

Prairie Dog Shooting Information

Public and Private Lands

- Shooting on state and federal public land, which includes Buffalo Gap, Ft. Pierre and Grand River National Grasslands, is closed March 1 through June 14.
- Shooting prairie dogs within the Conata Basin area of Buffalo Gap National Grassland is prohibited year-round since August 1, 1998 by Forest Service Special Order WRD-98-01.
- The regulations are different for private land. The Wall Ranger District does not have a list of private individuals who allow prairie dog shooting on their private property.
- For prairie dog information check the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks website: <http://gfp.sd.gov/hunting/predator-varmit-furbearer/prairie-dogs.aspx>.

Maps

- A map of prairie dog town locations can be accessed from the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks website <http://gfp.sd.gov/wildlife/docs/prairedog-distribution-report.pdf>. Use this map to locate prairie dog towns on the Buffalo Gap, Ft. Pierre and Grand River National Grassland maps.
- Maps of the Ft. Pierre Buffalo Gap and the Grand River National Grasslands are \$10.00, each through an Interpretive Association, a partner with the Forest Service. Tax may be added to the total.
- Purchase maps by credit card or stop in at the National Grasslands Visitor Center. Pay with a credit card; call 605-279-2125. Purchase the maps at the visitor center upon your arrival at 708 Main Street, Wall, SD.
- All motorized travel is restricted to designated roads and areas on all National Forests and Grasslands. Motorized Vehicle Use Maps (MVUM) are available for each National Grassland and Forest at no charge.

License and Regulations

- You will need a South Dakota Nonresident, \$37.00, or Resident, \$7.00, Predator License for prairie dog shooting.
- You can request a license and the Hunting Handbook of Regulations by writing to the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks, 523 East Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501-3182, or through their website: <http://gfp.sd.gov/hunting/licenses/default.aspx>
- This license and regulation handbook is available in most communities, also.

Sylvatic Plague in South Dakota

- South Dakota Game Fish & Parks: <http://gfp.sd.gov/wildlife/diseases/plague.aspx>
- Center for Disease Control's website at <http://www.cdc.gov>

Lodging and food service information

- Wall Chamber of Commerce, 605-279-2665 or their website: <http://www.wall-badlands.com/>.
- Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce, (605) 745-4140, <http://www.hot springs-sd.com/>
- Pierre Chamber of Commerce, (605) 224-7361, <http://www.pierre.org/>
- Lemmon Chamber of Commerce, (605) 374-5716, <http://www.lemmons.com/chamber.html>

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