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Dakota Territorial Capitol built in Yankton in 1862 and torn down in 1886. Displays in the building include photographs of old Yankton, maps of the Dakota Territory, a gallery of former Dakota Territorial governors and a tribute to the local St. John's Masonic Lodge. Visitors will want to view the quilt highlighting Yankton landmarks, made by the four Yankton Quester chapters. For rental and viewing of the capitol contact the Parks & Recreation Department.

Dakota Territorial Museum
610 Summit St.
(605) 665-3898

www.dakotaterritorialmuseum.org
Take a step back in time as you enter the Dakota Territorial Museum. The museum holds a large collection of rare memorabilia of early life in the Dakota Territory. Some of the exhibits include the musical instruments of Felix Vinatieri, the band leader for General George Custer's 7th Cavalry band, a Max Copper Vintage Boat Motor and fishing collection, Great Northern railroad caboose and one-room country school. Summer hours include May 1 through Sept. 30, Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday from Noon - 4 p.m. Winter hours are Oct. 1 through April 30, daily from Noon - 4 p.m. and by appointment year-round. Admission is free.

G.A.R. Hall Art Gallery
508 Douglas Ave.
(605) 665-9754

www.yanktonareaarts.com
This finely preserved Civil War building is the home of Yankton Area Arts and provides a charming setting for monthly art exhibits, receptions and meetings. There is a fully-equipped kitchen and large classroom in the basement. Historically, the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) built the hall in 1887 as the Phil Kearney Post No. 7, a meeting place for Union veterans and their auxiliary. Call for more information, gallery exhibits, special events and rentals. Open Monday - Friday 1-5 p.m. and Saturday 1-3 p.m. Admission is free. Handicap accessible.

Gavins Point Dam
Four miles West on Highway 52
(402) 667-2546

Gavins Point Dam, located on the Missouri River, was completed in 1957 as part of the Pick-Sloan Plan. The dam and power plant are operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Tour the power plant and learn how it operates. See the

generators in action! Open Memorial Day through Labor Day, Friday - Sunday and holidays tours begin at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. Tours are available to groups off season by appointment. No purses, bags, cameras, cell phones, food or drink allowed in the powerplant. IDs are required for those 17 and older.

Historic Downtown Yankton
231 Broadway Ave., Ste. 1
(605) 260-3003

www.downtownyankton.com
Stroll through the downtown area and browse over 150 individually owned and operated businesses and unique shops. You will discover specialty gift, clothing and antique shops. As well as art galleries and a variety of home furnishings, decorating and business services to suit your needs. The historic downtown offers small town charm, unique architecture and area attractions and events all year-round. Located along the Missouri River, just blocks away from historic neighborhoods, sites, museums and community parks.

Historic Yankton Tour
(800) 888-1460
www.yanktonsd.com

Take a tour of the past! Incorporated in 1862, Yankton is a riverboat city rich with history and charm. Many of the original homes date back to the 1870s and are a wonderful collection of the architecture of that time. A tour map is available at the Yankton Chamber and Visitors Center to help guide visitors to these hot spots.

Jack McCall Historical Marker

Intersection of Highway 81 & Highway 50
Being the first territorial capital of the Dakotas, Yankton hosted the trial and hanging of the notorious Jack McCall for the murder of Wild Bill Hickok. The trial began on Dec. 4, 1876 in a courtroom at what is now present day Third Street and Capitol Street. Two days later the jury found McCall guilty. McCall's hanging took place on March 1, 1877 at the present day intersection of Highway 81 and Highway 50. The site of the hanging is marked by a historical plaque, which is located in the parking lot on the south end of the Human Services Center.

Meridian Bridge
Walnut Street

The Meridian Bridge, a long-time landmark in Yankton, is the result of hard work and determination of local citizens. Built in 1924, it was the first permanent bridge crossing the Missouri River. This unique bridge is a "double-decker" with one lane positioned above another. It

was constructed as a lift-span bridge to allow riverboat traffic to traverse the river. Up until 1953, it was operated as a toll bridge. The Meridian Bridge was closed in October 2008 to vehicle transportation, but continues on as a walking bridge and a standing reminder of the days gone by.

Pierre Dorian's Grave

West 2nd Street & Riverside Drive
Pierre Dorian was the first white settler in the Yankton area. He lived among the Yankton Sioux at the time that Lewis and Clark passed through in 1804. Lewis and Clark convinced Dorian to accompany them on their expedition and to serve as an Indian interpreter. Dorian later returned to the Yankton area. His grave was located by a local historian and a memorial marker dedicated in 2002.

USS Scorpion Historical Marker

Walnut Street & Riverside Drive
Presented by U.S. Submarine Veterans WWII South Dakota Chapter, this historical marker is located near the Missouri River on the West side of the Meridian Bridge. Scorpion was launched on July 20, 1942 and their first patrol was a hunting and mining mission near Honshu in April 1943. Scorpion went on three patrols that earned her a battle star. She was involved with a series of torpedo attacks and gun battles. On Jan. 5, 1944, Scorpion rendezvoused with Herring to transfer an injured man, but heavy seas prevented a safe transfer. Scorpion and 77 courageous crewmen were never seen again.

Veterans Memorial
321 W. 3rd St.

This memorial is dedicated to all veterans, past,

present and future, whose sacrifices continue to protect our freedom. The red, white and blue memorial was designed by Luken Memorials to be up-lifting and reaching to the stars with the bronze eagle taking flight. The wording on the west side "All Gave Some, Some Gave All" refers to the sacrifices of our current and past veterans. The five granite pedestals display lasered scenes particular to each branch of the military. The main feature memorial contains three different colors of granite Rubin Red - India, Sierra White - United States and Blue Pearl - Norway.

Yankton College Alumni Office
1801 Summit St.
(605) 665-3661

www.yanktoncollege.org
Yankton College was the first institution of higher learning in the Dakota Territory open from 1881-1985. Student records and transcripts are available as well as information, memorabilia and pictures of early Yankton College and community. A gift shop is located at the office at the north end of the Summit Activities Center, door #9. Open Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. or by appointment.

Yankton RiverWalk

Historic Downtown Yankton and Riverside Park
(605) 665-3636
www.yanktonriverwalk.org
RiverWalk is a public art project focused on bringing outdoor sculptures to downtown Yankton and Riverside Park. New sculptures will be installed annually in May for the public to enjoy. Each year the public has the opportunity to vote for their favorite sculpture, the People's Choice Award. Votes will be tabulated at the end of each year.

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