

OUR 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.

EQUIPMENT RENTALS & RATES

\$7/HOUR

Mountain Bike
Canoes/Kayaks
Paddleboards
Fishing Poles
Snowshoes

PUNCH CARD

5 - 1 HR PUNCHES
\$30.00

\$7/2 HOURS

Binoculars
GPS Units

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 as it was when it was checked 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 Parks, Rec & Forestry Department.

Building & ground rentals are available when the schedule permits for business & personal meetings along with social gatherings, such as, but not limited to, birthdays, small outdoor weddings, family reunions, graduations, and bridal/baby showers.

Please contact the Park and Rec office for more information. (605) 692-2708

Larson Nature Center Rooms **RENTAL FEES**

CLASSROOM*
MAX 35 PEOPLE \$50/HR

ATRIUM*
MAX 60 PEOPLE \$50/HR

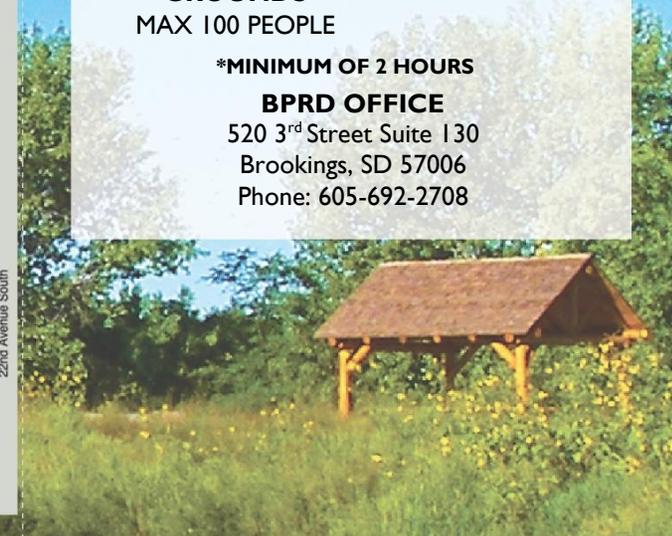
FULL BUILDING*
MAX 100 PEOPLE \$100/HR

SUNROOM*
MAX 15 PEOPLE \$50/HR

NATURE PARK GROUNDS
MAX 100 PEOPLE \$200/HR

***MINIMUM OF 2 HOURS**

BPRD OFFICE
520 3rd Street Suite 130
Brookings, SD 57006
Phone: 605-692-2708



HOURS

DAKOTA NATURE PARK

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

YEAR ROUND

Open to public from 6am-11pm daily

LARSON NATURE CENTER

1705 32nd Street South
Phone: 605-693-2233

JUNE – MID AUGUST

Wednesday-Friday: 12pm-8pm

Saturday: 9am-8pm

Sunday: 12pm-8pm

MID AUGUST - MAY

Saturdays: 9am-5pm

Sundays 12pm-5pm

Nature Center Building Closed

All Holidays along with the weekends of
Memorial Day, Labor Day & Hobo Days

OUR HISTORY

2013 began the transformation of the old landfill on 22nd Avenue to the vision that was created three year's 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 135 acre park is open year round for activities such as fishing, canoeing, paddle boarding, kayaking, bird-watching, hiking, biking, picnics, as well as snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and many other outdoor activities.

The Larson Nature Center located in the southwest corner of the park has become the focal point for education, programming, and socializing at the 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. No motorized vehicles are allowed on the ponds unless permission has been granted.
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.
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.

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