

Riverside Park- Yankton, SD

Loop 1- self-guided art and history tour. Starts at the Dakota Territorial Capitol Building. The tour follows the trails east through the park along the riverbank, up and around the baseball stadium, along the sidewalk on the south side of Levee Street, and then back down into the park and to the Capitol Building.

Please take pictures and selfies and post to social media with the hashtags: #celebratetrails #yanktonsd

Year-round restrooms can be located on the south side of the Yankton Water Purification Facility. Look for the large restroom sign above the doors.

Riverside Park Loop 1- 0.9 miles.

1. Start @ the Dakota Territorial Capitol replica building.
 - a. The Capitol's original location in town was the NE corner of Capitol and 4th Street. An information plaque can be found at this site.
 - b. The building was used for the territory's legislative gatherings but also for dances, schooling, and religious celebrations.
 - c. Upstairs in the Capitol you can find information on the history of Yankton, a display of pictures of the Territorial Governors, and a display on the St. John's Lodge Masons.
 - d. Downstairs in the Capitol you can find the Yankton Centennial Quilt 1889-1989. The quilt was made by the four local Yankton Questers groups (Arickara; Stange; Dakota Territory; and Joseph Ward).
2. National Park Service (NPS) educational wayside exhibit west of Capitol building. Topic is the Territorial Capitol.
3. World War II plaque located on the north side of the Yankton Lion's Club flag pole which is east of the Capitol building- The plaque is in memory of those officers and enlisted men of E Battery, 2nd Battalion, 147th Field Artillery, who were activated into federal service at Yankton, SD, on November 25, 1940, and served to the end of the second world war, September 2, 1945.
4. Art- Captain Grant Prince Marsh statue east of Capitol building. This statue was financed by the National Endowment for the Arts Incentive Program and was sculpted by local artist Frank Yaggie in 1989. Captain Marsh was a legendary steamboat captain whose most famous voyages included ferrying supplies up river for Lt. Col. George Custer and the Seventh Cavalry on their way to the Montana Territory and then the return trip of ferrying approximately 50 wounded soldiers back down river after the Battle of the Little Bighorn.
5. NPS educational wayside exhibit west of shelter #6 (concrete shelter). Topic is Riverboats.
6. Art- large picture frame west of shelter #6. Stop and take pictures with the National Park's Missouri National Recreational River and the historic Meridian Bridge as a backdrop!

7. Two NPS educational wayside exhibits by shelter #5 and the drinking fountain. Topics are the Great Missouri River and The Lewis and Clark Expedition.
8. The burr oak tree planted in honor of South Dakota's 125th Anniversary of Statehood. Located to the east of shelter #5. Read the plaque to find out an interesting fact about the dirt that the tree is planted in!
9. NPS educational wayside exhibit south of the baseball stadium. Topic is Sculpting Landscape.
10. The Millennial Trail south of the baseball stadium- installed as a part of the Celebrate the Millennium activities in Yankton in 1999.
11. Art- "The Wave" was created by artist Dale Lamphere and located at the end of the Millennial Trail. Yankton Area Arts purchased the piece for \$25,000 and gifted it to the City of Yankton as a part of the Celebrate the Millennium activities in 1999. Two of Mr. Lamphere's recent work include Dignity of Earth and Sky, located in Chamberlain, SD, and the Arc of Dreams, located in Sioux Falls, SD.
12. Riverside Baseball Field. Built in 1937.
13. Art- "High Hopes" was created by Georgene McGonagle. The statue is located on the NW side of the stadium and was donated by Phil and Dona Knapp.
14. Art- music themed sculpture located on the north side of the amphitheater.
15. Art- "Botanical" is a piece created by Sally Jurgensmier. The metal sculpture is located on the SE corner of Douglas and Levee. Donated by Mark and Cheryl Wenzlaff and Paul Lowrie.
16. Art- "Spirit of Discovery" is a sculpture created by Steve Kammerer. The statue is located on the east side of the Yankton Water Purification Facility. The statue was originally located at the Lewis and Clark Specialty Hospital and installed at that location in 2002. The statue was acquired by Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in 2017 and donated to the City of Yankton for display at this location. Enjoy the view of the statue from below or walk up onto the patio above the statue to see the dedication plaque and enjoy the view of the National Park's Missouri National Recreational River which was established in 1978. If the water levels are low, and you look long and hard, you just may see the remains of the steamboat Western, which was destroyed in an 1881 flood. The remains can sometimes be seen downstream from the mouth of the James River which is located on the east side of Riverside Park.