

ForestCamping.com Features Oglala National Grassland in Nebraska

Fred and Suzi Dow, publishers of ForestCamping.com, recently visited Oglala National Grassland and are featuring this grassland on their website

Bisbee, AZ (<u>PRWEB</u>) March 20, 2012 -- ForestCamping.com, the comprehensive website for camping in national forests and grasslands, recently visited <u>Oglala National Grassland</u>, NE. It is featuring the grassland with detailed up-to-date campground information, photographs and things to do.

Located in northwest corner of Nebraska, southwest of Badlands National Park and south of the Black Hills of South Dakota, Oglala National Grassland (NG) is often overlook by people unfamiliar with the recreating opportunities found there. The grassland is a patchwork of federal, state, and private land, and composed of rolling prairie, woodland draws, and dramatic rugged badlands available to all for exploring and enjoying.

The Oglala NG might be best known for the geologic formation called Toadstool Park and the Hudson-Meng Buffalo Kill Site. The Hudson-Meng Buffalo Kill Site is an area where prehistoric people trapped, killed, and, in assembly-line fashion, butchered bison, making it unique among buffalo kill sites.

Toadstool Park, called "terres mauvais" by the early French fur traders, is a series of small canyons carved from ancient sandstone, clay, and volcanic ash deposits. The "toadstools" are formed by wind and water carving through the layers of soft sandstone to form a pedestal on which the harder clay cap balances. The Oglala NG's only developed campground, Toadstool Park campground, is located at the "Time Travel through Toadstool Geologic Park" trailhead. This trail takes hikers through the Park's geology and pass fossils and trackways (footprints) of long extinct animals that call this area home some 24 to 36 millions years ago.

Two additional features of Toadstool Park campground are a reconstructed sod house and crystal clear night sky. The sod house is a living reminder of the challenges faced by the people that settled the area. The night sky is an inverted bowl of shining stars from horizon to horizon, an awesome sight for people who live with the light pollution of metropolitan areas.

East of the Toadstool Park campground is a sea of grass. To the west, where there are excellent dispersed campsites, are hills covered with Ponderosa pine forests and, along woodland draws, dense stands of deciduous trees providing excellent habitat for wildlife viewing and photography. Simply put, wildlife and bird-watching are great in the Oglala and a photographer will have fun capturing this grassland's various personalities.

The Oglala NG may not have a lot of developed recreational opportunities but what this grassland does have is lots of space, few crowds, endless horizons, and recreation possibilities limited only by your imagination.

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Fred and Suzi Dow, authors and publishers of ForestCamping.com, have devoted 17 years to visiting,



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