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Black Hills National Forest and South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks Dept.

2024 NATURALIST PROGRAMS PACTOLA VISITOR CENTER

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 22 / 1:00 p.m.

Being Creative with Fish Prints

Fishing is a popular recreational activity throughout the Black Hills. But do you know which species live in the various lakes and streams? 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 the central Black Hills.

July 27 / 1:00 p.m.

Learning about Animal Furs and Tracks

Become a wildlife detective and learn about different animal furs and tracks. Animal furs and tracks often provide clues about where animals live and how they interact within their environment. Together, furs and tracks allow nature enthusiasts to learn more about the outdoors and the types of wildlife species that live within a region. Join in the fun for a morning of hands-on engagement and wildlife education.

August 24 / 1:00 p.m.

Reptile Investigations

Various reptile species live throughout the Black Hills. Learn about why reptiles are so important and how they live in their native ecosystems. You will also have a chance to meet a couple of educational ambassadors and learn about their behaviors and adaptations.

For more information:

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SD Game, Fish & Parks Department / Custer State Park ~ (605) 255-4515



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