

# Things To Do In Platte

- **Anne's Firehouse**  
One of Platte's first fire trucks, a 1923 American LaFrance truck, was saved and is housed in Anne's Firehouse on Main Street.
- **Antique shopping**  
Would you rather do your antiquing in person than on E-Bay? Visit Dakota Memories Antique Shop and you may find the next item that will put you on "Antique Roadshow." Good luck!
- **Boating on the Missouri River**  
Whether you're fishing, tubing, waterskiing, or just cruising along taking in the scenery, life really is better on a boat. There's the open water, the fresh air, the sun warming your face, and a sense of freedom and adventure you can't find anywhere else.
- **Go bowling at Platte Lanes – 605-337-3906**  
Turkey. Turkey. Turkey. That is what you'll be yelling after rolling three straight strikes at the bowling alley. Six lanes, automatic scoring, and bumper bowling make this experience enjoyable for all ages and skill level. Give it a try and maybe you will roll a 300 game (or at least above 100).
- **Camp at Snake Creek Recreation Area – 605-337-2587**  
Need some time away from the hustle and bustle of your life. Here's your chance. Pack a cooler, hook up the camper, and visit Snake Creek Recreation area. You can swim, ski, fish, work on your tan, or do absolutely nothing (and not feel guilty). Don't have a camper, not a problem, Snake Creek has cabins available for rent.
- **Attend one of nine churches in Platte**  
The bell ringing on Sunday morning is inviting you to visit one of our local treasures. Platte's commitment to its religion can be seen in the quality and quantity of churches in Platte. It doesn't need to be Sunday for you to visit.
- **Cedar Grove Colony, Platte Colony, or Grass Ranch Colony**  
Unique to the Platte area is having three Hutterite Colonies north of town only minutes away from each other. Meals and tours are sometimes available upon request with advance notice.
- **What's cookin'**  
Platte has many different eating establishments and three convenience stores to satisfy any food craving.
- **Get creative at Stagecoach Gallery – 605-337-2293**  
Any level of expertise are welcome and can find the project to fit your skill level and interest. The list is endless...take a chance and be surprised. Offering tutoring style classes -- one on one or in groups. Each class is tailored to the students' needs and wants. Pre-registration is required.
- **Fish the beautiful Missouri River**  
Lake Francis Case was formed on the Missouri River when Fort Randall Dam was completed in the early 1950s. The Lake provides excellent walleye fishing for both quality and quantity. Other sport fish include sauger, small-mouth bass, white bass, crappie and channel catfish.
- **Fish the pond at South Park**  
Want to instill that lifelong fishing obsession in your kids or just spend some quality time with them? Come to the catch and release fishing pond at South Park. The pond is stocked with perch, small mouth bass, blue gills, crappie, walleye and catfish.
- **Sign up for one of the many fishing tournaments held during the spring and summer**  
If the lilacs are blooming, then the fish must be biting. If you feel you are a better fisherman than the next guy, here is your change to prove it. Set aside your weekends and plan on taking part in the fishing tournaments held in the Platte area. Don't forget to hang up your "Gone Fishing" sign at the office.

- **Keep Fit**  
Is your vacation or weekend getaway keeping you from getting your exercise? Doctor's orders say to visit the Wellness Center in the Platte Community Building.
- **Enjoy the day at one of the city parks**  
South Park features playground equipment for all ages, picnic shelter, a tennis court, band shelter, catch-and-release fishing pond, walking path and a 9-hole Frisbee Golf course. Plans are underway for a waterpark. North Park boasts a softball field, sand volleyball court, a variety of playground equipment, and two picnic shelters.
- **Genealogy buffs**  
Working on tracing your ancestors back to find that long-lost relative. Visit one of our many local cemeteries and maybe you'll finally fill in that missing link on the family tree.
- **Horse Trails**  
Saddle up your horses and explore the peaceful scenery of the Missouri River hills on a newly established horse trail at Pease Creek Recreation Area. Four miles of marked trail leads through wooded areas and offers scenic views of the Missouri River. A horse camp with camping and water nearby accommodates riders. From Platte, take SD Highway 44 seven miles east, then take SD Highway 50 16 miles south, one mile east, and one mile south. Some area lodges also offer horse trails and boarding.
- **Try your luck at hunting**  
The Platte area offers some of the finest hunting opportunities in the state for both small and big game. Long known as a "hot-bed" for ring-necked pheasants, the area continues to provide quality hunting experiences. Small lakes and sloughs provide plentiful waterfowl hunting. The migration of snow and blue geese can also attract hunters. White-tail and mule deer trophies can be harvested in the area. Opportunities also exist to bag Merriam turkey.
- **Enjoy a hay or sleigh ride with Six J's Jingle Bells Belgians – 605-337-9705**  
Can you hear those sleigh bells ringing? You could if you were on an old-fashioned sleigh ride with Six J's Jingle Bells. Not real fond of the cold? Instead of a sleigh ride, try a hay ride. No mittens required.
- **Golf at Lake Platte Golf Club – 605-337-3300**  
The date: July. The time: around 7 p.m. The weather: 75 degrees with a south wind between 5 and 10 mph. The location: The tee box on hole #9 at Lake Platte Golf Club. It's a 167-yard, par three. The way you are hitting the ball today, you may have a shot at that ever-elusive hole-in-one. You approach the ball. Take a deep breath. What happens next? Only you will know after golfing a round at one of South Central South Dakota's best nine-hole courses.
- **Experience Lewis and Clark's journey**  
History buffs will enjoy knowing that the Lewis and Clark expedition traveled through the area in 1804. Historians and visitors are welcome to follow the path of Lewis and Clark, where they were told to watch for "burning bluffs" along the river.
- **Go to a movie in the renovated Lyric Theatre – 605-337-2319**  
Can you list the best picture at the Oscars for the past 20 years? If you can, we have something for you, the movie buff. Buy some popcorn and a pop and take in a movie at the Lyric Theater. See a lit bit of Platte's history while you watch the next Oscar winner.
- **The Cecil & Phyllis Melcher Museum**  
Want to learn more about Platte area and its history? The Cecil & Phyllis Melcher Museum houses a wide variety of historical items from the Platte area.
- **Play In Platte Weekend**  
If you are fortunate enough to be around Platte the last Friday and Saturday in July, we have something for you to experience. Events include a car show, bean bag toss tournaments, golf tournament, softball tournament, inflatable games, city-wide rummage sales, Bingo, and food booths. Come; join us for a day of good old-fashioned fun.

- **Paralyzed Veterans Pheasant Hunt – 605-337-2170**  
 The Platte American Legion sponsors an annual Paralyzed Veterans Pheasant Hunt and Banquet in November with vets coming from many states. Area farmers provide places to hunt and volunteers help with meals, serve as walkers, and provide transportation.
- **Have a picnic at one of the city parks**  
 The sky is blue. It is 75 degrees and there is no wind. What a perfect time to pack a sandwich and enjoy one of Platte's parks. You can soak up the sun, find some shade and relax, or give your child or grandchild an underdog on the swing. Sandwiches and ice tea not included.
- **Swim at the Platte City Pool – 605-337-9685**  
 Too hot to fish. Too hot to golf. It is just the right temperature to throw on a swimming suit and take the kids to the Platte City Pool to cool off. Can't swim? Don't worry, there is a kiddie pool!
- **Platte Library – 605-337-9869**  
 With more than 10,000 volumes on the shelves, as well as e-books and books on CD, and internet access, there are many options for the avid reader. Preschoolers participate in a monthly story hour and a reading program is held every summer for kindergarten through sixth grade students. A book club for adults meets every other month to discuss selected works.
- **Attend a livestock auction at the Platte Livestock Auction – 605-337-2655**  
 On a Wednesday afternoon, you could walk into the sale barn, take a chair in one of the seats from the old theatre, and watch the activity of one of the truest forms of livestock marketing. Listen to the auctioneer as the bids and offers roll off his tongue as he asks for a quarter more for these cattle, tells a joke to keep the crowd entertained, or says hi to someone as they walk through the door. Pay special attention to the buyers. See if you can pick out the subtle hand movements, head nods, or eye winks that signal they are interested in these calves. But, don't make any sudden movements or you may just be in the cattle business.
- **Catch a baseball or softball game at the Platte Sports Complex**  
 Nothing is as American as apple pie and baseball (or softball). Take this opportunity to watch a game where the players play because they love it, not because they are paid. Enjoy the games from the back of a pick-up or in a lawn chair behind home plate.
- **Platte Trap Club Shooting Range – 605-337-2124**  
 What, it's not pheasant season! That's OK. For shotgun enthusiasts interested in sharpening their shooting skills, visit the Platte Trap Club Shooting Range located on the north side of Platte.
- **Drive across the Platte-Winner Bridge**  
 The Platte-Winner Bridge opened in 1966 and spans the Missouri River. With the completion of the bridge, travelers gained a new route to and from the Black Hills. The bridge is one of the longest and most unforgettable bridges in the state, with a length of 5,655 feet, a width of 28 feet, (two lanes), and sits 30 feet above the water.
- **Treat yourself to a little R&R**  
 At the end of a long day, put your feet up and relax at one of Platte's many lodging opportunities. Platte has two motels, a bed and breakfast, and many lodges to accommodate the family vacation, fishing or hunting trip, or a reunion with friends and family.
- **Schedule a roller skating party**  
 Take a step back in time to when skates had wheels on the corners, not in a line. We can provide the skates, but we won't provide the padding. Call 605-337-3921 to set up your blast to the past.
- **Play sand volleyball at North Park**  
 Don't look as good as Tom Cruise did while playing volleyball in Top Gun? That's OK. With a little practice on the volleyball court at North Park, you can play better than Tom ever did. Plus, he won't look so good when he is eating sand. Volley, set, SPIKE!

- **Take a scenic drive through the river hills**  
Get out the car. Load up the kids. And just drive. The scenic highways and back country roads offer some spectacular views of the Missouri River and the hills that surround them. If you really want a treat, take a drive around dusk and pay special attention to the sun as it slips away into the hills. The combination of colors as the sun sets over the hills and the river is breathtaking.
- **Shopping**  
Platte is thriving with diverse businesses and unique shopping opportunities. From antiques to consignments and boutiques, hardware to variety stores, you just never know what treasure might be waiting for you when you experience real hometown shopping and service.
- **Swim in the Missouri River**  
Take some time and visit Snake Creek Recreation area on the Missouri River to enjoy a Midwesterner's version of swimming in the ocean. You'll need a blow-up raft, a beach ball, suntan lotion, and a comfy lawn chair to enjoy an afternoon of wading, swimming, and floating in a pool built and maintained by Mother Nature.
- **Play tennis**  
Are you the next Andy Roddick or Maria Sharapova? Although it is not as nice as the grass courts at Wimbledon, it is a lot easier to get in. Check out the courts at South Park. During the summer months, there is usually a game going on in the early morning.

**For more information on any of these activities or to request a free brochure,  
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