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FEDERAL PRISON GUIDE

VISIT PACKET: FPC YANKTON

Federal Prison Camp · Yankton, SD · Phone 605-665-3262

VISIT CARD · CUT OUT AND KEEP IN THE CAR

WHEN

Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays

The visiting rules (June 2025) list only Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays.[1]

HOURS

8:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

On weekends and holidays visitors may enter the visiting room until 9:15 a.m.[1]

VISITS

four hours of visiting a month

The Warden must allow each person at least four hours of visiting a month.[1]

WHO CAN COME

6 visitors at one time, of any age

No more than 6 visitors at one time, of any age.[1]

BRING

16 or older

Everyone 16 or older needs photo ID: a driver's license, passport, or state or county ID card.[1]

CALL FIRST

605-665-3262

Call before you drive, every time.

THE BOP'S OWN PAPERS DISAGREE. The Yankton handbook is from **March 2015**. It also lists **Friday evening visits, 4:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.**, and says each person visits **every third weekend**, set by the fifth digit of their register number. The newer visiting rules (**June 9, 2025**) do not list Friday evenings. They say people visit by a "rotation schedule" and are guaranteed at least four hours a month. They also say the Warden may limit some weekends to Saturday or Sunday, not both. Go by the newer rules, and call 605-665-3262 before you drive.[1]

BEFORE YOU GO: GET ON THE LIST

1. At intake your loved one gets the handbook and a form to request their first visiting list. Visitors fill out the visiting questionnaire in full, with phone number and Social Security number. (Handbook, 2015.)
2. The **Unit Team** approves the list. Staff may run a background check (NCIC) if they have a reason. A criminal conviction does not by itself stop a visit, but the Warden may have to approve it.
3. The list holds immediate family plus **10 additional adults** (16 or older) who knew your loved one before prison. Exceptions need the Warden's approval, in writing.
4. Staff tell your loved one who was approved or denied. **They** tell you. Do not drive until you are approved. People who arrive and are not on the list are turned away, however far they traveled.
5. A visitor may be on only one person's list. The only exception is family members who are both at Yankton.
6. They can ask to add or remove names **every six months**.
7. Transferred from another prison? The handbook says the old list follows, but you must be approved again by the counselor.[1]

AT THE DOOR

FORMS YOU SIGN	At your first visit you fill out **BP-A0224, Notification to Visitor**. Blank forms are in the visitors' waiting area. For anyone under 18, a parent or guardian must sign the visitor information form, **BP-A0629**.[1]
SEARCHES	Staff may search you and your things before or during a visit. You may choose to leave instead. They may also check you with a metal detector.[2]
MONEY FOR VENDING MACHINES	Up to **$25.00 in $1, $5 and $10 bills**. Your loved one may not handle money, and you may not leave money with staff for their account.[2]
WHAT YOU CAN CARRY	Only: ID, keys, vending machine money, feminine hygiene products, diapers and bottles for a baby, and asthma inhalers. Carry it all in **one clear plastic bag**; a clear plastic change purse about 5 inches by 8 inches. Heart medication and inhalers in their original containers may stay with you. Everything else goes in your locked car. **No diaper bags or strollers.**[1]
NOT ALLOWED IN	Cameras, recording equipment and other electronic devices, papers (unless the Unit Team approved them first), food, and anything to give to your loved one. You may give them something from the vending machines to eat during the visit.[1]
WHAT NOT TO WEAR	Anyone over 12: no skirts, shorts or dresses above the top of the kneecap. No see-through clothing, halter tops, tube tops, sleeveless shirts, tank tops, tops that show the stomach, low-cut or backless tops, or skin-tight or spandex clothing. Shoes must cover the whole foot: no sandals, flip-flops or open-toed shoes. Underwear is required.[1]
TOUCHING	A handshake, hug and kiss at the start and at the end of the visit only. Hand holding, arms around each other, crossing legs together and lying on the furniture are not allowed.[1]
CHILDREN	There is a children's area with a television and toys. You and your loved one are responsible for the children. A visit can be ended if children are left alone and cause trouble.[1]
PARKING	Visitors are encouraged to park on **12th Street between Douglas and Pine Streets**, in front of the football field. No one may wait in the parking lot or on the grounds while others visit.[1]
OUTDOOR VISITING	From mid-spring to mid-fall, depending on the weather. A group stays together, indoors or outdoors. It closes in bad weather and after dark.[1]
WHEN IT GETS CROWDED	The visiting room holds 178 people. Staff first ask for volunteers to leave. Then they look at how often you visited in the last 30 days, who has been in the room the longest that day, and **how far you traveled**. They give special consideration to people who traveled more than **400 miles**.[1]
IF THE CONVICTION INVOLVED A MINOR	The rules say it is highly unlikely such a person would be housed at Yankton. If they are, they sit directly in front of the officer's desk and may not use the children's area or the outdoor area.[1]

ALL VISITING DAYS AND HOURS

WHERE	DAYS	HOURS
Visiting room	Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays	8:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Special Housing Unit (SHU)	The person inside must give at least 5 days notice. Up to 2 visitors, up to one hour a week, through glass by telephone. No contact.	During visiting hours

On weekends and holidays visitors may enter the visiting room until 9:15 a.m. There is a 10:00 a.m. count. If you arrive after 9:15 a.m., you wait until the count clears. The last time staff call someone out for a visit is 2:30 p.m., and visits end at 3:00 p.m.[1]

The visiting rules (June 2025) list only Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays. Federal holidays are New Year's Day, Martin Luther King's Birthday, President's Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

GETTING THERE

From Sioux Falls	Take I-29 South to State Road 46 West. Take State Road 46 West to State Road 81 South into Yankton. Turn left at the stop light at State Road 81 and State Road 50. Go to Douglas Avenue and turn right. Continue south to 12th Street, follow the inmate visitor parking signs and park in the visitor parking area.
From Sioux City	Take I-29 North to State Road 50 into Yankton. Follow State Road 50 until it meets Douglas Avenue. Turn right on Douglas Avenue. Continue north to 12th Street, follow the inmate visitor parking signs and park in the visitor parking area.
Taxis	Shuttle Express Taxi 605-760-0090. NEED-A-RIDE Yankton 605-760-0785.

WHAT TO WEAR TO A VISIT

The BOP beats to its own drum. The front desk has the final say. Keep a spare outfit in the car.

FPC YANKTON

Rules dated **June 9, 2025** (1 year old)

Official rules (PDF) (bop.gov/locations/institutions/yan/yan_visit.pdf) En español (PDF) (bop.gov/locations/institutions/yan/yan_visit_sp.pdf)

Skirts and dresses	Visitors over 12: skirts/dresses not above top of kneecap (0 inches).
Shorts	Visitors over 12: no shorts above top of kneecap.
Colors to avoid	Not in the written rules.
Leggings, spandex	No spandex clothing. No skin-tight clothing.
Bras and metal	Female visitors must wear bras.
Camouflage, military	Not in the written rules. Many prisons ban both; leave them home.
Shoes	Footwear must cover entire foot; no open-toed footwear. No sandals or flip-flops.
Children	Length rule applies to visitors over age 12.

ALL 16 RULES, IN THE BOP'S OWN WORDS

LENGTH AND FIT

- Visitors over 12: skirts/dresses not above top of kneecap (0 inches).
  BOP wording: "skirts, shorts, or dresses exceeding above the"
- Visitors over 12: no shorts above top of kneecap.
  BOP wording: "skirts, shorts, or dresses exceeding above the"
- No sleeveless shirts or tank tops.
  BOP wording: "shirts, tank tops, and any kind of top that"
- No radically low-cut shirts or blouses.
  BOP wording: "radically low-cut shirts or blouses, revealing"
- No tops revealing the midriff.
  BOP wording: "reveals the midriff area of the anatomy,"
- No halter tops, tube tops, or backless clothing.
  BOP wording: "clothing, halter tops, tube tops, sleeveless"
- No see-through clothing.
  BOP wording: "top of the kneecap in length. See-through"
- No skin-tight clothing.
  BOP wording: "skin-tight clothing or spandex clothing is"
- No spandex clothing.
  BOP wording: "skin-tight clothing or spandex clothing is"

BRAS, UNDERWEAR AND METAL

- Female visitors must wear bras.
  BOP wording: "undergarments (including bras for females)."
- All visitors must wear undergarments.
  BOP wording: "undergarments (including bras for females)."

SHOES

- Footwear must cover entire foot; no open-toed footwear.
  BOP wording: "footwear that covers the entire foot. Sandals,"
- No sandals or flip-flops.
  BOP wording: "flip-flops, and open-toed footwear is prohibited."

CHILDREN

- Length rule applies to visitors over age 12.
  BOP wording: "visiting. Visitors over the age of 12 years old"

IF THEY SAY NO

- Provocative, immodest, or revealing attire is reason to deny visiting.
  BOP wording: "immodest or revealing attire is reason to deny"
- Visiting Room Officer may deny after consulting Lieutenant and/or IDO.
  BOP wording: "compliance by the Visiting Room Officer,"

MAIL AND THE MAILING ADDRESS

Your full name
Your street address
City, State ZIP

STAMP

Their committed name, exactly as the BOP Inmate Locator shows it
Reg. No. _____-___
FPC Yankton
P.O. Box 700
Yankton, SD 57078

The envelope, filled in. Their name and number must match the BOP Inmate Locator exactly.[2]

Put their name, register number **and unit** on the envelope. The handbook (2015) gives the mailing address as P.O. Box 700, Yankton, SD 57078.[2]

> **USE THE P.O. BOX ONLY.** Never mail to the street address.

THE MAIL RULES

MAIL DAYS	Mail is handed out Monday through Friday, except holidays. There is no mail service on weekends or holidays.[2]
HOW MUCH	There is no limit on the number of letters they can receive, unless the number becomes an unreasonable burden on the prison.[2]
BOOKS AND MAGAZINES	Hardcover books and newspapers must come only from a publisher, book club or bookstore. At Yankton, other soft-cover items (paperbacks, clippings, magazines) may come from any source.[2]
PACKAGES	Every package needs approval first (form BP-331). A package without it is returned to the sender. A package of reading material must be marked "CONTENTS--AUTHORIZED PUBLICATIONS" or similar.[2]
LEGAL MAIL	The front must say "SPECIAL MAIL-OPEN ONLY IN THE PRESENCE OF THE INMATE," and the sender's name, title and address must be in the return address. It is opened in front of them.[2]
THEIR LETTERS TO YOU	Because Yankton is minimum security, they may seal their outgoing letters.[2]
MOVED?	General mail is forwarded for 30 days, then returned to the sender.[2]
MONEY	Never put money in a letter. It goes to the BOP lockbox (see the Money tab).[2]

Sources

1. YAN 5267.09L, Visiting Regulations, Institution Supplement (June 9, 2025) bop.gov/locations/institutions/yan/yan_visit.pdf
2. FPC Yankton Admission and Orientation Handbook (March 2015) bop.gov/locations/institutions/yan/yan_ao-handbook.pdf