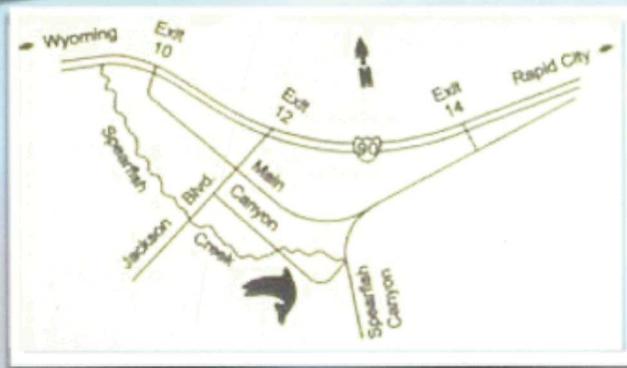


Legend Details

1. Visit the **Pond Gift Shop** for information about Black Hills attractions, the history of the hatchery, the National Fish Hatchery System, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. You can also buy fish food, gifts, and hatchery souvenirs!
2. **Public restrooms** are available during the summer season. During the winter, restrooms are available in the Spearfish City Park and the hatchery offices (13).
3. You can get up close and personal with brown, rainbow and cutthroat trout through the **underwater viewing windows**. These fish are for display purposes only. They are not spawned or stocked, and they stay at the hatchery year-round. *Some of these trout are over eight years old and may weigh up to fifteen pounds!*
4. The 1899 **hatchery building** was once filled with wooden troughs, incubating trout eggs, and running water. The hatchery building now houses the **Von Bayer Museum of Fisheries History** and contains exhibits chronicling the rich history of fisheries management.
5. The **Ice House** is a replica of the 1899 original. Blocks of ice were cut from the ponds in the winter and stored in the ice house for use in the summer transportation of fish and eggs. Ice was also used to keep fish food from spoiling. Today, the Fish Culture Section of the American Fisheries Society uses the Ice House as the permanent location of the **Fish Culture Hall of Fame** and honors those who advanced the science of aquaculture.
6. The **Fisheries Railcar Exhibit** tells the story of an era when railroad cars were used to transport fish across the country. Crews lived and worked on the cars delivering fish for broodstock supplies and stocking in lakes and streams. This beautiful exhibit was constructed from a 1910 passenger car following the design of a model of Fish Car #3.
7. **Generation Sculpture**. Sculptor Jim Maher of Belle Fourche, South Dakota, completed this bronze in 1996 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the hatchery.
8. **Spring Stocking**, another bronze sculpture by Jim Maher, was completed in 2002 to honor the work and dedication of early hatchery workers and their important contributions to fisheries resources and American culture.
9. This 1939 home, built by the Works Progress Administration (WPA), housed hatchery workers for years: but now this **private residence** houses staff and volunteers who help keep the hatchery safe and open to the public 365 days a year.
10. Constructed in 1905, the Neo-Colonial Revival style **Booth House** was the living quarters for hatchery superintendents and their families until 1983. The Booth House has period furnishings and tells the story of the hatchery families. Ruby's Garden is located behind the house and is a quaint setting for weddings and events.
11. Hatchery workers used boats like **Yellowstone Boat #39** to collect trout eggs on Yellowstone Lake to be brought back to hatcheries.
12. Several **nature trails** on both sides of the hatchery grounds serve as fire breaks for the facility. The trails will take you to historic sites like reservoirs and the Mort Pit. They also provide beautiful views of the hatchery grounds.

13. **Collection Management Facility**. This 10,000 square foot archive and record center keeps museum property safe with environmental controls, security, fire suppression, and strong storage equipment. The building also houses **offices** for hatchery staff. Museum collection areas are not open to the general public but items from the collection are on display in the Von Bayer Museum. Research appointments are available by contacting the curator.
14. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service rears trout year-round in the **raceways** and in several ponds on the hatchery grounds. Trout are stocked from the hatchery into area lakes and streams for anglers and also in tribal & military waters in the region.



D.C. Booth Historic National Fish Hatchery is a FREE family attraction located next to Spearfish City Park. Buildings are open May - September. Operating hours of staffed exhibits are generally open 9-6pm May-Sept but hours may vary. The grounds are open from dawn to dusk, 365 days a year.

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Site Map and Self-Guided Tour

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After a very successful fish production history, the hatchery's current mission is to help preserve the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's historic and cultural heritage.

Today, D.C. Booth serves as a living fisheries museum for the public and many organizations. Still rearing trout, the hatchery also serves to protect and preserve fisheries records and artifacts for educational, research, and historic purposes and provides interpretive and educational programs for the public.

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