

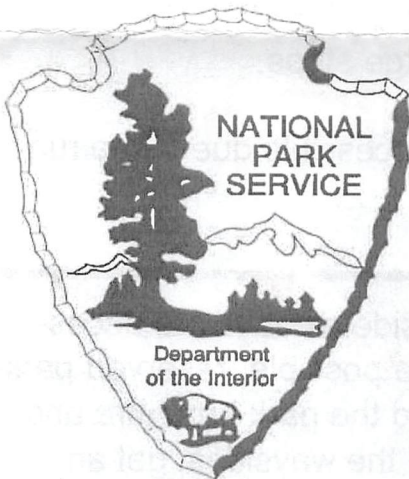
Accessibility

Badlands National Park
P.O. Box 6
Interior, South Dakota 57750
<http://www.nps.gov/badl>

Purpose of the Guide

This guide, in conjunction with the park brochure, is helpful in planning visits for those with mobility, visual, and hearing impairments.

Visitor Centers



The Ben Reifel Visitor Center is open year round, offers reserved parking, and is accessible by ramp. The restrooms, drinking fountain, information desk, bookstore, and exhibits are wheelchair accessible. The 18 minute introductory video is open captioned. A "Touch Room" features exhibits that can be handled. The pay telephone, located in front of the building, is accessible by wheelchair and is equipped with a volume control. Ranger or volunteer staff are available to answer questions.

The White River Visitor Center, open only during the summer months, has reserved parking and is accessible by ramp. The restroom and exhibit room are fully accessible. Information staff are available to answer questions.

Campgrounds



The Cedar Pass Campground has two sites that are fully accessible by wheelchair. These sites are designated for wheelchair users, but are available on a first-come, first-served basis. However, they may not be available if the campground is full. Many other sites are level and negotiable by wheelchair users. In summer, restrooms in the Agate Loop are accessible by wheelchair. In winter, there is a fully accessible vault toilet. The campground office is accessible by wheelchair. The pay telephone is equipped with a volume control.

The Sage Creek Campground offers a rustic camping experience with no water and accessible vault toilets. The area is fairly level, although wheelchairs may need assistance over rough terrain.

Picnic Areas

The Bigfoot Picnic Area has reserved parking, ramps, and an accessible vault toilet. Tables are usable by the physically disabled.

The Conata Picnic Area has an accessible vault toilet but the terrain is rough.

Large Print Materials

The text from the park brochure, the park newspaper *The Prairie Preamble*, and many of the park's free educational bulletins are available upon request at the visitor center information desks. They are in a different format and lack some of the graphics.

Trails



Fossil Exhibit Trail, a one-quarter mile loop, features replicas of Badlands fossils. Reserved parking is available. The trail is accessible by wheelchair but is steep in places. A booklet and interpretive signs guide explorers.

Window Trail is a one-quarter mile trail leading to an excellent Badlands view. Reserved parking is available. The first 50 feet of the trail are quite steep but then levels off.

Door Trail, a three-quarter mile round trip, is accessible boardwalk for the first 200 yards to a spectacular overlook. The rest of the trail is not accessible by wheelchair but is relatively flat except for a few large steps.

Other trails are not wheelchair accessible due to the rugged Badlands terrain.

Scenic Overlooks

Most scenic overlooks and wayside exhibits are accessible to wheelchair users. Where possible, reserved parking is provided. Visitors who read the park brochure and park newspaper, as well as read the waysides, get an excellent overview of the park stories.

Programs



The amphitheater in the Cedar Pass Campground is accessible by developed path from the parking area or campground. Reserved parking is available. Slide programs are given nightly in summer.

Fossil talks, given daily at the Fossil Exhibit Trail in summer, are fully accessible. Other talks presented at Journey Overlook and Cliff Shelf Nature Trail are also accessible.

Ranger-led nature hikes and walks are generally not wheelchair accessible due to the rugged Badlands terrain.

Check at the Visitor Center for information regarding the accessibility of other ranger-led activities.

Concession Facilities

Reserved parking, ramps, wide doors, and wide aisles make the Cedar Pass Lodge gift shop and dining room fully accessible. Restrooms were constructed for the wheelchair user. One cabin has been modified for full accessibility. For more information, contact the Cedar Pass Lodge at (605) 433 - 5460.

Golden Access Passports

The Golden Access Passport is a free lifetime entrance permit to all federal areas charging entrance fees. It also provides a 50% reduction of camping fees. Note that it does not provide a discount at concession facilities. The Golden Access Passport is issued to United States residents who are blind or permanently disabled. These passports are available at park entrance stations and visitor centers.



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