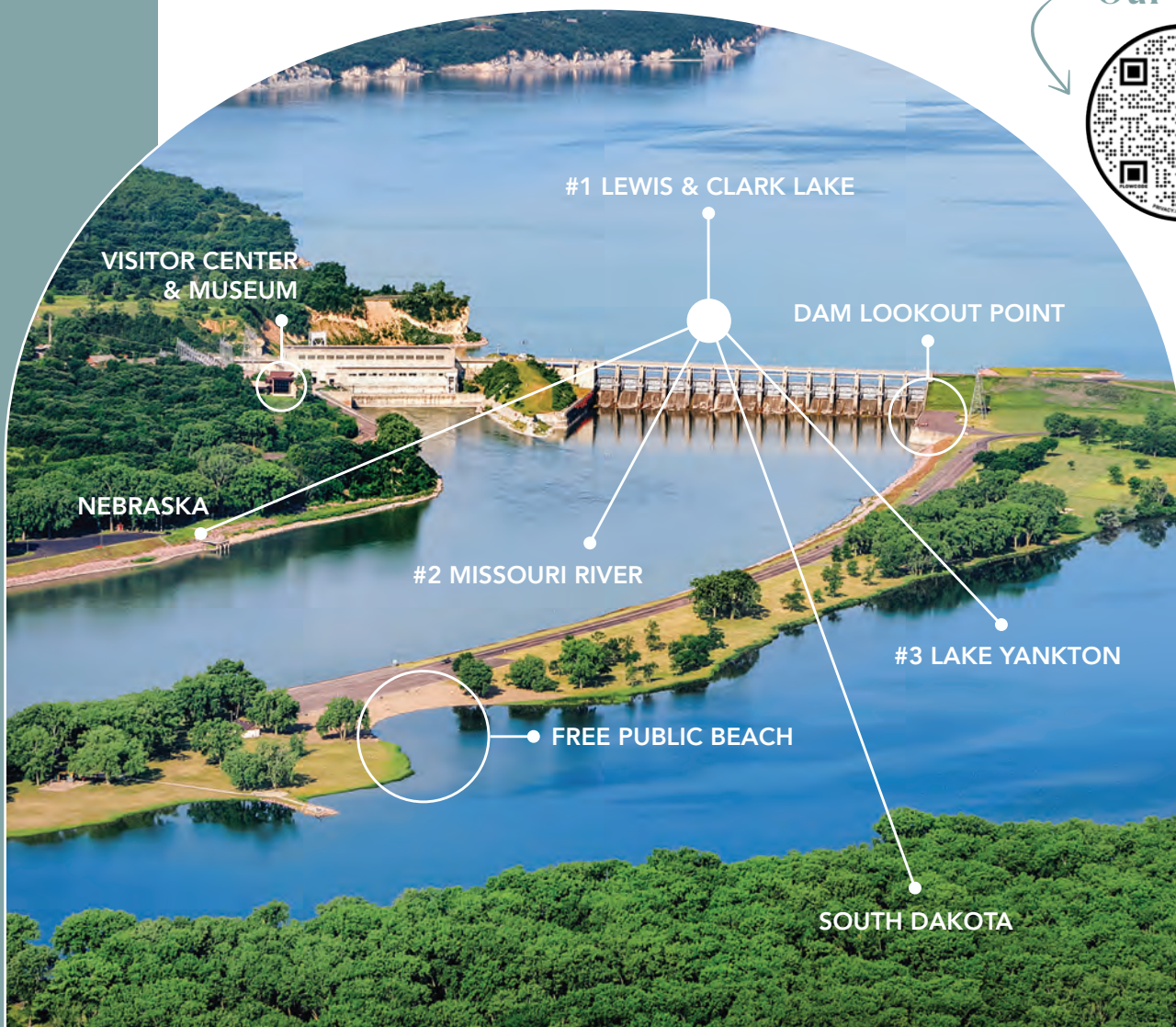
Nestled between three captivating bodies of water, Yankton attracts outdoor adventurers, camping aficionados, and water lovers of all ages. On weekends, our lakeshores, parks, and campsites come alive with travelers, families, and wanderers. For those seeking a more serene escape, consider planning your visit during the week, when the pace is a bit more tranquil.

Lewis & Clark Lake is all about the relaxed lake life vibe, offering sandy beaches, scenic walking trails, and inviting campgrounds. Whether you fancy a cabin, camper, or a tent, the choice is yours to make. Renowned for its diverse recreational water activities, Lewis & Clark Lake is a haven for waterskiing, boating, wakeboarding, tubing, and sailing.

Lake Yankton is a calm-water paradise, ideal for kayaking, canoeing, paddleboarding, and casting a line for some truly exceptional fishing. Lake area parks elevate the experience with a variety of activities, including outdoor archery, basketball, biking, disc golf, fishing, golf, hiking, historical exploration, horseback riding, horseshoes, snowshoeing, soccer, swimming, and volleyball.

The Missouri National Recreational River, equally adventurous as the lake, offers a downstream stretch of 59 miles from below Gavins Point Dam to Nebraska's Ponca State Park. Rich in opportunities for excellent fishing and boating, the river also offers both leisurely and competitive kayaking or canoeing. Embark on a journey where every ripple tells a story of nature's wonders and water-based excitement.

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YANKTON'S History

Home to the Yankton Sioux, or Ihanktonwan in the Dakota language, Yankton means "Those Who Camp at the End." In 1859, Yankton was a virtually treeless campsite occupied by people of the Ihanktonwan Nation on the banks of the Missouri River. Two years later, it became the first capital of the newly created Dakota Territory and transformed into a rollicking river port. Settlers were drawn to the river access and progressive way of life. Yankton is home to South Dakota's first ever bank, newspaper, high school, college, medical clinic, and bridge across the Missouri River. Yankton has always been a place of opportunity, vision, and entrepreneurialism!

1804 LEWIS AND CLARK

Lewis & Clark passed the Ihanktonwan (Yankton) Nation encamped near what became the City of Yankton on their expedition in 1804. They met with the Ihanktonwan Nation leaders on the Calumet Bluffs, now near Gavins Point Dam. Lewis & Clark provided gifts to the Ihanktonwan people and spent several days learning their way of life before continuing their journey up the Missouri River.

1860s-1870s ECONOMIC TRADE HUB

Located on the Missouri River, Yankton was a large river port, political powerhouse, and economic center for the upper Midwest. The city grew as a stop for steamboats to take on supplies and fresh water, especially after steamboat traffic boomed during the Black Hills gold rush.



1861-1883 DAKOTA TERRITORIAL CAPITOL BUILDING

< In 1861, Yankton was designated as the Dakota territorial capital. Dakota Territory originally included present day South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, and Wyoming. The name refers to the Dakota branch of the Sioux tribes which occupied the area at the time. Construction of the capitol building began in November 1862. In 1989, a replica of the building was built at Riverside Park thanks to the Yankton Sertoma Club.

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1876 THE WILD WEST

Wild Bill Hickok, a sheriff and former gunslinger, was gunned down in a saloon in Deadwood. His accused killer, Jack McCall, was brought to Yankton, the location of the U.S. Marshal Office for Dakota Territory, for his trial. McCall was convicted of murder and publicly hanged at age 24. His body is buried in a newly marked grave in Yankton at the border of the Yankton City Cemetery and Sacred Heart Cemetery.

1879 DAKOTA HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE

Due to the overcrowded conditions in facilities that catered to the mentally ill in neighboring areas, the Territorial Legislature approved a dedicated mental hospital in Yankton. This institution, originally named the Dakota Hospital for the Insane, commenced its operations within two wooden structures, both personally funded by Governor Howard. Subsequently in 1974, a more encompassing title, the South Dakota Human Services Center, was adopted to better align with the comprehensive range of services provided by the institution.



1909-1980'S THE MEAD MUSEUM

The Mead Building initially served as residential quarters for female patients at Yankton State Hospital from 1909 to the 1980s. Honoring the legacy of Superintendent Dr. Leonard C. Mead, the building underwent a transformative rehabilitation and reopened in 2018 as a distinguished museum and cultural center. Presently, the Mead Museum boasts an impressive collection of over 45,000 historic artifacts and hosts traveling exhibits throughout the year.

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1924 THE MERIDIAN BRIDGE

Before the Meridian Bridge was built, people would cross the Missouri River via ferries, rafts, walking on ice, and a pontoon bridge that could only be used during certain months. Finally in 1919, Yanktonians formed and funded the Meridian Highway Bridge Company. Two years later, construction of the Meridian Bridge began. The bridge's completion was one of the final links of the Continental Meridian Highway, now known as US HWY 81, an early north-south route from Winnipeg, Canada, to Mexico City, Mexico.

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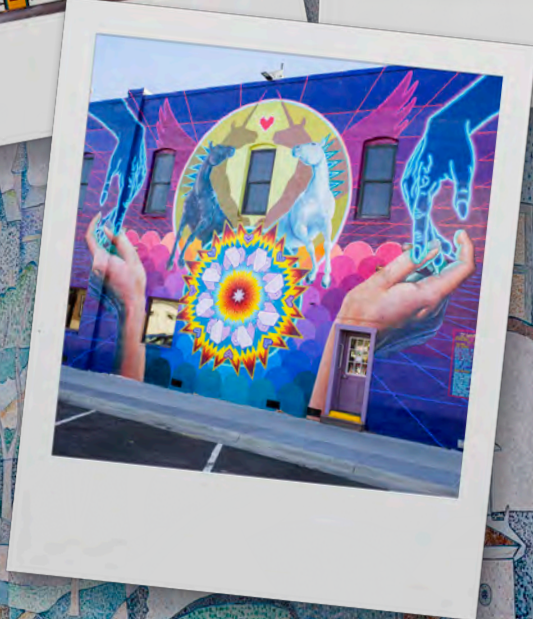
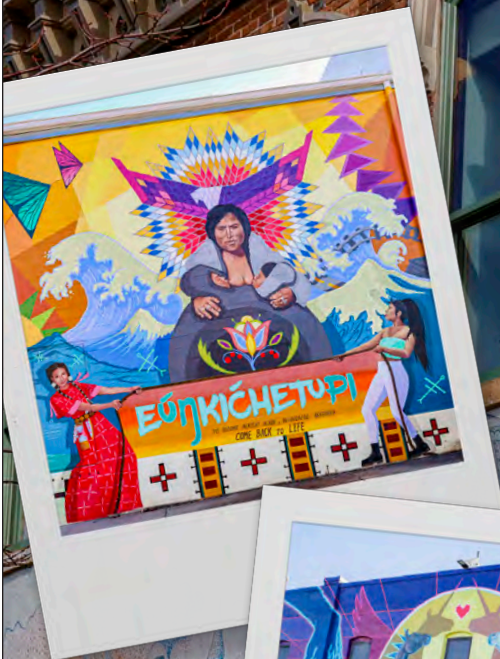


Fun Facts About Yankton

1. Yankton was the first capitol of the Dakota Territory.
2. Tom Brokaw, former television journalist and author, graduated from Yankton High School and is a strong community supporter. Our local trail system, the Auld-Brokaw Trail, is a great way to explore on foot or bike.
3. Gavins Point Dam is the last dam on the Missouri River, so if you wanted, you could hop in a boat and float all the way to the Gulf of Mexico!
4. Our Yankton Federal Prison Camp was formerly Yankton College, where Lyle Alzado played before his NFL career.
5. In the wintertime, you can see a large gathering of bald eagles near Gavins Point Dam and in the surrounding area. They come here to hunt where there is open water below the dam.
6. Jack McCall, who shot Wild Bill Hickock in Deadwood, was tried, and hanged in Yankton in 1877.
7. NFL's all-time leading scorer, Adam Vinatieri, was born in Yankton in 1972.
8. As the "Neighbor Lady", Winifred (Wynn) Speece shared recipes, household tips, and personal anecdotes during her weekday program. At the height of her fame in the 1940s and 1950s, she received over 250,000 letters a year. Speece received a Marconi Radio Award in 1992.
9. Lawrence Welk and his band was the station band for WNAX radio. The accordionist, bandleader, and television impresario also hosted The Lawrence Welk Show from 1951 to 1982.
10. The Meridian Bridge piers were built by underwater construction workers known as "sandhogs." The piers were covered with a smooth metal rumored to have been salvaged from a World War I battleship. The wedge-shaped piers and metal covering were chosen to help break apart floating ice and debris.



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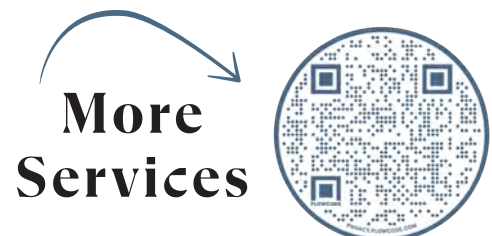
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