



Enjoy a **free weekend** at Custer State Park. **Entrance fees are not charged** at any SD state park or recreation area during this weekend.

To celebrate the beginning of the summer season, visitors can enjoy **nature hikes, hay-rack rides, cowboy cookouts, gold panning demonstrations, pancake feeds and other special events.** This is also the weekend for the park's **infamous buffalo chip throwing contest.**

Fishing licenses are also NOT required on South Dakota waters during this special weekend. The park hosts a free fishing derby, awarding prizes for anglers in each age group.

For more information, contact the Peter Norbeck Visitor Center at (605) 255-4464.

(NOTE: Camping fees are required.)

Open House Weekend

May 16, 17 & 18, 2008

Schedule of Activities & Programs

FRIDAY, MAY 16th

8:00 a.m. **2008 Open House Weekend & Free Fishing Weekend Begins**

SATURDAY, MAY 17th

- 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. **Pancake Feed at Legion Lake Lodge**
(\$ Donations to Custer City 4th of July Fireworks)
- 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Shot in the Park - 3D Archery Shoot - 4th Annual**
Top Pin Archer's Club (\$). Contact (605) 673-5880
- 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. **Guided Birding Hike On French Creek Canyon Trail**
Meet at the Peter Norbeck Visitor Center
- 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **Fishing Derby at Sylvan Lake - Meet at the Sylvan Lake General Store**
Registration 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Derby 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Prizes 11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. **Educational Horsemanship Demonstration at Blue Bell Stables**
- 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **Blue Bell Lodge Stables - Free pony rides for children ages 6 and under**
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. **Hayrack Rides - Meet at the Blue Bell Lodge**
- 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **Flying Disk Golf - Meet at the Peter Norbeck Visitor Center**
- 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **Radio Control Aircraft Show - Meet at the Stockade Lake Beach Area**
- 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **Outdoor Cowboy Cookout - Meet at the Blue Bell Lodge (\$)**
- 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Buffalo Cookout on the Patio - Meet at the Sylvan Lake General Store (\$)**
- 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Buffalo Cookout - Meet at the Coolidge General Store (\$)**
- 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. **Amazing Reptiles Show - Meet at the Sylvan Lake General Store**
- 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. **Tour the Newly Renovated Sylvan Lake Lodge Auditorium**
Enjoy free cookies, coffee and lemonade.
- 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. **GPS Adventures for Beginners - Meet at the Peter Norbeck Visitor Center**
- 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. **Casting Contest - Meet at the Sylvan Lake Day-Use Area**
Registration 1:00 a.m. - 1:30 a.m. Derby 1:30 a.m. - 2:30 a.m.
Prizes 2:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. **Educational Horsemanship Demonstration at Blue Bell Stables**
- 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. **Hayrack Rides - Meet at the Blue Bell Lodge**
- 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Rock Climbing Demonstration - Meet at the Sylvan Lake General Store**
- 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. **Junior Naturalist Program "Buffalo Parts" - Meet at the Peter Norbeck Visitor Center**
- 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. **Wildlife Loop Road Caravan - Meet at the Peter Norbeck Visitor Center**
- 8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. **Evening Programs**
"Buffalo Still Roam" - Meet at the Game Lodge Campground
"The Way Of The Trout" - Meet at the Blue Bell Campground

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Thank You for coming to the 2008 Open House Weekend at Custer State Park!

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SUNDAY, MAY 18th

- 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Pancake Feed at Legion Lake Lodge (\$ ~ Donations to the Custer County Fair)
- 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Shot in the Park - 3D Archery Shoot - 4th Annual Top Pin Archer's Club (\$). Contact (605) 673-5880
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Educational Horsemanship Demonstration at Blue Bell Stables
- 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Blue Bell Lodge Stables - Free pony rides for children ages 6 and under
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Hayrack Rides - Meet at the Blue Bell Lodge
- 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Flying Disk Golf - Meet at the Peter Norbeck Visitor Center
- 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Radio Control Aircraft Show - Meet at the Stockade Lake Beach Area
- 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Outdoor Cowboy Cookout - Meet at the Blue Bell Lodge (\$)
- 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Buffalo Hunter Living History - Meet at the Coolidge General Store
- 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Gold Panning Demonstration - Meet at the Peter Norbeck Visitor Center
- 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Buffalo Cookout - Meet at the Coolidge General Store (\$)
- 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Tour the new year-round Creekside Lodge just east of the State Game Lodge and register to win a one night stay.
- 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Tour the Camper Cabins at the Game Lodge Campground (Cabin #11) Register for a weekend camping package.
- 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Junior Naturalist Program "Wildlife Tracking for Kids" Meet at the Peter Norbeck Visitor Center
- 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Educational Horsemanship Demonstration at Blue Bell Stables
- 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Tour Improvements at Blue Bell Lodge and register for dinner for two.
- 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Head over to Blue Bell Campground (Cabin #1) and register to win a weekend camping package.
- 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Hayrack Rides - Meet at the Blue Bell Lodge
- 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Buffalo Chip Flip - Meet at the Peter Norbeck Visitor Center
Registration 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Derby 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Prizes 4:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

(\$) - A fees is associated with this activity.

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FREE FOOTBAG!

(While Supplies Last)

Free to all kids courtesy of the South Dakota Department of Public Health.

Pick one up at the Peter Norbeck Visitor Center, the Fishing Derby or at the Buffalo Chip Flip!



A special thanks to all our sponsors and event organizers.

We couldn't do it without you!

Coming to the 2009 Open House Weekend:
The First Annual Custer State Park Tribal Arts Show