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Guides



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facilities of all sorts, making it a popular regional destination. The western end of the trail lies within the Gavins Point campground area, where several additional hiking and nature trails continue into the bluffs above the lake. Easily accessible from Yankton and well-worth a trip if you find yourself in the area, the Lewis and Clark Lake Trail offers one of the best ways to enjoy a warm summer day in southern South Dakota.

Running between the Pierson Ranch and Lewis & Clark Recreation Areas just west of the city of Yankton, the Lewis and Clark Lake Trail is another worthy entry in the area's network of multi-use trails. The paved trail follows a section of the northern side of the oblong lake, a man-made reservoir along the Missouri River. The trail passes through a pleasantly wooded and quiet landscape, making it a popular destination for area cyclists and runners looking to get in some mileage.

In the east, the trail picks up where the [Highway 52 Trail](#) ends at Crest Road - that trail continues on a straight shot east for over four miles, bringing you right into the heart of Yankton. Continuing west, the trail enters into the Lewis and Clark Recreation Area, which is home to a variety of campgrounds, marinas, and recreational



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States: South Dakota

Counties: Yankton

Length: 3.5miles

Trail end points: Pierson Ranch Recreation
Area (Highway 52 Trail) to Gavins Point
Recreation Area

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike,Fishing,Inline
Skating,Walking

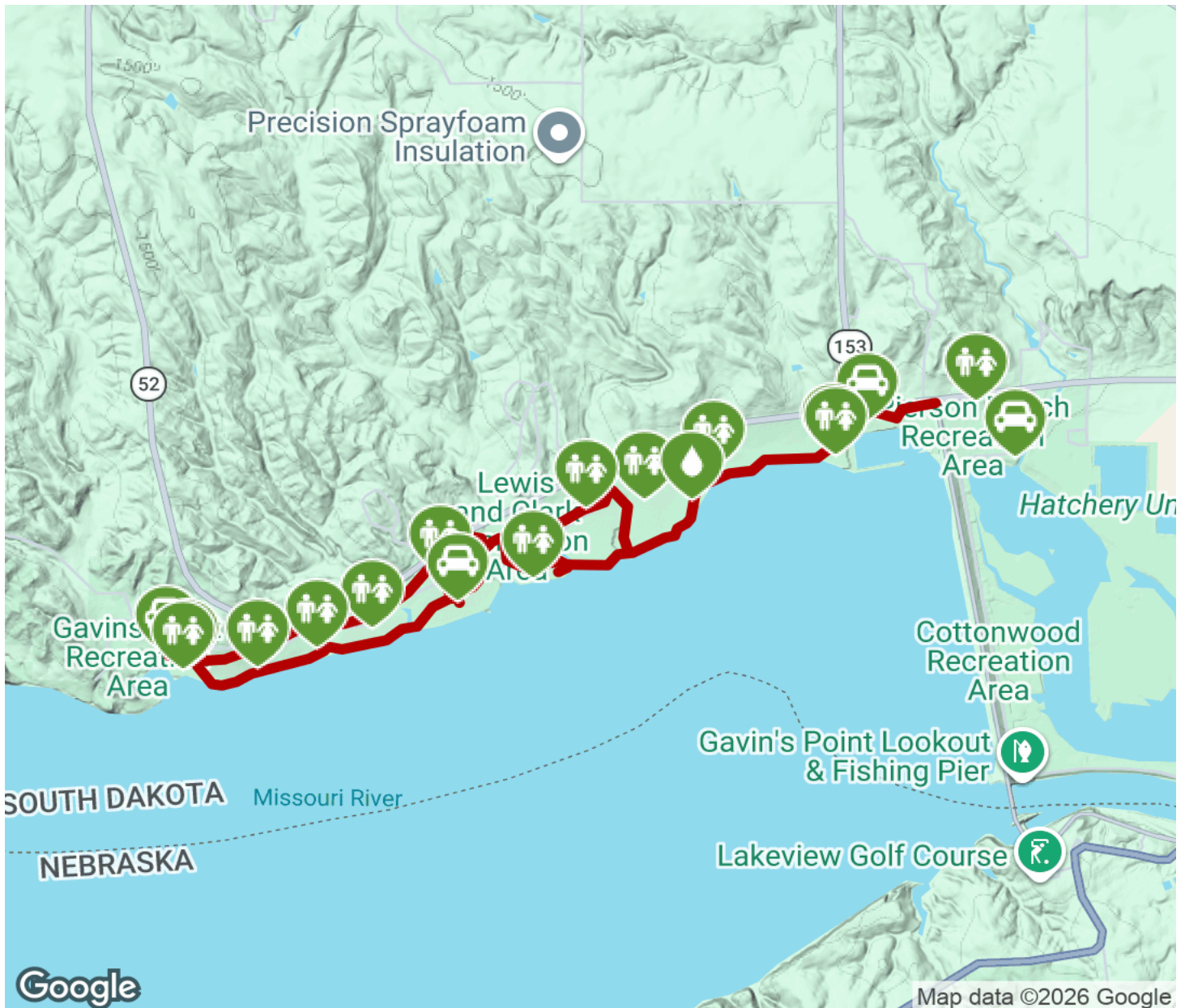
Parking & Trail Access

Parking and restrooms are available along the trail within the Lewis and Clark Recreation Area, with daily fees charged per vehicle - consult the official park website for details. The main entrance is located off of Highway 52 at 43349 SD Highway 52 in Yankton.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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