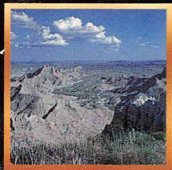


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# BADLANDS



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NATIONAL PARK**  
INTERIOR,  
SOUTH DAKOTA

Magnificent ridges, hills and cliffs are the predominant feature of Badlands National Park. With its eroded, almost barren appearance, it seems quite fitting that the native Sioux Indians referred to this land as mako sica, or "bad land."

Looks are somewhat deceiving, however, because this seemingly lifeless territory is actually quite the opposite. Yucca, wildflowers and more than 50 species of grasses fill the landscape. Likewise, prairie dogs, pronghorns, coyotes and mule deer are popular inhabitants. The prairie grasslands in the Sage Creek Wilderness Area sustain the park's bison population.

**SPECIAL INFORMATION**

Though hiking is allowed throughout the Badlands, climbing rock formations may be treacherous. Activity schedules for the naturalists programs and guided tours are posted in the visitor center. • Superintendent, Badlands National Park, P.O. Box 6, Interior, SD 57750 (605) 433-5361.