



A Guide to the Nebraska National Forests and Grassland's Pine Ridge Ranger District (PRRD)

Maps

- Visitor maps may be purchased at the PRRD, state parks, or Chadron COC offices for \$14
- Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUMS) are available at the PRRD, and state parks for free
- Visitor maps and MVUMs can be downloaded using the Avenza Maps application
- Topographical maps may be purchased at usgs.gov or on the Avenza Maps application

Motor Vehicle Use Management

- Motorized vehicles must remain on roads and trails as described in current MVUMs
- Off highway vehicles (OHV) including UTVs, ATVs, and motorcycles and over-snow vehicles (OSV) including snowmobiles do not require passes, permits, or flags to ride on NNFG roads and trails
- Ebikes of all classes are considered OHVs and may not use hiking, biking, or equestrian trails
- Roads designated on MVUMs as dispersed camping roads allows visitors to travel 100 yards off the road to camp or retrieve game only. Vehicles must return to road immediately afterwards.

Hiking, Biking, and Equestrian Trails

- All maintained trails are shown on the visitor maps
- 80 miles of trails are maintained in the Pine Ridge Trail system for hiking, biking, and horseback
- 17 miles of trails are maintained in the Soldier Creek Wilderness (SCW) for hiking and horseback
- Toadstool Geological Park has three different trails that start at the campground for hiking only
- Pedal bikes are not allowed in the SCW or on Toadstool trails
- Certified noxious weed free hay is required on all National Forest land

Camping

- Dispersed/primitive camping is allowed anywhere except campgrounds and administrative sites
- Campers may only stay in the forest 14 consecutive days and must leave for 14 days thereafter
- Practice Leave no trace - pack it in, pack it out
- Bury human waste 6" below the surface and at least 100' away from water sources

Developed Recreation Sites

- Camp sites are available on a first come first serve basis. No reservations are available
- Road conditions may not allow some vehicles to travel to sites after precipitation
- Fee schedule applied May through November or as shown at site bulletin boards

| Site | # Sites | RV's? | Camping | | Day Use | | Corrals | Toilets | Water |
|--------------------------|---------|---------------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|---------|---------|-------------------|
| | | | Nightly Fee | w/ Pass* | Daily Fee | w/ Pass* | | | |
| Cliffs | 2 | Small RV's ok | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | No | Yes | No |
| Outrider | 0 | Small RV's ok | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | Yes | No | Horse Tank |
| Red Cloud | 13 | Small RV's ok | \$10 | \$5 | \$0 | \$0 | No | Yes | No |
| Roberts Tract | 4 | Small RV's ok | \$15 | \$7.50 | \$0 | \$0 | Yes | Yes | Horse Tank |
| Solider Creek Wilderness | 5 | RV's ok | \$15 | \$7.50 | \$0 | \$0 | Yes | Yes | Potable Hand Pump |
| Toadstool | 6 | RV's ok | \$15 | \$7.50 | \$3 | \$0 | No | Yes | No |
| West Ash | 2 | No | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | No | No | No |

*America the Beautiful Pass-the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Passes.

-Camping: Senior and Access Pass holders only. Discount excludes Annual, Military, and EKO

-Day Use: All passes cover standard amenity fees.



Hunting

- Hunting is allowed on Forest Service land with appropriate licenses, stamps, and tags purchased through the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
- Hunting is not allowed on administrative sites or within 150 yards of developed camp sites
- Prairie dog hunting is allowed year-round. Nonresidents must purchase a small game permit
- Game carts are not allowed in the Soldier Creek Wilderness
- Use of explosive targets is not allowed

Fishing

- A Nebraska fishing license is required through the NE Game and Parks Commission
- East Ash Creek, West Ash Creek, and Bordeaux Creek contain Brook and brown trout
- Soldier Creek Wilderness has Brook, brown, rainbow, and tiger trout in creeks and ponds
- Agate Reservoir, Rock Bass Reservoir, Boardgate Reservoir, and Meng Reservoir are stocked periodically with largemouth bass, bluegill, and yellow perch

Permits

- Firewood, post and pole, mushroom, & Christmas tree permits may be purchased at PRRD office
- Commercial photography requires a special use permit. Call (308)432-0300 for more information

Drones

- Drones or unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) may be flown for hobby purposes
- UAS may not be used within designated wilderness areas
- UAS may not be used over or near any fire operation or wildlife

Agates/fossils

- Rocks, agates, and invertebrate fossils may be collected for hobby purposes
 - A maximum of 25# per person per day and 250# in a calendar year
 - Selling rocks/agates obtained on national forests and grasslands is not allowed
- Vertebrate fossils and artifacts are not allowed to be collected on national forests or grasslands
 - Call the Pine Ridge Ranger District at (308)-432-0300 if fossils or artifacts are found

Hudson-Meng Education and Research Center (HMERC)

- HMERC is open Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend. Hours vary. Please call ahead for the current schedule.
- Group tours may be available. Please call ahead.
 - Tour reservations are suggested and can be made on www.recreation.gov.
 - Adults \$5.00 Seniors 60+ \$4.50 Kids 5-12 \$3.00
 - 50% Discount for Senior and Access Pass holders.

America the Beautiful Pass-the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Passes

- Participating federal agencies: BLM, Reclamation, FWS, USDA FS, USACE, and NPS
- Types of passes include: Annual, EKO, Military (active), Senior Annual, Senior Lifetime, Access
- 4th graders can obtain an Every Kid Outdoors (EKO) pass free
- Covers all entrance fees and standard amenity fees at day use areas
- Does not cover expanded amenity fees such as special tours or camping fees
- Discounted camping fees for Senior and Access pass holders may apply at some expanded amenity sites

* All veterans now receive free entrance into participating federally managed lands with the presentation of a CAC, veteran ID card, veteran HID card, or state ID card with veteran status

For further clarity, updated information, or topics not covered, please contact PRRD at (308)432-0300