



On September 17, 1804

Captain Meriwether Lewis described infinite numbers of “barking squirrel” that inhabited a vast prairie dog town. He continues: “The scenery already rich pleasing and beautiful...”

Today you and your family can enjoy the beauty and abundant outdoor recreation fun and history around South Dakota’s Lewis and Clark Lake and Recreation Areas.

Sioux Falls – South Dakota’s eastern gateway city on I-90 hosts both air and best-by-car vacationers. Falls Park in the heart of the city is a focal point for visitors with a 5-story observation tower overlooking the falls and trails, picnic areas, arts center and restaurant along the Big Sioux River. The Washington Pavilion of Arts and Sciences, the Old Courthouse Museum, the Pettigrew Home and Museum plus the Sertoma Butterfly Center and Purdy Mannie exhibits attract visitors year-round. 1900’s era streetcars connect Falls Park with the Washington Pavilion of Arts and Sciences. For more information, go to: www.visitsiouxfalls.com

Garretson – Northeast of Sioux Falls on South Dakota Highway 10 includes rugged Devils Gulch of Jessie James fame and Palisades State Park with hiking trails through spectacular formations of quartzite.

Brandon – East of Sioux Falls features the Big Sioux Recreation Area, with 50 campsites, boating and boat ramps and docks, camping cabins, hiking and equestrian trails.

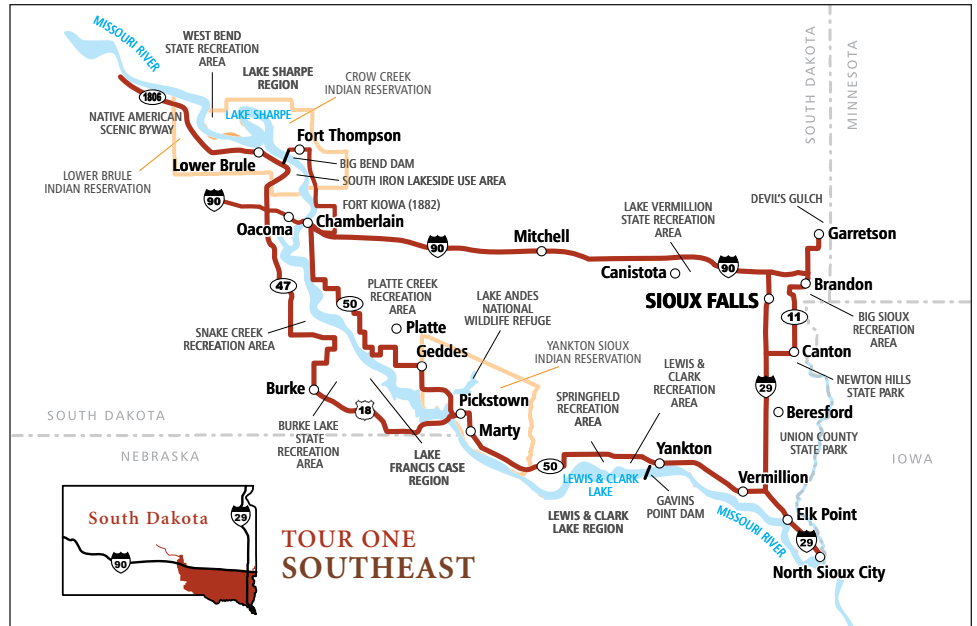
Canton – Newton Hills State Park south of Canton off of South Dakota Highway 135 has 127 campsites. The Newton Hills Woodland Trail is on the National Recreational Trails registry and is a great trail for bird watchers. The park has camping cabins, playground, boat ramps and dock and equestrian trails.

Beresford – Union Grove State Park 11 miles south of Beresford off I-29 has 25 campsites, boat ramp and docks and equestrian trails.

North Sioux City – Clay County Park and Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve – Exit 4 off of I-29 at North Sioux City on the Missouri River. Pioneer homestead buildings, interpretive exhibits, and hike/bike trails.

Vermillion – Lewis and Clark visited Spirit Mound in 1804 and today it is a focal point of Historic Prairie State Park. The W.H. Over Museum and Clay County Park are popular attractions. For more information, go to: www.vermillionchamber.com.

Yankton – Features the Lewis & Clark Visitor Center, Gavins Point Dam and Spillway, Dakota Territorial Museum, the Gavins Point National Fish Hatchery and Visitor Center. Yankton is the headquarters for the Missouri National Recreational River, a unit of the National Park System. The park consists of two free flowing stretches of the Missouri River,



including one at the Yankton area. This makes Yankton a great launching point for canoeing and kayaking on the river. For more information, go to: www.visityanktonsd.com

Lewis & Clark Recreation Area – Resort and Marina offers a motel, cabins, swimming pool, restaurant, slip and boat rentals. Activities in the recreation area include camping, hike/bike and horseback riding, fishing, power and sail boating. For information, go to: www.nps.gov/mnrr/index.htm

Springfield Recreation Area – Adjacent to Springfield on the Missouri River has camping, cabins, boating and fishing plus a nearby 9-hole golf course. Springfield Historical Society Museum is also nearby.

The Lake Francis Case Region

Marty, SD – Yankton Sioux Tribe Reservation and the start of the Native American Scenic Byway which continues up through North Dakota. Annual powwow, and casino/hotel, fishing and hunting.

Pickstown – Visit the Fort Randall Dam and Overlook at the northwest entrance to the Missouri River National Recreational Park at Pickstown. Visitors can also enjoy Lake Francis Case and the Fort Randall historic military post site where the post chapel still stands. Randall Creek State Recreation Area includes camping, fishing, boat ramps, picnic shelter and playground. **Lake Andes National Wildlife Refuge** – is a place of wetlands, grasslands and riverside forests. During the spring and fall migrations, clouds of waterfowl and shorebirds darken the sky.

Burke – Excellent fishing at the nearby Burke Lake State Recreation Area. Camping and picnic sites are available.

Geddes – Historic District includes museum, 1895 log cabin, school house and Homestead cabin.

Platte – Hosts an art gallery and a restored historic theater. **Platte and Snake Creek Recreation Areas** feature camping, cabins, concessions and boat ramp.

Chamberlain/Oacoma – Includes the Lewis & Clark Visitor Center, Cedar Shore and Oasis Campground on the Missouri River. Atka Lakota Museum and Cultural Center and the St. Joseph Indian School Campus features authentic Native American artifact displays, gift shop and a sweeping view of the scenic diorama from the Missouri River to the Black Hills.

Lower Brule – Located on the Lower Brule Sioux Reservation features an authentic earth lodge, the big bend and the Narrows (historic Lewis and Clark sites), native tours, wildlife tours, powwow and casino/hotel.

Fort Thompson – On the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe Reservation. Located by Big Bend Dam, casino/hotel, fishing and hunting.

Mitchell – World’s only Corn Palace, one of South Dakota’s one-of-a-kind must-see attractions. Also Carnegie Resource Center, the Dakota Discovery Center, George McGovern Legacy Museum and a prehistoric Indian Village.

Canistota – Lake Vermillion State Recreation Area south of I-90 at the Montrose exit offers 66 camping sites, camping cabins, swimming, playgrounds, hiking trails, picnic shelters, boat ramp and dock.

For more information on the great attractions and parks along the Lewis and Clark Trail, go to:
lewisandclarkcountry.org



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