

Annual Buffalo Roundup in South Dakota

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The roundup is the initial step in preparation for the November Buffalo Auction. Over the winter, Custer State Park can typically support about 1,000 animals; surplus buffalo are sold at a late-year auction. Custer State Park is home to one of the largest publicly-owned herds of bison, an animal that once faced extinction. Information regarding travel arrangement and event information can be found at www.TravelSD.com.