

Numerous parks make Goodland the place to stop

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Goodland offers visitors a chance to stretch their legs walking around the many parks and if more vigorous activity is their cup of tea the town sports a water park, a skate park, a bowling alley and an activities center with the facilities of a gym.

Steever Water Park, 1622 Arcade, has water slides, pools, fountains and play features. The park is open from 1 to 5:30 p.m. on Monday through Friday, adult swim from 5:30 to 6:30 on Monday through Thursday and noon to 1 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The water park has one large water slide and a smaller one. There is also a separate wading pool for little kids. Life guards are on duty while the pool is open.

Goodland's skate park is located at 16th and Cherry and has slides and rails designed for kids on skateboards. The park was built with money raised by the Youth Committee of Shine on Sherman County. The park has lights.

If watching softball or baseball is your thing then visit **Centennial Field** for softball or **Memorial Field** for baseball. The fields are located off K-27 on a street going west by

the Presto Convenience Store at 2510 Commerce Road. Softball and baseball teams are made up of different age groups.

The Goodland Activities Center, 808 Main, has a basketball court, racquetball courts, a wight room and a cardio room. The center is open on Monday from 5:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Tuesday 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesday 5:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Thursday 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and closed on Sundays.

The town's bowling alley is the **Bowladium Lanes** at 509 Caldwell.

Goodland has many parks. Chambers Park is at 12th and Center and has tennis courts, horse shoe facilities and play ground equipment. Steever Park is by the skate park and Steever Water Park and has tennis courts and play ground equipment. Memory Park at 9th and Center has picnic tables.

Gulick Park at 8th and Caldwell has tennis courts, playground equipment, bathrooms and picnic facilities. Rosewood Park is located on Spruce Avenue which is just south of the cemetery. It has playground equipment and bathrooms. Phillips Park is at 10th and Cattletrail off of K-27 on 10th Street. This park also has playground equipment and bathrooms.

Visit historic curiosities while stopped in town

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Goodland also has historic and artistic things to see. These include the Van Gogh Painting, the Ennis-Handy Victorian House, the Gulick House and the Carnegie Arts Center.

The **Van Gogh painting** can be seen from I-70 as people drive past Goodland along I-70. It is located on Business U.S. 24. The giant sunflower painting is 24 feet tall by 32 feet across and sits on an 80-foot steel easel. Cameron Cross, a Canadian artist, painted three of the giant paintings. One is at Altona, Manitoba, Canada. A second is at Emerald Australia. A sidewalk, a bricked area and seating have been added by the town's Rotary Club.

Across Cherry Avenue is **Pioneer Park**. The park has a walking path, benches and picnic tables and is lit at night. The park is grassed and landscaped with trees, flower beds and bushes.

For Victorian fans the **Queen Anne Ennis-Handy House**, 13th and Center, Goodland, is owned and has been restored by the Sherman County Historical Society.

The residence sports a wrought iron-style

fenced yard surrounding the house with a wrap-around porch a balcony with gingerbread trim with a wrought iron gazebo in the front.

The house, which has a southern view overlooking Goodland's oldest park, Chambers, was on the cutting edge of technology in its day. It was one of the first homes in the county to be wired for electricity and telephone. The kitchen, basement wash room and a large bathroom on the second floor were plumbed for running water.

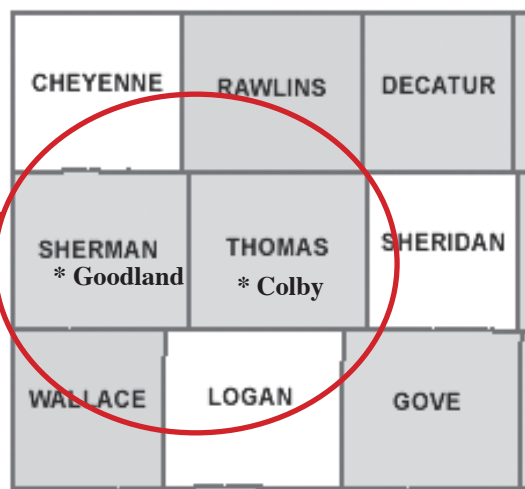
The house is furnished and is open to the public for viewing from 1 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday through Monday and closed on Tuesdays.

The **Carnegie Arts Center**, 120 W. 12th, has different exhibits on display every month and a gift shop. Exhibits vary from paintings by different artists to works from local students, sculpture and photographs. The center is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, and 1 to 6 p.m. Monday. The center is housed in one of the Carnegie Libraries and is operated by the Goodland Arts Council.

Another home restored by local busi-

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