

Fossil Cycad National Monument in the Black Hills

One of the world's largest concentrations of fossil cycads was found here. Literally hundreds of fossil cycads, a small palm looking like plant was found here! That's why it was made a monument. However so many collectors removed the fossil cycads that it is not longer a place to visit and the National Monument was decommissioned. Lesson to be learned: Do not remove stuff from national parks and monuments; leave them for future generations to appreciate. Location: on Hwy 18 between Hot Springs and Edmonton on the north side between country road 185 and 18S.

(Manning, Arthur. 2002. *Petrified Wood in the USA*. p.74-75)