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# National Forest Week

July 8-14, 2024 / Trek the Trails



**Saturday, July 13, 2024**

## Dugout Gulch Trail (Trail #77)

- 1:00 p.m. / 4.6 miles / Moderate
- Family-Friendly Hike ... Nature Observations
- Bearlodge Ranger District
- Directions:

From Spearfish, SD, or Sundance, WY, take I90 to Exit 205 at Beulah. Turn south for 6 miles on Forest Service Road 863 (Sand Creek Road). The trailhead is on the lefthand side, with enough parking for 6-8 vehicles. NOTE: Overflow parking is available about 100 yards past the trailhead on the righthand side of the road. Additional signs will be placed for overflow parking.

- About the Hike:

This is a moderate hike with two length options, 4.6 miles roundtrip on the main trail or 9.0 miles roundtrip including the loop trail. Dugout Gulch is a unique botanical area home to relic boreal plants such as rattlesnake fern and common Solomon's seal. During this trek, participants will hike along a meandering creek, immersed in the shade of the canyon walls. There are six benches located along the main trail for resting or enjoying the scenery. During the hike, participants will learn about the processes that led to this remanent boreal forest in the Black Hills.



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