

# Sica Hollow State Park



**Located:** 2 miles west, 7 miles north, and 6 miles west of Sisseton, South Dakota.

Marshall County, Twp 127N Rng 53W Sec 36; Roberts County, Twp 127N Rng 52W Sec 30 & 31

**Access:** State Park entrance fee or license required. Paved roads, parking lots, and maintained hiking trails throughout, no camping.

Sica Hollow State Park (photo by Don Allen)

## **Description:**

Sica Hollow State Park is one of several coulees located along the eastern slope of the prairie coteau that due to its unique micro-climate supports an eastern deciduous forest ecosystem. Plant communities and habitats found within the parks 800+ acres include oak-basswood and maple-basswood forests, tallgrass prairie on the upland, fens, and spring-fed cold-water streams.

The park is home to several rare plants including wild ginger, nodding trillium, and one of the few known populations of the yellow lady's slipper orchid. Botanists have recorded 314 species of vascular plants within the parks boundaries. The parks native stands of sugar maples can provide splendid fall colors.

Birdwatchers can observe several species of birds rarely found in eastern South Dakota during the summer months; Broad-winged hawk, Pileated woodpecker, Indigo bunting, Yellow-throated Vireo, Veery, Scarlet tanager, Black-and-white warbler, American redstart, and Ovenbird.

The park is also home to several uncommon species of butterflies, gray treefrogs, and the Eastern chipmunk. Look for Blacknose dace in the quieter pools of Roy Creek.

