

a campground including cabins and a convenience store where you can buy gas, bait and tackle.

Six cabins are available for rent. Each is fully furnished with everything from satellite TVs to kitchen utensils. The campground includes over 70 campsites with electrical hookups, showers, RV dump station and a playground.

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PICKSTOWN & FORT RANDALL AREA

Located south of the junction of Highways 18/281.

Pickstown is the perfect base for the outdoorsman looking for a vacation site to fish, hunt or boat. **Pickstown** is home to the historical **Fort Randall** and **Fort Randall Dam**, famous for Walleye and Small-mouth Bass fishing and Randall Creek.

South of **Pickstown** is the Mundt National Wildlife Refuge, which is a sanctuary for the nations symbol, the Bald Eagle. This area is closed to visitors. However, the majestic birds can be seen from a viewing area below the dam.

For the history buff, the site of the Old Fort Randall and Chapel ruins can be seen below the dam on the south side of the river. You can also take free guided tours of the dam and reservoir or you can follow the marked trails.

Additional recreation and enjoyment can be found at the golf course or the casino. **Pickstown** offers fine accommodations, a great steakhouse and lounge and a campground. The population of **Pickstown** is only 170, but the people are so friendly and would love to see you there.

Traveling to or from the **Fort Randall** area along Highway 18, be sure to stop in some of the other colorful towns along the way. Bonesteel was settled in 1892 and soon after the store, saloon, gambling casino and school were built, it started attracting a rough crowd.

By 1904, the town was invaded by several hundred gamblers and outlaws. This confrontation soon

became known as "The Battle of Bonesteel". The citizens became so outraged at what was going on in their town, that they formed together and marched up and down the main street of Bonesteel searching for all unwanted rowdies. They gathered them up and ordered them all to leave town. To be sure that they left, the townsmen escorted them to the train depot and stood guard until they were all safely out of town.

Continuing along Highway 18, you'll come to St. Charles, a small hamlet which never really grew because the early day homesteaders settled in Herrick, Gregory, Colome, Dallas, Burke and Winner, the other towns you will encounter along this highway.

PIERRE

Located in Central South Dakota where U.S. Highways 14, 34 & 83 meet the Missouri River.

Pierre, is on the Lewis and Clark Trail and is the second smallest State Capital in our nation. The Capitol dominates the skyline soaring 161 feet to the top of the copper dome. Its elaborate interior features Greek and Roman designs. Marble wainscoting, columns, terrazzo tile floor, Victorian leaded glass and brass door fixtures create a grand and distinguished look.

Capital Lake, adjacent to the Capitol, is fed by a warm artesian well and serves as a backdrop for South Dakota's War Memorials and the Flaming Fountain – the well water has so high a concentration of natural gas in it that it burns. The perpetual flame glows in memory of all South Dakota's fallen veterans and public service personnel.

A few miles north of **Pierre** is the Oahe Dam which was dedicated in 1962 by President John F. Kennedy and is the second largest rolled-earth dam in the world.

Lake Oahe, created by the dam, stretches 231 miles north to Bismarck, ND. The lake covers 347,000 acres of land and has 2,250 miles of shoreline (more than the coast of California).



Rodeo (photo courtesy Mobridge Chamber of Commerce)

Lake Oahe and Lake Sharpe (below the dam) offer great fishing year-round for Walleye, Chinook Salmon, Northern Pike, White and Smallmouth Bass, Rainbow Trout and Catfish.

The **Pierre** area also provides outstanding hunting opportunities for waterfowl, pheasant, Sharptail grouse, prairie chicken and big game. Even if you don't fish or hunt, there's a lot to do in **Pierre** all year long. Spring will entice you to walk or ride the "Lewis & Clark Historic" or "Capitol City" trails to watch the season erupt.

Acres of riverfront parks, complete with picnic shelters, play equipment and city band concerts, make summertime fun. Autumn brings amazing color changes, and cool evenings. The winter months offer "Christmas at the Capitol" (a display of more than 100 trees decorated for the season), thousands of migrating Canada geese, the annual legislative session, and Bald Eagle watching.

For more information, contact the **Pierre Area Chamber of Commerce** toll free at (800) 962-2034 or go to their website at www.pierre.org

PLATTE

Located 24 miles south of I-90, at exit 289.

Platte is located on Highways 44 and 45, minutes from the magnificent Missouri River, Lake Fran-

cis Case and three unique state parks offering fishing, boating, hiking, camping, swimming and much more!

Walleye fishing is at its best just 14 miles west of **Platte** on the Missouri River. Other sport fish include Northern Pike, Catfish, Smallmouth Bass, White Bass and many others. **Platte** offers some of the nation's best Ringneck pheasant hunting along with plentiful waterfowl and big game hunting.

A panoramic nine-hole golf course is located two miles west of **Platte**, situated on Platte Lake.

Platte's Main Street is thriving with diverse businesses and unique shopping opportunities and there is no need to venture elsewhere. The Lyric Theatre has been restored to its complete glory, with movies, entertainers, plays and dinner theatre as venue. The Yellow Rose Arena hosts many rodeos, as well as other cattle and horse related events.

Platte has two motels, one bed and breakfast and six lodges happy to accommodate you. There are seven different eating establishments and three convenience stores to satisfy any food craving.

For more information, visit us online at platted.org or contact the **Platte Area Chamber of Commerce** at (888) 297-8175 or e-mail: plattechamber@midstatesd.net



Platte-Winner Bridge over the Missouri River (photo courtesy Mike Welfl)

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