

Whitetail Woods Regional Park Camper Cabins

Five year-round camper cabins at Whitetail Woods Regional Park let you experience the best camping has to offer — time in nature, cooking outdoors, enjoying a bonfire — and a more comfortable overnight experience. Up to six people can stay in each cabin.

All cabins are accessible and offer free Wi-Fi and electricity.

Cost: \$90/night plus \$8 reservation fee. Pets are not allowed in the cabins.

Reservations: Available online 7–120 days in advance. Six-night stay maximum within a 30-day period.



Prairie View cabin highlights

Located at the edge of a restored prairie, these cabins are designed to blend into the landscape while offering a spacious layout and expansive views of the Vermillion River Valley.

Opened: 2020

Designed by: AFLA Landscape Architects

Living space: 276 square feet interior and 167 square feet (deck) exterior

Occupancy: Sleeps 6. Full over queen bunk bed, and queen sleeper sofa.

Dining area: Table with four chairs, plus two folding chairs to accommodate six.

Living area: Sleeper sofa, lounge chairs (2), coffee table and side table.

Deck furnishings: Adirondack chairs (2) and side table.

Heating/cooling: Heat and air conditioning.

Adjacent cabin amenities: Private gathering area with campfire ring and picnic table.

Nearby park amenities:

- Vault toilet and drinking water spigot.
- Full shower building with heated restrooms is a short walk away.
- Easy access to snowshoe, hiking and cross-country ski trails.

Fun facts:

- A wall of windows frames a sweeping restored prairie with views of the Vermillion River Valley in the distance.
- Surprise sculptures are positioned in the restored prairie.



Pine Forest cabin highlights

Enjoy the peace and quiet of a wooded setting in the park's original three award-winning camper cabins.

Opened: 2014

Designed by: HGA Architects

Living space: 227 square feet interior and 84 square feet exterior (deck)

Occupancy: Sleeps 6. Full over full bunk bed, and queen sleeper sofa.

Dining area: Table with four chairs, plus two folding chairs to accommodate six.

Living area: Sleeper sofa, lounge chairs (2), coffee table and side table.

Deck furnishings: Adirondack chairs (2) and hammock anchors (bring your own hammock).

Heating/cooling: Heat and ceiling fan.

Adjacent cabin amenities: Private gathering area with campfire ring and picnic table.

Nearby park amenities:

- Full shower building with heated restrooms and drinking water.
- Easy access to snowshoe, hiking and cross-country ski trails.

Fun facts:

- Constructed through District 917's high school construction trades program at Dakota County Technical College, with supervision and support from county staff to minimize cost.
- The Pine Forest cabins were the first three of 20 to be constructed in Parks' master plan.
- Nicknamed the tree-house cabins.

Tips for your visit

Cooking: Cooking is not allowed inside the cabins. The use of crockpots and coffee pots is permitted. A cooking grate is available at the campfire ring.

Provided: Essential cleaning items, trash/recycling cans, welcome book with park and cabin information. Large cart to haul items from the parking lot to the cabin.

Cleaning: Each cabin is deep cleaned in between groups. Disinfectant is used on all surfaces and a hydroxyl generator sanitizes and purifies the air, killing bacteria and viruses and eliminating odors.

Access: Electronic. Guests are issued a bar code via email a week before their stay. A scanner unit near the cabin entrance door reads the bar code to unlock the door. Hard keys are issued to guests in the event of a power failure.

After arriving, walk to your cabin first to pick up the large, two-wheeled cart to haul gear and equipment to the cabin. Remember to bring your own bedding and other supplies (see the Camper Cabin Checklist provided online). While the park address is Farmington, Rosemount is the closest city if you need to run out for supplies (or order pizza delivery).

Activities: Make sure to visit the rest of Whitetail Woods Regional Park — a nearly two-mile loop around Empire Lake offers stunning lake views, a trail through ancient oaks and restored prairies, and unique boardwalks. The lit sledding hill and Fawn Crossing Nature Play Area are always visitor highlights.

For more information and to make a reservation, visit: www.dakotacounty.us, search *camper cabin*.

