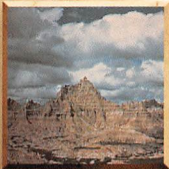




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BADLANDS NATIONAL PARK

SOUTH DAKOTA

Located in southwestern South Dakota, Badlands National Park consists of nearly 244,000 acres of sharply eroded buttes, pinnacles and spires blended with the largest, protected mixed grass prairie in the United States. Sixty-four thousand acres are designated official wilderness, and is the site of the reintroduction of the black-footed ferret, the most endangered land mammal in North America. Under joint management with the Oglala Sioux Tribe, the park includes the sites of 1890s Ghost Dances. Badlands National Park contains the world's richest Oligocene epoch fossil beds, dating 23 to 35 million years old. Established as Badlands National Monument in 1939, the area was designated as a National Park in 1978.

SPECIAL INFORMATION

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