

**CHAP. 63.**—An Act To set apart certain lands in the State of South Dakota as a public park, to be known as the Wind Cave National Park.

January 9, 1903.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there are hereby reserved from settlement, entry, sale, or other disposal, and set apart as a public park, all those certain tracts, pieces, or parcels of land lying and being situate in the State of South Dakota and within the boundaries particularly described as follows: Beginning at the southeast corner of section thirteen, township six south, range five east, Black Hills meridian, South Dakota; thence westerly to the southwest corner of the southeast quarter of section sixteen, said township; thence northerly along the quarter-section lines to the northwest corner of the northeast quarter of section four, said township; thence easterly to the southwest corner of section thirty-four, township five south, range five east; thence northerly to the northwest corner of said section; thence easterly to the northeast corner of section thirty-one, township five south, range six east; thence southerly along the section lines to the southeast corner of section seven, township six south, range six east; thence westerly to the southwest corner of said section; thence southerly to the southeast corner of section thirteen, township six south, range five east, the place of beginning: *Provided,* That nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect any valid rights acquired in connection with any of the lands embraced within the limits of said park.

Public lands.  
Wind Cave National  
Park, S. Dak., estab-  
lished.

Boundaries.

*Provided.*  
Valid rights not af-  
fected.

**SEC. 2.** That said park shall be known as the Wind Cave National Park and shall be under the exclusive control of the Secretary of the Interior, whose duty it shall be to prescribe such rules and regulations and establish such service as he may deem necessary for the care and management of the same.

Regulations, etc., by  
Secretary of Interior.

**SEC. 3.** That the Secretary of the Interior be, and is hereby, authorized, in the exercise of his discretion, to rent or lease, under rules and regulations to be made by him, the cavern underlying the above-described lands, and also pieces and parcels of ground within said park for the erection of such buildings as may be required for the accommodation of visitors.

Lease of cavern, etc.

**SEC. 4.** That all funds arising from such rentals or leases shall be covered into the Treasury of the United States as a special fund to be expended in the care and improvement of said park.

Use of funds.

Lands for tracts re-  
linquished.

**SEC. 5.** That in cases in which a tract covered by an unperfected bona fide claim or by a patent is included within the limits of this park, the settler or owner thereof may, if he desires to do so, relinquish the tract to the Government and secure other land, outside of the park, in accordance with the provisions of the law relating to the subject of such relinquishment of lands in forest reserves in the State of South Dakota.

Penalty for unlaw-  
ful intrusions, etc.

**SEC. 6.** That all persons who shall unlawfully intrude upon said park, or who shall without permission appropriate any object therein or commit unauthorized injury or waste in any form whatever upon the lands or other public property therein, or who shall violate any of the rules and regulations prescribed hereunder, shall upon conviction be fined in a sum not more than one thousand dollars or be imprisoned for a period not more than twelve months, or shall suffer both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

Approved, January 9, 1903.