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EROS DATA CENTER SCHEDULES TOURS, FILMS FOR TOURISTS, VISITORS

The Earth Resources Observation Systems (EROS) Data Center has become a major point of interest for tourists and residents of nearby communities.

In order to accommodate the large number of daily visitors to the Data Center, a tour schedule has been initiated. Guided tours and film presentations are offered at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays.

During the month of June more than 600 individuals and approximately 200 members of scheduled tour groups visited the Center. Twenty-eight states and 10 foreign countries are listed in the Center's guest register and appointment calendars for June, in addition to the participants in the International Remote Sensing Training Course from 21 nations.

Tours and slide and film presentations for larger groups such as upper elementary, high school, and college classes, service clubs, and professional organizations may be arranged by appointment by calling the Community Affairs Office at the Data Center.

The visitors' lobby area, with graphic exhibits and photo gallery displays, is open to the general public from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays and from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekends.

There is no scheduled public transportation to the Center. Privately-owned or rental vehicles are necessary for transportation from Sioux Falls. The EROS Data Center is located nine miles north of Interstate Highway 90, off County Highway 121, Exit 81. The facility is administered for the U.S. Department of the Interior by the Geological Survey.

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