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Agate Fossil Beds
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Agate Fossil Beds lies at an amazing intersection of time and cultures. When James Cook found a fossil emerging from the hills near his ranch in 1887, he opened a view into the world of Miocene Epoch mammals. This land was also “home” to many tribal nations. Over the years, a unique friendship developed between Cook and Red Cloud of the Oglala Sioux. Red Cloud and his people frequently visited Agate Springs Ranch and honored the Cook family with hand-crafted gifts. Explore the park visitor center museum and walking trails and learn about this place where stories of fossils, cowboys and Indians come together. The visitor center is open year-round except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Day.

Agate Fossil Beds National Monument
301 River Road, Harrison, NE 69346
Located 34 miles north of Mitchell or 24 miles south of Harrison on Hwy 29, east three miles on River Road.
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