

# Lewis & Clark Recreation Area Trail System Biking & Hiking Trail



	HIKING TRAIL		BEACH		DRINKING WATER
	BIKE TRAIL		BOAT RAMP		VAULT TOILET
	AMPHITHEATER		PLAYGROUND		

**NORTH**  
 SCALE IN FEET

# **Lewis and Clark Recreation Area**

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## **Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail**

Also part of the Pierson Ranch Recreation Area trail

**Type of trail:** Walking, biking and rollerblading

**Trail surface:** Asphalt

**Rated:** Mostly flat. Easy, appropriate for all ages

**Fee required:** Park Entrance Fee required

**Length of trail in miles:** 7 miles

**Location of the trailheads:** East of boat ramp in the Gavins Point Section and in the Pierson Ranch day-use area west parking lot

**Facilities at or near the trailhead:** Drinking water, toilet, parking, picnic tables, swim beach, playgrounds and campground

**Facilities along the trail:** Toilets, drinking water, benches, picnic tables, and playgrounds

**Will there be interpretive information available:** Interpretive panels at Welcome Center and along shoreline at Midway

**What lodging opportunities are provided IN the park:** Tent camping, electrical campsites, wheelchair accessible campsites, camping cabins, resort

**Does this trail connect with any other trails:** Yes, Chalk Bluffs Multi-Use Trail and Gavins Point Nature Trail in Lewis and Clark Recreation Area, the Pierson Ranch trail and the City of Yankton Bike Trail

**Nearest facilities for purchasing snacks, sunscreen etc.:** In Yankton, 7 miles

**Nearest motels/restaurants OUTSIDE the park:** Motels and restaurants in Yankton, 7 miles

**Nearest Chamber of Commerce:**

Yankton Chamber of Commerce, E 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Yankton, SD 57078, (605)665-3636

**Emergency phone numbers:**

Park Office – (605)668-2985

Ambulance – 911

Sheriff – 911

Fire Department – 911

**Do most cell phones work on this trail:** Mostly, spotty reception in lower areas along trail

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The most popular trail at Lewis and Clark is the 6.2-mile scenic bike trail that winds around all campground areas of the park and continues an additional 4 miles into the City of Yankton.

This popular paved trail is open to various park users including bicyclists, joggers, walkers, roller skaters, roller bladers and anyone looking for a relaxing place to enjoy the beauty of Lewis and Clark Lake.

The trail starts at the Pierson Ranch Recreation Area and follows the shoreline of picturesque Lewis & Clark Lake to the western end of the Gavins Point campground, then continues around the northern boundary of the camping areas for a different route on your return trip.

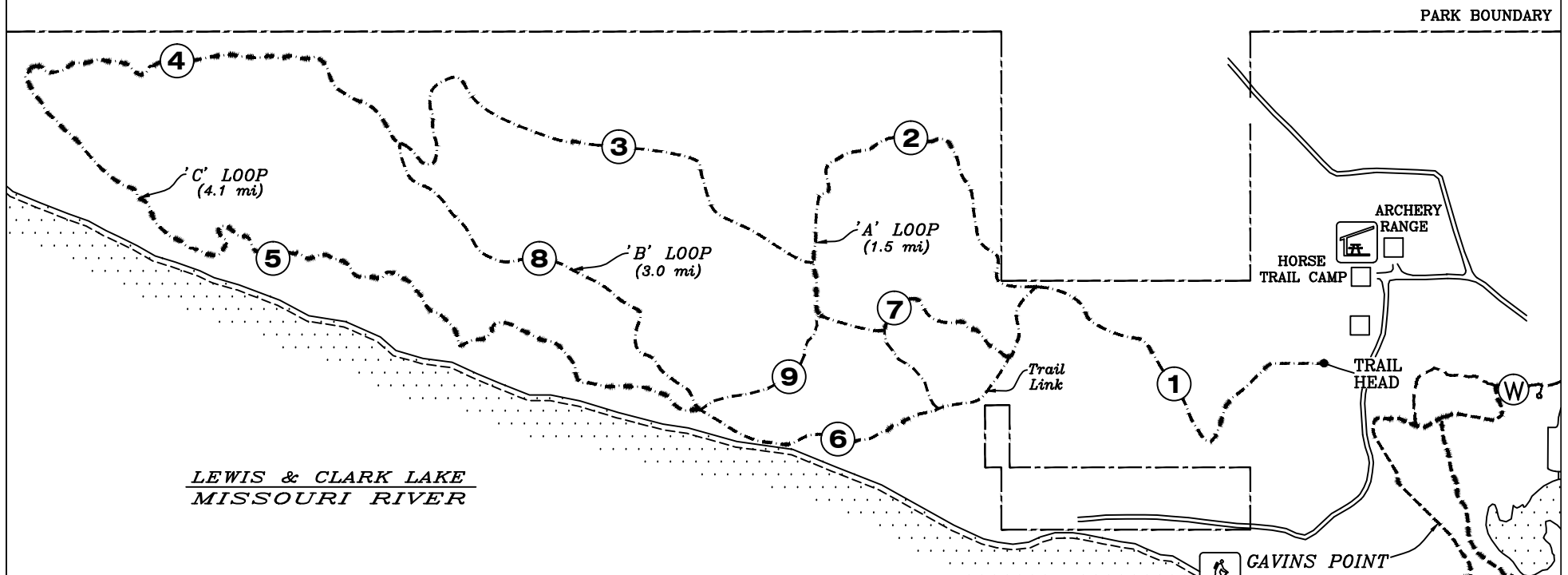
NOTICE TO ALL USERS: Please yield the right of way to pedestrians, stay on the right side of the trail, and pass on the left. Bicyclists are asked to travel at a reasonable speed for the protection of all users. No motorized vehicles are allowed on the trail except for emergency and maintenance vehicles.

# Lewis & Clark Recreation Area Trail System

## Chalk Bluffs Multi - Use Trail

TO SD  
HWY 50

SD HWY 52



*LEWIS & CLARK LAKE*  
*MISSOURI RIVER*



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HIKING TRAIL



BIKE TRAIL



HORSE TRAIL



PICNIC SHELTER



DRINKING WATER

TREES

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## **Chalk Bluffs Multi -Use Trail**

**Type of trail:** Hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding and viewing nature

**Trail surface:** Crushed asphalt

**Rated:** Very difficult, extremely hilly, very uneven surface

**Fee required:** Park Entrance Fee

**Length of trail in miles:** 4.1 miles

**Location of the trailhead:** Gavins Point Day Use Area, south of Horse Camp,  
at the west end of Lewis and Clark Recreation Area

**Facilities at or near the trailhead:** Vault Toilet

**Facilities along the trail:** None

**Will there be interpretive information available:** No

**What lodging opportunities are provided IN the park:** Tent camping, electrical campsites, wheelchair accessible campsites, camping cabins, resort

**Does this trail connect with any other trails:** No

**Nearest facilities for purchasing snacks, sunscreen etc.:** In Yankton - 7 miles

**Nearest motels/restaurants OUTSIDE the park:** Motels and restaurants in Yankton – 7 miles

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**Out-of-State Horses:** All out-of-state horses are required to have a valid, clean health certificate within the last 30 days, and a negative Coggins or ELISA EIA test within the last 12 months. SDCL 40-14-2. All documents must be on person.

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## **Chalk Bluffs Multi -Use Trail**

The Chalk Bluffs Multi-Use Trail for equestrian riders, mountain bikers, and hikers covers 4.1 miles of up and down slopes on the bluffs and hills at the western end of Lewis and Clark Recreation Area. Choose from three different loops for the beginner to the experienced trail user.

Vault toilets, youth tent camping, fresh water for horses, picnic tables and fire grates are all available at the base camp. The base camp area offers eight reservable sites *for overnight equestrian users only*.

Please observe good trail etiquette, stay on designated trails, avoid tethering horses to trees, and bicyclists - - please yield to horses.

This trail is marked with distance markers and directional arrows.

# Lewis & Clark Recreation Area Trail System Gavins Point Nature Trail



*LEWIS & CLARK LAKE*  
*MISSOURI RIVER*

HIKING TRAIL	BOAT RAMP	HORSE TRAIL
OBSERVATION BLIND	PICNIC SHELTER	DRINKING WATER
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	TREES	

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# **Lewis & Clark Recreation Area**

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## **Gavins Point Nature Trail**

**Type of trail:** Hiking and interpretive/viewing nature

**Trail surface:** Wood chips

**Rated:** Moderate, somewhat hilly, steps on steeper sections

**Fee required:** Park Entrance Fee

**Length of trail in miles:** 1.2 miles

**Location of the trailhead:** Gavins Point Day Use Area, north of boat ramp,  
at the west end of Lewis and Clark Recreation Area

**Facilities at or near the trailhead:** Drinking water, toilet, parking, picnic tables,  
swim beach, campground, Gazebo overlooking lake

**Facilities along the trail:** Park benches in some areas with scenic overlooks

**Will there be interpretive information available:** Gazebo with interpretive panels

**What lodging opportunities are provided IN the park:** Tent camping, electrical campsites, wheelchair  
accessible campsites, camping cabins, resort

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## **Gavins Point Nature Trail**

Winding through native woods, across meadows and past scenic overlooks, the 1.2 mile Gavins Point Nature Trail will add interest and enjoyment to your Lewis and Clark Lake visit. An overlook shelter at the top of the trail offers a beautiful view of scenic Lewis and Clark Lake and the chalkrock bluffs in the distance. A sharp-eyed viewer may spy hawks circling in updrafts, and cliff swallows making high-rise homes in the rocky cliffs.

This trail will acquaint you with some plants, wildlife and other natural features of the area. Deer, turkey, rabbits and squirrels are just some of the animals that can be seen along the trail, along with several species of birds. Be sure to pick up our “Bird Checklist” at the Welcome Center.

Stay on the trail for safe footing and to avoid thorns, burrs or plants that may cause skin irritations.

Vehicles, bicycles and horses are prohibited. *This is a foot trail only.*