The Black Hills National Forest and South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks Department are teaming up and offering educational programs at the Pactola Visitor Center. Each program date is a Saturday, and the programs are being conducted from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. by Naturalists from Custer State Park. NOTE: The Pactola Visitor Center is located along Hwy 385, north of Hill City, South Dakota about 14 miles.

#FindYourForest and #FindYourPark.

June 18 / 1:00 p.m.
Investigating Skulls and Furs
Skulls often provide clues on how animals live and what they eat. Animal furs also suggest where animals live and perhaps ideas on their preferred habitats. Together, skulls and furs allow nature enthusiasts to learn more about the outdoors and the types of wildlife species that live within a region. Join the program and become a wildlife detective for an afternoon of hands-on engagement and environmental education.

July 16 / 1:00 p.m.
Being Crafty with Fish Prints
Fishing is a popular recreational activity at the Pactola Reservoir. But do you know which species live in the reservoir and surrounding waters within the Black Hills? Do you know how they interact with one another? This lively program uses fish prints to create posters and other artistic items, while participants learn about the fisheries in and around Pactola. And yes mom and dad ... you are welcome to join in on the “messy” fun.

August 20 / 1:00 p.m.
Discovering Animal Tracks
One of the best ways to be more aware of wildlife is to learn about their tracks. Do the tracks have claws? Do the tracks show webbed feet? Whether in mud, sand, or along a trail, animal tracks present an array of features that explain the natural history of its species. This program lets participants see animal tracks up-close and learn about their various characteristics. Get ready to discover something new about the outdoors!

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