

that the old Sioux Falls - Black Hills Trail passed in the days of oxen and prairie schooners. When the area was surveyed and open for settlement many Easterners came to this spot while many traveled through on the way west to the Black Hills during the gold rush.

CANISTOTA

Canistota is located 30 miles west of Sioux Falls and 40 miles east of Mitchell right along Interstate I-90.

Canistota is the perfect distance from larger cities to have a small town atmosphere but still be close enough to take advantage of the "big city" attractions. With a population of 700, **Canistota** is the perfect place to raise a family or retire to. Visit us online at www.canistotasd.com

CANTON

Located approximately 20 miles southeast of Sioux Falls on I-29.

Canton is located near the Big Sioux River off I-29. The early settlers, because of the belief that the town site is situated diametrically opposite **Canton**, China, named it **Canton**. Founded in 1860 by Norwegian pioneers, **Canton** has a strong Scandinavian heritage.

You can take a step back in time when you visit the turn of the century courthouse, historical buildings and homes, and its reputation of being the best place for antique hunting.

Historical Augustana College which was located in **Canton** in 1884, has been moved to Sioux Falls, but the original building still stands. One famous graduate was Ernest Lawrence, a pioneer in the field of nuclear medicine and winner of the Nobel Prize in Physics for his work on the first cyclotron.

There is a lot to do and see in this delightful town and the surrounding area. Nature lover's paradise, Newton Hills State Park, is just south of **Canton**. The nature trails, which were designed for easy plant identification, are a peaceful place for hiking, walking and biking. Newton Hills also offers great camping, fishing and famous scenic beauty. The U.S.

Olympic Ski Jump competition was held in **Canton** in 1932. Today, you can enjoy cross-country skiing through the **Canton** and Newton Hills.

Year-round antique shopping is a favorite pastime for visitors along with many special events which draw people throughout the year.

June is the month of the Youth Days Carnival; July features the Canton Car Show with over 750 entries of classic cars, pickups, antique tractors, crafts, model cars, commercial and swap meet vendors along with a live band and other entertainment. The Sioux River Folk Festival is held each August. In September you can enjoy the annual Depot Days and visit the museum.

Canton has many fine restaurants and accommodations. For more information, contact the **Canton Chamber of Commerce** at (605) 764-7864.

DELL RAPIDS

Located north of Sioux Falls.

Dell Rapids is located north of Sioux Falls and three miles east of I-29. Beautiful scenery and great recreation areas surround the town.

Visitors can enjoy a taste of South Dakota history as you walk through town among interesting historical buildings and settings. The area contains quartzite quarries which produce the beautiful building stones used in many buildings throughout the town, including the downtown area. Victorian, Romanesque Revival and Neo-Classical Revival architecture are the influence in the designs of the buildings you will enjoy. Many are listed on the National Register of Historic Buildings. The Dells Theatre is an example of historic 1934 art deco design. The amazing fact about this theatre is that when you see it, you will see the original paint, seats and state curtain and light fixtures.

The city park is unique with its historical stone bathhouse and amphitheater, both on the National Register of Historical Buildings. It is located on the Big Sioux River where you can camp, enjoy the swimming pool, tennis courts,



Historic District, Dell Rapids (photo courtesy Dell Rapids)

horseshoe pits, baseball fields and a walking trail. The trail takes you from the park past rolling rapids and the dam, to the soaring cliffs of the Dells.

The Dells were formed over 12,000 years ago by strong currents of water passing over exposed Sioux quartzite fissures. American Indians called it "Imnizeusteca" which means canyon. A visit to the scenic overlook, located one-half mile south of town on Highway 115, will be an experience you'll never forget.

Dell Rapids hosts many events throughout the year. The annual Quarry Days Celebration is held during the last weekend in June. The annual 10K Volksmarch is held the first part of April.

For more information, contact the **Dell Rapids Chamber of Commerce** at (605) 428-4167.

ELK POINT

Named one of the "Best Places To Live In Rural America" by *Progressive Farmer* magazine, **Elk Point** is a community of 1,855 citizens located 15 miles from Sioux City, Iowa on Interstate 29.

History notes that the Lewis & Clark Expedition made camp in or near **Elk Point** on August 22, 1804. **Elk Point** was first settled in 1859 along the Military Road running from Sioux City to Fort Randall in

the Dakota Frontier, making this community one of the oldest in South Dakota.

To learn more, visit us online at www.elkpoint.org

FREEMAN

Located in southeastern SD.

Freeman, population 1,317, a rural family-farming community, is conveniently located 23 miles south of I-90 on US Highway 81, or 36 miles west of I-29. With broad professional and health services, and a solid commitment of education, **Freeman** boasts an attractive quality of life.

The rich German heritage preserved through the years can be experienced in the museum & archives. Schmeckfest, a two weekend tasting festival held annually in March and April, features demonstrations of German foods and crafts, a large German meal served family style, and a musical production. Other ethnic foods are available year-round.

Exceptional specialty shops and retail stores make **Freeman** a unique place to shop.

Two City Parks, camping facilities, baseball and softball complexes, swimming pool, and Valley View Golf Course offer recreation for many choices. For more information on **Freeman**, please check our website: www.freemansd.com

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