





# South Dakota Time Capsule Project for America's 250

South Dakota will bury five time capsules in five State Parks, to be determined. The items for the time capsules will be solicited from the public. The time capsules will be buried in ceremonies held about September, at times yet to be determined.

### Cost

South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks will purchase the five time capsules. Staff time for the project will be split between the South Dakota State Historical Society (SDSHS) and South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks (GFP) agencies.

The time capsule selected is: <u>Amazon.com: ZBMZB Large 19.5inch Stainless Steel Time Capsule Waterproof Container/Storage Bury: Home & Kitchen</u>

#### **Selected Sites**

SD State Parks in the four quadrants of the state, plus one riverine location, will be chosen based on a significant anniversary in the vicinity of 2076.

## Time frame

About March 2026, the US 250 SD Commission will issue a solicitation. The objects may be anything. Objects eligible for the time capsules will be of durable materials: glass, stone, metal, porcelain, most ceramics. Ideal materials speak about their connections with State Parks or about their lived experiences. Other materials of less durable quality will be displayed at GFP State Park facilities. All materials received are unconditionally given. No materials will be returned to donors. All materials will be inspected by curators for historical value. If historical value is determined, the objects will be retained by the SDSHS.

All donations must be postmarked by June 1, 2026.

Objects for the time capsules will be selected in June 2026. Donors will be informed about June 20, 2026 of the decision of how their object will be used, whether buried or placed in a GFP facility. The donors will also be invited to the burial and placing ceremonies. The public announcement of what was selected and will be buried in which park will be made by July 4, 2026.

# Staff

SDSHS curators will examine donated items.

GFP Nick Harrington and SDSHS David Grabitske will travel to conduct the ceremonies for placing or burial.