



DAKOTA NATURE PARK TRAILS MAP
 Thank you for your cooperation to ensure everyone's enjoyment of this park.



DAKOTA NATURE PARK

22nd Avenue South
 & 32nd Street South
 (Nature Center Entrance)

Open to public from 6am-11pm daily

LARSON NATURE CENTER

1705 32nd Street South
 Phone 605-693-2233

June - August

Wednesday-Friday: 12noon-8pm

Saturday: 9am-8pm

Sunday: 12noon-8pm

September - May

Saturdays & Sundays: 9am-5pm



Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department

MISSION

Dakota Nature Park is a special place that is set apart from the city and its other fine parks.

Dakota Nature Park is a place where nature prevails, and all humans are guests.

As good guests, humans should tread lightly on the land, undertaking only activities that have a minimal impact on the park's land, waters and wildlife, and that allow others to experience a sense of solitude and uniqueness of this special place.



HISTORY

2013 began the transformation of the old landfill on 22nd Avenue to the vision that was created three years prior for a nature park. Gravel mining had altered the landscape and created the chain of ponds and wetlands that now exist. The many trails have benches scattered along them providing a perfect place to sit and enjoy the tranquil beauty of nature.

The area is open year round to use for activities such as fishing, canoeing/kayaking, bird-watching, hiking, biking and picnics, as well as snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and ice-skating.

The Larson Nature Center located in the southwest corner of the park has become the focal point for education, programming, and socializing at Dakota Nature Park.

PARK REGULATIONS

1. No motor vehicle access beyond the parking lots without BPRD authorization.
2. All SDGFP fishing regulations are in effect.
3. Practice catch & release fishing whenever possible.
4. No transplanting fish into the ponds.
5. Only electric trolling motors may be used on the ponds.
6. Dogs must be leashed at all times. Owners please clean-up after your pets.
7. No large animals allowed in the park, including horses and llamas.
8. Harassment of wildlife is prohibited.
9. No fires or fireworks allowed.
10. Pack it in, pack it out, there are no garbage cans inside the park.
11. Due to varying water depths and clarity, swimming is discouraged.



EQUIPMENT RENTALS & RATES

Mtn. bikes	\$10/2 hours
Canoes/Kayaks:	\$10/2 hours
Paddleboards:	\$10/2 hours
Fishing Poles	\$10/2 hours
Snowshoes	\$10/2 hours
Binoculars:	\$5/2 hours
GPS units:	\$5/2 hours

Must be 18 years of age or older, possess a valid driver license/ID and credit card for all equipment rentals. Equipment must be returned in same condition it was when you checked it out.

RENTAL POLICY & RATES

The Larson Nature Center & Dakota Nature Park is primarily for the use of programs and activities sponsored or affiliated with the Park Rec & Forestry Department. The building is for rent when the schedule permits. Building rentals are available for non-profit and business's with an emphasis placed on nature based educational themed rentals. We do not accept rental reservations for social gatherings, such as, and not limited to, weddings, birthdays, family reunions, graduations, and bridal/baby showers.

Larson Nature Center Rooms	Rental Per hour	Non-Profit Rental Per hour
Classroom* Max 40 people	\$60/hr	\$30/hr
Atrium* Max 60 people	\$60/hr	\$30/hr
Sunroom/Porch* Max 15 people	\$60/hr	\$30/hr
Building* Max 60 people	\$180/hr	\$90/hr
East Shelter Max 24 people	\$25/hr	\$12.50/hr

***Minimum of 2 hours**

A rental agreement and liability waiver must be completed and filed with the BPRD office:
520 3rd St., Suite 130, Government Center

Park and Center administrated by:
Brookings Parks, Recreation
& Forestry Dept

Phone (605) 692-2708

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