



CELEBRATE THE *MAGIC* OF DECEMBER IN YANKTON

We invite you to take the day off – or better yet, take the whole weekend – and discover what makes this Midwestern getaway so irresistible to travelers from all walks of life. Our community is a haven for those looking to ‘fill their cup’ – both in the metaphorical sense and the literal.

Explore the vibrant streets of historic downtown Yankton, where you'll discover local artisans, creative entrepreneurs, and a lively mix of shops and eateries, all set against a backdrop of rich history and culture. Take advantage of Yankton's incredible outdoor recreation opportunities during the winter months, from ice fishing and cross-country skiing to scenic winter hikes. Embrace the festive spirit with a visit to the Hall of Trees, showcasing beautifully decorated displays, and experience the enchantment of Light Up Yankton, where dazzling lights illuminate homes, businesses, & streets. There's always something special waiting for you in our community.

However you decide to experience Yankton, we encourage you to soak up the people, the places, and the experiences that set us apart.



Experience the magic of **Light Up Yankton** this holiday season! Grab the kids and the hot cocoa and use our interactive map to tour the community's festive lights and stunning Christmas displays. It's the perfect way to make unforgettable holiday memories in our winter wonderland.

[EXPLORE THE MAP](#)



Discover one-of-a-kind holiday treasures at the **Crimson Door Holiday Boutique**. Featuring unique gifts, festive décor, and handcrafted items, this seasonal event is perfect for holiday shopping and finding special items you won't see anywhere else all while supporting local artists!

[CRIMSON DOOR](#)



Embrace the holiday spirit with **Tour of Homes**! This annual event offers an exclusive look inside some of the city's most beautifully decorated homes. Whether you're inspired by architecture, design, or the stories behind these residences, the tour is a festive way to celebrate the season.

[GET YOUR TICKET!](#)



WINTER IS A WONDER

Get ready for a season of adventure in Yankton! From scenic fall hikes to cozy winter activities, there's so much to enjoy. Watch our "Winter is a Wonder" video to see why Yankton is perfect for your fall and winter plans!

[WATCH IT NOW!](#)



MEAD MUSEUM HALL OF TREES

The 7th annual Mead Hall of Trees runs daily through December 31, excluding Christmas Day. Held at the Mead Museum, this year's event is the largest yet, featuring 70 beautifully decorated trees by local businesses and organizations. The theme, "Mead-ville," brings a playful, vibrant flair with lime green, hot pink, turquoise, and oversized candy elements. Perfect for all ages, activities include scavenger hunts, Santa Sundays, holiday crafts, and free cocoa and coffee.

Admission: \$8/adults, \$5/seniors. FREE for kids and Yankton County Historical Society members.

[LEARN MORE!](#)



HOLIDAY FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Don't be a cotton-headed ninny muggins—mark your calendar for Yankton's 2024 **Holiday Festival of Lights** on Thursday, December 5th!

Kick off the evening with pre-parade family activities from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. at The Brewery (200 Walnut Street). At 6:00 p.m., the magic begins with the Holiday Festival of Lights Parade, followed by a festive finale at 7:00 p.m. featuring the community Christmas tree lighting, fireworks, and free treats like hot chocolate, cider, and Runza snacks.

Plus, enjoy free pictures with Santa to cap off a night of holiday cheer in the Meridian District!

[VIEW FULL DETAILS!](#)

THE HOLIDAYS IN YANKTON

Hall of Trees
Mead Museum
12-4PM | Fri 8PM
Nov 29 - Dec 31
Closed Dec 25

Ladies Night
Kopetsky's Ace
6-9PM
Dec 7

Holiday
Tasting
Farm House
Food Co.
4-6PM
Dec 8

WEST 23RD STREET

WEST CITY LIMITS ROAD

WEST 21ST STREET

EAST 21ST STREET

YASB
Christmas
Concert
4:30PM
Dec 15

SUMMIT STREET

WEST 15TH STREET

EAST 15TH STREET

Santa
Storytime
Yankton Library
6PM | Dec 16

Winter
Wonderland
Workshop
Yankton Library
3:45-6PM
Dec 12

Just Cuz' &
Dixie do
Christmas
AME Church
2-4PM
Dec 8

Tour of Homes
GAR Hall
12:30 - 4:30PM
Dec 8

WEST 8TH STREET

STREET

EAST HWY 50

MMU
Vespers
Bishop Marty
4 & 7 PM
Dec 7

Bach's Lunch
Trinity Lutheran
12:15PM
Dec 5, 12,
& 19

Live Reindeer
at First Dakota
2:30 - 4:30PM
Dec 6

Sounds of
Christmas
Dakota Theatre
7PM | Dec 12

Festival of
Lights | 3rd St
Activities
4-5:30PM
Parade 6PM
Dec 5

Tree Lighting
& Fireworks
Meridian Bridge
7PM | Dec 5

Santa's
Workshop
Capital Replica
3-7PM
Dec 7 & 14
10AM-2PM
Dec 8 & 15

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MORE EVENTS

SANTA IN THE PARK
10AM - 2PM | DEC 7
L&C REC AREA
WELCOME CENTER

CRIMSON DOOR
VENDOR BOUTIQUE
MON - FRI 11AM - 5PM
SAT 11AM-4PM
NOW - DEC 21 | GAR HALL

WINTER WORKSHOPS
DEC 7 & 14 | TIMES VARY
DIANE'S GREENHOUSE

HOLIDAY DECOR SWAP
DROP OFF NOW - DEC 5
SHOP DEC 7 & 8
YANKTON LIBRARY

HOLIDAY PASSPORT:
SHOP LOCAL SPREAD JOY
NOV 25 - DEC 23
YANKTONSD.COM

LIGHT UP YANKTON:
TOUR OF HOLIDAY LIGHTS
NOW THROUGH JAN 10
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TAKE ME TO THE CALENDAR

DECEMBER EVENTS

5: Holiday Festival of Lights
6: Friday Night Lights: Mead Museum Hall of Trees
6-9: Goldilocks on Trial: Dakota Theatre Children's One Act
7: Vespers: Mount Marty University Community Band
7-8: Santa's Workshop: Dakota territorial Capitol Building Replica
7: Craft Fair & Gift Wrapping: Celebrate Church
8: Tour of Homes: Yankton Area Arts
8: Santa Sunday: Mead Museum Hall of Trees
12: Sounds of Christmas Concert: Dakota Theatre
13: "The Nightmare Before Christmas" Showing: Dakota Theatre
13: Friday Night Lights: Mead Museum Hall of Trees
14-1: Santa's Workshop: Dakota territorial Capitol Building Replica

14: Yankton Hockey Day
14: "It's a Wonderful Life" Showing: Dakota Theatre
15: The Carols of Christmas Concert: UCC Congregational
15: Santa Sunday: Mead Museum Hall of Trees
20: Friday Night Lights: Mead Museum Hall of Trees
20: "A Christmas Story" Showing: Dakota Theatre
21: "Die Hard" Movie Showing: Dakota Theatre
22: "Miracle on 24th Street" Showing: Dakota Theatre
22: Santa Sunday: Mead Museum Hall of Trees
27: Friday Night Lights: Mead Museum Hall of Trees

ALL DECEMBER LONG

Mead Museum Hall of Trees
Crimson Door Holiday Boutique
Light Up Yankton

JANUARY EVENTS

3-5: Rushmore Rumble: NFAA Easton Archery Center
9-11: Gavins Point Rec RV Show: NFAA Easton Archery Center
10-12: River City Rumble Indoor Soccer Tournament
17-18: MMU Winter Theatre Production: Alive and Kicking
17-19: USA Archery & JOAD Indoor Nationals:
17-18: MMU Track Invitational & Multi's
18: Pheasants Forever
23-25: Dakota Territory Gun Show
25: Pinochle Tournament: Yankton VFW

FEBRUARY EVENTS

1-2: SDAA & USAA State Indoor Archery
1: Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
7-9: Dakota Cup & Midwest Sectionals Archery Tournament
14-16: Collector's Toy Farmer Show
21-22: Hansen-Haas Memorial Basketball Tournament

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