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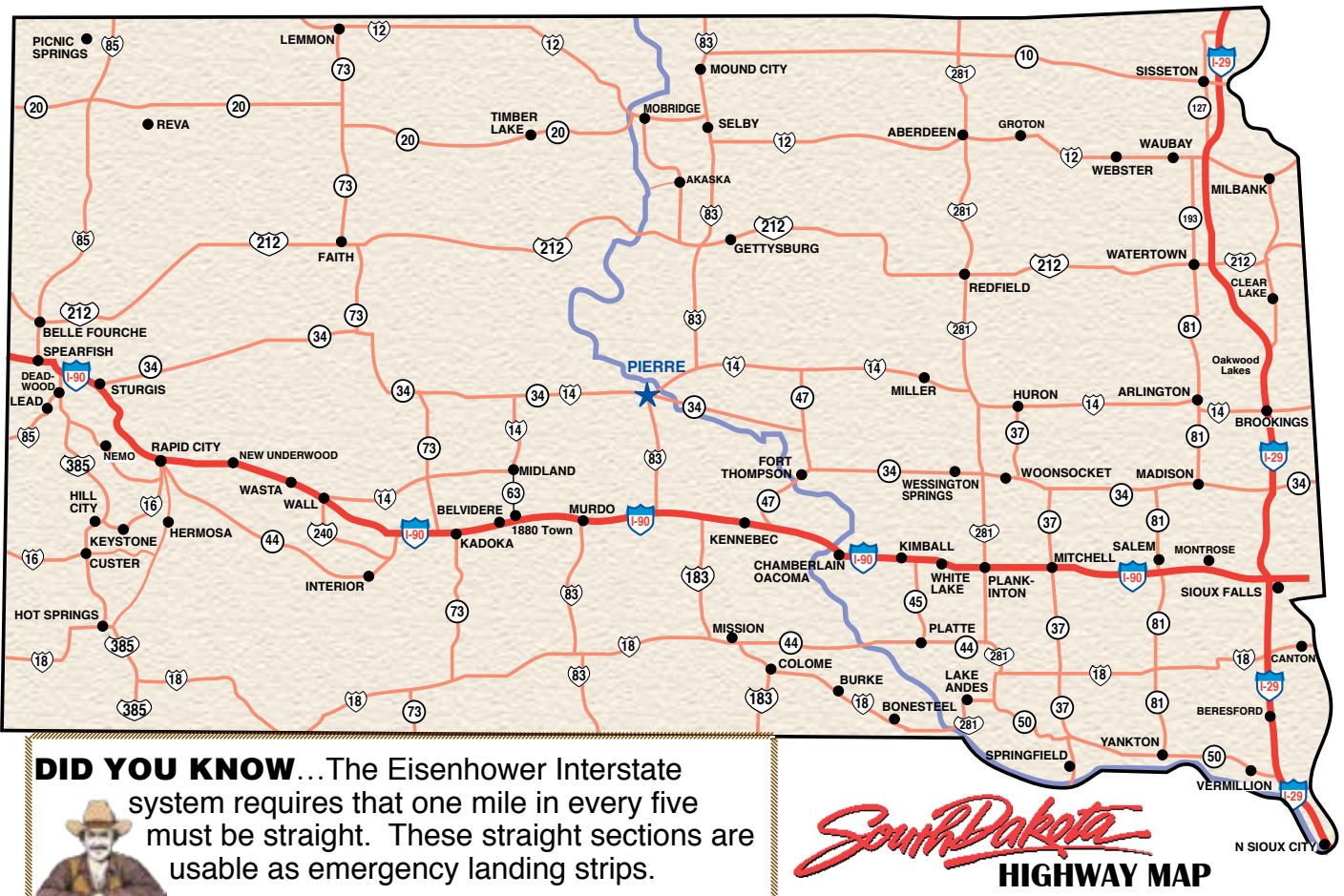
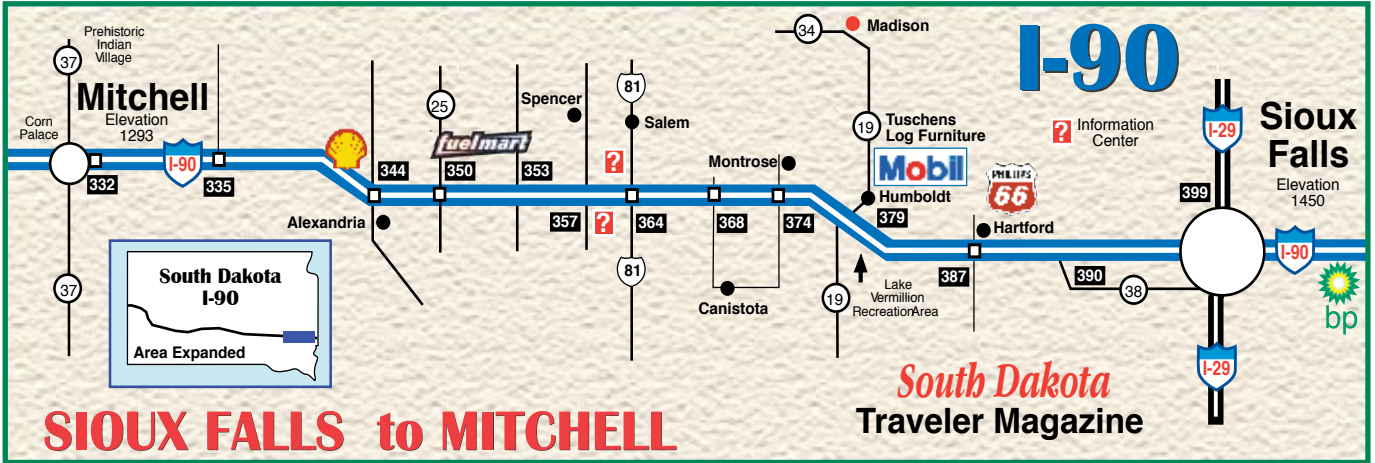
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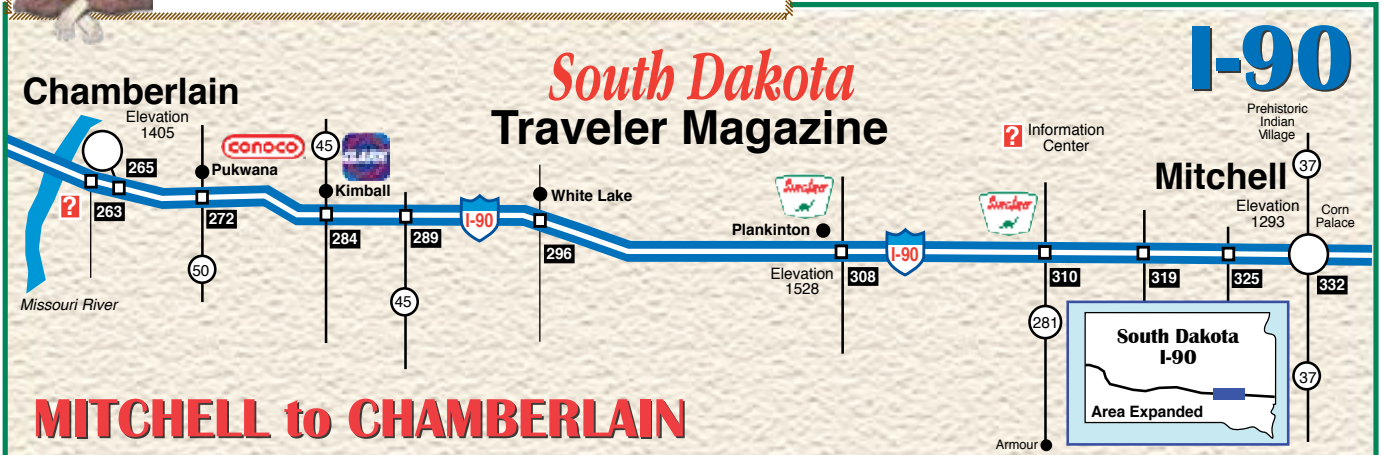
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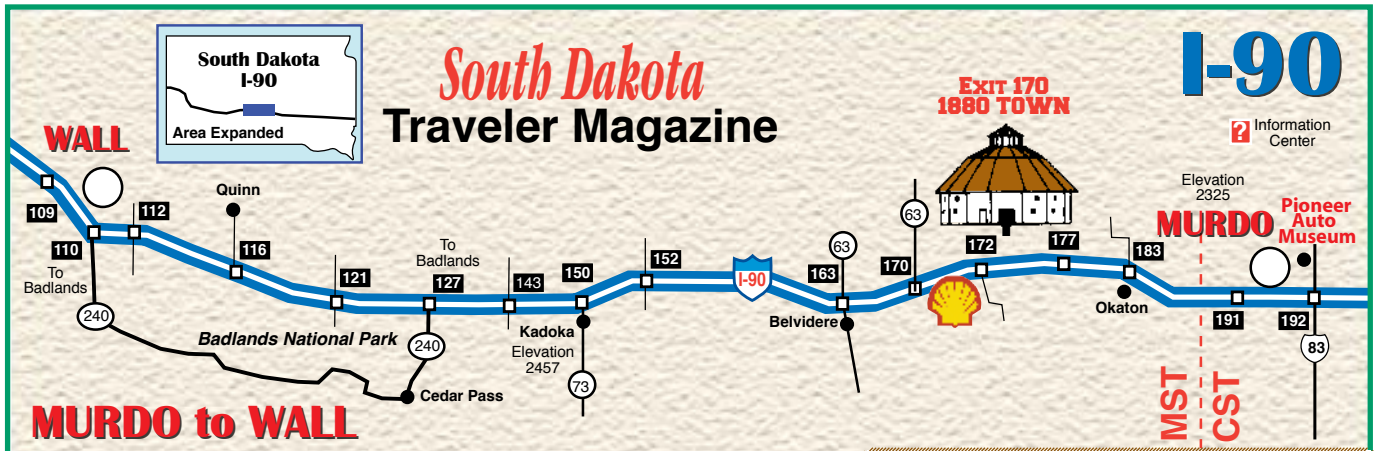




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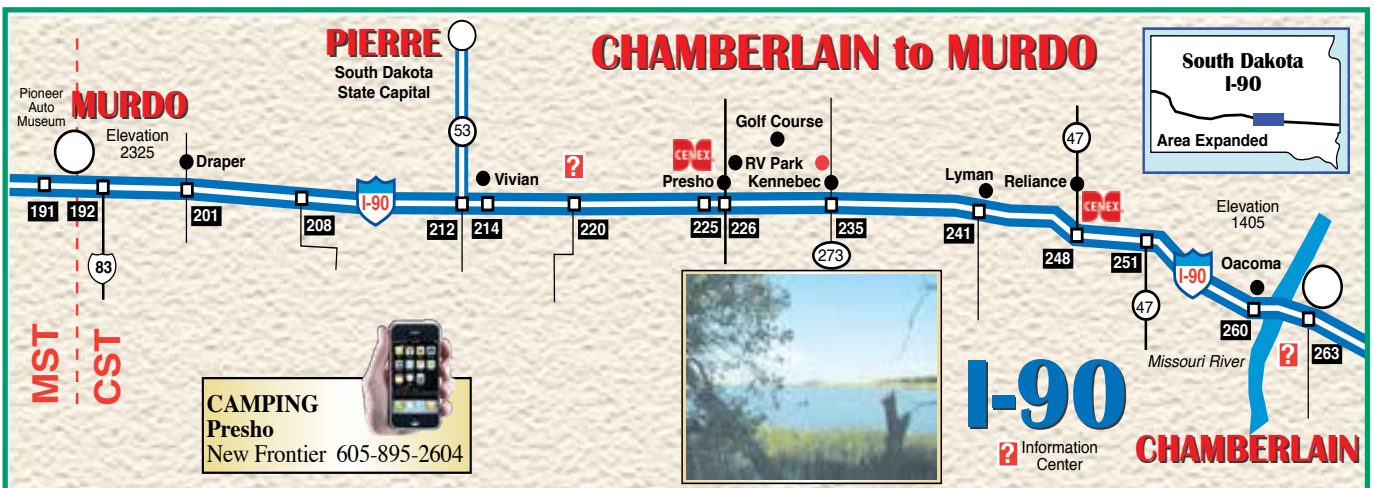
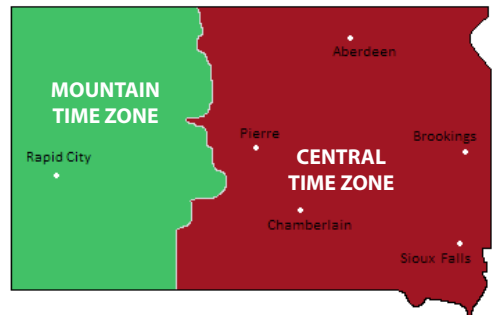
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# South Dakota 2023 Calender of Events

## JULY

- 7/2 ..... 1880 Train Old West Shootout, Hill City
- 7/3-4 ..... Custer's July 4th Celebration, Custer
- 7/3-4 ..... Gold Camp Jubilee Days, Lead
- 7/3 ..... Mina Lake Freedom Festival
- 7/4 ..... 4th of July Parade & Celebration, Watertown
- 7/5-9 ..... Boss Cowman Rodeo & Celebration, Lemmon
- 7/7-9 ..... Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant, De Smet
- 7/7-22 ..... Northern Fort Playhouse, Lake City
- 7/8-9 ..... Brookings Summer Arts Festival, Brookings
- 7/8 ..... Spearfish Canyon Half Marathon & 5K, Spearfish
- 7/8-9 ..... Native Pop: People of the Plains, Arts/Culture, Rapid City
- 7/9-14 ..... Deadwood 3 Wheeler Rally, Deadwood
- 7/9-22 ..... BHPlayhouse JR Camp, Custer
- 7/12-15 ..... Black Hills Corvette Classic, Spearfish
- 7/13-16 ..... Corn Palace Stampede Rodeo, Mitchell
- 7/14-16 ..... Annual Festival in the Park, Spearfish
- 7/14-15 ..... Ranch Rodeo & Gumbo Ridge Bronc Ride, Murdo
- 7/14-16 ..... Burke Stampede Rodeo, Burke
- 7/14-16 ..... Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant, De Smet
- 7/14-16 ..... Badlands Astromony Festival, Interior
- 7/14-15 ..... Cookin' on Kapeska, Watertown
- 7/15-16 ..... Hills Alive, Rapid City
- 7/16-20 ..... Dakota 600, Keystone
- 7/16 ..... 1880 Train Old West Shootout, Hill City
- 7/18-22 ..... Downtown in Madtown, Madison
- 7/20 ..... Summer Concert Series - July, Aberdeen
- 7/20-23 ..... Get On! Adventure Festival, Sturgis
- 7/21-22 ..... Storybook Land Festival, Aberdeen
- 7/21-23 ..... Gold Discovery Days, Custer
- 7/21-23 ..... Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant, De Smet
- 7/22 ..... Falls Art Market - July, Sioux Falls
- 7/22 ..... BIERÖRSE, Rapid City
- 7/23 ..... 1880 Train Old West Shootout, Hill City
- 7/22-27 ..... Days of '76 Rodeo & Parade, Deadwood
- 7/27 ..... Downtown at Sundown, Brookings
- 7/28-30 ..... Annual Bruce Honey Days, Bruce
- 7/29 ..... South Dakota Chislic Festival, Freeman
- 7/29-30 ..... Sioux Falls Airshow, Sioux Falls
- 7/30 ..... 1880 Train Old West Shootout, Hill City

## AUGUST

- 8/3 ..... Mount Rushmore Rodeo at Palmer Gulch, Hill City
- 8/3 ..... Downtown at Sundown, Brookings
- 8/3-6 ..... Ogalala Lakota Nation Wacipi, Rodeo & Fair, Pine Ridge
- 8/4-6 ..... Annual Sioux River Folk Festival, Canton
- 8/4-12 ..... Sioux Empire Fair, Sioux Falls
- 8/4-13 ..... Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, Sturgis
- 8/5 ..... Golden Hour Live Featuring Thunderstruck, Rapid City
- 8/6 ..... Prairie Village Annual Madison Car Show, Madison
- 8/10-12 ..... Clay County Fair, Vermillion
- 8/10 ..... Downtown at Sundown, Brookings
- 8/12 ..... Animal Enrichment Day, Sioux Falls
- 8/12 ..... Adams Homestead Celebration, N Sioux City
- 8/13 ..... 1880 Train Old West Shootout, Hill City
- 8/14-20 ..... Brown County Fair, Aberdeen
- 8/14-17 ..... Turner County Fair, Parker
- 8/15-17 ..... Dakotafest, Mitchell
- 8/17 ..... Downtown at Sundown, Brookings
- 8/18-20 ..... Black Hills Threshing Bee, Sturgis
- 8/18-27 ..... Central States Fair & Rodeo, Rapid City
- 8/18-20 ..... Yankton Riverboat Days, Yankton
- 8/18-20 ..... Summer Arts Festival, Yankton
- 8/18-20 ..... Tour De Corn Bicycle Ride & Weekend, Mitchell
- 8/19 ..... Thunderhawk Wide Open, Lemmon
- 8/19 ..... Mount Rushmore Rodeo at Palmer Gulch, Hill City
- 8/19 ..... Black Hills Super 6, Spearfish
- 8/20 ..... Leading Ladies & Dakota Spirit, Spearfish
- 8/23-27 ..... Kool Deadwood Nites, Deadwood
- 8/24 ..... Downtown at Sundown, Brookings
- 8/24-27 ..... Prairie Village Annual Steam Threshing Jam, Madison
- 8/24-27 ..... Annual Rosebud Wacipi, Fair & Rodeo, Rosebud

- 8/25 ..... Summer Concert Series, Aberdeen
- 8/25-26 ..... Wine, Brew & BBQ, Hill City
- 8/25-26 ..... Sizzlin' Summer Nights, Aberdeen
- 8/25-27 ..... Fall River Hot Air Balloon Festival
- 8/26 ..... Falls Art Market - August, Sioux Falls
- 8/26 ..... Mount Rushmore Rodeo at Palmer Gulch, Hill City
- 8/27 ..... Sioux Falls Marathon & Half Marathon, Sioux Falls
- 8/29-9/3 ..... Sturgis Mustang Rally, Sturgis
- 8/31-9/4 ..... South Dakota State Fair, Huron

## SEPTEMBER

- 9/2 ..... Annual Southern Hills Triathlon, Hot Springs
- 9/3 ..... Annual Dakota Five-O, Spearfish
- 9/3 ..... Studebaker Car Show, Custer
- 9/3 ..... 1880 Train Old West Shootout, Hill City
- 9/6-9 ..... Annual Sturgis Off Road Rally, Sturgis
- 9/8-9 ..... Black Hills PolkaPalooza at Palmer Gulch, Hill City
- 9/9-10 ..... Hill City Quilt Show, Hill City
- 9/9 ..... Sidewalk Arts Festival, Sioux Falls
- 9/9 ..... 1880 Train Wine Express, Hill City
- 9/11-17 ..... Sanford International Gold Tournament, Sioux Falls
- 9/14-17 ..... South Dakota Film Festival, Aberdeen
- 9/15-16 ..... Deadwood Jam, Deadwood
- 9/15-17 ..... Mickelson Trail Trek, Lead
- 9/15-17 ..... North Country Fiber Fair, Watertown
- 9/23-24 ..... Deadwood's Craft Beer Fest: Hops/Hogs, Deadwood
- 9/22-24 ..... South Dakota Festival of Books, Brookings
- 9/22-24 ..... Black Hills Photo Shootout, Deadwood
- 9/23-24 ..... Wheelin' to Wall, Wall
- 9/23 ..... Great Downtown Pumpkin Festival, Rapid City
- 9/23 ..... Stirling Family Memorial Ranch Rodeo, Ft Pierre
- 9/23-24 ..... Menno Pioneer Power Show, Menno
- 9/28-30 ..... Custer State Park Buffalo Roundup & Arts Festival, Custer
- 8/28-30 ..... Cinch Playoffs, Sioux Falls
- 8/29-10/1 ..... Black Hills Film Festival, Hill City
- 9/29-10/1 ..... SiouxPerCon, Sioux Falls
- 9/30 ..... 1880 Train Oktoberfest Express, Hill City
- 9/30 ..... Cruiser Car Show & Street Fair, Rapid City

## OCTOBER

- 10/1 ..... Fall Volksmarch, Crazy Horse Memorial
- 10/6-8 ..... Black Hills PowWow, Rapid City
- 10/6-7 ..... Oktoberfest, Deadwood
- 10/7-8 ..... Run Crazy Horse Marathon & Races, Custer
- 10/7 ..... Prairie Village Hobo Marlin Pumpkin Train, Madison
- 10/9 ..... Native American Day, Crazy Horse Memorial
- 10/9 ..... Native American Day Parade, Sioux Falls
- 10/12 ..... Brew Walk, Aberdeen
- 10/13-14 ..... Wild West Songwriters Festival, Deadwood
- 10/20-21 ..... KELOland Living Arts & Crafts Show, Sioux Falls
- 10/21 ..... OPENER-Pheasant Hunting Season
- 10/27-28 ..... Deadweird, Deadwood
- 10/27-29 ..... ZooBoo, Sioux Falls
- 10/28 ..... Yanton's Harvest Halloween, Yankton

## NOVEMBER

- 11/10-11 ..... Sioux Empire Arts & Crafts Show, Sioux Falls
- 11/11 ..... Deadwood's Big Whiskey Festival, Deadwood
- 11/11 ..... Christmas at the Homestead, N Sioux City
- 11/15-12/31 ..... Black Hills Christmas Tree Permit Season
- 11/18-20 ..... Autumn Festival, an Arts & Crafts Affair, Sioux Falls
- 11/24-12/28 ..... 1880 Train Holiday Express SPIKED, Hill City
- 11/25-12/28 ..... 1880 Train Holiday Express, Hill City
- 11/24 ..... Parade of Lights, Huron
- 11/25 ..... Holiday Celebration & Winter Market, Rapid City
- 11/25 ..... Festival of Lights Parade, Rapid City

## DECEMBER

- 12/15-3/24 ..... SD Snowmobile Trails Season, Lead



# SIoux FALLS

**DISTANCE TO:**  
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 Chamberlain 152  
 Mitchell 66  
 Murdo 221  
 Pierre 226  
 Rapid City 341  
 Spearfish 387  
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## A-Maize-ing Ear-chitecture!

The World's Only Corn Palace is Mitchell's premier tourist attraction. Some 500,000 tourists come from around the nation each year to see the uniquely designed corn murals. The city's first Corn Palace was built as a way to prove to the world that South Dakota had a healthy agricultural climate.

### A Rich History

Eight years before the turn of the 20th century, in 1892 (when Mitchell, South Dakota was a small, 12-year-old city of 3,000 inhabitants) the World's Only Corn Palace was established on the city's Main Street. During its over 100 years of existence, it has become known worldwide and now attracts more than a half a million visitors annually. The palace was conceived as a gathering place where city residents and their rural neighbors could enjoy a fall festival with extraordinary stage entertainment - a celebration to climax a crop-growing season and harvest. This tradition continues today with the annual Corn Palace Festival held in late August each year.

By 1905 the success of the Corn Palace had been assured and a new Palace was to be built, but this building soon became too small. In 1919, the decision to build a third Corn Palace was made. This one was to be permanent and more purposeful than its predecessors. The present building was completed in 1921, just in time for the Corn Palace Festivities. That winter Mitchell hosted its first boy's state basketball tournament. The building was considered to have the finest basketball arena in the upper Midwest area.

In the 1930's, steps were taken to recapture the artistic decorative features of the building and minarets and kiosks of Moorish design were added restoring the appearance of early day Corn Palace.

### The Corn Palace Today

Today, the Corn Palace is more than the home of the festival or a point of interest of tourists. It is a practical structure adaptable to many purposes. Included among its many uses are industrial exhibits, dances, stage shows, meetings, banquets, proms, graduations arena for Mitchell High School and Dakota Wesleyan University as well as district, regional and state basketball tournaments. USA Today named the Corn Palace one of the top 10 places in America for high school basketball.

The Palace is redecorated each year with naturally colored corn and other grains and native grasses to make it "the agricultural show-place of the world". We currently use 13 different colors or shades of corn to decorate the Corn Palace: red, brown, black, blue, white, orange, calico, yellow and now we have green corn! A different theme is chosen each year, and murals are designed to reflect that theme. Ear by ear the corn is nailed to the Corn Palace to create a scene. The decorating process usually starts in late May with the removal of the rye and dock. The corn murals are stripped at the end of August and the new ones are completed by the first of October.

Cherie Ramsdell is the current panel designer. The Corn Palace is known around the world as a folk-art wonder on the prairie of South Dakota.

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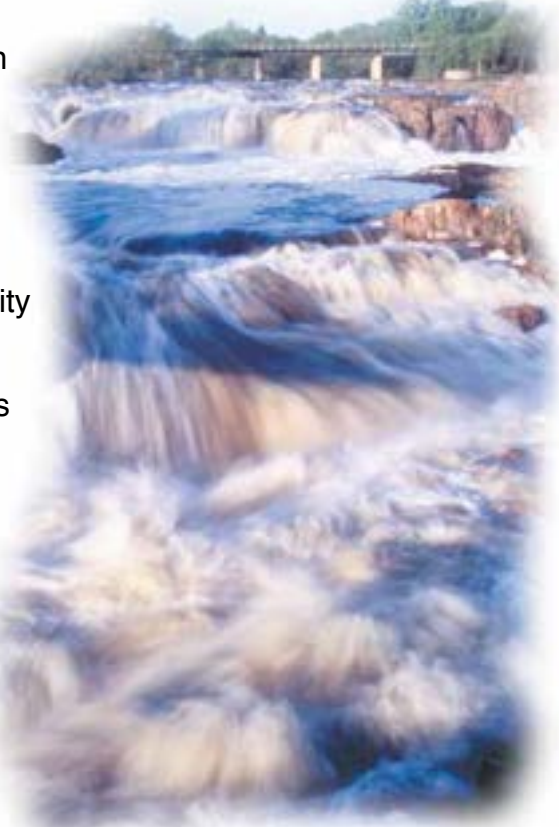
### “State Parks Country”

Most of South Dakota’s state parks and state recreation areas are located in the eastern one-third of the state, nearly all of them are associated with tree-rimmed lakes. Along the I-29 and I-90 corridors, you will also find a necklace of highly developed commercial campgrounds that specialize in deluxe facilities, service and modern conveniences.

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Prime campsites in southeastern South Dakota are associated with the James, Big Sioux, and the Missouri Rivers. This is lakeside or riverside camping at its best. Campgrounds at Lewis & Clark Lake, Lake Madison, Lake Herman and Newton Hills State Park are very popular.

All along Interstate 90, which is “the tourist trail” through South Dakota, private businesses have created deluxe overnight campgrounds and RV parks that serve thousands of traveling vacationers.



### Decorating the Corn Palace

Each year, the Corn Palace is redecorated, sporting a new theme. The decorative materials for the Corn Palace are all native corn, grasses and grains of South Dakota. The new theme is selected each year by the Corn Palace Committee along with Cal Schultz, our artist. Approximately 29 local residents are hired each summer to redecorate the Palace.

The process begins in the early summer when all of the grasses and grains are removed from the building and replaced in new geometric designs. 3,000 bushels of Milo, rye oat heads and sour dock are tied into bundles and nailed to the building.

In the late summer when the corn matures, the mural pictures are replaced. The new scenes are drawn on black roofing paper and are marked as to which of the 11 different colors of corn goes where. Think of it as a very large corn-by-number project! The roofing paper is then tacked onto the palace, and the crew using tall scaffolding, literally nails each ear of corn in its designated space. About 275,000 ears of corn are sawed in half and nailed flat-side to the building. It takes approximately three months to redecorate the palace at an annual cost of over \$100,000 each and every year.



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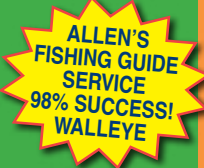
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# Chamberlain & Oacoma

## EXITS 265, 263 & 260

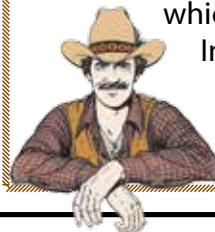
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 Missouri River Sports  
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# CHAMBERLAIN

Exits 263 & 265

Exit 260

## OACOMA

Exit 260

**SD Area Code 605**

LODGING	
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CAMPING	
Oasis Campground	234-6959

Exit 263

Exit 265

To Sioux Falls

MILES TO:	
Rapid City	200
Mt Rushmore	222
Kadoka	110
Murdo	69
Mitchell	70
Sioux Falls	140

## Fish Measurement Regulations

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2023 Resident Fishing Fees	
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Annual Fishing .....	\$67.00
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One Day Fishing.....	\$16.00
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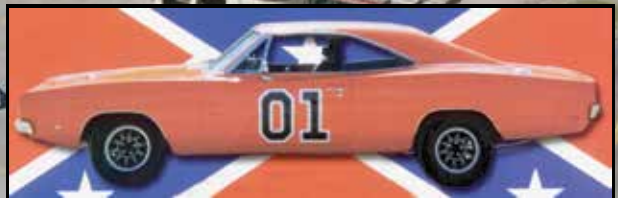
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# MURDO

**Exits 191 & 192**

**MILES TO:**

Rapid City	135
Mt. Rushmore	156
Kadoka	42
Chamberlain	71
Mitchell	128
Sioux Falls	221

**TOP ATTRACTIONS**

- Pioneer Auto Museum
- 1880 Town

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A massive hail stone nearly the size of a volleyball fell in Vivian, South Dakota, setting the new record for the largest hailstone ever recorded. Discovered, measuring 8.0 inches in diameter, 18.625 inches in circumference, and weighing in at an amazing 1.9375 pounds.

## DID YOU KNOW...

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Have you ever walked down the main street of a Historic Prairie Town? Or been inside a one-room school house? Here at the Pioneer Auto Show and Prairie Town you will see... Henry Ford's Garage, the Livery Barn, a 1900s Train Caboose, General Store, Jail House and more. To visit all the displays and buildings at the "Big Show" you really need to take an entire day.



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Built in 1994, it is a welcome addition to the Pioneer Auto Show and meets the needs of hungry visitors. Ice cream and malts are always a favorite treat. Casual family dining in a nostalgic atmosphere.





# THE LAND OF MONUMENTAL EXPERIENCES

Her arms are spread wide to embrace the sun, her shawl draped gently over her shoulders as she dances to her honor song and welcomes you to western South Dakota. Her name is "Dignity" and, in spite of her 50-foot height, her masterfully sculpted but gentle expression offers a blessing or perhaps a benediction. She is a testament to the sculptor's skill in capturing Native American history, spirituality, sadness and hope in a single face. She stands at the Chamberlain Rest Area, overlooking the "Mighty Missouri River" as a monumental transition from South Dakota's lush and fertile farmlands of the east to the arid rolling hills of the west.

As you head west you are entering territory where incredible natural monumental experiences await. Frank Lloyd Wright said of Badlands National Park, "I've been about the world a lot, and pretty much over our own country, but I was totally unprepared for that revelation called the Dakota Bad Lands. ... What I saw gave me an indescribable sense of mysterious elsewhere - a distant architecture, ethereal ... an endless supernatural world more spiritual than earth but created out of it." Words can't say much more, you just have to BE there.

From the spires of the Needles Highway in the heart of the Black Hills to Devil's Tower to the west, there is no end to the beautiful monumental sculpture of Mother Nature. Pahá Sápa, the Lakota name, literally means "black hills," but like much of Lakota spirituality there's more to it. This is sacred land, holy land, and the word "black" also alludes to the air of mystery that can wash over a visitor who is open to the experience and able to escape the intrusions of modern life.

At the granite heart of the Black Hills are world famous man made monuments. Mount Rushmore reveals the faces of four U.S. Presidents: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln. It took fourteen years and four hundred workers to realize Gutzon Borglum's vision of the "Shrine of Democracy," which was finished just before the beginning of World War II.

North of Custer you'll see Crazy Horse Memorial, a monumental sculpture of the great Lakota leader, created to honor all Native American tribes. In 1876 Crazy Horse helped lead Sioux, Arapaho and Cheyenne warriors in the famous defeat of General George Armstrong Custer at the Battle of the Little Big Horn in Montana Territory.

Thirty to sixty million bison once roamed the great plains of North America. By the close of the 19th century, less than 1,000 bison survived. Their story is told at Tatanka, a larger than life bronze sculpture near Deadwood that features fourteen bison pursued by three Native American horseback riders.

You'll find many smaller monuments on the street corners in downtown Rapid City, the only community in the world where all past presidents of the United States can be seen in life-size bronze statues! Visit the "City of Presidents" Information Center and take the Walking Tour to learn a bit more of our country's presidential history!

You'll surely discover your own "monumental" places but don't hesitate to ask the locals about their favorites. *They'll be happy to oblige!*

See "Dignity"  
at Chamberlain  
Rest Area  
Mile Marker  
263





# THE 1880 TOWN

When you are traveling across South Dakota on Interstate 90, there's a good place about 22 miles west of Murdo to stretch your legs. Fact is, you can stretch them clear back to the 1880s as you walk down Main Street at 1880 Town.

The 1880 Town is an authentic 1880-to-1920 era town from

buildings to their contents. The owners, Clarence and Richard, have kept historical value on an equal balance with public appeal, choosing buildings that are not only interesting to look at but are also historically correct for an early South Dakota town. The displays and buildings range from Indian relics from the 1870s to the 14-sided barn built in 1919.

A tour of the town begins here where the barn boasts an automated hay - and manure-handling system. It took three days and thousands of dollars to move the barn the 45 miles from its original location south of Draper. In the barn, you will see fine antique buggies, toys, stalls with horses in them, a working turn-of-the-century "coinola", and a saloon piano from Deadwood.

Vanishing Prairie Museum was built to house the more valuable collections, many from the General Custer period. Items displayed are a pair of boots and an old Army saddlebag from the Custer Battlefield that were found at an Indian campsite, parade helmets worn by U.S. Cavalry Indian Scouts with the crossed arrow insignia, Indian dolls, and arrowheads.

St. Stephan's Church has a school and fire bell which you are free to ring.

The C&N/W Depot, Express Agency, and Telegraph Office are fitted with railroad equipment right down to a piece of wood with "Tex K.T." carved by the King Tramp in 1927.

Next on the tour through time is the Land Office; a completely restored national bank; the jewelry store, which was built in 1891; and the Newspaper Office.

The little fire company contains fire fighting rigs reminiscent of a small town when most of the equipment was hand-pulled and -operated.

The Dakota Hotel was built in 1910 and still carries the scars left by cowboy's spurs on the staircase.

The Gardel & Walker Livery Barn holds a variety of early engines and two wagons from the Indian War era. On an open lot next to the livery is the antique machinery display.

Step inside the back door of the Town Hall to see the Mayor's office and next door are the lumber yard and the pioneer home.

The one-room Schoolhouse will bring back many memories for those who were lucky enough to attend one. Ring the bell and step inside to see the ink-well desks, textbooks, reciting bench, and roll-up maps. Up front by the blackboard sits the huge stove that never did heat the back of the room, and the view through the windows is still the same beautiful prairie that lured the attention from a young student's study.

About a quarter of a mile east of the town is a homestead complete with windmill, corrals, barn, house, and, of course, an outhouse.



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**Take the 240 loop to see incredible picturesque  
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**Kadoka offers travelers motels, airbnb's, restaurants and convenience stores. A full service downtown main street features storefronts and unique shops and boutiques as well as the traditional grocery store, laundromat, banking, library and more.**

**City playground & pool open to public**



**Enjoy a picnic in the beautiful city park or cool off in the pool. Looking for a little more adult entertainment, enjoy visiting the areas only distillery or unwind at the city bar. The rodeo grounds east of town is host to many events throughout the year. Historical points of interest are the train depot museum & the Pearl hotel, both located at the end of main street.**

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# KADOKA

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**DISTANCE TO:**

Chamberlain	115 miles
Mitchell	179 miles
Murdo	42 miles
Pierre	94 miles
Rapid City	93 miles
Sioux Falls	254 miles
Spearfish	140 miles
Wall	38 miles

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**LODGING**

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**DID YOU KNOW**  
The word Kadoka is Lakota for "hole in the wall."

**ATTRACTIONS:**  
Badlands Distillery

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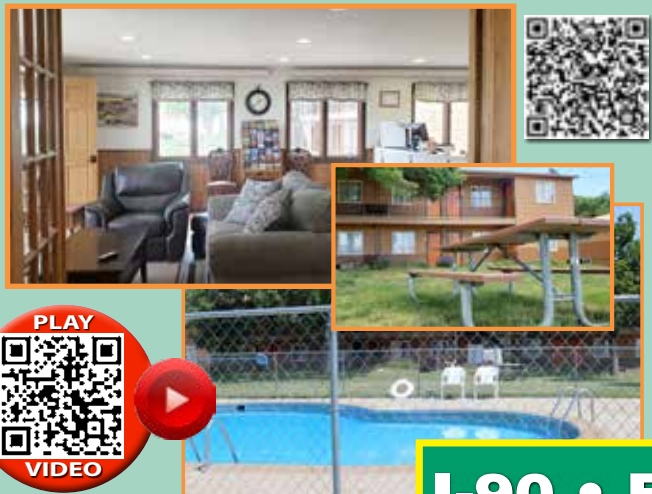
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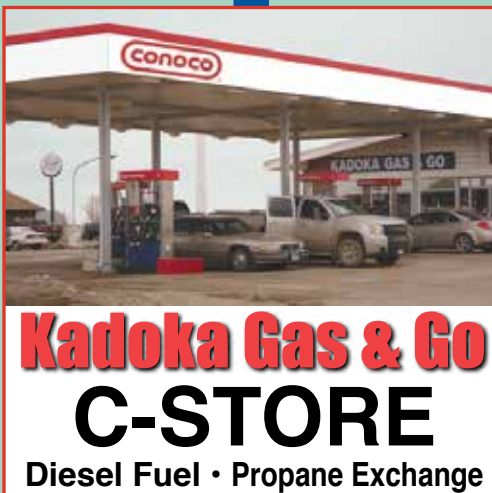
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# WELCOME TO THE BADLANDS...

## BADLANDS HIKING TRAILS

### **Door Trail** - 0.75 miles/1.2 km (round trip)

Easy. An accessible ¼ mile boardwalk leads through a break in the Badlands Wall known as “the Door” and to a view of the Badlands. From there, the maintained trail ends. Travel beyond this point is at your own risk. Watch for drop-offs.

### **Window Trail** - 0.25 miles/0.4 km (round trip)

Easy. This short trail leads to a natural window in the Badlands Wall with a view of an intricately eroded canyon. Please stay on the trail.

### **Notch Trail** - 1.5 miles/2.4 km (round trip)

Moderate to strenuous. After meandering through a canyon, this trail climbs a log ladder and follows a ledge to “the Notch” for a dramatic view of the White River Valley. Trail begins at the south end of the Door and Window parking area. Watch for drop-offs. Not recommended for anyone with a fear of heights. Treacherous during or after heavy rains.

### **Castle Trail** - 10 miles/16 km (round trip)

Moderate. The longest trail in the park begins at the Door and Window parking area and travels five miles one way to the Fossil Exhibit Trail. Relatively level, the path passes along some badlands formations.

### **Cliff Shelf** - 0.5 miles/0.8 km (round trip)

Moderate. This loop trail follows boardwalks and climbs stairs through a juniper forest perched along the Badlands Wall. A small pond occasionally exists in the area and draws wildlife, such as deer or bighorn sheep. Climbs approximately 200 feet in elevation. Please stay on the trail.

### **Saddle Pass** - .25 miles/.40 km (round trip)

Strenuous. This short trail climbs up the Badlands Wall to a view over the White River Valley. The trail ends where it connects with the Castle and Medicine Root Loop Trails.

### **Medicine Root Loop** - 4 miles/6.4 km (round trip)

Moderate. This generally rolling trail connects with the Castle Trail near the Old Northeast Road and at the intersection of the Castle and Saddle Pass Trails. Trail users are provided the opportunity to explore the mixed grass prairie while enjoying views of the Badlands in the distance. Watch for cactus.

### **Fossil Exhibit Trail** - 0.25 miles/0.4 km (round trip)

Easy. Fully accessible boardwalk trail features fossil replicas and exhibits of now extinct creatures that once roamed the area.

*It is said...A drive through the Badlands during a Full Moon almost makes you feel like you've landed there.*



### **DID YOU KNOW...**

Badlands National Park contains the world's richest Oligocene epoch fossil beds, dating 23 to 35 million years old.





## 2023 SCHEDULE OF FULL MOONS

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### DID YOU KNOW...

The moon moves approximately two inches away from the Earth each year.

- **FULL WOLF MOON** – January Amid the cold and deep snows of midwinter, the wolf packs howled hungrily outside Indian villages. Thus, the name for January's full Moon. Sometimes it was also referred to as the Old Moon, or the Moon After Yule. Some called it the Full Snow Moon, but most tribes applied that name to the next Moon. Jan 6 - 4:08 pm (mst)
- **FULL SNOW MOON** – February Since the heaviest snow usually falls during this month, native tribes of the north and east most often called February's full Moon the Full Snow Moon. Some tribes also referred to this Moon as the Full Hunger Moon, since harsh weather conditions in their areas made hunting very difficult. Feb 5 - 11:29 am (mst)
- **FULL WORM MOON** – March As the temperature begins to warm and the ground begins to thaw, earthworm casts appear, heralding the return of the robins. The more northern tribes knew this Moon as the Full Crow Moon, when the cawing of crows signaled the end of winter; or the Full Crust Moon, because the snow cover becomes crusted from thawing by day and freezing at night. The Full Sap Moon, marking the time of tapping maple trees, is another variation. To the settlers, it was also known as the Lenten Moon, and was considered to be the last full Moon of winter. Mar 7 - 5:40 am (mst)
- **FULL PINK MOON** – April This name came from the herb moss pink, or wild ground phlox, which is one of the earliest widespread flowers of the spring. Other names for this month's celestial body include the Full Sprouting Grass Moon, the Egg Moon, and among coastal tribes the Full Fish Moon, because this was the time that the shad swam upstream to spawn. Apr 6 - 10:34 pm (mst)
- **FULL FLOWER MOON** – May In most areas, flowers are abundant everywhere during this time. Thus, the name of this Moon. Other names include the Full Corn Planting Moon, or the Milk Moon. May 5 - 11:34 am (mst)
- **FULL STRAWBERRY MOON** – June This name was universal to every Algonquin tribe. However, in Europe they called it the Rose Moon. Also because the relatively short season for harvesting strawberries comes each year during the month of June... so the full Moon that occurs during that month was christened for the strawberry! Jun 3 - 9:42 am (mst)
- **THE FULL BUCK MOON** – July is normally the month when the new antlers of buck deer push out of their foreheads in coatings of velvety fur. It was also often called the Full Thunder Moon, for the reason that thunderstorms are most frequent during this time. Another name for this month's Moon was the Full Hay Moon. Jul 3 - 5:39 am (mst)
- **FULL STURGEON MOON** – August The fishing tribes are given credit for the naming of this Moon, since sturgeon, a large fish of the Great Lakes and other major bodies of water, were most readily caught during this month. A few tribes knew it as the Full Red Moon because, as the Moon rises, it appears reddish through any sultry haze. It was also called the Green Corn Moon or Grain Moon. Aug 1 - 12:31 pm (mst)
- **FULL BLUE MOON** – August This will be the third and last full moon of the Summer 2023 season. It will be the second of two supermoons in 2023. August 30 - 11:35 pm (mst)
- **FULL HARVEST MOON** – Sept. This full moon's name is attributed to Native Americans because it marked when corn was supposed to be harvested. Most often, the September full moon is actually the Harvest Moon. Sep 29 - 3:57 am (mst)
- **FULL HUNTERS MOON** – October This is the full Moon that occurs closest to the autumn equinox. In two years out of three, the Harvest Moon comes in September, but in some years it occurs in October. At the peak of harvest, farmers can work late into the night by the light of this Moon. Usually the full Moon rises an average of 50 minutes later each night, but for the few nights around the Harvest Moon, the Moon seems to rise at nearly the same time each night: just 25 to 30 minutes later across the U.S., and only 10 to 20 minutes later for much of Canada and Europe. Corn, pumpkins, squash, beans, and wild rice the chief Indian staples are now ready for gathering. Oct 28 - 2:24 pm (mst)
- **FULL BEAVER MOON** – November This was the time to set beaver traps before the swamps froze, to ensure a supply of warm winter furs. Another interpretation suggests that the name Full Beaver Moon comes from the fact that the beavers are now actively preparing for winter. It is sometimes also referred to as the Frosty Moon. Nov 27 - 2:16 am (mst)
- **THE FULL COLD MOON** – December During this month the winter cold fastens its grip, and nights are at their longest and darkest. It is also sometimes called the Moon before Yule. The term Long Night Moon is a doubly appropriate name because the midwinter night is indeed long, and because the Moon is above the horizon for a long time. The midwinter full Moon has a high trajectory across the sky because it is opposite a low Sun. Dec 26 - 5:33 pm (mst)

## PRAIRIE HOMESTEAD

Visual memories of the homestead days are fast becoming extinct. These pioneers played a very important part in settling the Great Plains. This area of South Dakota was one of the last places to be homesteaded because western South Dakota was initially set aside as Indian reservation. An Indian treaty in 1890 was signed for the land between the White and Cheyenne Rivers to be homesteaded. This area was surveyed and settled by homesteaders between 1900 and 1913.

By 1900, the Homestead Act had been amended several times. One change was that five acres was all that was required to be plowed into crops. Another was that if a homesteader desired, after living on a claim for a period of 18 months, he could pay 50¢ per acre, a total of \$80, and receive a patent on the land.

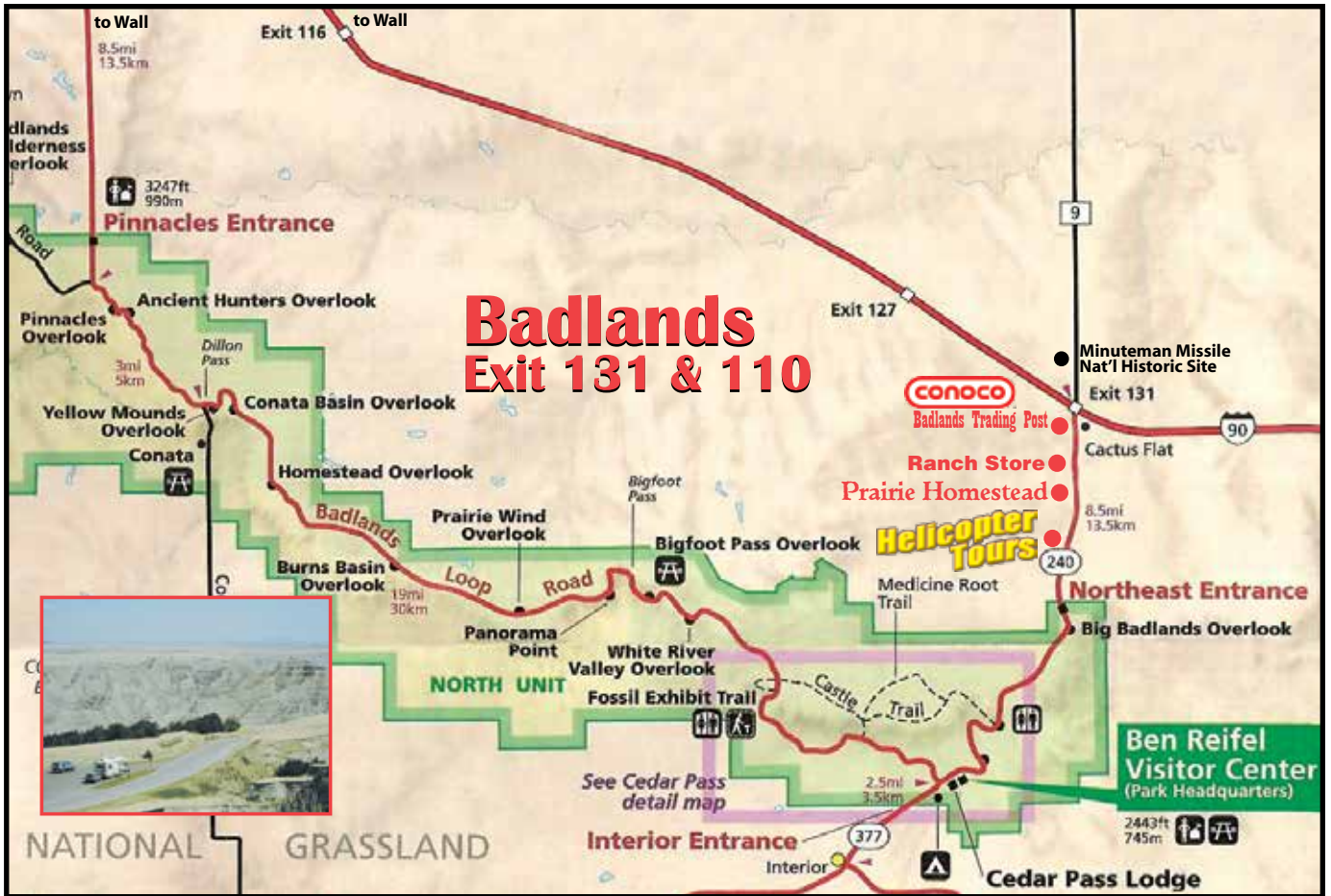
The Prairie Homestead is typical of the homes they built, or rather

dug into the ground. As one grandmother said, "We dug in like coyotes." These homestead buildings are one of the few that have survived almost as they were in 1909. Practically every 160 acres near here has a depression on the side of a hill or edge of a bank where a homestead family dug in for a new start in life.

The sodbuster in this area had a very difficult time surviving poverty - and many of them did not. It has now been determined that 160 acres in this area will produce grazing enough for only eight cows.

The Prairie Homestead is the original home of the Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brown who homesteaded their 160 acres in 1909, and then was later occupied by Mr. George Carr until 1949. All the buildings except the cave are the same as they were except for maintenance and minor restoration. The cave had collapsed, so it was dug out and rebuilt in the spring of 1966. The original homestead is preserved as though a homestead family was living there today. A small portion the furnishings are original; the rest typical of the sodbusters in this area.





# Badlands Exit 131 & 110

## PRAIRIE HOMESTEAD

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# WALL

Population .... 834  
Altitude .... 2,832

**Exits 109 & 110**

**MILES TO:**

Rapid City	55
Mt. Rushmore	72
Kadoka	38
Murdo	80
Chamberlain	157
Mitchell	217
Sioux Falls	292

**TOP ATTRACTIONS**

- Wall Drug
- Badlands National Park
- Dahl's Chainsaw Art

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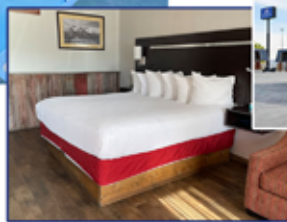




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## Dogs of the Prairie...

Prairie dogs got their name from the sound that they make when danger is near, which is warning barks or yips. At one time, there were millions of prairie dogs living on the plains and grasslands. These ground squirrels live in towns made up of underground tunnels or burrows and have brownish fur and white underparts. They have large eyes, short tails (white- or black-tipped), and small rounded ears. Classified as rodents, they have strong front teeth and sharp claws for digging. The average prairie dog is about the size of a football (30 cm.).

Prairie dogs are highly social and live in colonies, or towns, that contain hundreds of members, and the towns are divided into wards, then into neighborhoods. Each neighborhood is made up of family members - babies, brothers and sisters, females, and one or two males. The towns are made up of underground tunnels that connect to rooms with nurseries, bedrooms lined with dried grass, bathrooms, and a listening room, which is close to the entrance. Here, the prairie dog listens for danger before going outside. The entrance to the prairie dog's burrow is surrounded by a pile of soil, or mound, which serves as a lookout and protects the burrow against floods. The tunnels go down about three to five metres (or up to 16 feet) and can be 30 metres (98 feet) from one entrance to another.

Viewed characteristics of the social behavior are making social visits to their neighbors, greeting them with a sort of kiss, and grooming one another. They also communicate with each other, and it has been asserted that they use a sophisticated system of vocal communication to describe specific predators.

They are an important prey species, being the primary diet for other prairie critters such as the black-footed ferret, the swift fox, the badger, the coyote, the golden eagle

and the hawk.

Over the past 100, years much of the range of the prairie dog has become cattle pastures and grain fields throughout most of the western United States and parts of Canada. Farmers and ranchers do not see the prairie dog as a cute little animal, but more as competition to their livestock's food source since the Prairie dog's diet is of the same grasses that cattle and horses eat. Not only do they eat a lot of grass, leaving less food for other animals, but they can also destroy a farmer's crop of alfalfa, hay, wheat or corn.

Others claim that the prairie dog tunnel systems help channel rainwater into the water table to prevent runoff and erosion and can also serve to change the composition of the soil in a region by reversing compaction that can be a result of cattle grazing.

Other Interesting facts:

- There are five species of prairie dogs: black-tailed prairie dog, white-tailed prairie dog, Gunnison's prairie dog, Mexican prairie dog (endangered), and the Utah prairie dog (threatened).
- Besides serving as food for many predators, their tunnels provide homes for burrowing owls, rabbits and hares, ground squirrels, mice, snakes and black-footed ferrets.
- Prairie dogs are most active during the cool hours of daylight, with most of their time spent eating.
- Once a year, the female has a litter of one to six pups, which stay in the burrows for about six or seven weeks. The pups are born blind and furless and need about 30 days of close nurturing from their mothers.



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**The Hills offer** in-city RV Parks, overnight camps, luxury camping resorts, forest and lake campgrounds, back-country, hike-in camps, and

even “horse-camps” for those who like to bring their horse along for trail riding. There are many private campgrounds—including a half-dozen destination resorts that offer every amenity you can name. The Black Hills National Forest offers campsites at 26 public campgrounds, and Custer State Park has 330 sites.

**For all campers,** we suggest a “headquarters” camp where you can set up and stay for several days. The Black Hills are ideally suited to day-tripping. Try to minimize towing while you're in the Black Hills because the mountain roads have steep grades, sharp curves, and narrow tunnels.

**DID YOU KNOW...**



An adult porcupine has approximately 30,000 quills, which are replaced every year.





# Hiking South Dakota

South Dakota is a big state, and is full of the variety that makes serious hikers trip over their bootlaces while pulling their boots on. South Dakota also contains more than two million acres of public land that await, like your personal playground. Before we get to the state's best hikes, you would be wise to listen to and follow a few words of warning.

Take along a jacket and long pants. South Dakota weather changes quickly, and thunderstorms are common during the summer.

Carry more drinking water than you think you'll need. Water is scarce in some areas, and you shouldn't drink any water you do find.

Don't overestimate your hiking speed. Many hikers get lost because they leave too late in the day and can't make it back to their cars or campsite before dark.

Always tell someone where you are going and when you left. If you are alone, leave a note on your car. Most hikers tromp along the trails in the Black Hills. You can hike anywhere in the 1.2 million acre Black Hills National Forest, and there are many trails you can use.

The 111 mile Centennial Trail runs the length of the Black Hills. It begins at Bear Butte near Sturgis and winds its way to Wind Cave National Park. There are many trailheads along the way, and most are accessible from main roads. Brown Fiberglass posts that are sunk in the ground and gray diamonds that are fastened to trees mark the trail. The trail ranges from easy to difficult terrain.

The 114 mile Mickelson Trail also spans the Black Hills, but it is very different from the Centennial. The Mickelson is a rails-to-trails project and follows the mostly flat Deadwood-to-Edgemont Burlington

rail line. The trail is very popular with families because of its ease and its beauty. The trail features more than 100 converted railroad bridges and four hard-rock tunnels, and it passes through mountain meadows, high granite cliffs, and other terrain that shows off the splendor of the Black Hills.

Custer State Park features flat, short, and easy to follow trails as well as others that are strenuous and require planning. Families might want to try the Stockade Lake Trail, the Lovers Leap Trail, or the Badger Hole Historic Trail. For an overnight backpacking experience, head for the French Creek Natural Area. There are primitive campgrounds at each end of the 12 mile trail. Custer State Park also features the easiest route to Harney Peak, the highest peak between the Rocky and the Pyrenees mountain ranges.

While the Black Hills trails are the most popular, the prairie also features interesting hikes. South Dakota's two national grasslands units don't offer many established routes, but you can hike wherever you would like on these public lands.

Badlands National Park offers a few short established trails, but you can hike in the park's often rugged back country. Talk to a park ranger before heading out on a back country adventure.

One final word of caution: South Dakota is a wild place, and you can get lost. Have fun, but take the necessary precautions.



## DID YOU KNOW



If you stop getting thirsty, you need to drink more water. When a human body is dehydrated, its thirst mechanism shuts off.





# BLACK HILLS FREE FOR ALL!

All of the abundant natural beauty of the Black Hills is free to visitors and you'll find numerous overlooks and roadside stops where you can enjoy the valleys, canyons, and mountain peaks from your car. Or pack lunch and enjoy one of the many picnic sites along the way. For an "ahhh" moment ... just breathe in the FREE clean air and the scents of the Ponderosa pine and Black Hills spruce that surround you! Although all drives through the Hills are beautiful, the 22-mile **Spearfish Canyon Scenic Byway** in the Northern Hills is not one to miss! Creek beds, limestone palisades, rushing waterfalls and other natural wonders at the roadside make for an unforgettable scenic experience. Or head south and drive the equally beautiful **Wildlife Loop Road** in Custer State Park! There is an entrance fee into the Park, but once in, you can enjoy the beautiful scenery at no further cost! Burros, prairie dogs, antelope, mountain goats and other species roam freely in the Park. This is also the land where the buffalo roam and the "photo-ops" are everywhere! WARNING: Stay close to your car and don't take any "selfies" unless you know what's behind you!

If you are an **Outdoor Recreation** enthusiast – you've come to the right place! This area is a recreational wonderland and within these 10,000 square miles of prairie and mountains you'll find endless opportunities! You might first want to visit the **Game, Fish and Parks Department's Outdoor Campus West** in Rapid City. It has nature trails, a 4,600-gallon freshwater aquarium and wild life exhibits for you to learn about South Dakota's prairie, wetland and stream habitats ... before you head into the Hills. You can "wet" your appetite at all kinds of water recreation sites ... from hidden spring-fed ponds to rapidly flowing creeks and large lakes. Enjoy **tubing** in the creeks, or **boating, swimming or water skiing** on one of the many lakes. Some of the best **trout fishing** in the country is here – so get a license (sorry, you will have to buy one) and hire a fly fishing guide or search out your own secret spots to spend

a lazy afternoon with a pole. Check out the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks website at <http://gfp.sd.gov/> to find out what water related activities are allowed in which locations. Visit **D.C. Booth Historic National Fish Hatchery** in Spearfish or visit **D.C.**



**Booth Historic National Fish Hatchery** in Spearfish to see trout in a large underwater viewing area and learn how the trout are raised and stocked in lakes and streams.

Happy trails to you! **Rapid City's Memorial Park** (built after the flood of 1972) stretches from one end of town to the other and offers a beautiful walking and biking path on the banks of Rapid Creek. If hiking or biking 109 miles appeals to you, then tackle the entire **Mickelson Trail!** A nationally recognized trail, it runs from Deadwood in the north to Edgemont in the south and you can hike in either direction. Shorter treks are possible by getting on at one of 15 trailheads equipped with picnic areas, toilets and self-sale trail passes. (Nominal fees are collected for trail maintenance.) The Mickelson is only one of **75 different trails** to be found in the Hills. Consult the Black Hills National Forest website at <https://www.>





fs.usda.gov/main/blackhills/home for a complete list of trails and regulations for bikes, ATVs and snowmobiles.

You'll find lots of free fun activities for the whole family here! Life-sized bronze sculptures of all the U.S Presidents adorn the street corners of Rapid City. Visit the **City of Presidents Information Center** where you can pick up a guidebook, stroll downtown in search of your favorites and learn a bit of American history along the way. **Dinosaur Park**, located on a hill off Skyline Drive, features life-sized models of those ancient creatures. The kids can "ride" them ... without fear of being bucked off ... and the bonus is a 360-degree view of Rapid City! **Storybook Island**



on Rapid City's west side is a large park filled with playground equipment and sets that portray characters from various children's stories and nursery rhymes. It's a great attraction for very young visitors! **Main Street Square**, located in the heart of Downtown Rapid City, is a fun-filled public space that features special events, concerts, and fountains for cooling off in the summer. (The area is converted to a rink for ice-skating in the winter!) Surrounded by granite sculptures, boutiques, galleries and eateries, it's a destination the whole family can enjoy!

There are several free museums that offer learning opportunities in a wide range of subjects. At the **South Dakota Air and Space Museum** by the main gate at Ellsworth AFB, you can explore the fascinating past and current state of aviation technology. The **Museum of Geology** at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City and the **Museum at the Black Hills Institute** of Geological Research in Hill City have extensive exhibits of dinosaurs, fossils, and geological specimens of the area. The **Sanford Lab Homestake Visitor Center** in Lead provides



the history of mining in the Black Hills, as well as a look into the important scientific exploration being done here today!

If big bikes rev you up, then don't miss the **Sturgis Motorcycle Museum and Hall of Fame**! Speaking of Sturgis ... it's the home of the world's largest **Annual Motorcycle Rally** held in August ... and that's free too! The **Adams Museum** and the **Days of '76 Museum** in Deadwood are great for learning about the history of the "old west." (Tours are free but donations are suggested.) If you're on Main Street in Deadwood during the day you just might see some old west action! **Gunslingers** shoot it out three times a day and you can watch from the sidelines for free!

Although it costs to buy, it doesn't cost anything to browse the **Farmers Markets** in Spearfish, Rapid City, or Custer that feature local produce and home made goodies. If you came to the Black Hills from the east and missed **Wall Drug Store** - be sure to stop on your way home. Started in 1931 with ads for "free ice water," this famous landmark has grown into a 76,000 square foot attraction with eateries, art galleries, shops and even a drug store! It's free to see it all and you have to see it to believe it!

From the serenity of just sittin' and starin' to being hyper active, the free possibilities are bountiful (ok - except for a couple of those pesky fees.) Whatever your age or interests, you'll find entertaining activities and great attractions just waiting for you to explore. So roam FREE in the Black Hills to create some of the most memorable moments of your vacation!

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# RAPID CITY



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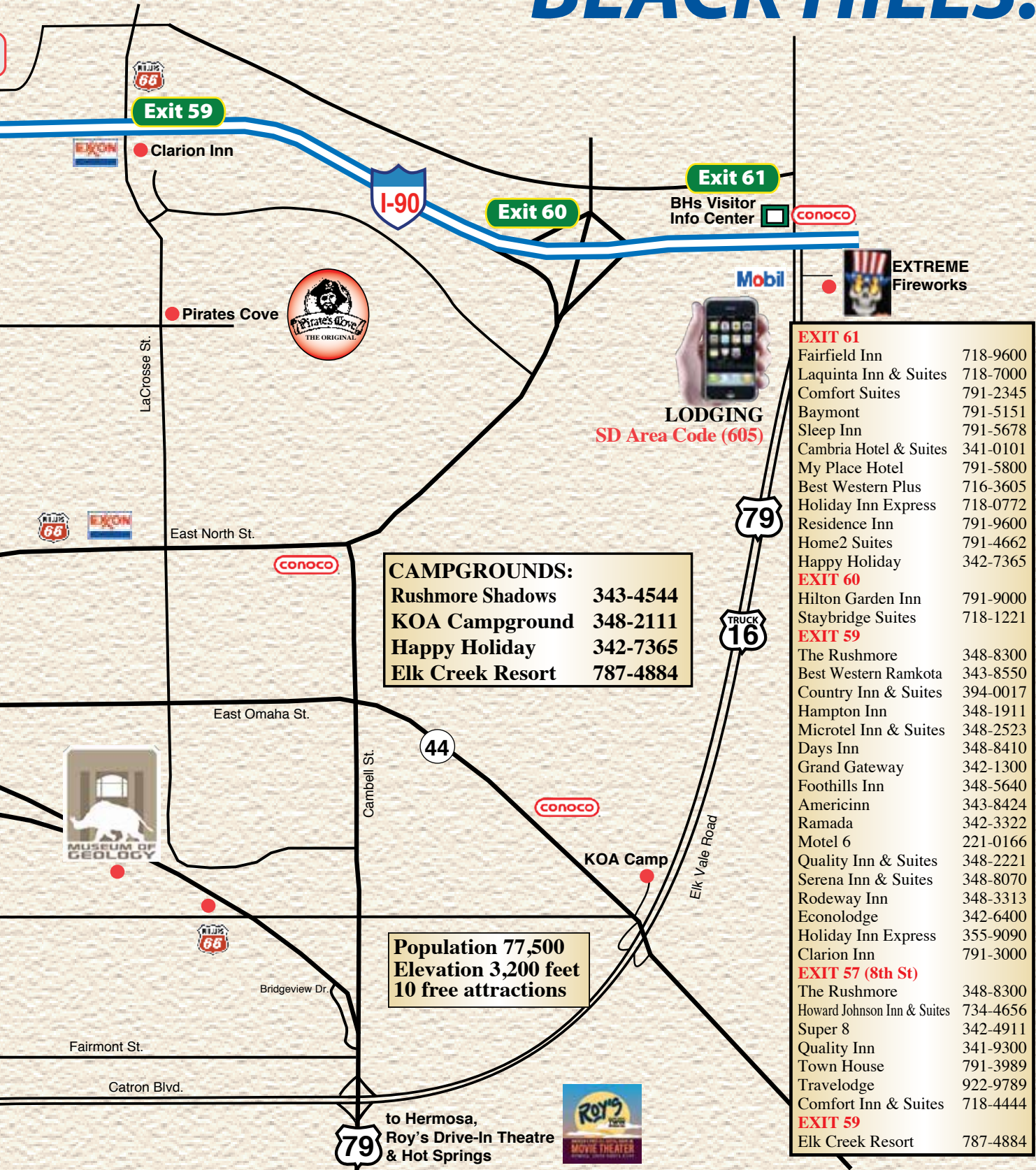
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## RAPID CITY

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Rapid City, named for Rapid Creek, which flows through it, was founded in February of 1876 by a group of men who envisioned their new town quickly becoming "another Denver," the major site of commerce for the mining communities of the Black Hills and the surrounding agricultural region. The original town site was a one-mile square bounded by East and West Boulevards and North and South Streets (laid out, incidentally, to magnetic North, not true North, so later streets bend at North and South Streets.) In fear of "marauding bandits," the first buildings, several small cabins and a one-room log hotel, huddled inside a stockade about where the railroad tracks cross Fifth Street, just north of today's downtown area.

In the first few years, the "downtown" area slowly began to develop along Main and St. Joseph Streets and their cross-streets between Fifth and Eighth (today's Mt. Rushmore Road). The city's growth was slow, but by World War II, when the air base was started east of town, there were 20,000 residents. Into the 1950s all the city's stores and other commercial buildings were located in the expanding downtown area.

The first commercial buildings were frame construction, of one or two story size, and decorated with false fronts so familiar from western movies. They contained stores, many with offices above them, and saloons seem to have dominated the young town.

In 1882, the first brick business building was built downtown.

Others followed rapidly, replacing the original frame structures built before the turn of the century, and by 1930, the downtown looked much as it does today. Buildings in the Italianate style, with arched windows and fancy brickwork on the upper stories, generally date from the 1880s to about 1910. From then through the 1930s the style was more for squared window openings and two-toned brick accents. In the years that followed, many of the older buildings were "updated" with new facades at street level to match changing tastes in architecture, although most remained untouched on their upper floors.

Beginning in the 1980s, property owners realized the value of historic properties, and various buildings were restored to their original splendor. Two notable examples are the "Moorish-domed" Buell Building at the corner of Seventh and St. Joseph and the Clower Building (today's Prairie Edge) at the corner of Main and Sixth.

Both sides of the four streets surrounding a central downtown block (between Sixth, Main, Seventh and St. Joseph Streets) comprise the Rapid City Downtown Commercial Historic District, listed on the National Register of Historic Places maintained by the National Park Service. The corners of the central block are marked by the Buell Building, the Hotel Alex Johnson, and two historic bank buildings. Look for signs at the corners describing some of the historic buildings.

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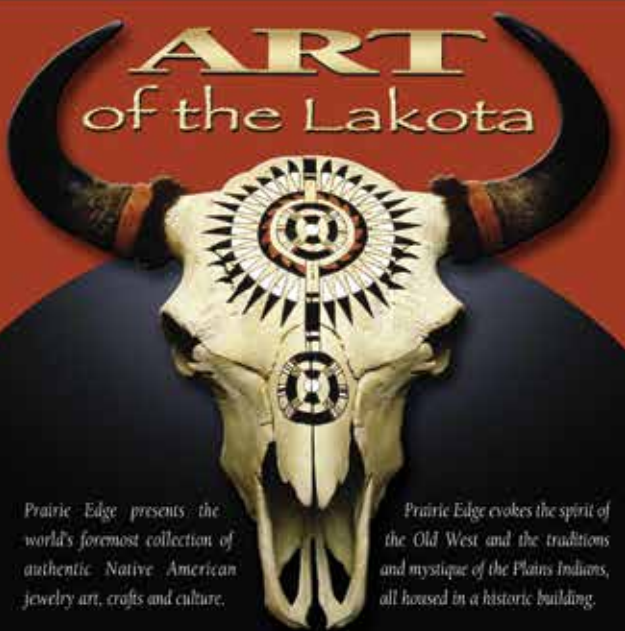
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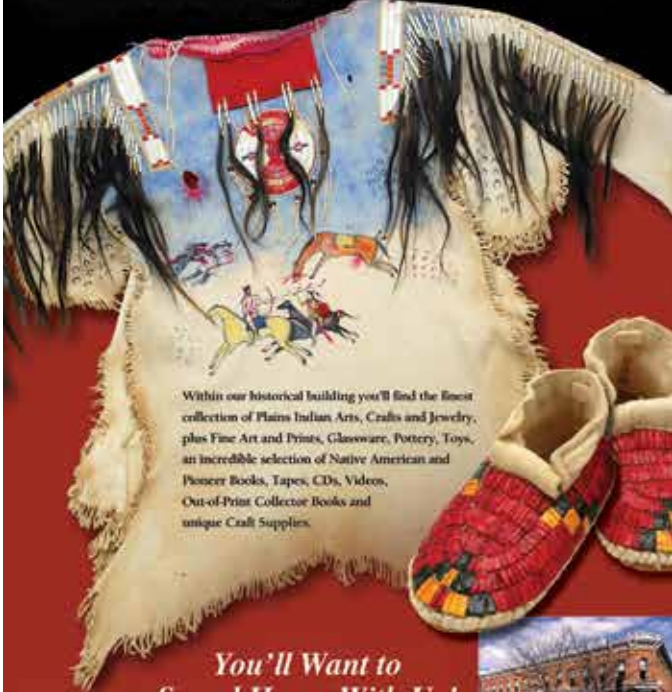


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Jim is a self-taught artist. In his work he uses many of the traditional methods of beadwork, quillwork and painting on leather.

He creates beautiful musical instruments in his flutes and drums. Jim has received many national awards for his traditional art, including some from the Smithsonian Institute and Santa Fe Indian Market.

Jim was born on September 5, 1955 and is a member of the Minneconjou Band which is part of the Cheyenne River Sioux tribe of South Dakota.

### Michael Anthony McLeod



Mike began to draw and paint early in his life. His fascination with history and western art continues to be an inspiration as he meticulously researches and creates thoughtful reproductions of 19th Century Plains Tribes' arts and crafts.

Mike considers himself self-taught. He works with different media, combining old techniques and methods with new ideas. His tanned buffalo, elk, and deer hides are embellished with pigments in a stately visual presentation of box and border, pictograph and the feather circle robe designs of the 19th Century.

He has a knack for bringing out the best in an animal skin. Prime ermine and muskrat begin a second life as one of his exquisite medicine pouches. Each pelt is transformed into a functional work of art, from a lavishly fringed ermine pouch to a subtle elegance of his lazy-stitched pouches detailed with rare glass beads. His hand-painted buckskin pouches are reminiscent of ancient shield and Ghost Dance symbols.

Michael was born September 2, 1955, in Rapid City, South Dakota. He is a registered member of the Bad River Band of Chippewa, Lake Superior.



### Kevin Fasthorse

Kevin began beading when he was five years old. He scatter beaded for his father and uncles, who made beaded axes. Kevin also loom beaded for dolls. Later he beaded belt buckles, hat bands and watch bands for the local tourist trade. In the 1980s his father taught him to bead in the traditional "lazy stitch" style and with patience and understanding, Kevin began to create beautiful beadwork. Today Kevin resides in Rapid City and is a true star in the Lakota beadwork artist arena.

Kevin was born in Rapid City, South Dakota on June 18, 1963. He is an Oglala/Lakota from the Pine Ridge Reservation of South Dakota.



**Dawn Yellow Bank**

Dawn is from the Omaha Tribe of Macy, Nebraska. She was born in 1954 and was adopted and raised in Lincoln, Nebraska until the age of 18 years of age when the family moved to Phoenix, Arizona. Dawn moved back to Nebraska in 1978 where she went back to school and received a degree and license in Cosmetology.

In 1980, Dawn moved to South Dakota. First to the Pine Ridge Reservation and then to Rapid City.

It was at this time that she learned how to do beadwork and since then has been perfecting her craft. Dawn's work includes possible bags, purses, beaded robes and various other items.



**Mike Haskell**

Mike was born September 9, 1963 in Rochester, Minnesota. Mike is Minneconjou Lakota of the Cheyenne River reservation of South Dakota. When he was very young, his family moved back to the Cheyenne river reservation of South Dakota. Mike's parents divorced and he and his two sisters and brother became wards of the State where they lived in various foster homes.

At the age of 14 years of age, Mike left the foster home and went to live with a friend in Eagle Butte, South Dakota. He attended Flandreau Indian School where he finished his high school education and also learned silversmithing. He attended the University of South Dakota, after which he started his silversmithing career.



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Learn more about local geology and paleontology and what South Dakota looked like millions of years ago! Our paleontology exhibits showcase fossils from the beginning of life up to today! Imagine walking on the seafloor with trilobites in the Cambrian, swimming with armored fish like Dunkleosteus during the Devonian or the marine reptiles from the Cretaceous Western Interior Seaway! Learn about how the White River Badlands formed and the rich fossil record it contains, including the infamous Big Pig, Archaeotherium. Our paleontology exhibits feature many mammals, dinosaurs, marine reptiles, fish, and invertebrates.

In the mineralogy exhibits, you will see rocks, minerals, and gems from around the world! Visit the South Dakota Mineral Room to explore what you can find locally. Our cases are chemically organized to represent which minerals are related and

grouped together by mineralogists. Also, don't miss our glow in the dark fluorescent minerals in the dark room!

Rocks from outer space? Come check out our meteorite display to find out more about meteorites and how to tell if you have found one! Or maybe you have a special specimen that you found, but might not be sure what is? Let our staff help you identify your fun find! We offer free rock, mineral, and fossil identification services year-round! We also offer guided tours of the museum that must be scheduled in advance.

The Museum of Geology also has a Kids' Zone! Come leave a birthday wish for the Museum of Geology's 100th anniversary or feel the footprints of fossil animals that would have roamed around South Dakota! Or maybe you want to learn about Earthquakes and create your own with our Raspberry Shake seismometer?

Be sure to visit our Gift Shop where we have a variety of dinosaur and ancient animal toys, books, and posters! We also have books for rock, mineral, and fossil identification and maps of the local area!

The Museum of Geology, located on the South Dakota School of Mines Campus (501 E. Saint Joseph St., Rapid City, SD 57701). We have a suggested admission price of \$5 for adults, \$3 for children, or \$10 for families. However, admission is still free and these prices are only suggestions. Donations are always appreciated and helps the museum stay open! For more information call 605-394-2467, email [museum@sdsmt.edu](mailto:museum@sdsmt.edu), or visit our website at [museum.sdsmt.edu](http://museum.sdsmt.edu).

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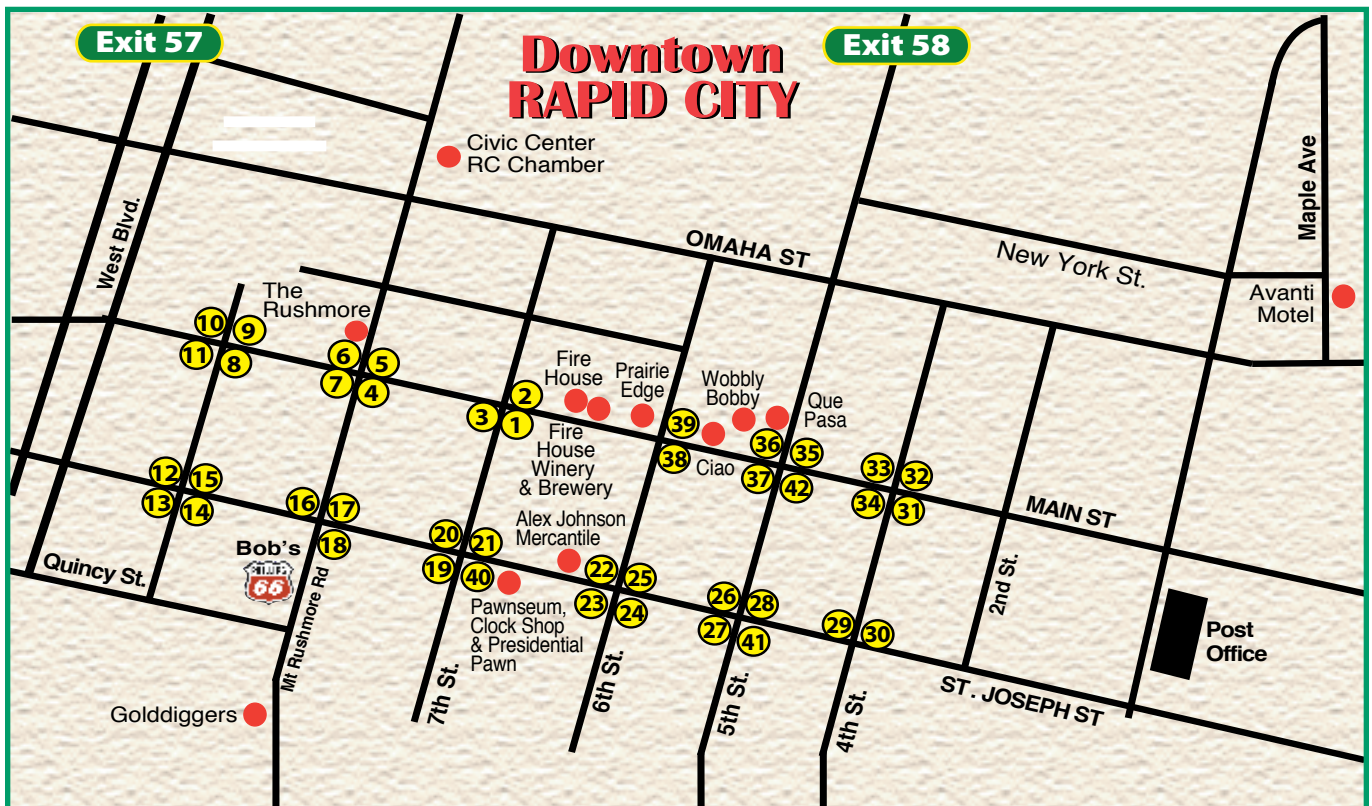
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# Rapid City: The City of Presidents

Rapid City proudly displays life size bronzes of United States Presidents on the corners of downtown. You can stroll the core blocks of the city and pose with Ronald Regan, sit on a bench with Martin Van Buren, and read the Declaration of Independence from Thomas Jefferson's podium. The bronze sculptures are an ongoing project that will soon include each President from George Washington to George H. Bush, Sr.; with plans to include each recent President, consecutively. This project has been funded entirely by private donations from people that appreciate our democracy, history, and the arts. The artist of each of the Presidents has ties to South Dakota; each researching and depicting the familiar and notable characteristics of that President in their work. Each sculpture shows the unique qualities of its subject. Sculptor John Lopez depicted Jimmy Carter in casual attire with a modern bronze surface. Look closely and you will see a peanut on the plaque at his feet. Sculptor Lee Leuning put a telephone in William McKinley's hands, as he was the first to campaign for the office using the telephone, starting a modern campaign technique. Other sculptors include James Van Nuys, James Michael Maher, and Edward Hlavka.

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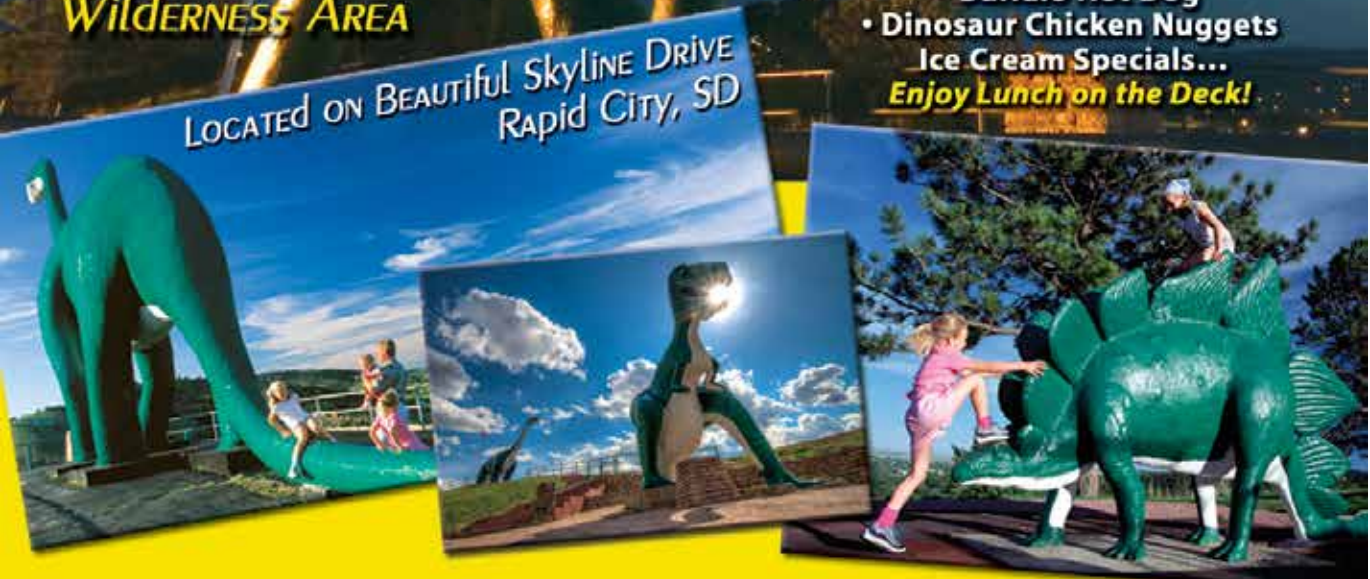
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Kadoka Buffalo Stampede, Kadoka, SD	
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Crystal Springs Rodeo, Clear Lake, SD	
<b>July 1-4</b>	
Black Hills Roundup	
Breakaway Roping, Belle Fourche, SD	
<b>July 2-4</b>	
Sitting Bull Stampede Rodeo, Mobridge, SD	
<b>July 7-8</b>	
Wall Celebration, Wall, SD	
<b>July 14-16</b>	
Corn Palace Stampede Rodeo, Mitchell, SD	
<b>July 14-16</b>	
Burke Stampede Rodeo, Burke, SD	
<b>July 26-29</b>	
Deadwood Days Of '76 Rodeo, Deadwood, SD	
<b>August 14-15</b>	
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*Pinus ponderosa* is a dominant tree in the Kuchler plant association, the ponderosa shrub forest. Like most western pines, the ponderosa generally is associated with mountainous topography. However, it is found on banks of the Niobrara River in Nebraska. Scattered stands occur in the Willamette Valley of Oregon and in the Okanagan Valley and Puget Sound areas of Washington and British Columbia. Ponderosa covers 1,000,000 acres (400,000 ha), or 80%, [18] of the Black Hills of South Dakota. It is found on foothills and mid-height peaks of the northern, central, and southern Rocky Mountains, in the Cascade Range, in the Sierra Nevada, and in the maritime-influenced Coast Range. In Arizona, it predominates on the Mogollon Rim and is scattered on the Mogollon Plateau and on mid-height peaks in Arizona and New Mexico. It does not extend into Mexico. [19]

The fire cycle for ponderosa pine is 5 to 10 years, in which a natural ignition sparks a low-intensity fire. [20]

*Pinus ponderosa* needles are the only known food of the caterpillars of the gelechiid moth *Chionodes retiniella*. [21] Blue stain fungus, *Grosmannia clavigera*, is introduced in sapwood of *P. ponderosa* from the galleries of all species in the genus *Dendroctonus* (Mountain Pine Beetle), which has caused much damage.

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Generations of locals and tourists have found it convenient to divide the Black Hills into the "Northern Hills" and "Southern Hills," characterized by changes in the terrain and vegetation, as well as geography. In the Northern Hills you'll find more courses surrounded by pine forest, interrupted here and there by stately stands of Black Hills spruce. In the Southern Hills you'll see more rocky outcroppings around the courses, in addition to the Ponderosa pines. Rapid City courses have more deciduous vegetation. Using it as a central starting point, you'll find golf courses in every direction. Here's a handy run down with the number of holes and phone numbers noted!



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*(NOTE: Information is collected from course websites. Please call the course directly for information about admission policies, hours and green fees.)*

If you like to day-trips there are a couple of options. It's not really in the Black Hills, but if you head north about 120 miles you'll find the **Buffalo Golf Course (9)**(605-375-3313) in Buffalo. Or head east toward the Badlands, but is there golf there? Yes, at the **Wall Community Golf Course (9)** in Wall (605-279-4653), home of the famous Wall Drug Store, about 50 miles east of Rapid City.

The Black Hills spread into Wyoming and so do the golfing opportunities. A straight shot west over the border from Custer will take you to the **Newcastle Country Club (9)**(307-746-2639). There's also the **Golf Club at Devil's Tower** in Hulett **(18)**(307-467-5773), **Cedar Pines Golf Course** in Upton **(9)**(307-468-2847) and the **Sundance Country Club (9)** (307-283-1191) in ... where else? ... Sundance. Sorry, Robert Redford doesn't live there, but that's where "The Sundance Kid" got his name.

Occasionally you might hear a discouraging word, but if you're a golfer, be sure to bring your clubs and join in ... you might even see the deer and the antelope play. Hey ... it could happen!



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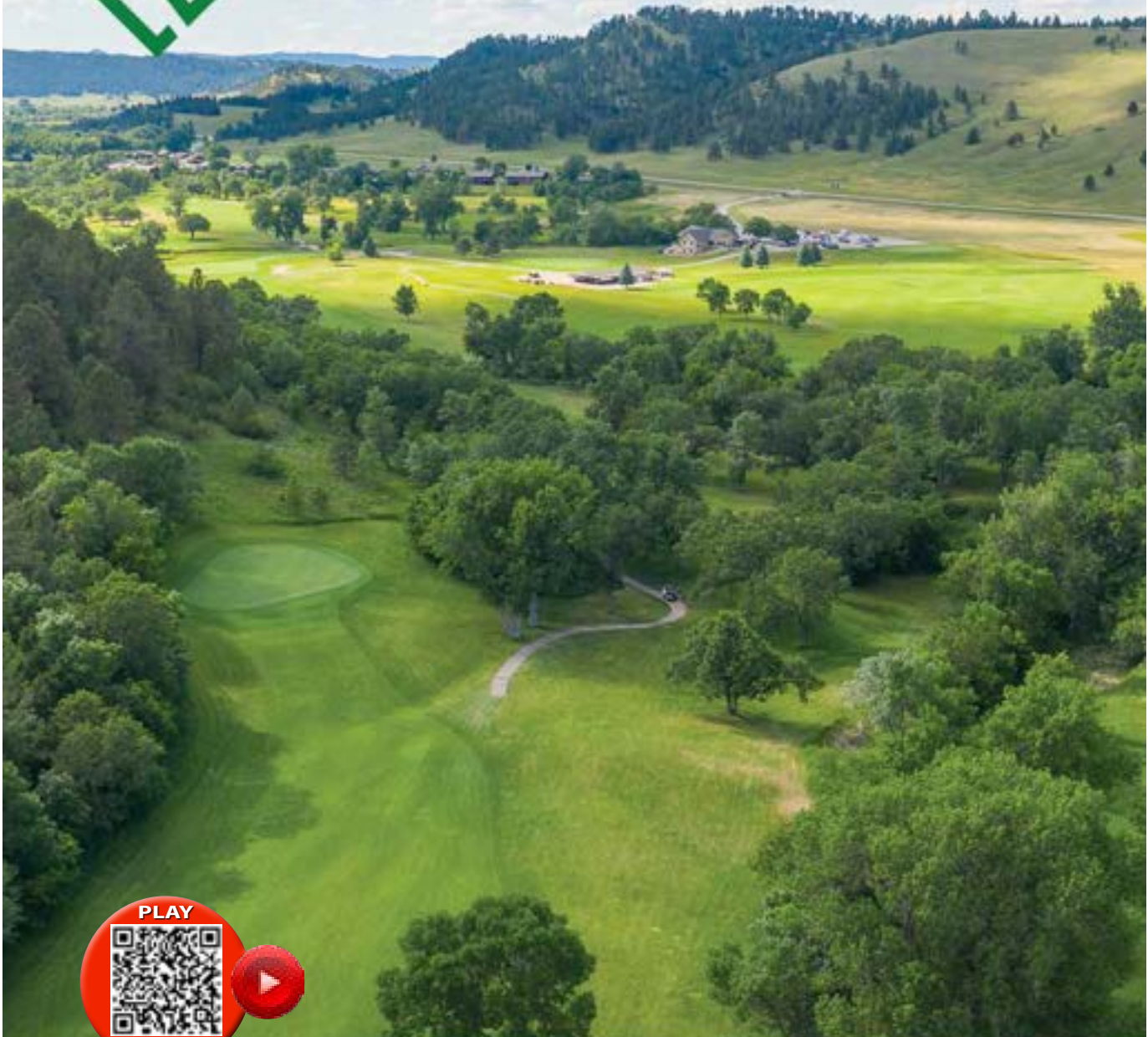
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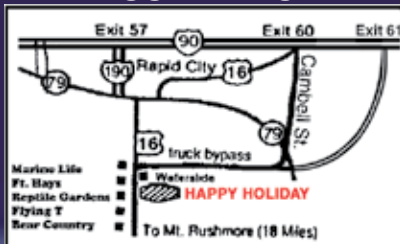
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Those are just some of the benefits of taking a bus tour of the Black Hills. Lots of companies offer lots of tour options, giving you the ability to find the one that perfectly matches your needs and schedule. If it's buffalo you want to see, choose a tour that includes Custer State Park. If you want a bit of gambling in the cards, pick the tour that stops in Deadwood, the Black Hills historic gambling town. If you're a railroad buff, there are tours that include



a ride on the 1880 Train that travels between Hill City and Keystone. Some tours include dinner and stops at some of the many Black Hills attractions.

Your admission to those attractions is often included in your tour price. Other tours include a more scenic adventure, giving you more time to experience the natural beauty of the Black Hills. If you want to create your own adventure, you can do that, too. Many tour companies offer the option of customizing a tour for your group. But, don't forget - you don't need a huge group to join a bus tour. Individual travelers and families can join the excursions, too. Children can often ride at reduced prices. Check with the company you choose for details and other specials.

While there are almost as many tour options as pine trees in the Black Hills, all tours include two things: a great time for everybody and the comfort in knowing that

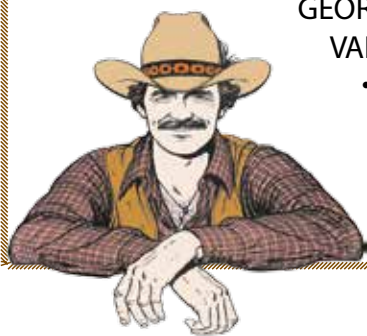


someone else is taking care of all the details. That's what makes a bus tour great. Once you choose what you want to experience, your work is finished. All you need to do then is sit back, watch the world go by, and have a great time. There's no worrying about when an attraction closes. Your tour guide knows that. There's no need to have a glove box full of maps. Your guide knows where to go. You won't have to think about where the next gas station is. Your driver takes care of filling the tank. And there's no stress created by driving in a new place you've never visited. You'll have an experienced driver. You'll also have someone who can answer the question, "What's that?" we all ask countless times while on vacation. Many tours include narration that will answer all your questions about the sites you pass.

All of those things add up to the one thing that makes bus tours great: they're easy. They remove the hours of planning required for a full day of vacation fun. They eliminate the hassle of searching for parking spots at Mount Rushmore and the other popular attractions in the Black Hills. They let you focus on the "why" of your trip to the Black Hills instead of the "how." In short, they allow you to spend more time to do what you want in the Black Hills, whether it's relaxing or just spending quality time with your family. And after all, what better reason is there than that?

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## REPTILE GARDENS

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With a handful of specimens on display, the location was carefully chosen. At a time when the myth of the old west was fading quickly to the suburban sprawl and the affordability of automobiles, the American Family Road Trip was becoming a mainstay. Back then, cars would often overheat as they reached the top of that long hill. Earl's grand idea was to have the cars stop in Reptile Gardens' parking lot to cool their radiators and maybe stay to see the Gardens.

What started out as an exploration into people's fascination with snakes turned into an entrepreneurial adventure filled with showmanship, wonder, and awe. In 1965, Reptile Gardens moved to its current location in Spring Creek valley, six miles south of Rapid City. The new and improved park featured a new Sky Dome and Safari Room, now popular staples of the park. One of the first exhibits of its kind, the large enclosed area gave visitors the rare opportunity to walk amongst free-roaming reptiles and birds.

In addition to exploring a fascination with snakes, Reptile Gardens has expanded to explore their relationship with many different species of reptiles, amphibians, and birds, including a Komodo Dragon, Bald Eagle, and their famous giant tortoises. They are also home to vast botanical gardens including an indoor tropical jungle, where you can find a wide assortment of orchids, bromeliads, and other tropical plants. If you look closely you'll even find a variety of tropical birds, frogs, and lizards roaming freely throughout the area.

Recognized in 2014 and again in 2018 by Guinness World Records as the largest collection of reptiles in the world, Reptile Gardens is a staple in making memories in the Black Hills. Take a stroll through the botanical gardens, including the Living Wall, Tortuga Falls meditative garden, and the Safari Room South Dakota's own indoor jungle. Head over to Avian Avenue for a rare chance for an up close encounter with their raptors and parrots. You'll want to bring your camera and make sure you get a selfie with the giant tortoises before you head home!



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## The Legend of Black Hills Gold



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Every piece of Black Hills Gold features tricolored grape and leaf designs. Jewelry makers create the three-colored effect by combining a bit of copper and silver with pure gold. All official Black Hills Gold jewelry is made in the Black Hills, with most of it created at factories in Rapid City. Many of the jewelry makers offer tours of their operations and operate factory stores that sell the jewelry at deep discounts.

The legend of Black Hills Gold varies a bit, depending on the storyteller, but one thing is certain. The legend began when thousands of prospectors flooded the Black Hills after Gen. George Armstrong Custer's expedition discovered the precious metal in French Creek in 1874. That discovery sparked the last great gold rush in the lower 48 United States.

A young Frenchman – he sometimes goes by Henri LeBeau – was searching for gold when he became lost in the rugged country of the Black Hills. One legend says he fell asleep while he grew weak with hunger and exhaustion. He dreamed of grape vines and grapes that grew in his homeland. In another story, the Frenchman's life was saved when he found and ate wild grapes. Either way, the experience inspired the frustrated prospector to create the tricolored gold jewelry that featured grapes, leaves, and vines. He sold the newly-created jewelry to miners and finally found his fortune in gold, just not in the way he expected.

A third legend has a man named S.T. Butler creating the jewelry design in California during the 1849 gold rush. Sellers brought the jewelry east to the Black Hills, where it settled like so many travelers and adopted the region's name.

Either way, other jewelry makers joined the rush and sold the jewelry, always with the tricolored design, to residents of the now-booming Black Hills of South Dakota.

The Black Hills Gold rush has continued. The tricolored jewelry design is popular among locals and visitors and is featured on everything from rings, watches, earrings, and necklaces. Many current Black Hills Gold makers have been at it since nearly the beginning and have perfected the process. Local artists create new and unique designs every year, and no two stores sell exactly the same pieces.

Black Hills Gold is truly unique. It has an interesting history – no matter which version you prefer – and can be a special way to remember your trip to the Black Hills of South Dakota, a unique place all its own.



### DID YOU KNOW...

The Black Hills started forming approximately 83 million years ago. (Prior to their formation, the North American Midwest was covered with water on several different occasions.) If natural erosion never took place on the Black Hills, they would be over 14,000 feet in elevation; however, the rain, snow and wind has taken their natural course of action and have now left rock formations exposed representing from the earth's beginning to present day. Today, the Badlands are the remains of the Black Hills' erosion.



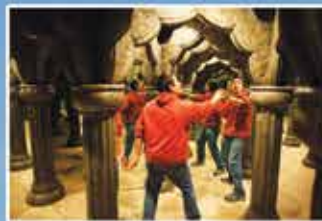


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Since the Gold Rush of 1876, a variety of restaurateurs have set up shop in the Black Hills. Within a year of the rush to Deadwood there were gardens growing vegetables for

remarkable Chinese cuisine. Within a few years there were Cornish, Welsh, Italian, Slavic, Irish, Greek, Lebanese, French-Canadian and German immigrants settling in the Hills, bringing their savory and sweet fare

with them. But with a few generations of assimilation, a couple of world wars, closing of the mines, the "boom and bust" cycles of the old west and a diaspora of younger generations, the food cultures of the Black Hills flattened back into "meat and potatoes." Mind you, they were good and hearty meat and potatoes, with an occasional spoonful of string beans and plenty of gravy, but it was pretty basic all the same. A major exception came with the growth of Ellsworth Air Force Base in the 1940s and 50s and an influx of world travelers. They didn't transform the restaurant scene so much, but groceries from around the world began to invade the shelves of local supermarkets. Then

Julia Child came in with the 1960s and many locals were eager to try new dishes and ways of cooking. The "movement" grew and over last thirty years ... the rest is history!

We are now in the midst of a culinary renaissance! There are restaurants for everyone, no matter what

your tastes ... from the quickest food stops and ever-moving food trucks ... to more formal, elegant surroundings with more sophisticated menus. Every town in the Black Hills has some exceptional eateries offering lots of choices. All

it takes is an adventurous spirit and a little scoutin' around and you'll find them ... and be glad you did!

But wait ... there's more! The Black Hills hosts visitors from around the world and, as tastes have changed

over the past decades, entrepreneurial "spirits" have risen to meet them. Vineyards have proliferated and a number of local vintners now create fine wines and award winning specialties to accompany

good food or just enjoy by the glass during a break in your touring. Hand crafted beers are also served up at breweries throughout the Hills by masters who take great care and pride in their creations. Wineries and breweries are open to the public and will welcome you for a tour. Most all wineries and breweries offer free tasting. So take a look and take advantage of the many culinary treats offered in the Black Hills! Cheers and Bon Appétit!





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like corn and soybeans are plentiful. In the arid rolling hills of the west, cattle graze where millions of bison once roamed. The locals divide the state geographically, even culturally into "East River" and "West River" and the geographic differences couldn't be more profound AND visible to the visitor's eye.

Scientists have variously described the Black Hills as "the oldest mountain range on the continent," "a mountain range, separate and distinct," or "containing the highest point between the Rockies and the Pyrenees." Dr. Jack Redden, the geologist who mapped the entire Black Hills for the USGS Geologic Map of the Black Hills, characterized it as "a geological dome on the front range of the Rockies." Regardless, over eons of time, winds and water have eroded the Hills . . . from the high rugged spires of the center stretching out to the Badlands and prairies of the High Plains . . . exposing multiple layers to create a great museum of geological time.

The Black Hills has also been said to contain "the richest 100 square miles on Earth." Rock hounds come to the area to explore or stake mining claims on more than 250 species of minerals and precious metals! Starting with the Gold Rush in 1874 and over the next 125 years, miners hauled more than 41 million ounces of gold and 9 million ounces of silver from the Homestake Gold Mine in Lead. During its operation it was the largest and deepest gold mine in the western hemisphere. Rugged geological outcroppings, myriad mineral deposits and rock beds can be found throughout area. Quartz, copper, silver, lead, mica, feldspar and numerous other minerals glitter along the roadside in beautiful and fascinating natural formations.

Loosely translated in white culture as "Black Hills," this ancient mountain range, called "Pahá Sápa" by the Lakota people who consider it sacred land, was formed in sedimentary layers in an inland sea some 65 million years ago. Dinosaurs roamed until molten granite intrusions forced their way upward to form the peaks at the center of what is now the Black Hills. Volcanic activity forced the layers of the earth upward and outward. With time and erosion they formed concentric geological circles that, when viewed from above, resemble an oblong target with distinct rings. Consequently, and very simply described, granite is found at the core, surrounded by rings of limestone and shale. In the aftermath of this great upheaval, dinosaurs were fossilized and

## A GEOLOGY AND PALEONTOLOGY PARADISE!

wood was petrified in the outermost ring of sandstone.

The center of the Hills is home to Custer State Park, the man made wonders of Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse Memorial, and Mother Nature's grand spires of Sylvan Lake and the Needles Highway. A drive through the Hills from this center to towns like Spearfish and Hot Springs on the outer edges offer a full array of colors and landscapes . . . from deep and more lush green of the forests, through grays and deep reds of the inner circles of shale to the pale beige of the more rocky and dry sandstone cliffs.

South Dakota is a favorite among paleontologists who hunt for ancient bones and other traces of long-dead creatures. Both professionals and amateurs have made truly amazing discoveries in the state. From 1993-2008 scientists were at work at an active site called the "Big Pig Dig" in Badlands National Park. Excavation began after two visitors found a large backbone sticking out of the ground near the Conata Picnic Area. During that period, 15,000 fossils and ancient bones were found at the site.

The Mammoth Site of Hot Springs, SD is also an active paleontological dig site, boasting the largest concentration of mammoth remains in the world! Discovered by chance in 1974 during excavations for a housing development, earth-moving equipment exposed South Dakota's greatest fossil treasure. The Site now has the world's largest Columbian mammoth exhibit and is a world-renowned research center for studies about the "Ice Age."

In 1990, scientists from the Black Hills Institute of Geological Research in Hill City discovered "Sue" on a ranch near Faith. She is the largest, most extensive and best preserved Tyrannosaurus Rex skeleton ever found! Her story is immortalized in the book Rex Appeal and in the Academy award-winning documentary, Dinosaur 13.

The Black Hills has some of the world's longest caves and caverns . . . Jewel Cave being the third and Wind Cave being the sixth . . . both of which are designated as national parks. Others include Black Hills Caverns outside of Rapid City, Rushmore Cave close to the monument and Wonderland Cave near Sturgis. These underground attractions offer views of rare and distinct geological formations, as well as hundreds of miles of passageways below the surface. Tours are offered at all of them.

Although they are engaging and entertaining, tales of gunslingers and gold miners just can't measure up to the infinite beauty and variety of the Black Hills. To imagine that molten magma was thrust through the earth's crust to solidify and become these mountains is humbling and awe-inspiring. One only has to see the geological wonders here to understand that human presence on earth is but one small dot on the her timeline. You many even be awed by the fact that we are here at all!

*(NOTE: Admission to some of these sites, or parts of them, are free and others charge fees. Please check the individual sites regarding admission policies.)*

### DID YOU KNOW...

The Black Hills were already millions of years old when the Rocky Mountains were formed.





## Great Plains Horse Culture

Although the Plains Horse Culture has passed into history and exists only in the past, the Sioux made up of the Lakota, Dakota and Nakota dialects, have kept the religion, virtues and culture alive and flourishing on the Indian reservations in South Dakota and several Sioux encampments in Nebraska and Minnesota. The Oyate, the Sioux Nation, is made up of seven tribes and within each tribe are seven bands which are further broken down into several Tiyospaye or family units. Seven feathers or seven council fires are used to symbolize the nation and the strength of unity.

When the horse first appeared on the plains, the Sioux had been using the dog as their pack animal because no other animal on the prairie lent itself to domestication by man. The Sioux name for the horse is Sunka Wakan, or literally translated, dog holy. The economic impact of the horse on the plains cultures could be compared to what the printing press meant to literature. When the first White men came into contact with the Sioux, they were the wealthiest group of people on the plains due to their complete adaptation of the horse to their life and culture.

At one time in the history of the Sioux, the buffalo was the supplier of food and the raw materials used for the manufacture of homes, furniture, cooking and eating utensils, luggage, clothing, footwear and art. The buffalo was also the medium chosen through which the word was given to the people. The White Buffalo Calf Woman brought the seven sacred rites and also left on earth a material symbol of the Creator's love for mankind for safekeeping with the Sioux. Because human beings are not always wise or strong, we were also given the eagle for a special purpose.

The eagle is a beautiful creature simply for its physical appearance and its physical skill in flight. Beyond temporal, which is obvious simply by looking with one's eyes, human beings intuitively sense the dignified power which rightfully belongs to the diplomatic courier between the Sioux and the Creator.

Feathering, or the act of public recognition of individual's deeds accomplished for the benefit of the Oyate, the people, is the basis for wearing of eagle feathers. The more deeds executed by a person, the more feathers to denote these acts of bravery, etc. Men generally won their recognition on the war battlefield. Women won theirs on the battlefield of life. Feathers are also decorated differently to signify on which battlefield it was won and for what deed, thus giving the proper respect to the owner.

Sundances are still practiced in the traditional way and during the ceremony each participant personifies the seven virtues that are incorporated into every Sioux prayer. To be a complete human being, one must exhibit wisdom, generosity, bravery, fortitude, honesty, respect and humility.

The bear is a symbol for one of the seven Lakota virtues, strength. The bear's medicine is for the healing of wounds received in battle. The possession of a bear symbol serves as a reminder for the owner to remain strong and constant in the defense of his/her beliefs. In that strength lied self-healing, regeneration and the strength to continue the struggle toward perfection.

Bear Butte is considered a geographical power spot on this continent by the Plains Indians. Because this unique power belongs to the universe, all tribes respect a prayer pilgrimage at Bear Butte regardless of the national identity of the seeker. Possessing a symbol of Bear Butte serves to remind the owner of the vastness, complexity and harmony of the universe. More importantly, this symbol is to remind each individual that they are the center of his/her universe. The harmony which he/she experiences in life and in this universe is always created at that center.

The Creator exists everywhere and therefore knows all things. The Sioux offer prayers to the four winds or four directions in acknowledgement of the Universal Godly presence and intelligence. *Courtesy of Joyzelle Godfrey, St. Joseph's Indian School Member of the Yankton Sioux Tribe*



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# A MENAGERIE OF MUSEUMS

From the roaming of dinosaurs 65 million years ago through the pioneering days of the late 1800s and into the current century, it's all here in museums . . . the old and the new about the history, landscape and myriad cultures of western South Dakota and the Black Hills!

At the **Oglala Lakota College Historical Center** near Kyle on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation visitors can view photographs and artwork that chronicle the history of the Oglala Lakota from early 1800's to the Wounded Knee Massacre in 1890. Meet Lakota artists featured throughout the summer.

About 76 miles east of Rapid City you'll find the **Minuteman Missile Historic Site**. Operated by the National Park Service, the Visitor Center features artifacts, photographs, films, and interactive displays that explore the story of the Minuteman Missile's role in the United States' policy of nuclear deterrence during the Cold War. Tours are available.

At the **South Dakota Air and Space Museum** (just outside the main gate of Ellsworth A.F.B.) you can walk through exhibits or take a tour that tells the history of aviation. Displays include over 30 vintage military aircraft ranging from World War II bombers to the modern-day B-1.

If your tastes run to paleontology and geology, you're in the right place! You can find dinosaur skeletons and learn much more about the mineral and fossil treasures of the area at the **Geology Museum at the SD School of Mines and Technology** in Rapid City.

Large and small museums throughout the Black Hills explore the varied history of the area. The towns of Deadwood and Lead are living museums in themselves. The narrow streets suggest a feel of the "old west" and you can check out how the West was really won in Deadwood's currently operating casinos, gaming halls and saloons. **Mt. Moriah** the final resting place of Wild Bill Hickok, Calamity Jane, and other "celebrities" of the Wild West, is open to visitors. You can explore all parts of Deadwood history at the **Adams Museum**, the **Days of '76 Museum**, the **Historic Adams House** and the **Homestake Adams Research and Cultural Center**.

Since the start of the "Gold Rush" to South Dakota in 1874, mining has been an important part of life in the northern hills. Until it closed in 2002, the Homestake Gold Mine in Lead was the largest producing gold mine in North America. It now serves as the **Sanford Underground Research Facility (SURF)** which houses multiple physics experiments in dark matter and neutrino research at 4,850 feet under ground! Stop at the **SURF Visitor Center**, situated by the Open Pit, to see free exhibits or take a surface tour. You can learn more about this era at the nearby **Black Hills Mining Museum**. While in Lead, make a stop at the **Historic Homestake Opera House**. Although not technically a "museum," it was built in 1914 and is open for a variety of events and tours. Currently under renovation, it is a wonderful example of the architecture of the era.

The **National Fish Hatchery Museum** preserves the vibrant history and rich heritage of the American fisheries workers. The museum is housed in the original hatchery building built in 1899. Displays and interpretative signage provide information of fish management and culture items, explanations of fisheries and workers,

along with personal artifacts.

The **Tri-State Museum** in Belle Fourche, which holds the distinction of being "The Center of the Nation," boasts a Visitor Center about that geographic honor, as well as educational programs and historical exhibits about the region.

Located on the eastern sandstone ridge of the Black Hills, **The Black Hills Petrified Forest** museum at I-90, exit 46, offers the background history of the formation of petrified wood, fossilization and geology of the Hills formation. Included on the tour is a six block walk through the pine trees where natural erosion has exposed the "trees of stone."

Fort Meade, built in 1878 and the longest surviving post in the Dakota Territory, is distinguished as being the birthplace of our national anthem. Located east of Sturgis, some of the fort's original buildings remain intact. Many artifacts of the historic outpost and mementos of the soldiers who served here are displayed in the **Old Fort Meade Museum**.

South of Rapid City is the **Dinosaur Museum** where you'll find replicas of 98 ancient reptiles, can view educational movies and even try your hand at digging for fossils!

Hill City is home to the museum at the **Black Hills Institute of Geological Research**, a small but incredible natural history museum with educational exhibits of numerous fossils and minerals.

The **Indian Museum Of North America**® at Crazy Horse Memorial is home to a large collection of art and artifacts reflecting the diverse histories and cultures of the Native American people. Designed to complement the story being told in stone on the Mountain, the collections tell much about the historical and current lives of the Native peoples of the region.

Built in 1880 the old **Custer County Courthouse** has been converted to a museum exhibiting a wide variety of artifacts from the area's pioneer and Native American history. Get a taste of pioneer history at the **Four Mile Old West Town Museum** south of Custer.

If you're interested in ancient woolly creatures, then pay a visit to the **Mammoth Site** near Hot Springs! It is a LIVING Museum featuring exhibits and an active dig site with the largest concentration of mammoth remains in the world.

Also in Hot Springs, a visit to the **World Fossil Finder Museum** will reveal a large variety of fossils from many places around the world. Here you will examine the best representation of the Earliest Richest Ice Age fossil site on earth. The ultimate feature will be a complete skeleton of the biggest and best swimming reptile found anywhere, the Tylosaurus named "Debby Sue" who was found in South Dakota!

This exceptional place with its unique geography, cultures and history can trigger the sudden urge to utter in simple appreciation, "Wow!" The museums of the Black Hills explore and preserve the past, propel us into the future, and define who and where we are in the present. They engage us and ignite our curiosities about the "worlds" in which we live. So be sure to take advantage of the stories they tell!

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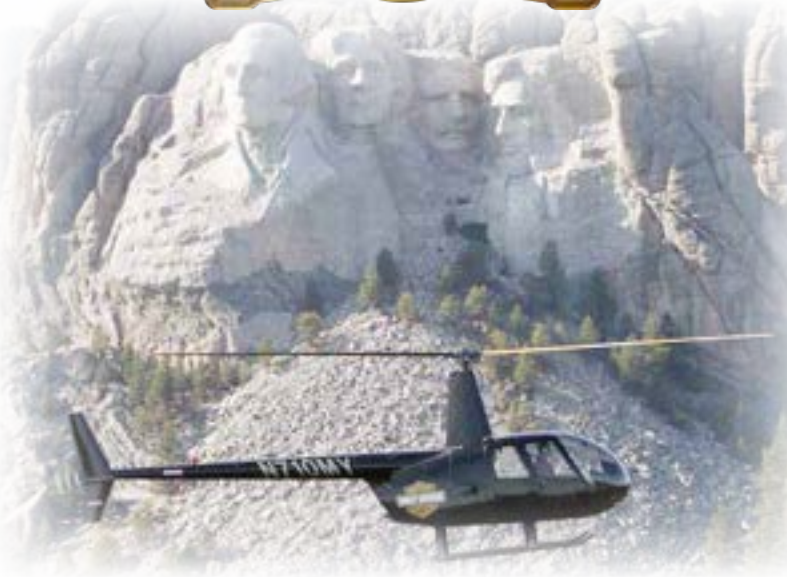


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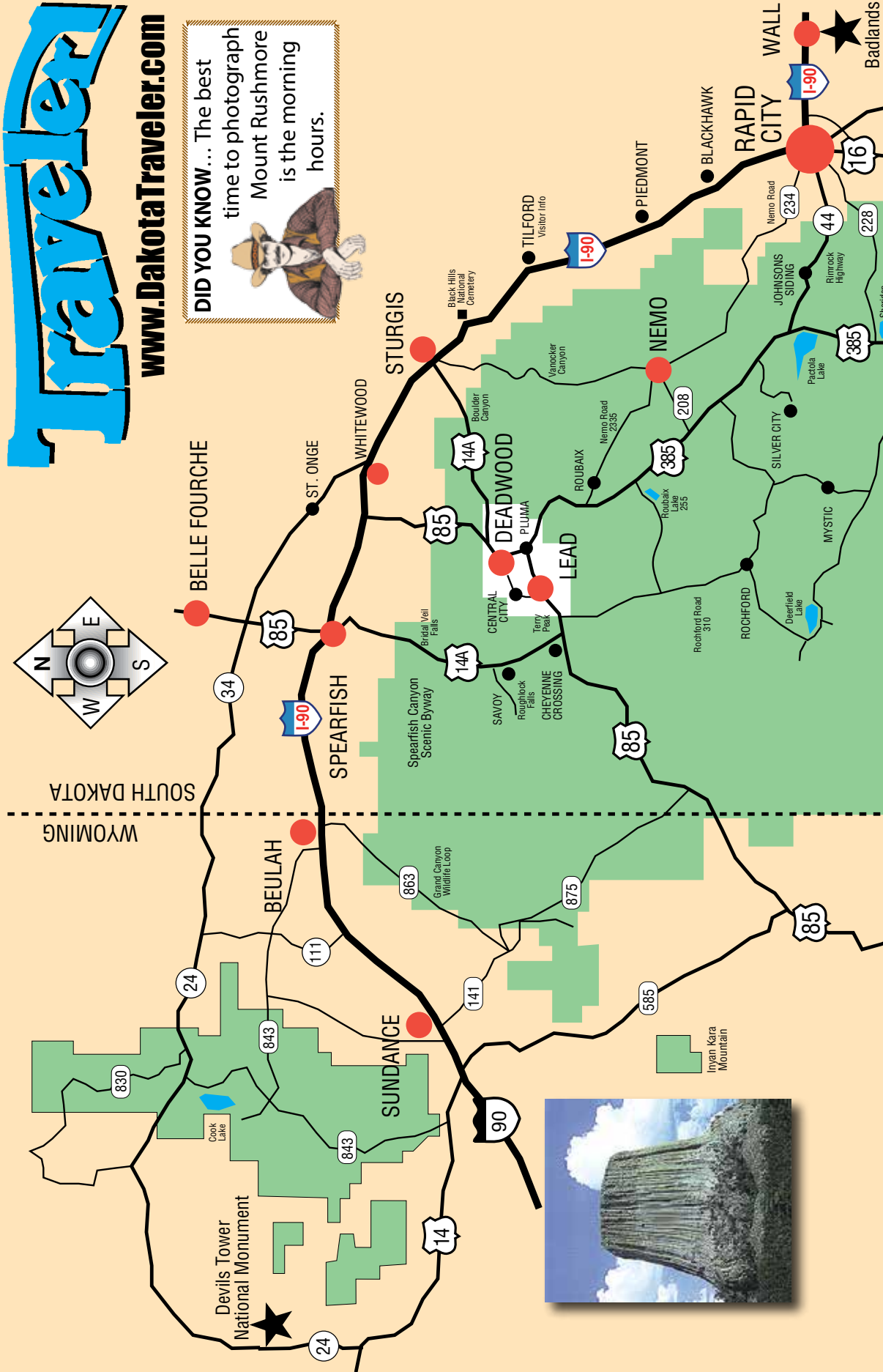
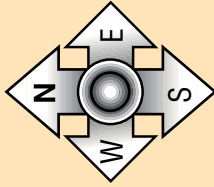
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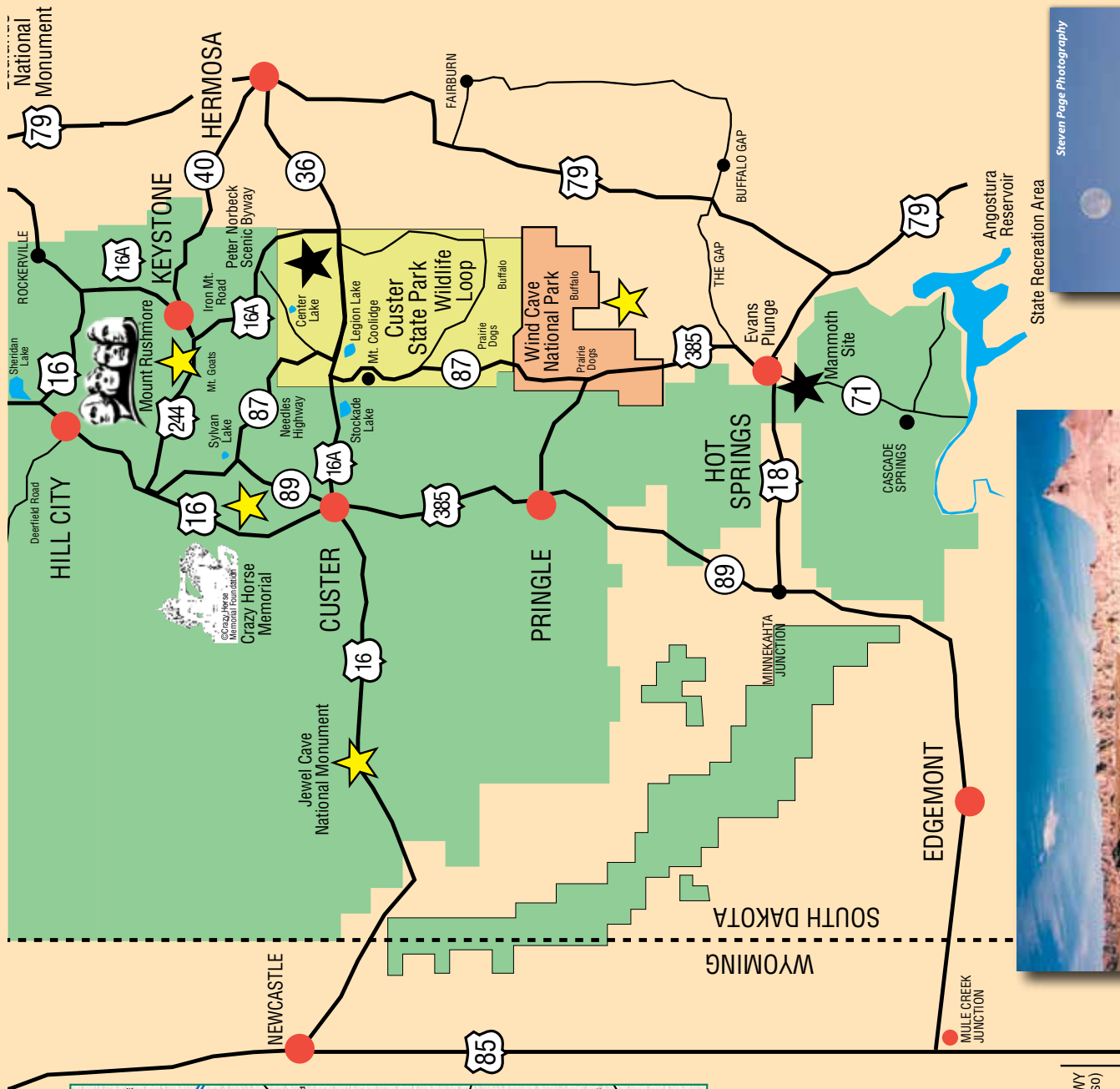


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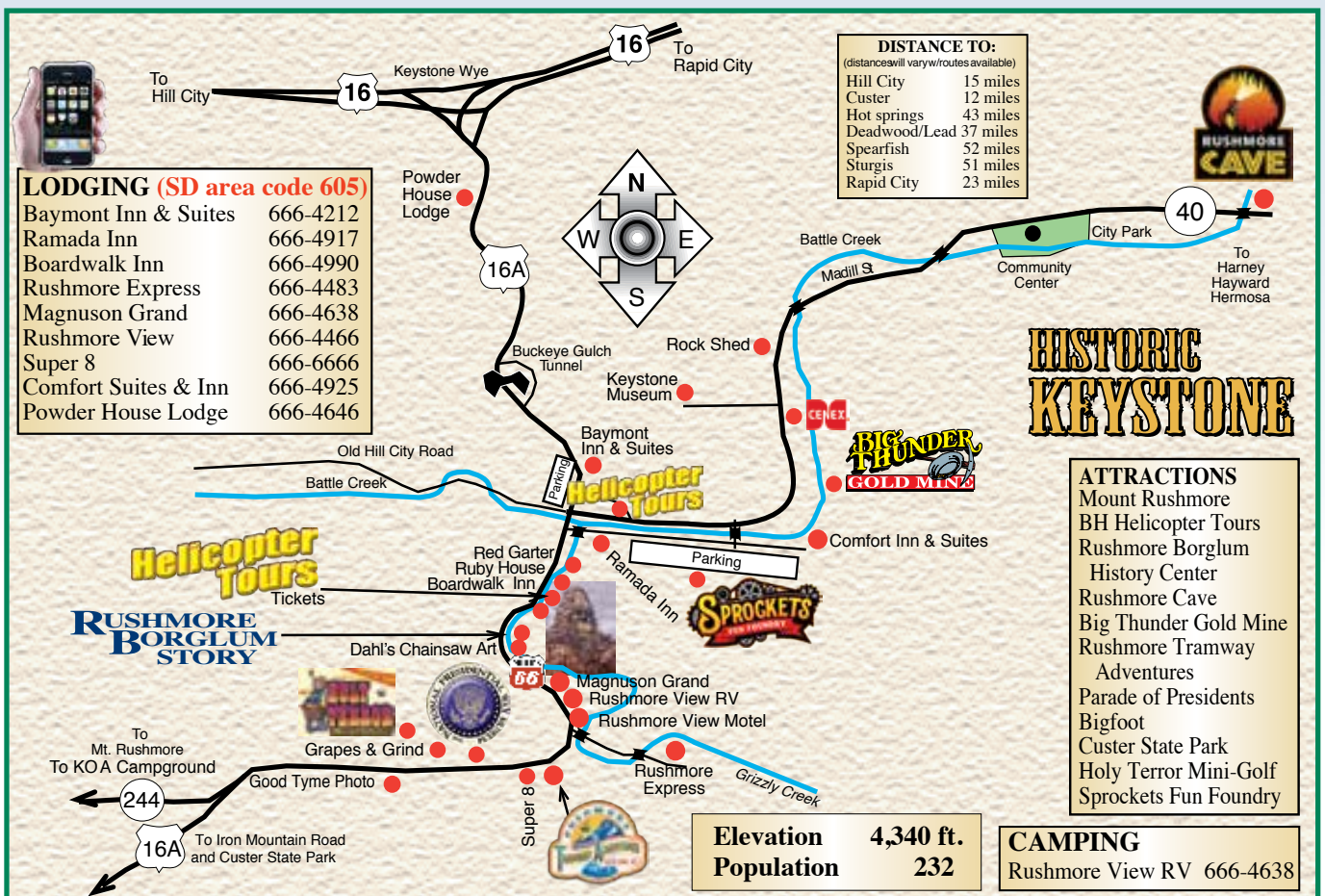
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The high bridge (see photo in external reference) is supported by three 20-meter wooden, single-hinged arches; six separate glued laminated timber pieces are used in the construction. Three more pieces were built but failed quality assurance tests; they

were assembled into an interesting pyramidal sculpture which for years was located just off US 16 on the then-south edge of Rapid City (a site today occupied by a motel and convenience store), and which was moved to a new location on US 16 near Sitting Bull Crystal Caverns in the mid-1990s.

The name Keystone Wye significantly predates the construction of the modern interchange, and dates back to the 1930s and the construction of Mount Rushmore, when Senator and Governor Peter Norbeck laid out a series of roadways in the south-central Black Hills for tourist travel, focusing on Mount Rushmore and Harney Peak. The Keystone Wye includes a stop-by with historic and scenic information about the area, a SDDOT maintenance yard, and several minor roads connecting to the major highways. In the late 1980s, US 16A between the Keystone Wye and Keystone itself was widened to a four-lane undivided highway, with the single tunnel on the road expanded to accommodate the wider roadway. In the early 2000s, US 16 between the Keystone Wye and Three Forks was improved to a "Super-Two" configuration with passing lanes on most hills, although the alignment was unchanged from the 1980s realignment project which created many cutoff loops on the highway.

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Both Wind Cave and Jewel Cave are listed as two the longest caves in the world. Add to this at least another six commercial caves and you will have all the adventure you want. Wind and Jewel are now National Parks, and like every other cave they have very interesting histories of their discovery. Cowboys out chasing cattle in the 1880s lay claim to locating both of these big caves and were noticed because of the sound of rushing wind coming out of the cave.

Caves are generally found in limestone, and at one time, layers of this marine deposit some 800 to 900 feet thick covered the Black Hills region. It was the result of great inland seas that spread across the region hundreds of millions years ago. After the sea had receded, water seeping through the limestone dissolved the rock, forming caves. What Mother Nature created were vast underground works of art.

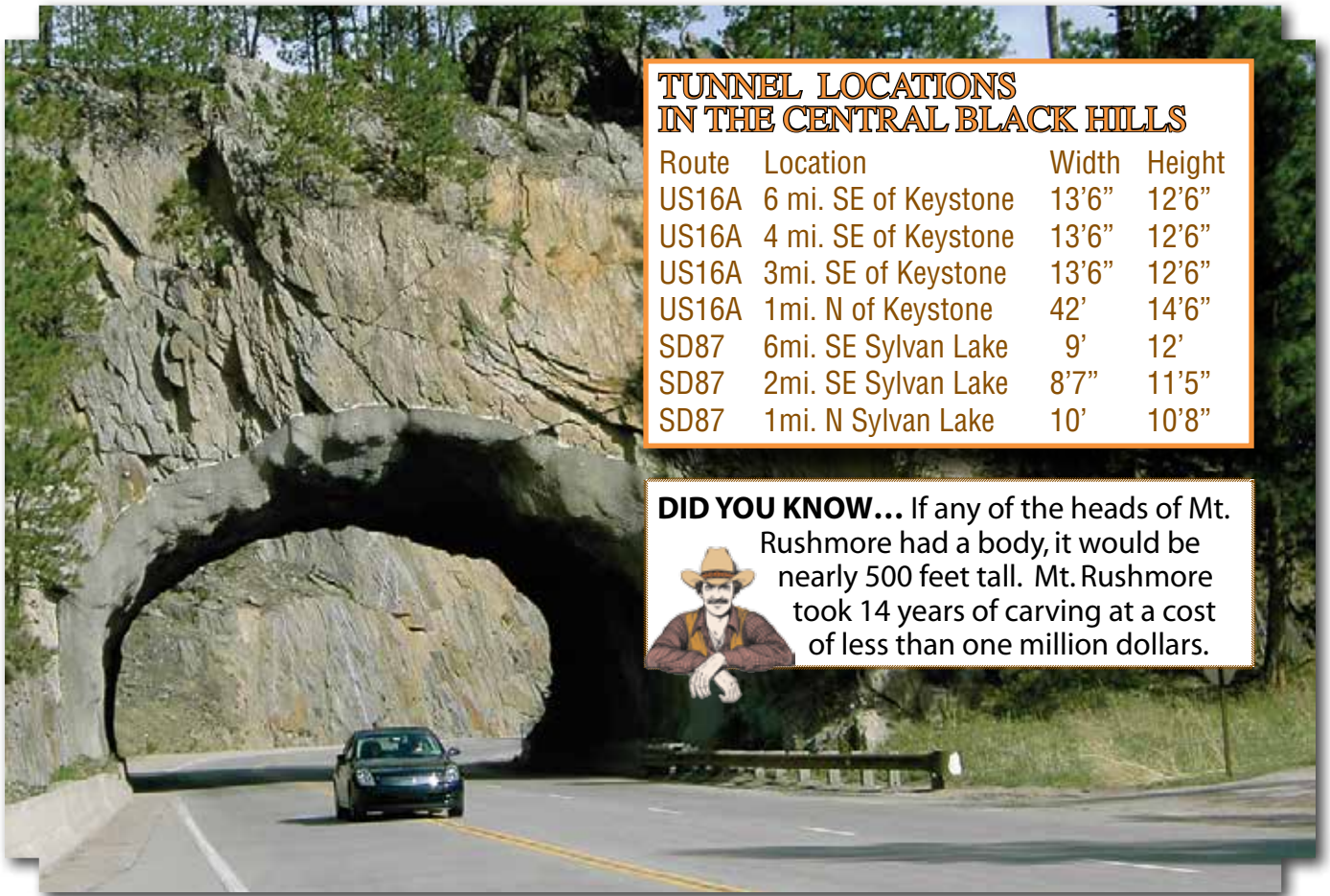
Black Hills caves are well known for their abundance of rare formations, exquisitely decorated rooms and passages, and their maze-like connections of tunnels. Common formations include stalactites, stalagmites, columns, spiralling helictites, flow stone, ribbon like draperies, frost work, box work, and cave popcorn.

Even translucent calcite crystals line many of the glittering walls, floors and ceilings of the caves.

Eight Black Hills caves have been developed to accommodate public tours. They offer a variety of excitement and wonder, and each is unique in its own way. The facilities provide electric lighting, steps, handrails and guided tours for the whole family. Cave temperature averages 50 degrees Fahrenheit, so a light jacket or sweater is suggested. Cave tours offer a visitor adventure almost unlike anything else in nature. A one hour tour will take you into a cool, hushed, exotic world where dripping water, sparkling crystals and decorated corridors reveal the unseen wonders of the Black Hills underground wilderness.

Now, if you are really one of those special people who want to go where few men have gone before, then you may want a Spelunking Tour. Designed for beginners or seasoned cavers, these outings are not to be taken lightly. Each requires physical and mental toughness to complete the journey with your qualified guide. Reservations are required; physical standards must be met; and proper attire, provided by the cave, must be worn.

Spelunking is a serious and potentially dangerous activity. But it does provide a wonderful cave experience and offers you that western adventure you won't find anywhere else.



**TUNNEL LOCATIONS IN THE CENTRAL BLACK HILLS**

Route	Location	Width	Height
US16A	6 mi. SE of Keystone	13'6"	12'6"
US16A	4 mi. SE of Keystone	13'6"	12'6"
US16A	3mi. SE of Keystone	13'6"	12'6"
US16A	1mi. N of Keystone	42'	14'6"
SD87	6mi. SE Sylvan Lake	9'	12'
SD87	2mi. SE Sylvan Lake	8'7"	11'5"
SD87	1mi. N Sylvan Lake	10'	10'8"

**DID YOU KNOW...** If any of the heads of Mt. Rushmore had a body, it would be nearly 500 feet tall. Mt. Rushmore took 14 years of carving at a cost of less than one million dollars.





## Rushmore Tramway...

Rushmore Tramway Adventures has staked its claim as the most exciting destination in the Black Hills. Located just below Mt. Rushmore on the main highway in Keystone, you'll find a stellar collection of outdoor adventures: the Alpine Slide, Scenic Chairlift, Aerial Adventure Park, Zipline, and Free-Fall Jump Tower. These combine to offer a rich variety of ways to experience the joy of playing in the great outdoors.

Built in the mid-1960s, it was intended to give visitors not only a unique view of Mount Rushmore, but also a chance to enjoy the abundant beauty of nature at the top of its peak. Along with panoramic views of the surrounding scenery, the Tram's summit has always been a beautiful park area in itself. The hilltop's natural granite formations, fragrant Ponderosa pines and wildflowers were enhanced with walking paths, waterfalls and thousands more flowers, creating a peaceful mountaintop oasis.

In 2000, new owners added a rustic outdoor café and restrooms to the park, enabling guests to linger longer and thoroughly soak in the serenity.

In 2002 an alpine slide was installed as an alternate, exciting way to descend the hilltop (with chairlifting down still an option). Guests control the speed of their sled as they travel down the 2000 feet of fiberglass track, speeding down for a thrill ride or sliding slowing down through the trees and fresh mountain air.

To keep pace with a new generation of action-seekers, in 2013 the Tramway added more adrenaline-pumping options for enjoying this hill and its Ponderosas: a treetop obstacle course called the Aerial Adventure Park, and also a double zipline. These combine with the chairlift, alpine slide, and garden café and park to give a full-range of outdoor entertainment possibilities.

The original Tramway owner was quoted in a June 1966 Rapid City Journal article as saying "We think tourists and local residents will appreciate a sanctuary from the hustle and bustle—a place where they can come to reflect on the majesty of God, the glories of our country and the beauties of nature." That goal is still a mainstay of Rushmore Tramway's offerings.

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Keystone is a town with a split personality. Most visitors come to know “New Keystone” stretched along 16A, the main route to Mt. Rushmore. “Old Keystone” is the original gold mining settlement. In 1890, Keystone was one of the fastest growing boom towns in the Black Hills. Enjoy and learn the history in this unique part of town.

## A FACILITY WITH MANY STORIES TO TELL...TAKE A TRIP INTO YESTERYEAR



The Keystone Historical Museum is housed in the old Keystone Schoolhouse building of early Victorian architecture. Built in 1900, it served as Keystone’s full-time school until 1988. The Museum houses early day mining tools, historic pictures and photo collections, rock and mineral collections, and historic displays including Carrie Ingalls memorabilia

## PHOTO COLLECTIONS



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# MUSEUM

The Keystone Historical Museum houses marvelous photo collections of Keystone and her citizens over the years. An excellent genealogical resource and reference point.

## LEARN ABOUT...

- The people who discovered gold in Battle Creek
- The people who located Keystone’s gold mines
- The people who founded the Town of Keystone
- The Black Hills Gold Rush
- The Black Hills Tin Boom
- The people who carved Mount Rushmore
- Gutzon Borglum - the Sculptor
- Peter Norbeck and Iron Mountain Road
- CC Gideon and the Pigtail Bridges
- Carrie Ingalls and The Little House on the Prairie
- Wild Horse Harry Hardin and Sugar Babe
- Keystone Consolidated Gold Mine, ca 1895

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## DISCOVER THE HISTORY OF OLD KEYTSONE

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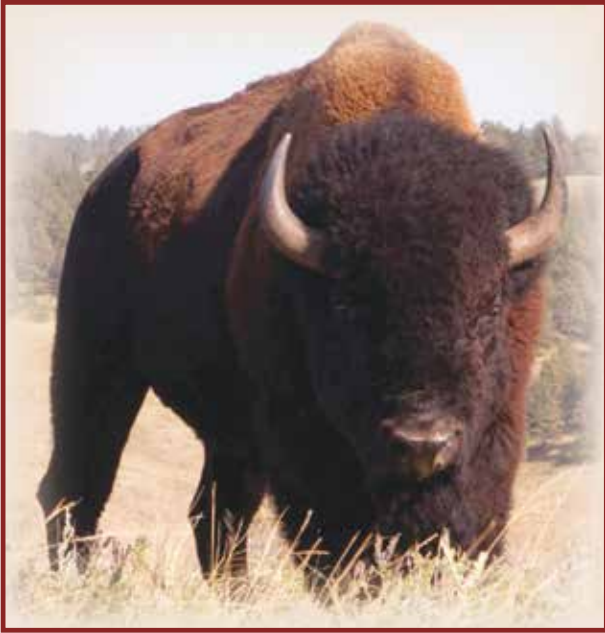


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## Where the Buffalo Roam...

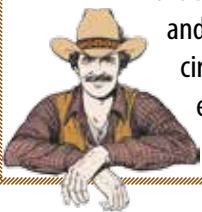
The park is home to as many as 1,300 head of North American bison, more commonly known as buffalo. Bison can grow to six feet tall and weigh more than 2,000 pounds. They are considered the largest native terrestrial mammal of North America.

The animals have a short tail with a tassel, a hump at the shoulders, curved black horns on the sides of the head and dense shaggy dark brown and black hair around the head and neck, which tends to look like a beard.

There were once millions of bison, but by 1900 it is estimated that fewer than 1,000 bison remained on the entire continent. Peter Norbeck, often known as the "Father of Custer State Park," recognized the situation and decided to take action to preserve this native beast. In 1914, the park, then known as Custer State Game Sanctuary, purchased 36 bison to start its herd. By the 1940s, the size of the herd had swelled to over 2,500.

The herd soon began to overgraze the park's rangeland and the bison numbers were lowered. Each year during the roundup, the size and the structure of the bison herd is adjusted according to the predicted availability of grassland forage. The spring birthing season rejuvenates the herd size toward 1,300.

**DID YOU KNOW...** The Crouch Line Railroad which ran up Rapid Canyon from Rapid City to Mystic from the 1890' to 1947 would cross 110 bridges (about 4 bridges per mile), while bending and twisting its way through only 30 miles of the Black Hills, all the while negotiating turns and curves sharp enough to equal 14 complete circles. Passengers would often joke that the engineer could slap hands with people in the caboose as they passed.



## FREE Historic KEYSTONE WALKING TOUR



Follow the numbered signs and read about the history of one of the fastest growing boom towns in the Hills. There are 19 stations on the walking tour, each with a sign in description of the location. *The signs were provided by Craig Stump of Stump Signs and Graphics of Rapid City.*

### 1. BOARDING HOUSE

Originally built in the 1890s for Henry Loomis and family. It later served as the Goodyear Motel and a boarding house for Mount Rushmore workers.

### 2. ED HAYES HOME

One of the original homes in Keystone built in the 1890s for Ed Coad and family.

### 3. BIG THUNDER GOLD MINE

Registered as Reed's Placer Claim in 1893 by two German immigrants, August Engle and Fred Sierth (formerly the Krupp Tunnel).

### 4. UPHAM SALOON

Built in the 1890s, the Upham Saloon was one of many saloons in Keystone's history. It was destroyed by a mysterious fire.

### 5. HAYES & HAYES

Two brothers, John & Patrick Hayes, opened a double-wide mercantile store on this site in 1895.

### 6. FRANKLIN HOTEL

Built in the early 1890s, the hotel was owned and operated by William and Jennie Franklin. Bill was known as "Rocky Mountain Frank."

### 7. McDONALD MOTEL

The hotel was considered a luxurious hotel in the mid 1890s, advertising as "The rendezvous for the smartest people in the West." The south half housed the Harney Peak Bank, later known as the Keystone Bank.

### 8. T.G. HOY & CO.

Tom Hoy survived three fires and outlasted several pharmacies. He operated under the license of his father-in-law, Andrew Marble. The latter died in 1924, the last registered pharmacist in Keystone.

### 9. ICE HOUSE

From the first official Forest Service Ranger Station in the Black Hills, located on Box Elder Creek three miles south of present day Nemo near Steamboat Rock. Moved to this location in 2004. The two-story





Sullivan Drug Store was at this location and the one-story City Meat Market was just to the south of the drug store.

**10. DOCTOR'S OFFICE**

This office was built as a satellite office for Dr. Eugene B. Hultz, a physician from Hill City.

**11. BLACKSMITH SHOP**

The Holy Terror Mine  
A photograph of the first automobile introduced in Keystone in 1909 is displayed on the site of the last blacksmith shop in Keystone, owned by "Peg Leg" or Peggy Haase, a one-legged horseshoer (farrier).

**12. THE HOLY TERROR MINE**

Founded on June 28, 1894, perhaps the richest gold mine in the southern Black Hills.

**13. HALLEY'S STORE**

It is the oldest continuous business in Keystone. Built in 1896 as the Keystone Trading Company as a general mercantile store.

**14. KEYSTONE ICEHOUSE**

Built in 1935, the ice house stored ice taken from a local pond in the winter and sold in the summer months.

**15. BIVOUAC AREA**

The 4th Cavalry from Fort Meade camped in this area in the 1930s.

**16. HISTORIC HOMES**

Homes built in the 1890s as seen as they appeared in the 1930s.

**17. LOG SCHOOL HOUSE**

This original log schoolhouse was built in the early 1890s. Miss Mary Wheelock taught 40 students here in 1894-1895.

**18. KEYSTONE SCHOOL**

Built with Victorian architecture in 1900, at a cost of \$10,000 for 300 students. It served as a schoolhouse until 1988. Now the Keystone Historical Museum featuring Carrie Ingall's memorabilia and James Langer's Gem and Mineral Collection.

**19. CHURCH**

The Keystone Congregational Church was built in 1896 at a cost of \$2,000. It was used as a school before the Victorian schoolhouse was built.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The largest gold nugget currently in existence is called the "Hand of Faith." Discovered in 1980 with metal detector, weighed 61 pounds, 11 ounces.



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# BIG THUNDER GOLD MINE

**Big Thunder Gold Mine** (originally named Gold Hill Lode) was discovered in 1892 by two German immigrant miners, W.B. Krupp and J.A. Engle. They migrated across America separately but met in Keystone, SD. Their common language connected them and they eventually became partners at 35 years of age. By 1914, the 70-year-old miners had cut 680 feet into the mountain and 240 feet underground....32 years of trial, discovery, anticipation, disappointment and accomplishment.

Julius Engle owned **Big Thunder Gold Mine** until his death on November 4, 1921, still clinging to the dream of "The Big Discovery."

**Big Thunder Gold Mine** is the safest and most maintained mine in the Keystone, SD mining district. It contains most types of rocks, structures and minerals indigenous to the area leading it to be a prime center to explore and expand Black Hills Gold Mining History.

An electric grid was placed over the area using the polarization method to determine the geological structure to a depth of 1,500 feet. This method creates an electric current that passes into the ground along an electrode array.

Electrical measurements determine the

type and composition of the rock below the grid. Physical core samples have verified the electrical results.

Geological results prove the potential for future gold mining in Keystone, SD. Exploration companies have been working in the area and have leased mineral rights for many of the area mines. A modern gold mine could lead to new discoveries at **Big Thunder Gold Mine**. With modern mining techniques, one may uncover Black Hills Gold Mining History within the walls of **Big Thunder Gold Mine** near Keystone, SD.

**Big Thunder Gold Mine** offers a claim panning experience in the creek like no other! Participants dig the material from the earth, classify the rock, learn to use a sluice in the stream and then pan the material out.

The four hour experience is so popular that reservations must be made in advance and can be booked on-line at [www.bigthundermine.com](http://www.bigthundermine.com). Must be booked 24 hours in advanced.

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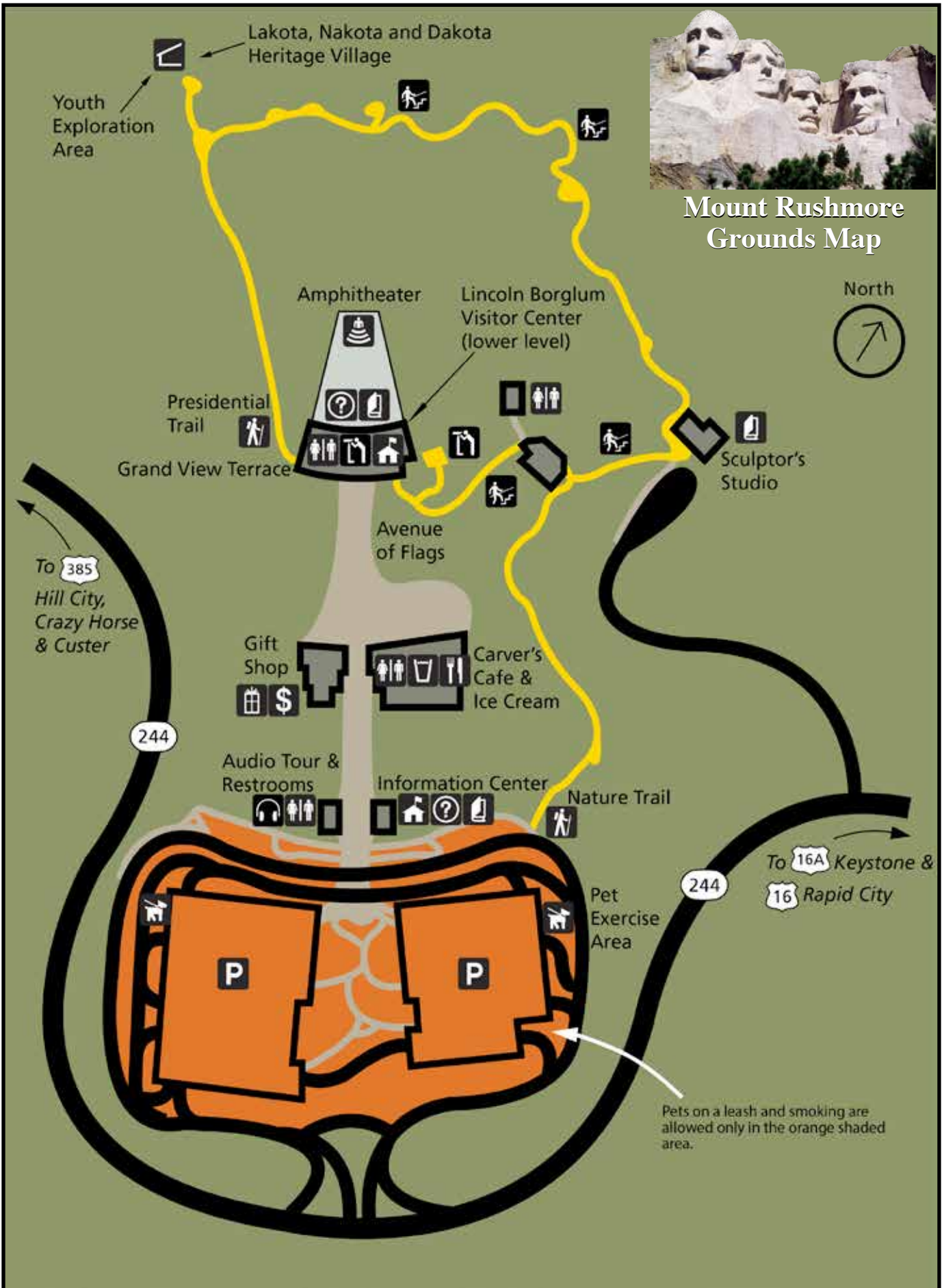
Although he was born and died in South Dakota, Sitting Bull had been buried in North Dakota in an abandoned and unkept graveyard. Wanting a more fitting memorial to this great man, Clarence Grey Eagle, with the approval of relatives, began talks with officials to return the remains to South Dakota. As time passed, Grey Eagle became fed up with red tape, and on April 8, 1953, he, with a dozen other men, a backhoe and an airplane, exhumed Sitting Bull's remains and reburied him along the Missouri River in his South Dakota homeland in a concrete block weighing 20 tons, effectively ending all talks. The grave is now marked with a bust which was carved by Korczak Ziolkowski, sculptor of Crazy Horse Mountain near Custer.







Mount Rushmore Grounds Map





# BOATING REGULATIONS In SOUTH DAKOTA

**Boat Licensing:** Boats over 12 feet long and motorboats of any length, including those using electric trolling motors, must be registered to be operated on public waters. Boat registration, transferring of boat ownership and replacing lost boat registration stickers are through County Treasurer offices. Applications are available at County Treasurer offices or at the Licensing Office, Division of Motor Vehicles, 118 West Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501.

Boats may be registered for either a 1-year or a 3-year period. Fees are based on the



length of boat and the type of propulsion.

Boats registered in another state may operate in South Dakota for 60 days before registration is required in South Dakota. However, nonresident boats docked in South Dakota need to be licensed in South Dakota.

## SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

Most boats in South Dakota are Class A or Class 1. For boats longer than 26 feet, see current Boating Regulations pamphlet.

**Class A Boats** - Boats less than 16 feet long and all canoes and kayaks must have the following safety equipment:

- U.S. Coast Guard approved wearable PFD for each person aboard.
- Proper lights displayed sunset to sunrise.
- One Coast Guard approved fire extinguisher of B-1 or larger unless boat construction doesn't allow explosive or flammable gases or vapors to be trapped.

**Class 1 Boats** - Boats 16 to 26 feet long, except canoes and kayaks, must have the following safety equipment:

- U.S. Coast Guard approved wearable PFD for each person aboard.
- U.S. Coast Guard approved throwable flotation device (Type IV cushion or ring buoy).
- One Coast Guard approved fire extinguisher of B-1 or larger unless boat construction doesn't allow explosive or flammable gases or vapors to be trapped.
- Proper lights displayed sunset to sunrise.
- A whistle or other sound-producing mechanical device capable of a two-second blast audible for at least one-half mile.

**Youths.** Owners of boats propelled by a motor over 6 HP may not allow youths under 12 years of age to operate the boat unless accompanied by a person at least 18 years old.

## ACCIDENT REPORTING.

After an incident, a boat operator must IMMEDIATELY give notice by the



quickest means of communication available to the nearest Conservation Officer or other peace officer. An accident report must be filed with Game, Fish and Parks within 48 hours if death or injury requiring medical attention beyond first-aid occurred, or within 10 days if damages exceed \$500 but no injuries occurred.



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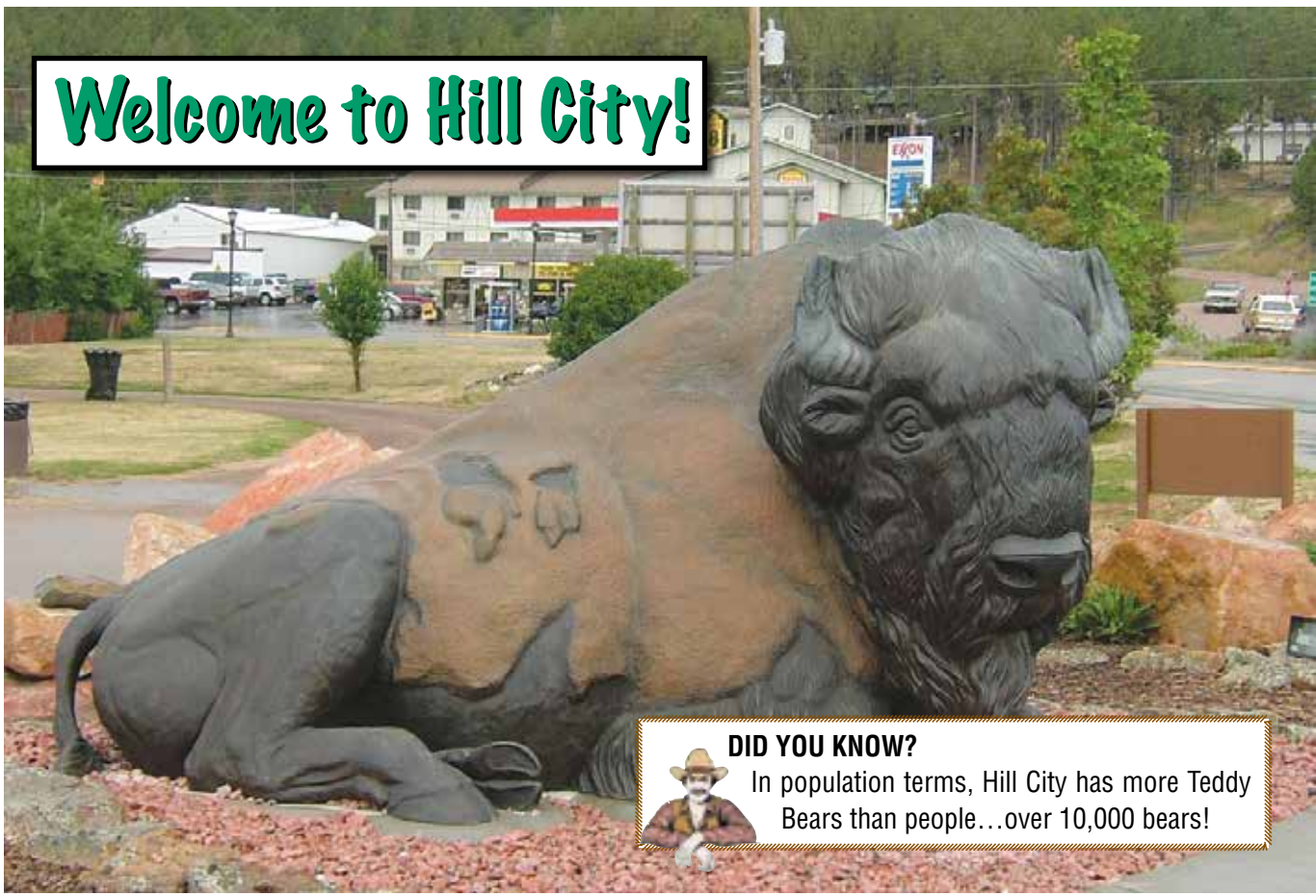
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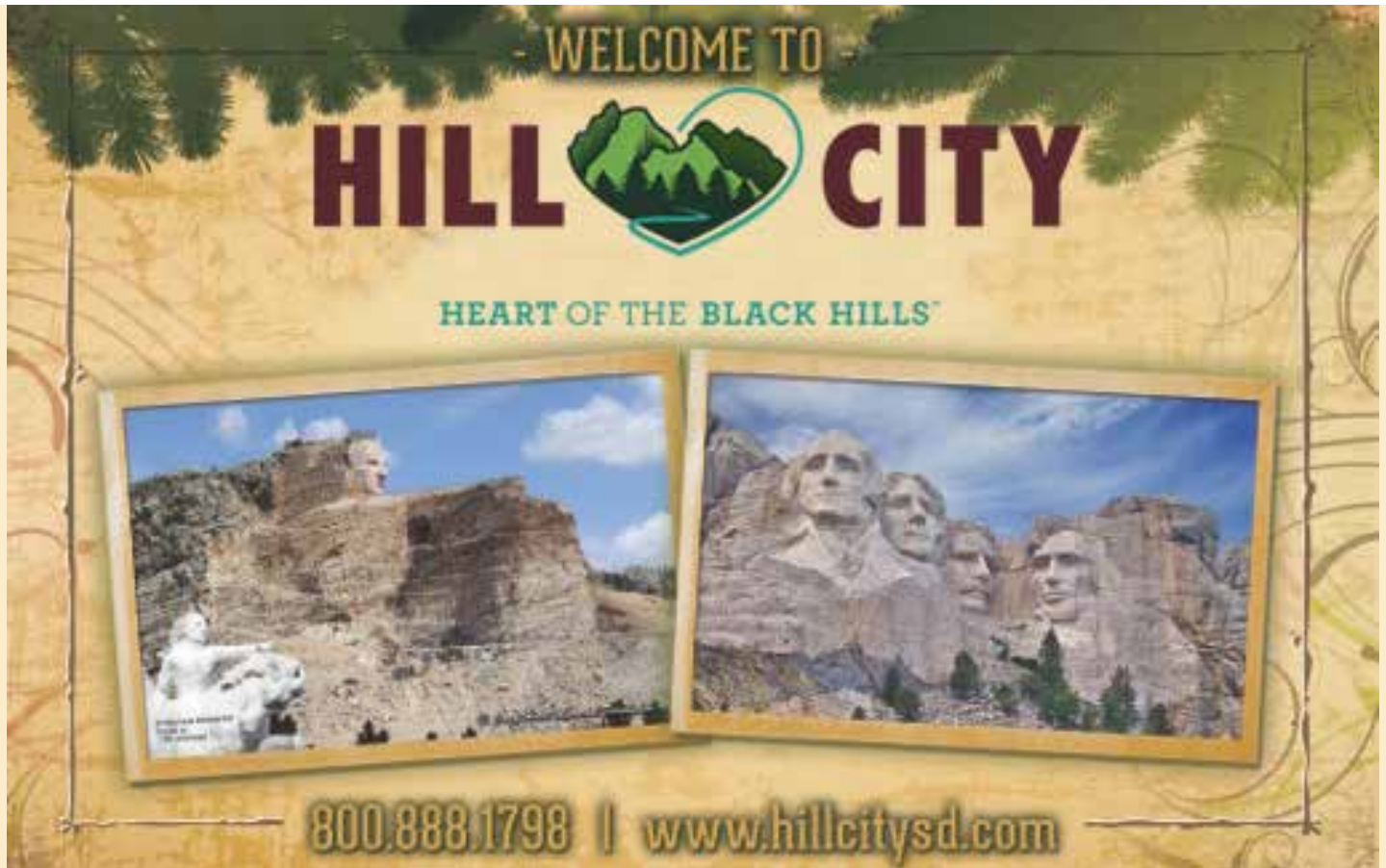


**DID YOU KNOW?**

In population terms, Hill City has more Teddy Bears than people...over 10,000 bears!







## HILL CITY...

In 1887, miners flocked to Hill City, SD for gold nuggets. Today, vacationers in-the-know head to Hill City for its gold mine of Black Hills hospitality. Centrally located to the most popular attractions in the Hills, this quaint, little town of 948 has become the savvy traveler's favorite destination for making it easy to do it all – or do nothing – with their precious vacation time.

Just minutes from Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse, Custer State Park, Wind Cave National Park and Jewel Cave National Monument, Hill City lives up to its nickname, "the heart of the Hills."

By making Hill City their vacation headquarters, travelers enjoy easy access to attractions, hiking, biking and sight-seeing in every direction in the Hills.

Hill City ([www.hillcitysd.com](http://www.hillcitysd.com)) is a favorite destination for both locals and visitors because of its many popular events. With a growing reputation for its vibrant art scene, Hill City kicks off spring with the annual Black Hills Film Festival and Art Extravaganza. Home to many acclaimed artists and artisans year-round, Sculpture in the Hills brings even more beautiful work and renowned artists to the area. With new

events added and updated each year, the largest logging show in the area helps you transform yourself into a lumberjack and the Wine, Brew & BBQ puts you toe to grill with some of the world's best barbecue chefs. Watch, taste test and learn from the masters as they compete for cash prizes and a coveted spot in the Jack Daniels World BBQ Championship.

For outdoor enthusiasts, Hill City boasts easy access to over 200 miles of trails. The 109 mile Mickelson Trail was named one of the top ten most beautiful trails in the world and runs right through the center of town. If you're looking for something a little more on the wild side, the 111 miles of Centennial Trail are minutes away and take you through one of the most outstanding wilderness areas in the lower 48 states, the Black Elk Wilderness. And, to see it all at once, take a trek to the top of the highest mountain in South Dakota and east of the Rockies, Harney Peak with an elevation of 7,244'.

Be sure to include time in your plans to visit our award winning wineries and micro-breweries, step back in time at one of the many museums, enjoy the breathtaking scenery aboard the 1880 Train and enjoy a memorable meal at one of Hill City's many unique restaurants. When you're ready to wind down, numerous bed and breakfasts, hotels, motels and campgrounds will ensure you find the perfect lodging match for your travel style.

Come stay, play and explore in Hill City...and return home with a gold mine of memories from the heart of the Hills and your best vacation ever!





# HILL CITY



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## SMALL TOWN BIG EVENTS

Hill City, SD



Heart of the Hills

**SUMMER 2023**

**CALENDAR**

### MAY

- 13 ..... Opening Day, 1880 Train, Hill City
- 13-14 .. Best of Hill City, Main Street, Hill City
- 14 ..... Mother's Day Special, 1880 Train, Hill City
- 27-28 .. ArtForms 25th Anniversary Celebration, ArtForms Gallery, Hill City

### JUNE

- 3-4 ..... Spring Volksmarch, Crazy Horse Memorial
- 10 ..... Mt. Rushmore Rodeo at Palmer Gulch, Palmer Gulch Resort, Hill City
- 10 ..... The Big Mick, Mickelson Trail
- 13-15 .. Mickelson Trail Summer Trek 2023, Black Hills
- 17-18 .. Fine Arts In The Hills Show & Sale, Hill City
- 17 ..... Mt. Rushmore Rodeo at Palmer Gulch, Palmer Gulch Resort, Hill City
- 24 ..... Black Hills Bistro & Friends Summer Concert Series, Hill City

### JULY

- 1 ..... Star-Spangled Saturday Independence Holiday Celebration, Hill City
- 1 ..... 10am Star-Spangled Parade, Main St.
- 15 ..... Black Hills Bistro & Friends Summer Concert Series, Hill City
- 19 ..... Hill City Trolley on the Trail

### AUGUST

- 3 ..... Mt. Rushmore Rodeo at Palmer Gulch, Palmer Gulch Resort, Hill City
- 19 ..... Black Hills Bistro & Friends Summer Concert Series, Hill City
- 19 ..... Mt. Rushmore Rodeo at Palmer Gulch, Palmer Gulch Resort, Hill City
- 25-26 .. Wine, Brew & BBQ, Hill City
- 26 ..... Mt. Rushmore Rodeo at Palmer Gulch, Palmer Gulch Resort, Hill City

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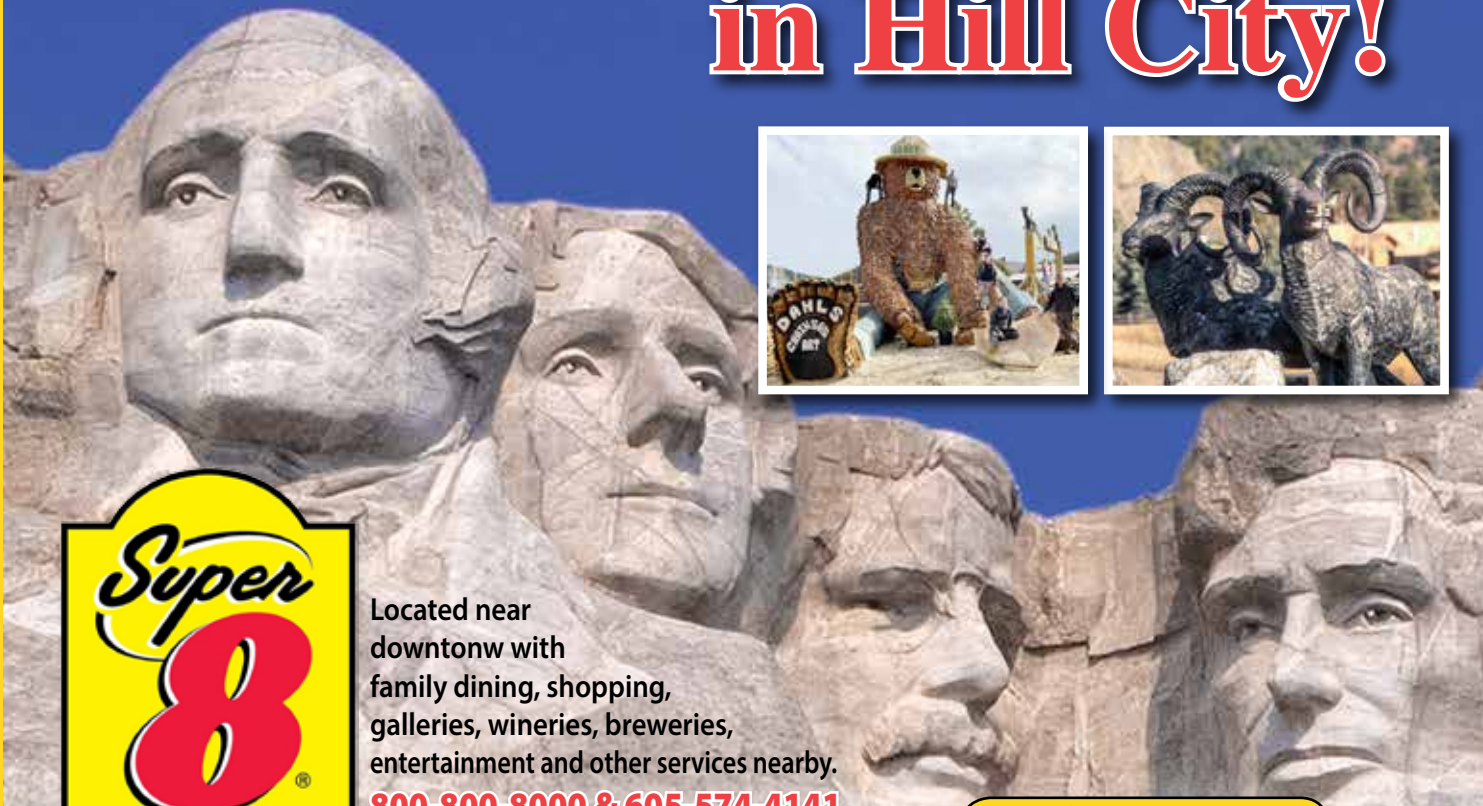
*Hill City is prioritizing safe travel and safe visits.*

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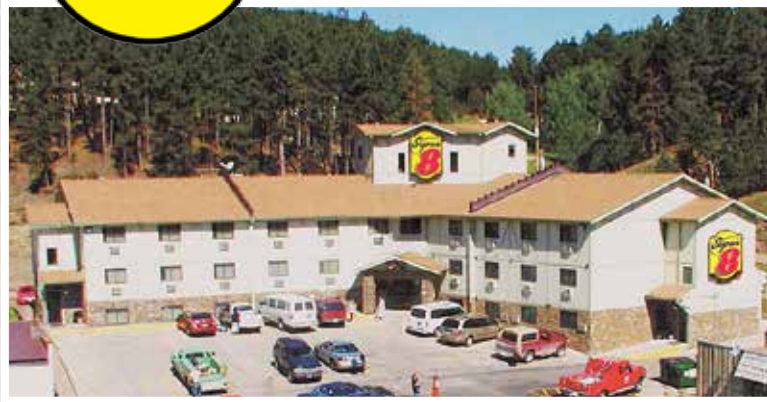
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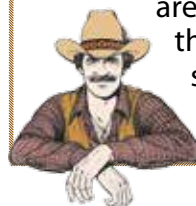
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#### DID YOU KNOW...

South Dakota has 4.5 million acres of land owned by American Indian tribes, ranking fourth in the nation behind Arizona, Montana and New Mexico.

The name "Black Hills" comes from the Lakota words Paha Sapa, which mean "hills that are black". Seen from a distance, these pine-covered hills, rising several thousand feet above the surrounding prairie, appear black.





# HILL CITY

**DID YOU KNOW...** On average, the temperature drops three degrees F° for every one thousand feet of elevation. Harney Peak is the highest point in the Black Hills at 7,242 feet.



**Elevation** 4,974 ft.  
**Population** 650

**TOP ATTRACTIONS**

- BH Helicopter Tours
- Crazy Horse
- Dahl's Chainsaw Art
- Teddy Bear Town
- Smokey the Bear
- Helicopter Tours

**DISTANCE TO:**

Keystone	15 miles
Custer	12 miles
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Hill City has a new, larger-than-life, citizen in 2021... no other than Smokey Bear himself! Thanks to the cooperation of seven wood carvers from across the nation with sponsorship by Alexander Enterprises of Hill City, Smokey sits on Hill City's main street at Dahl's Chainsaw Art at 30' tall and 25' from end to end.

Hill City's history with Smokey dates back to July, 1939 after one of the Black Hill's worst fires came dangerously close to the town. Professional fire fighters were joined by approximately 25 Hill City School boys who pitched in from day one through the four day blaze ordeal, attaining "One of the Best Crews" attributes by the National Forest Service.

The name "Rangers" was given to the school's athletic teams due to their tremendous service and later that year were given further permission by the National Forest Service to use "Smokey Bear" as their official mascot...which to date is still the only school allowed to do so.

Local wood carvers Jordon and Jarrett Dahl were joined by Scott Hanson of Alaska, Michael Koepfel of Wisconsin, Abby Peterson of Kentucky, Shane Thompson of California and Kyle Thomas of North Carolina. Project coordinator, Jordon Dahl stated to the local newspaper, "The camaraderie of all the guys getting together and coming up with different ideas and strategies... It was a lot of fun!"



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## The Mickelson Trail

The George S. Mickelson Trail follows the historic Deadwood to Edgemont Burlington Northern rail line. This line passed through the heart of South Dakota's Black Hills and was abandoned in 1983. A group of local residents recognized the line's historic value and recreational potential, and the state's first rails to trails project was under way.

Originally dubbed the Black Hills Burlington Northern Heritage Trail, the project gained early support from then-Governor George S. Mickelson. The governor played an integral role in the trail's early success, and in 1991, he proudly dedicated the first six miles of the trail. Following Mickelson's untimely death in 1993, the trail was renamed in his honor.

Governor Janklow's continued support of the trail made its completion possible. After more than a decade and with the help of the US Forest Service, SD Dept. of Transportation, Dept. of Corrections, The National Guard, The Rails to Trails Group, Game, Fish & Parks, the Friends of the Mickelson Trail, and hundreds of volunteers, the trail was completed in the fall of 1998. To commemorate its completion, hundreds of hikers, bikers and horseback riders joined together in a three-day celebration that spanned the entire length of the trail.

### 114 Miles of Variety

Its gentle slopes and easy access allow people of all ages and abilities to enjoy the beauty of the Black Hills. There are more than 100 converted railroad bridges and four hard rock tunnels along the trail. Much of the trail passes through National Forest, but parts of the trail pass through privately owned land where trail use is restricted to the trail only. It is vital to the future of the trail that users respect the land and others on the trail. On The Trail...

There are 14 trailheads along the trail route. All the trailheads offer parking, self-sale trail pass stations, vault toilets and tables. If you want to spend a few days enjoying the Mickelson Trail, campgrounds, hotels, motels, bed and breakfast inns, and guest ranches are available near many of the trailheads. Camping is not allowed on the trail right-of-way or at the trailheads. Open fires are not permitted.

The grades do not exceed four percent, although certain portions of the trail are considered strenuous. Dumont is the highest point, and the 19-mile stretch south from Deadwood to Dumont is the longest, stadiest incline. The section from Hill City south to Crazy Horse Memorial, and from Hill City north to Mystic, are also uphill climbs.



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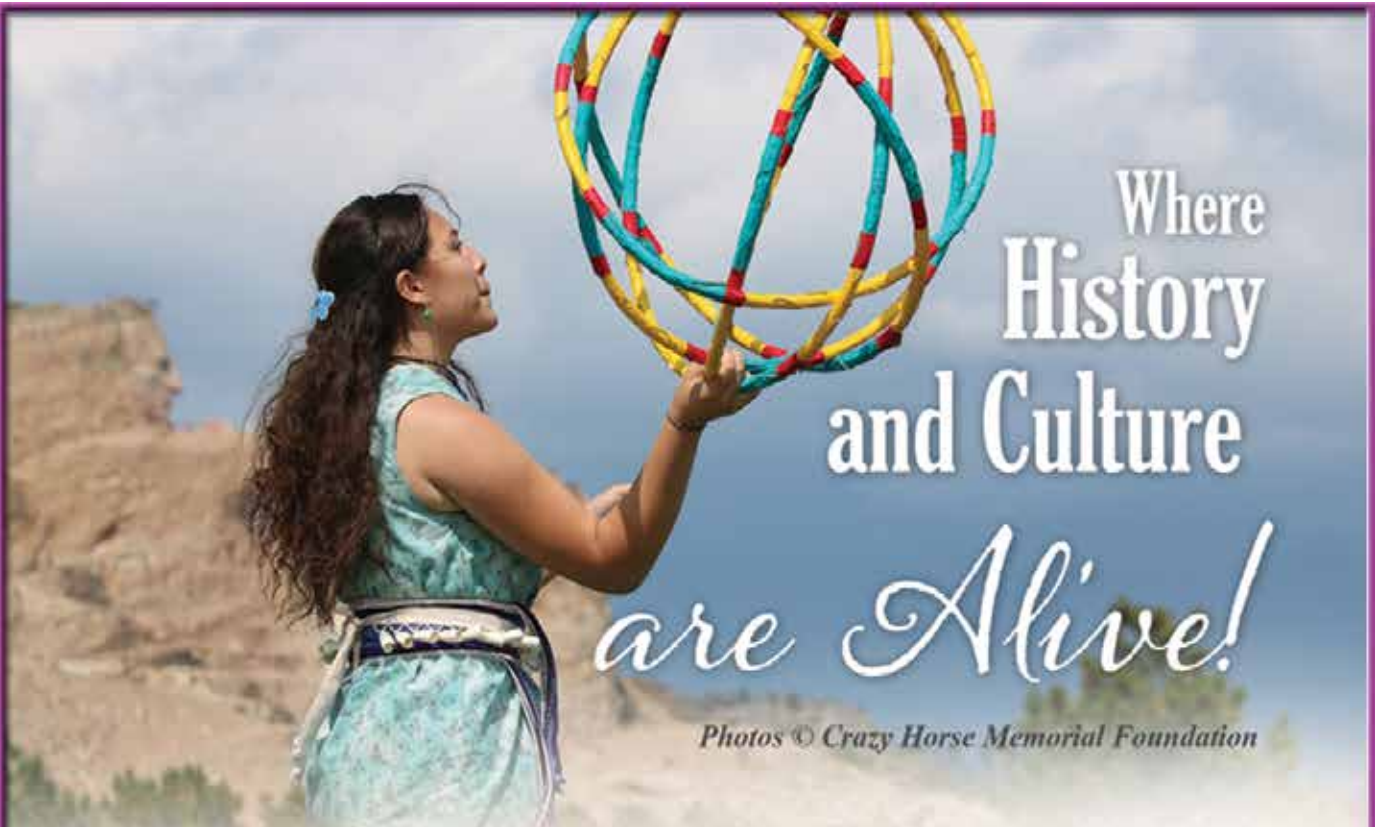
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Sculptor Korczak Ziolkowski (pronounced "Jewel-cuff-ski") had worked as an assistant to Gutzon Borglum at Mount Rushmore in 1939. That same year, Oglala Lakota Chief Henry Standing Bear wrote Ziolkowski asking him to consider carving a giant sculpture dedicated to the American Indian. Standing Bear said "I would like the white man to know the red man has great heroes, also."

Ziolkowski, a determined artist, loved the challenge and was inspired to dedicate the rest of his life to the sculpture. Chief Henry Standing Bear and other leaders chose the Lakota warrior, Crazy Horse, for the subject. Crazy Horse was born in the Black Hills and is partially credited with Custer's defeat at the Battle of Little Bighorn.

The artist spent several decades alone, drilling and blasting the 563-foot-tall likeness of the great Lakota leader atop his steed from the granite of Thunderhead Mountain. In comparison, the four heads of the presidents carved on Mount Rushmore

would be able to fit within the head and hair of Crazy Horse when completed.

After Ziolkowski's death in 1982 and his wife Ruth's death in 2014, the Memorial continued to progress and today is overseen by members of the Ziolkowski family, the Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation board of directors and dedicated staff. On site, visitors can find the 1/34<sup>th</sup>-scale plaster model, the sculptor's original log home and workshop, the Indian Museum of North America® and its multiple galleries containing unique and historic collections, the Native American Educational and Cultural Center®, the Mountain Carving gallery, restaurant and gift shop.

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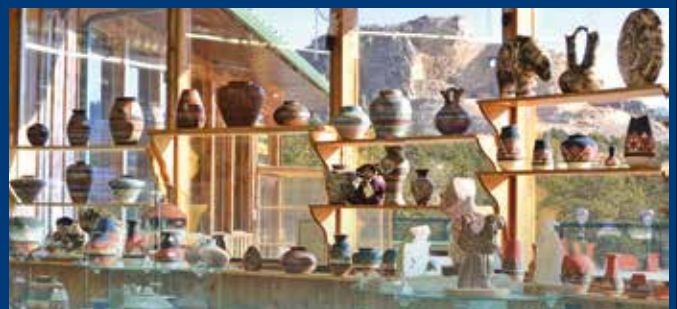
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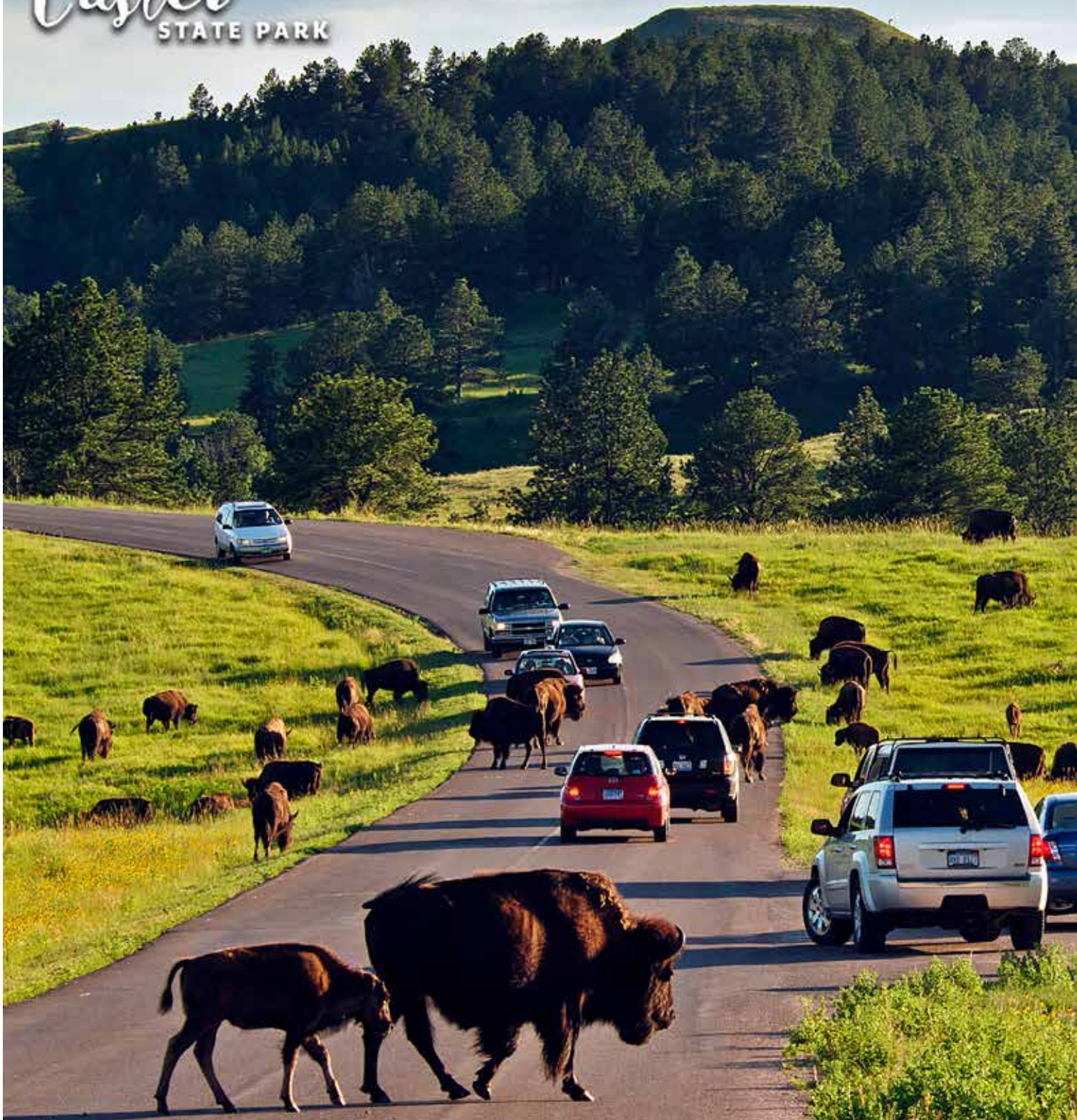
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# BUFFALO ROUNDUP

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Yeehaw! A whip cracks in the distance and a cowboy yells, "Get after them. Cut 'em off. Their headed in the wrong direction! We've got to turn them back!"

Sound exciting? Well that's because it is! Especially when you are trying to herd 1,300 buffalo in a direction they don't want to go.

It all starts in early September when buffalo herdsman Chad Kremer begins planning for the park's annual Buffalo Roundup.

Kremer, along with the other members of the parks resource management team, open the gates along the Recreation Demonstration (RD) fence to allow the buffalo to drift into an ungrazed pasture.

"Picture in your mind a fence that runs across the park from east to west, one mile in from our southern boundary fence," Kremer describes. "This area, called the Recreation Demonstration area, is not grazed all summer, so when we open the gates along the fence, the buffalo naturally drift into the area."

As the old saying goes, the grass is greener on the other side of the fence.

However not all the buffalo drift into the area on their own. That is where a number of volunteer horseback riders and park staff come into play.

"We search the park high and low for buffalo throughout the month of September," Kremer explains. "When we find a group, we gather up the horseback riders and drive the buffalo toward the south end of the park into the RD pasture in preparation for the final push into the corrals. This final push – the annual Buffalo Roundup – happens on the last Friday of September.

### What is the Purpose of the Roundup?

The park began to gather the herd back in the 1960s when the decision was made to eradicate brucellosis from the herd. The herd was certified brucellosis free in 1965 allowing the sale of live animals. Since that time, the roundup has been used in conjunction with the fall sale as a way to manage the size of the herd and to provide an opportunity to brand and vaccinate the calves.

"Studies show that during normal moisture years, the park's grassland can support about 1,450 head of bison," explains Dr. Gary Brundige, resource program manager for Custer State Park. "That number fluctuates depending upon rainfall and the available rangeland forage."

The buffalo are on their own to forage. The park does not supplement their food supply.

"We inventory the range conditions each year and that determines the number of buffalo we sell at the fall auction in November," said Brundige. "We need to keep the buffalo numbers compatible with available forage, and that is why you may see varying numbers for the size of our herd. Right now we have about 1,300 buffalo in the herd, and we'll be building back to that target number of 1,450 in the future."

Brundige points out that for Custer State Park, the Buffalo Roundup is a management tool to prepare for the annual buffalo sale. But he says, "It is an event that is open to the public, and we are happy to share it with the thousands of guests who come to experience something out of the old west."

"It truly is a magnificent sight to see— buffalo rumbling across the plains driven by cowboys and cowgirls on horseback. It takes you back to days gone by and lets the spectators catch a glimpse of old west history," adds Brundige.

### The Buffalo Roundup

"Here they come!" a visitor shouts. Thirteen hundred-head strong. The dust billows, and you can feel the thunder as they pass by the south viewing area.

"Keep 'em going—they're headed toward the corrals!" a cowboy yells.

"Don't push them too hard, just keep 'em pointed in the right direction," another says.

Then another whip cracks. Cowboys holler and wave neckerchiefs as they push the herd into the corrals in front of the north viewing area.

As 1,300 head of buffalo head toward the crowds on the north hill, one visitor remarks, "I sure hope the fence holds them back."

"It always has," responds another. "But, boy oh boy, what a sight to see!"

With the roundup about in the bag, there is still one final push to drive the entire herd into the corral complex. That is often easier said than done.

It's here when the crowd generally cheers for the buffalo and often times it gets a bit dicey for the cowboys. But as the final buffalo work their way through the gate, the crowd gives a final "well done" cheer to all involved, and the cowpokes and their horses breathe a sigh of relief.







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# HOT SPRINGS...

Long before its official establishment in the late 1800s, the Hot Springs area had been known for generations among Native Americans for its rejuvenating warm mineral spring waters which were used by tribes for physical and spiritual cleansing and healing. When Hot Springs began to be settled by westward travelers, it became well-known for its bath houses, luxurious hotels, hospitals and health sanitariums, including Battle Mountain National Historic Landmark, which still today an active VA hospital renowned for its highly successful PTSD treatment program. In 2014, the State of South Dakota saw fit to officially designate Hot Springs as “The Veterans Town” of South Dakota.

Travelers can still find plenty of healing experiences – physical, mental and emotional - in this picturesque community nestled along Fall River, which winds its way through downtown past the distinctive pink sandstone buildings, nearly all built from local quarries. Evans Plunge, named for its founder, early Hot Springs businessman Fred Evans, is the Black Hills’ oldest tourist attraction, and you can still soak and play in the warm 87 degree water year round. The Mammoth Site, a National Natural Landmark, is the final resting place of over 60 mammoths and other prehistoric creatures that fell into a sinkhole thousands of years ago and continues to be an active dig site, as well as a world-class museum.

Mere minutes north of Hot Springs, one can find Wind Cave National Park, with wildlife abound over the world’s sixth longest

cave and one of our country’s oldest national parks. To the southwest, the Black Hills Wild Horse Sanctuary is not only home to hundreds of rescued wild mustangs, but also a working ranch, spectacular western scenery and both Native American and cowboy cultural history. The rapidly growing Angostura & Sheps Canyon State Recreation Areas boast the best fishing, swimming, boating, camping opportunities in the Southern Hills. Outdoors lovers will also find adventure at Cold Brook & Cottonwood Lakes and at the city’s five parks.

And, of course, in Hot Springs itself you can explore the history of the area at the Pioneer Museum, located in an original sandstone schoolhouse, hike one of Hot Springs’ many walking trails, including the one-mile long Fall River Freedom Trail, play a round of golf at the beautiful 18 hole Southern Hills Golf Course, consistently ranked one of the best places to play in South Dakota, drink the warm spring water from Kidney Springs, check out beautiful murals depicting the history and legacy of Hot Springs, spend time perusing the shops downtown, eat at one of the wonderful restaurants,

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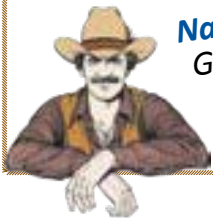
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2002	561,752	450,000
2003	605,140	502,000
2005	547,370	514,951
2005	524,656	525,250
2006	449,527	456,968
2007	461,507	507,234
2008	405,475	414,917
2009	394,009	442,163
2010	459,968	466,769
2011	415,367	416,727
2015	1,000,000	739,000
2016	463,412	448,000
2017	376,033	480,000
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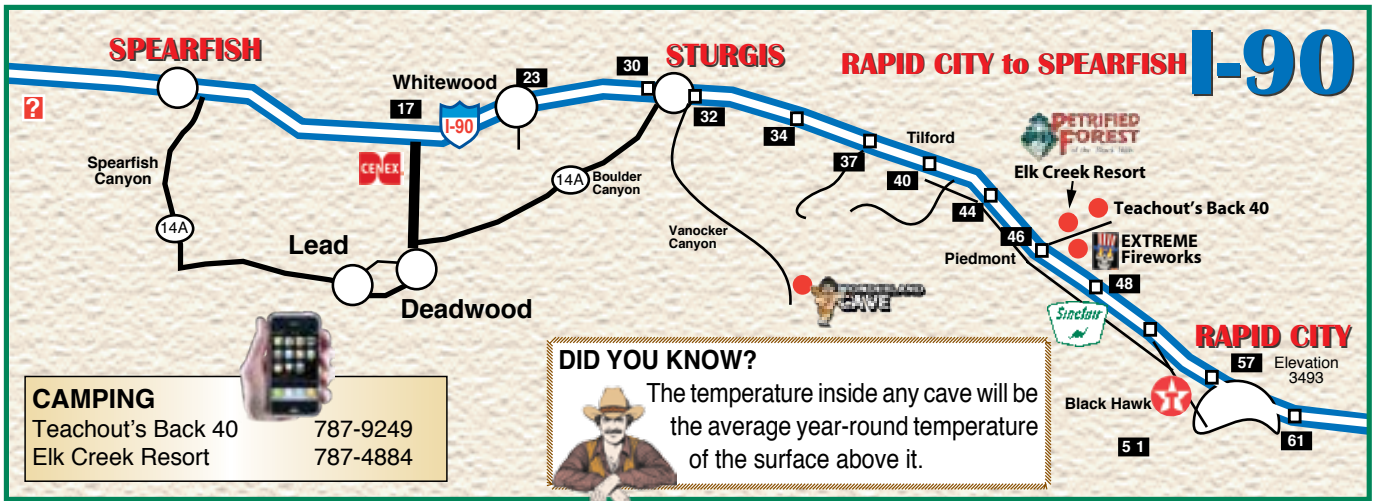
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The **Sturgis Motorcycle Rally** is an American motorcycle rally held annually in Sturgis, South Dakota, usually during the first full week of August. It began in 1938 and was originally held for stunts and races, but it has evolved into being a meeting for motorcycle enthusiasts from around the world. It brings significant income to the citizens of Sturgis, a town of only 6,627 people. It is one of the largest motorcycle rallies in the world.

The first rally was held on August 14, 1938, by the "Jackpine Gypsies" motorcycle club, who still own and operate the tracks, hill climb, and field areas where the rally is centered. The first event was called the "Black Hills Classic" and consisted of a single race with nine participants and a small audience. The founder is generally considered to be Clarence "Pappy" Hoel. He purchased an Indian Motorcycle franchise in Sturgis in 1936 and formed the "Jackpine

Gypsies" that same year. The Jackpine Gypsies were inducted to the Motorcycle Hall of Fame in 1997. Hoel was inducted into the AMA Hall of Fame the following year, in 1998.

The focus of a motorcycle rally was originally racing and stunts. In 1961, the rally was expanded to include the Hill climb and Motocross races. This could include half-mile track racing (the first year in Sturgis, there were 19 participants), intentional board wall crashes, ramp jumps and head-on collisions with automobiles.

The Sturgis Rally has been held every year, with exceptions during World War II. For instance, in 1942, the event was not held due to gasoline rationing.





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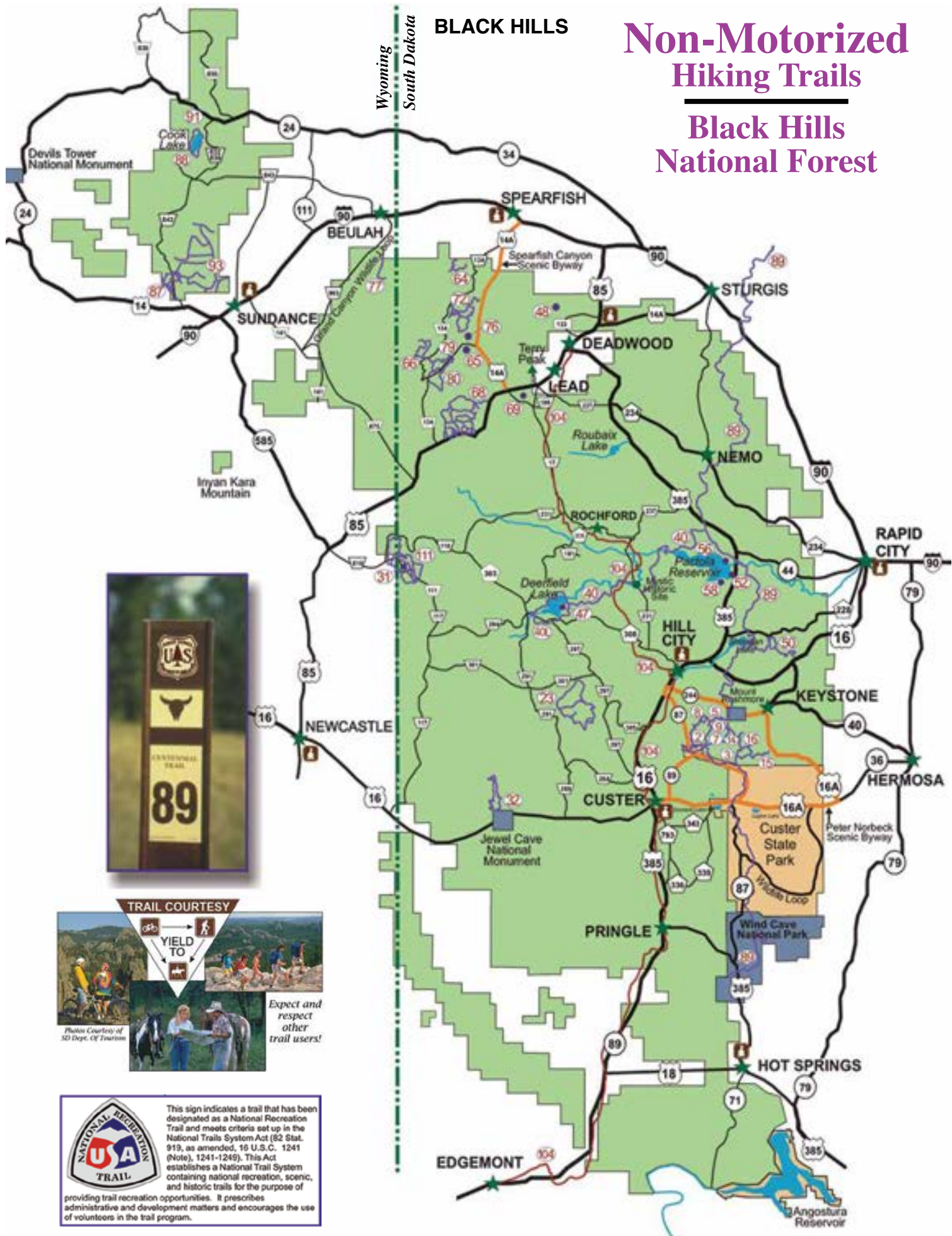
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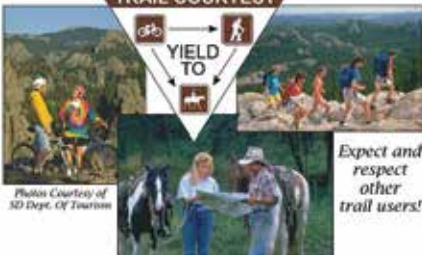
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In 1823, while hunting with the Ashley Fur party, Hugh Glass was so terribly mauled by a grizzly bear that two members of the party were left behind to do what they could and to bury him when he died.

Fearing for their own lives and believing his condition hopeless, they took his weapons and deserted him. Living off rain, wet tree moss, snakes, mice and bugs, Glass crawled for 3 months to make the 190 mile trek back to Fort Kiowa on the Missouri River to find the men who had left him. Today Glass is remembered in songs, books, movies (most recently *The Revenant*) and a historical marker, which still stands on the South Dakota prairie.






Trail	Length	Elevation	Difficulty	Uses
2 Lost Cabin	6.2	5100-6400	Mod.-Difficult	
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4 Cathedral Spires	3.2	6100-6600	Moderate	
6 Sunday Gulch	2.8	5600-6100	Moderate	
7 Grizzly Bear Creek	6.0	5100-6500	Difficult	
8 Willow Creek Loop	1.5	5100-5200	Moderate	
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9 Willow Creek/Harney Peak	5.4	5100-7200	Difficult	
14 Horsethief Lake	2.7	5000-5600	Moderate	
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16 Iron Mountain	1.4	5200-4900	Moderate	
23 Bear Mountain	16.0	6000-7100	Easy-Mod.	
40 Deerfield	18.3	4600-6100	Moderate	
40 Lake Loop	10.2	5900-6100	Easy	
47 Dutchman Loop Trail	1.3	5900	Easy	
48 Mt. Roosevelt	0.5	550-5700	Easy	
50 Flume	15.0	4400-5300	Easy	
52 Aspen Leaf	1.0	4600	Easy	
56 Veterans Point	1.0	4600	Moderate	
58 Lakeview	2.7	4600	Easy	
64 Crow Peak	3.5	4200-5800	Difficult	
65 Old Baldy	5.0	5800-6100	Moderate	
68 Eagle Cliff	25.0	5800-6500	Easy-Difficult	
72 Big Hill	14.9	5000-5500	Easy-Difficult	
76 Roughlock	0.9	5000	Easy	
79 Rimrock	5.8	5300-6000	Moderate	
80 Little Spearfish	5.8	5500-6200	Moderate	
87 Carson Draw Trails	6.9	5400-6200	Moderate	
88 Cook Lake	1.4	4700	Easy	
89 Centennial	111.0	3200-5600	Easy-Mod.	
90 Bearlodge Trails	48.3	3200-5600	Moderate	
91 Cliff Swallow	3.6	4600-5100	Moderate	
104 George S. Mickelson	110.0	3400-6200	Easy	
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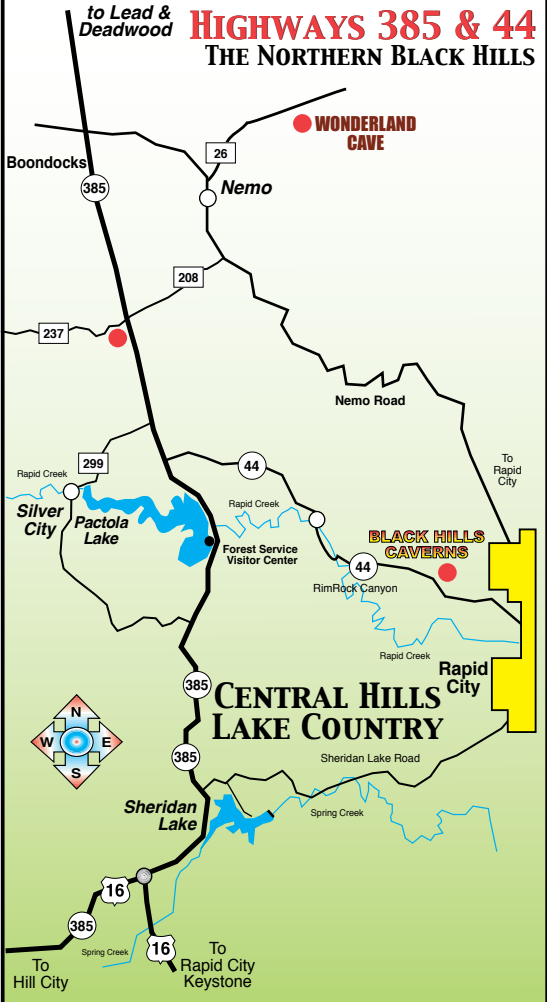


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W.F. “Buffalo Bill” Cody talked Wild Bill into joining his Wild West Show, playing none other than Wild Bill Hickok. The show headed east in 1874. Wild Bill was a star attraction. As an actor he was a dismal failure—the victim of stage fright and failing eyesight. He was unaccustomed to big cities and did not adjust well to life on the road. His acting career ended in Philadelphia. Frustrated and blinded by stage lights, he fired a volley of blanks into the orchestra. Cody was forced to let him go.

The discovery of gold in the Black Hills of Dakota Territory presented new opportunities. Wild Bill and his good friend, C.H. “Colorado Charlie” Utter arrived in Deadwood Gulch in June of 1876 and staked out claims. Some say he expected to become marshal in yet another lawless frontier town. Others insist that failing eyesight caused him to seek refuge and anonymity in the Black

Hills. Perhaps he, like thousands of others who joined the Gold Rush of '76, simply hoped to strike it rich.

## Deadwood Days

During the short time he lived in the Black Hills, he became a familiar figure in Deadwood saloons and card parlors. He is remembered as an impeccably dressed gentleman who always sat with his back to the wall and poured drinks with his left hand, keeping his right hand free for action.

On the afternoon of August 2, 1876, Wild Bill joined a poker game in a Deadwood saloon. Contrary to his usual practice, he sat with his back to the door and took the seat only after being chided and cajoled by his friends. While the game was in progress, Jack McCall entered the saloon and shot Wild Bill in the back of the head with a .45 pistol. Wild Bill died instantly. His body slumped over the table; the cards fell to the floor. The combination of black aces and black eights became known as the Deadman’s Hand.

The body of Wild Bill Hickok was buried in Mt. Moriah Cemetery overlooking the city, but the legend lives on, immortalized in the hearts of Deadwood citizens and vividly recreated by historians and fictional writers as well. The original wooden headstone, painstakingly inscribed by his good friend “Colorado Charlie,” has long since disappeared, carried away in bits and pieces by those seeking, in some manner, to become a part of the legend. “Pard, we will meet again in the happy hunting ground to part no more”

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# WHAT'S NEW AT THE SANFORD LAB HOMESTAKE VISITOR CENTER?

An interview with the Executive Director of the Sanford Lab Homestake Visitor Center (SLHVC), Donna K. Job.

## What is the mission of the Sanford Lab Homestake Visitor Center?

Our Mission is to preserve our history, communicate the amazing research projects that are currently taking place at Sanford Underground Research Facility, and encourage life long learning. We aim to create a fun atmosphere that is appealing to everyone.

## What does the Visitor Center have to offer for tourists?

We have guided tours all year. From May to September you will be able to take a Trolley Tour through the historic sites of Lead, including a visit to a working hoist room from the 1930s that is still in use today! We offer bike rentals so you and your family/group can enjoy the beautiful Black Hills. We are only minutes from the Mickelson Trail. Another attraction is our golfing T-Box. You will have the opportunity of hitting your first "hole in one" into the Open Cut! We also offer some of the best shopping in the Black Hills. We have Trisha Waldron Jewelry, local pottery artists, handmade leather goods, Native American quilts and beautiful Landstrom's Black Hills Gold.

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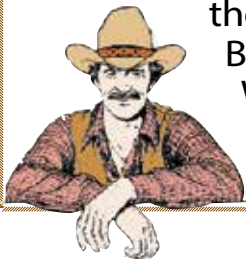
Happy golfers after their first Hole in One in the Open Cut; everything is ready for you to take your swing; biking on the Mickelson Trail right outside of Lead; one of the Trek Marlin 5 available for rent.





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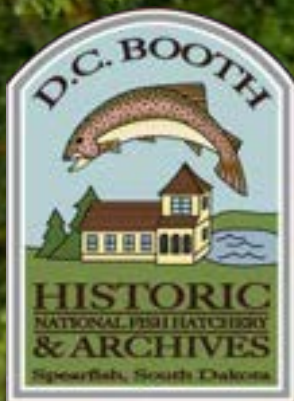
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Admission to the Hatchery grounds is always free. Visitors are welcome to stroll the hatchery grounds from dawn to dusk any day of the week, 365 days a year. However, the Pond Gift Shop, National Fish Hatchery Museum, Railcar, and Booth House are open during the summer season June, July and August, 9am to 6pm. May and September have limited hours. Stop by for great interpretive tours from our volunteers!

Please note: Because the Hatchery's attractions operate with the help of local and traveling volunteers, hours may vary or be shortened without notice.

**The Fish** - Visitors can get up close and personal with Cutthroat, Brown and Rainbow trout by feeding them from above or

watching them through the underwater viewing windows. Visitors can feed the fish 365 days a year, as the grounds are open from dawn to dusk.

**The Museum** - The National Fish Hatchery Museum was created to preserve the vibrant history and rich heritage of the American fisheries workers. The US Fish and Wildlife Service collects and preserves the historic objects from hatcheries throughout the country making them accessible to researchers and the public. In addition to collecting artifacts, interpretation of the history and technology of fish culture will enrich the experience of the greater community. By utilizing the museum collection, we hope to increase the awareness of the various roles and the inestimable value of fish culture and fisheries in everyday life.

**The Grounds** - Spanning 10 acres, the entire hatchery site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Ponds, rock walls, water systems and buildings contribute to the site's historic significance. Although many alterations have been made on the site over the years, each change tells a story about hatchery operations.

Two life size bronze sculptures can be

seen on the hatchery grounds. The Spring Stocking Pond sculpture depicts the lives of early fisheries workers. The Generations sculpture showcases the important role that fishing plays in American tradition and culture today. The bronze was completed in 1996 to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the hatchery.

Two hiking trails outline the boundaries of the hatchery site. The trails offer scenic overlooks of the grounds and take you to historic sites such as the mort pit.

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# IF YOU GOTTA' HAVE ART ...

The Black Hills and Badlands area is a haven for artists who work in all media. Many writers, potters, painters, dancers, sculptors, musicians, filmmakers, actors and playwrights make their homes here ... and are all inspired by the mystique of the Black Hills.

If you want to be blown away, pay a visit to the **Termesphere® Gallery** near Spearfish! Unlike other painters,



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**The Lead-Deadwood Arts Council** operates a beautiful Art Gallery and gift shop located next to the **Historic Homestake Opera House**. At **Mind Blown Studio** in Deadwood you can watch the fascinating process of molten glass being transformed into glass sculptures by Deadwood's own master gaffer.

Downtown Rapid City is home to several art galleries. In the hushed spaces of the **Dahl Fine Arts Center**, you can enjoy a gift shop and exhibits of the work of local and national artists, as well as a **Cyclorama of American History**. The **Suzie Cappa Art Center** provides studio space and a gallery for sales of art created by adults with disabilities. There are amazing works, along with those of other local artists, and this space has become a model for such galleries around the country. **Reflections of South Dakota** is a fine art gallery and gift shop representing the work of some of South Dakota's best artists. **The Perfect Hanging Gallery** specializes in preservation and custom framing and carries jewelry, pottery and other art of local artists.

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Nestled in a lovely area outside of Keystone you'll find **Black Hills Glass Blowers** where visitors can often see the blowing process or lampworking technique. Beautiful art glass and figurines are on view for your shopping pleasure.

You'll find wonderful galleries along Hill City's Main Street. **Warrior's Work and Ben West Gallery** is dedicated to contemporary Native American work and unique leather framing, along with "wearable art" based on late 19th century designs. Country and mountain landscapes by well-known artist Jon Crane are featured at **The Jon Crane Gallery**. An enrolled member of the Oglala Lakota Tribe, **Sandy Swallow** has her own gallery with fine art, handcrafted jewelry and designer apparel. **Art Forms Gallery**, an artist cooperative, has an eclectic variety of affordable art by local artists! Further south in Custer, you'll find **Art Expressions**, a cooperative that carries beautiful work of regional and local artists. At the **Chautauqua Artisan's Market** in Hot Springs you'll find weavings, pottery, woodwork, paintings and other art and crafts of all kinds.

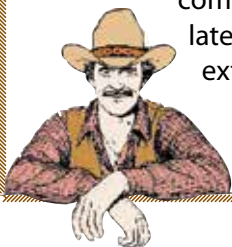
As a footnote, the shops at **Wall Drug**, **Mount Rushmore** and **Crazy Horse Memorial** all have fine art and affordable reproductions to look at AND to buy! So take some time to poke around the galleries and you're sure to find an art treasure as a souvenir of your visit to the Black Hills!

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## DID YOU KNOW...

By the time of the Black Hills rush, the Chinese were a fact of life in western mining. When the strikes were made at Deadwood, it was almost a certainty that the Chinese would show up, and they did.

Chinatown in Deadwood grew up at what is now the lower end of Main Street. The town's Chinese did some placer mining, but most were involved in other work. Chinese laundries, restaurants and Imporium were common and there were Chinese bordellos. There were opium dens, but not where Deadwood's later generations told the tourists they were located farther up Main Street. To a considerable extent, the Chinese brought their own culture to Deadwood, but they were never really welcome. Current archaeology digs in the Chinese section of Deadwood are expanding our understanding of their presents.





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