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### **Check out state park passes from your local library**

PIERRE, S.D. – South Dakotans can check out state park passes from many public and academic libraries across the state through the new Check Out South Dakota State Parks program. The program is made possible through a partnership between South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) and the South Dakota State Library.

“Your local library is the perfect gateway to explore the world around you,” said George Seamon, state librarian. “The Check Out South Dakota State Parks program gives library patrons a great opportunity to enjoy the natural wonders all over our state.”

Library patrons can check out a state park pass from a participating library, free of charge, for up to three days. Access a list of participating libraries on the State Library’s website at [library.sd.gov/sdstateparks/participating.aspx](http://library.sd.gov/sdstateparks/participating.aspx).

“South Dakota State Parks offer a variety of activities for families to enjoy,” said Al Nedved, state park deputy director. “We are excited to partner with libraries across the state in a new way to expand these outdoor opportunities to new people.”

Learn more and find your local South Dakota state parks on the GFP website at [gfp.sd.gov/parks](http://gfp.sd.gov/parks).

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