

Outdoor Adventures

BROOKINGS' PARKS

CAMELOT PARK – North Medary Av, picnic area, backstops and a basketball court.

FISHBACK SOCCER PARK – Medary Av S & 20th St South. 10 soccer fields, concessions and bathrooms.

GUSTAFSON POND – Near the Veterans' Memorial. Public Fishing.

HILLCREST PARK – Along 6th St, lighted tennis complex, racquetball courts, public swimming pool, horseshoe pits, picnic area, a basketball court and playgrounds. Shelters with grills and sinks can be reserved.

INDIAN HILLS PARK – Indian Hills residential development. Picnic area, playground, tennis, basketball courts.

LARSON COMMUNITY PARK – on 22nd Av S. Walking path, playground and picnic area. Sledding hill in the winter.

LIONS PARK – Next to the railroad tracks on Medary Av. Picnic area, playground and basketball court. Skating rink in the winter.

NORTHBROOK PARK – North of Hwy 14 By-Pass, community gardens, go-kart track, outdoor archery range.

PIONEER PARK – Along 6th St on the west edge of Brookings, playground, basketball court, picnic area, pioneer cabin and bandshell.

SEXAUER PARK – Northwest corner of Brookings, overnight campground in the city. Picnic area, playground.

SKATEBOARD PARK – South of Brookings High School near the corner of 8th St S and Medary Av.

SOUTHSIDE PARK – South of the railroad tracks on Main Av, lighted softball field, picnic area, basketball court, and playground.

AREA LAKES

LAKE ALBERT – 11 miles N of Arlington on Hwy 81, walleye and northern.

LAKE BENTON – This 2875 acre lake is 7 miles long. Enjoy water sports and fishing.

LAKE CAMPBELL – 10 miles SW of Brookings. Public boating, swimming access. Catches of perch, northern and bullheads.

LAKE HENDRICKS – 1 Boundary between Minnesota and SD located NE of Brookings. Two public boat ramps. Walleye, perch and northern.

LAKE HERMAN – Canoe/kayak, ski beach, swimming beach. Boat ramp and accessible fishing dock. Bullhead, crappie, northern pike, perch, walleye.

LAKE MADISON – On-and-off shore fishing. Bullhead, crappie, northern pike, perch and walleye. Boat ramp and accessible fishing dock.

LAKE POINSETT – Fish for walleye and silver bass. Located 12 miles N of Arlington on Hwy 81. Shoreline and boat access.

LAKE PRESTON – Northern pike and yellow perch. 5500-acre lake located near Lake Preston.

LAKE SINAI – Shoreline access and one public boat access. Located near Sinai, W of Brookings.

LAKE THOMPSON – South Dakota's largest 18,000-acre natural lake. Trophy walleye and northern.

OAKWOOD LAKES – A state park encompasses seven lakes with shoreline and boating access. Canoe rental available.

STATE PARKS

LAKE HERMAN

– 227 acres 2 miles west of Madison off SD Hwy 34. Features 1871 cabin and cemetery, 72 campsites, park programs, canoe rental, bird watching, fishing docks, beach, bathhouse, ski trails and picnic shelters. 256-5003.

LAKE MADISON

– Walkers Point Rec Area, nine miles southwest of Madison off SD Hwy 19. Ski beach, 43 campsites, boat ramp, playground, fishing dock and cleaning station. 256-5003.

LAKE POINSETT

– Lake Poinsett Recreation Area provides camping and other recreational activities. 14 miles N of Arlington off US Hwy. 81.

LAKE THOMPSON

– Lake Thompson State Recreation Area is designated as a National Natural Landmark. Camping, boating, fishing, and hiking. Located 6 miles SW of Lake Preston off US Hwy. 14

OAKWOOD LAKES

– Nestled among eight connecting glacial lakes, this park provides hiking and swimming, ice fishing and cross-country skiing. Shaded campgrounds and picnic areas complement the park's swimming and boating facilities. 7 miles north and 3 miles west of Volga, SD, off US Hwy 14, use Exit 140 on I-29.

