Enjoy the National Forest, but please TREAD LIGHTLY and DON'T LITTER.

Deerfield & Lake Loop Trails

Trail Numbers 40 & 40L

**Deerfield Trail**
- Location: Between Deadwood and Rapid City
- Distance: 11 miles
- Elevation: 4600 to 6200 feet
- Difficulty: Moderate

**Lake Loop Trail**
- Location: Between Deadwood and Rapid City
- Distance: 27 miles
- Elevation: 4600 to 6200 feet
- Difficulty: Moderate to Difficult

**Trail Highlights**
- The cool water of Deerfield Lake beckons you. The trail is 12.7 miles long and crosses Slate Creek 34 times with bridges.
- Deerfield Trail is part of the Centennial Bike Trail.
- The trailhead also serves the Centennial Bike Trail.
- One section of the trail is closely followed above mountaintops.

**General Information**

**Trail Ethics**
- Please do not cut across switchbacks or pioneer new trails.

**Extreme Weather**
- Clear, sunny days can quickly turn into afternoon thunderstorms. Start trips early in the day and carry raingear.

**Stream and Spring Water**
- Do not drink it! Each trail user should carry at least one quart of water.

**Fire Safety**
- In accordance with the Black Hills Fire Protection District regulations and South Dakota state law, open fires are prohibited throughout the forest.

**Motors and Machines**
- These trails are not maintained for the use of motorized vehicle traffic.

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Railroads were the preferred way to travel through the Black Hills for two generations. The Dakota, Wyoming and Western line was formed in 1901 to provide a direct rail link between Rapid City and the central Black Hills. Deerfield dam, a Bureau of Reclamation project, was built between 1942 and 1946 by over 500 men who worked out of Civilian Public Service Camp # 57 under the administration of the Mennonite Central Committee for alternative service during WWII. They named the dam "A Monument of Peace". A stone marker recognizing this service by the "CO boys" (Conscientious Objectors) at the Kinney Canyon within fishery parking lot and marks the location of Camp # 57.