

2024 SOUTH DAKOTA UPDATES

EXPERIENCES & ATTRACTIONS



BADLANDS OBSERVATORY // *Quinn*

View the moon, planets, sun, stars and comets all from small-town South Dakota. A private facility used for research, education and stargazing is now open to the public.
BadlandsObservatory.com



SOUTH DAKOTA AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE MUSEUM // *Brookings*

Dedicated to preserving the history of South Dakota's top industry, the museum walks visitors through the evolution of agriculture.
SDState.edu/South-Dakota-Agricultural-Heritage-Museum



FLEURISH FLOWER FARM // *Elk Point*

Awaken your senses to the sights and scents of thousands of blooming flowers. As visitors walk through the property the owner will share the history of the farm, give hands on demonstrations and pick your own bouquet to take and enjoy.
FleurishFlowerFarm.org



1880 TRAIN // *Hill City or Keystone*

See the Black Hills of South Dakota by vintage steam train. Hop on to experience a two-hour, relaxing 20-mile roundtrip between Hill City & Keystone. The historical steam train is narrated throughout your journey and fun for all ages.
1880train.com



NATIONAL MUSIC MUSEUM // *Vermillion*

The renowned National Music Museum has reopened with seven new exhibits in the fall of 2023. Spanning hundreds of years, the instruments range from priceless violins to harps all the way to Elvis' music.
nmmusd.org



BRONZEAGE ART CASTING // *Sioux Falls*

A full-service art foundry offering bronze, brass, aluminum and iron casting services to artists, architects, designers, communities, and individuals. The tour takes visitors into the detailed and tedious process of bronze casting from the first steps of clay sculpture to the molten metal and finally into a bronze sculpture.
BronzeAgeArtCasting.com

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LOCAL GUIDES



BLACK HILLS ADVENTURE TOURS

// Rapid City

Enjoy upscale adventure experiences with local guides. Clients can book a variety of tours, such as Mickelson Trail Bike Ride, Wine & Adventure Package, Prehistoric Bones & Stones Hike, Pactola Lake Kayaking & Stand Up Paddleboarding, Wine & Brew Tour, and more!

BlackHillsAdventureTours.com



TATANKA REZ TOURZ // Pine Ridge

Native-owned and operated guides will take you on an odyssey into the realm of Lakota (Sioux) country. You will have a clearer and deeper understanding of rich Lakota culture and history, with views of breathtaking vistas.

TatankaRezTourz.com



SIoux FALLS FOOD TOURS

// Sioux Falls

Experience the most delectable parts of South Dakota's biggest city with Sioux Falls Food Tours! Eat your way through downtown Sioux Falls or partake in a Cafés & Bakeries, Hidden Gems, or Wine, Cheese and Chocolate tour. Let your knowledgeable host show you the tastiest parts of the Queen City. SuFuFoodTours.com

LODGING



Image courtesy of DeadwoodGulchResort.com

DEADWOOD GULCH

// Deadwood

Deadwood Gulch Gaming Resort, Trademark Collection by Wyndham is nestled in the beautiful Black Hills featuring rooms overlooking Whitewood Creek. Be sure to try out the on-site Boston's Pizza.

DeadwoodGulchResort.com/resort-amenities/



JOY RANCH // Watertown

Explore scenic trails from horseback with local guides. Enjoy one of the 16 Western-themed, boutique style rooms with private bathrooms, and snuggle up by the fireplace. JoyRanchofSD.org/activities



LEWIS & CLARK RESORT // Yankton

The Lewis & Clark Resort near Yankton along the Missouri River offers 24 modern motel rooms, 17 modern two- and three-bedroom cabins, cottages, and a great lodge. Take advantage of the bike trail with your own bike or rent one here. There is a heated outdoor pool, a playground, firepits and marina. LewisAndClarkResort.com

ENTERTAINMENT



BLACK HILLS PLAYHOUSE // Custer

Since 1946, this cultural gem has been producing theatre on the site of a Civilian Conservation Corps Camp. Experience musicals, romance, comedy and drama in the rustic beauty of Custer State Park. BlackHillsPlayhouse.com



FORT HAYS OLD WEST TOWN & DINNER SHOW // Rapid City

Stop in for a 99-cent Cowboy Breakfast, or make reservations for the Chuckwagon Supper and Cowboy Music Variety Show. MountRushmoreTours.com/Fort-Hays-Old-West-Town-Square



RUSHMORE TRAMWAY ADVENTURES // Hill City

Challenge the treetop obstacle course, cruise down the Apline Slide or take a ride on the zip line through the Black Hills. Whether you climb, ride, stroll, slide or zip you're sure to have fun. RushmoreTramwayAdventures.com



GOSS OPERA HOUSE // Watertown

Built in 1889 by Charles Goss, The Goss Opera House remains the heart of downtown Watertown. This spectacular space is perfect for performances, business meetings, family gatherings, and wedding celebrations. TheGossOperaHouse.com



ROCKSINO BY HARD ROCK // Deadwood

Hard Rock International is renowned for taking things up a notch, and the casino in Deadwood is no exception. With 86 slot machines, delicious Midwest food and local craft beers, visitors are bound to have a blast. Rocksino.hardrock.com/deadwood



ANNIVERSARIES

10TH

DENNY SANFORD
PREMIER CENTER



25TH

ESTABLISHMENT OF
MINUTEMAN MISSILE
NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE



30TH

KOOL DEADWOOD
NITES



85TH

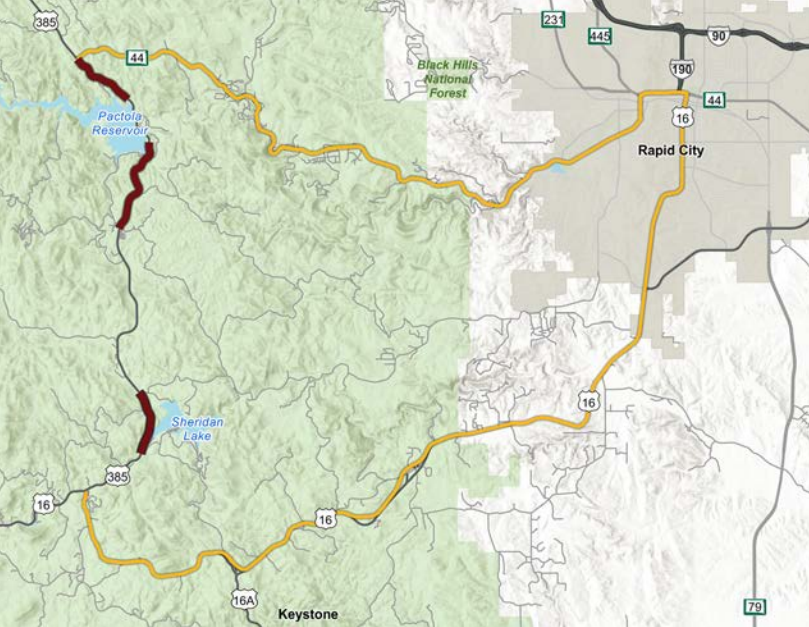
ESTABLISHMENT OF
BADLANDS NATIONAL
PARK



105TH

CUSTER STATE PARK'S
OFFICIAL DESIGNATION





- ROAD CLOSURES
- RECOMMENDED DETOUR

ROAD CLOSURES

JUNE 3 - JULY 26, 2024

The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) is reconstructing a portion of U.S. Highway 385 near Rapid City and Hill City. Once completed, this section of the highway will feature wider shoulders, improved road curves and an additional turning lane to improve traffic flow as well as new surfacing.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Temporary road closures
- Lengthy detour
- Narrowed driving lanes
- Loose gravel road surface
- Large construction equipment
- Rock blasting
- Pilot cars with wait times

For more information visit us-385.com.

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TOP EVENTS TIMELINE 2024

JUNE 1 & OCTOBER 1

Crazy Horse Memorial Volksmarch // **Custer**

JULY 5-7, 12-14, 19-21

Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant // **De Smet**

JULY 22-27

Days of '76 Rodeo and Parades // **Deadwood**

AUGUST 2-11

Annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally // **Sturgis**

AUGUST 16-18

Riverboat Days // **Yankton**

AUGUST 29 - SEPTEMBER 2

South Dakota State Fair // **Huron**

SEPTEMBER 27

Custer State Park Buffalo Roundup & Arts Festival // **Custer**

OCTOBER 4-6

Annual Black Hills Powwow and Art Market // **Rapid City**

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