

**GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION  
PROPOSAL**

**Camping Permits and Rules  
Camping permit fees  
Chapter 41:03:04:03**

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>October 3-4, 2013</b>	<b>Spearfish</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>November 7, 2013</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>November 7-8, 2013</b>	<b>Pierre</b>

**PARKS & RECREATION DIVISION RECOMMENDATION**

Modify 41:03:04:03 Camping permit fees.

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

Requires a camper to pay a daily fee for the use of a campsite, camping cabin or lodge in a state park, recreation area and certain lakeside use areas.

**Recommended changes:**

1. Add Sheps Canyon Horse Camp to the list of areas that require an equestrian campground fee.
2. Adjust the daily camping and lodging fees as follows:

**41:03:04:03. Camping permit fees.** The daily fee for the use of a campground site by one camper unit is as follows:

(1) Custer State Park modern campground fee, ~~\$18.96~~ **21.00**. Campgrounds included are Game Lodge; Sylvan Lake; Grace Coolidge; Legion Lake; Stockade North; Stockade South; and Blue Bell;

(2) Modern campground fee, ~~\$11.38~~ **13.00**. Campgrounds included are Fort Sisseton, except during the Fort Sisseton Festival (see subdivision (6) of this section); Union Grove; Platte Creek; Swan Creek; Fisher Grove; West Whitlock; Indian Creek; Pease Creek; Okobojo Point; Cow Creek; Buryanek; and West Pollock;

(3) Custer State Park semimodern campground fee, ~~\$17.06~~ **19.00**. The campground included is Center Lake;

(4) Basic campground fee, ~~\$9.48~~ **11.00**. Campgrounds included are Burke Lake; Shadehill-Llewellyn Johns Memorial; Bear Butte Lake unit; Lake Hiddenwood; Sand Creek; East Whitlock; Tabor; North Wheeler; Spring Creek; Oakwood primitive area; Lake Carthage; South Shore; Whetstone Bay; South Scalp Creek; White Swan; Walth Bay; and Amsden Dam;

(5) Custer State Park French Creek natural area, ~~\$5.69~~ **7.00** for each person;

(6) Use of a campground site at Fort Sisseton during the annual Fort Sisseton Festival, ~~\$16.14~~ **25.00**. Program participants and Festival campers are exempt from paying the camping fee;

(7) Equestrian campground fee, ~~\$11.38~~ **13.00**. Campgrounds included are Bear Butte Horse Camp and Sica Hollow Horse Camp. However, at Lewis and Clark Horse Camp, Newton Hills Horse Camp, Oakwood Lakes Horse Camp, Pease Creek Horse Camp, Pelican Lake Horse Camp, ~~and Union Grove Horse Camp,~~ and Sheps Canyon Horse Camp the camping fee is ~~\$13.27~~ **15.00**;

(8) Camping cabin fee, ~~\$35.07~~ **40.00**. Campgrounds included are those in all state parks and recreation areas where camping cabins are located. However, at Lewis and Clark Recreation Area, Pierson Ranch Recreation Area, and Chief White Crane Recreation Area the camping cabin fee is ~~\$39.84~~ **45.00**. At Custer State Park the camping cabin fee is ~~\$44.55~~ **50.00**;

(9) Nonprofit youth group camping fee, ~~\$0.47~~ **0.50** for each person or ~~\$5.74~~ **6.00**, whichever is greater;

(10) Preferred campground fee, ~~\$13.27~~ **15.00**. Campgrounds included are Oakwood Lakes; Angostura, including Shep's Canyon; Lake Vermillion; Lewis and Clark, except those campsites designated as prime waterfront campsites; Newton Hills; Snake Creek; Palisades; Roy Lake; Lake Herman; Lake Poinsett; Walker's Point; Pickerel; Shadehill-Ketterlings Point; Sandy Shore; Lake Cochrane; Farm Island; Lake Louise; Lake Thompson; Mina; Chief White Crane, except those campsites designated as prime water front campsites; Pierson Ranch; North Point; Oahe Downstream; Big Sioux; Hartford Beach; Richmond; Springfield; Rocky Point; West Bend; Randall Creek; and South Pelican;

(11) Prime campsite fee, ~~\$15.17~~ **17.00**. Sites included are: all campsites furnished with sewer, water, and electrical service; Lewis and Clark campsite numbers 117P to 161P, inclusive; 163P; 164P; 166P; 213P to 223P, inclusive; 317P to 334P, inclusive; and 384P to 409P, inclusive; and Chief White Crane campsite numbers 111P to 145P, inclusive;

(12) Primitive lodging campsite fee, ~~\$20.85~~ **23.00**. The campground included is Fort Sisseton State Park;

(13) Custer State Park group camping area fee, ~~\$5.69~~ **7.00** a person for overnight use with a minimum fee of ~~\$113.74~~ **140.00**;

(14) The group lodging fee at: Mina Lake State Recreation Area is ~~\$160~~ **185.00** and Shadehill State Recreation Area is \$185 a night for the first 8 persons age 12 and over plus \$17 for each additional person age 12 and older; Lake Thompson State Recreation Area, Palisades State Park, Sheps Canyon State Recreation Area, and Newton Hills State Park is \$240 a night for the first 12 persons age 12 and over plus \$17 for each additional person age 12 and older;

(15) Custer State Park, French Creek Horse Camp fee, ~~\$21.80~~ **26.00**;

(16) Oahe Downstream Group Lodge use fee is ~~\$37.92~~ **40.00** per night for nonprofit youth groups year-round and for nonprofit groups and government agencies from November 1 to March 31, inclusive, and ~~\$118.49~~ **125.00** per night for all other groups year-

round. The use fee for all groups except nonprofit youth groups is ~~\$118.49~~ **125.00** from April 1 to October 31, inclusive.

An additional charge of ~~\$3.79~~ **4.00** a unit is made for campground sites with electricity.

#### **SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

Establishes the authority to charge a fee for use of the Sheps Canyon Horse Camp. Eleven campsites and trailhead parking are scheduled for completion in November, 2013 and the corrals, potable water source and vault toilet will be installed over the winter/spring.

Use at state parks and recreation areas continues to grow. A record number of campers used the parks last year and that record is on pace to be broke again this year. Camping units are bigger than in the past and have more features, leading to increased electricity, water and sewer use. Rising utility costs, along with personnel, facility maintenance and equipment costs add pressure to the budget. User fee adjustments are needed to balance the anticipated fiscal year 2015 operating budget. The adjusted South Dakota's camping, cabin and lodge fees will generate approximately \$665,000 and the prices are comparable with those of other state park systems in the region.

**APPROVE**

**MODIFY**

**REJECT**

**NO ACTION**