

Visitor

— GUIDELINES —

SOUTH DAKOTA'S tribal communities welcome visitors. The following guidelines will help travelers enjoy their visit while honoring the people, lands and culture. A visit to tribal administration offices for additional information is recommended.

Native American communities comprise a diversity of tribal members who practice varying degrees of tradition. Traditionalists expect tribal members and visitors to conduct themselves in a manner that is respectful of tribal religion and ceremonies. With this in mind, it must be recognized that a code of conduct practiced at one community or event may not be appropriate at another.

Some communities may have policies about picture taking, sketching and audio/video recording. Visitors should always ask for permission.

Moral precepts in appropriate dress, speech and behavior, and adherence to them, are highly regarded at ceremonial events. An unkempt appearance can be offensive where many people wear their finest.

Do not disturb sites that contain devotions or offerings. These include pipes, bundles, ties, flags of colored material, food offerings and other items. These sites are considered sacred.

The ancestors of today's tribes left many artifacts and ruins behind. Resist the impulse to pick up souvenirs. Native American remains and artifacts are protected federally by the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, which carries stiff penalties for violations.



Links

— OF INTEREST —

WWW.TRAVELSD.COM

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SOUTH DAKOTA'S

Tribal

— LANDS —



SOUTH DAKOTA is home to the nine tribes of the Oceti Sakowin, or Seven Council Fires, each of which has a unique story. The Oceti Sakowin is made up of allied bands that speak one of three dialects: Dakota, Lakota or Nakota.

Rich in history and culture, tribal lands offer something for visitors of all ages. Enjoy colorful powwows, Native art markets, hunting and fishing, western events, and tipi communities; sample traditional foods; and find hospitality at its finest.

Visitors may view and purchase authentic arts and crafts at many locations. Tribal casinos provide gaming and live entertainment, and many powwows are open to the public.

To learn more about what to do and see while traveling in these areas, contact the tribes by telephone or visit their websites.



SOUTH DAKOTA

Tribes

4 LOWER BRULE SIOUX

The Lower Brule Reservation is home to the Lakota: Sicangu (Brule or Burnt Thigh). It is located on the west side of the Missouri River in central South Dakota in Lyman County.

LOWER BRULE TRIBAL OFFICE
PO BOX 187, LOWER BRULE, SD 57548
605-473-5561
WWW.LBST.ORG

6 ROSEBUD SIOUX

The Rosebud Reservation is home to the Sicangu Lakota Oyate (Friendly Burnt Thigh People). The reservation is located in the south central area of the state in Todd County.

ROSEBUD TRIBAL OFFICE
PO BOX 430, ROSEBUD, SD 57570
605-747-2381
WWW.ROSEBUDSIOUXTRIBE-NSN.GOV

5 OGLALA SIOUX

The Pine Ridge Reservation is home to the Oglala Lakota Nation (Scatter Their Own). It is located in the southwestern corner of the state in Bennett, Jackson and Shannon counties.

OGLALA TRIBAL OFFICE
PO BOX 2070, PINE RIDGE, SD 57770
605-867-5821, WWW.OGLALALAKOTANATION.ORG
PINE RIDGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
PO BOX 375, KYLE, SD 57752
605-455-2685, WWW.PINERIDGECHAMBER.COM

7 SISSETON WAHPETON OYATE

The Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate is made up of two Dakota bands: Sisseton (People of the Fish Village/ Peninsula) and the Wahpeton (People Among the Leaves/Leaf Shooters). The tribal lands, formerly known as the Lake Traverse Reservation, are located in Marshall, Day and Roberts counties in the northeastern corner of the state.

SISSETON WAHPETON OYATE TRIBAL OFFICE
PO BOX 509, AGENCY VILLAGE, SD 57262
605-698-3911
WWW.SWO-NSN.GOV
TRIBAL TOURISM OFFICE
WWW.OYATETOURISM.COM

1 CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX

The Cheyenne River Reservation is home to four bands of Lakota: Mnicoujou (Plants by the Water), Oohenumpa (Two Kettles), Itazipco (Sans Arc or No Bows) and Sisasapa (Black Feet). It is located in the north central area of the state in Dewey and Ziebach counties.

CHEYENNE RIVER TRIBAL OFFICE
PO BOX 590, EAGLE BUTTE, SD 57625
605-964-4155
WWW.SIOUX.ORG

2 CROW CREEK SIOUX

The Crow Creek Reservation is home to the Dakota: Mdewakanton (People of the Spirit Lake) and Nakota Sioux: Ihanktonwan (People of the End). It is located in the central area of the state in Buffalo County.

CROW CREEK TRIBAL OFFICE
PO BOX 50, FORT THOMPSON, SD 57339
605-245-2221
WWW.CROWCREEKCONNECTIONS.ORG

3 FLANDREAU SANTEE SIOUX

The Flandreau Reservation is home to the Dakota: Mdewakanton (People of the Spirit Lake) and Wahpekute (Leaf Shooters). It is located at Flandreau on the Big Sioux River in eastern South Dakota.

FLANDREAU SANTEE TRIBAL OFFICE
PO BOX 283, FLANDREAU, SD 57028
605-997-3891
WWW.FSST.ORG

8 STANDING ROCK SIOUX

The Standing Rock Reservation is located in north central South Dakota in Corson County and the south central part of North Dakota in Sioux County. The tribal headquarters is located in North Dakota. It is made up four bands of Dakota and Lakota: Hunkpapa (Campers at the Horn), Sisasapa (Black Feet), Ihanktonwana (Little Dwellers at the End Village) and Hunkatina (Cut Heads).

STANDING ROCK TRIBAL OFFICE
BOX D, FORT YATES, ND 58538
701-854-8500
WWW.STANDINGROCK.ORG

STANDING ROCK TOURISM OFFICE
WWW.STANDINGROCKTOURISM.COM

9 YANKTON SIOUX

Home to the Ihanktonwan Dakota Oyate (People of the End Village), the land of the Yankton Sioux is located in southeastern South Dakota in Charles Mix County.

YANKTON TRIBAL OFFICE
PO BOX 1153, WAGNER, SD 57380
605-384-3641
WWW.YANKTONSIOUXTRIBE.COM

10 NATIVE AMERICAN SCENIC BYWAY

11 OYATE TRAIL

WACIPI (POWWOW)

Please contact each tribe for more information and details regarding wacipi schedules or visit WWW.SDTRIBALRELATIONS.COM.

