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Welcome to SOUTH DAKOTA

If you are seeking the ultimate adventure, South Dakota's roads are calling. With spectacular views and world-famous attractions, our highways are a motorcyclist's haven when paired with the hospitality of our warm and friendly people.

I invite you to travel across South Dakota's wide-open spaces and scenic byways. Along the way, diverse skylines and picturesque landscapes serve as the backdrop for your journey.

Roll through prairie vistas, cruise along the powerful Missouri River, ride past majestic glacial lakes, and navigate through towering granite needles. In August, head to Sturgis to participate in the most famous motorcycle rally in America.

On behalf of the people of South Dakota, it is my honor to welcome you to the land of Great Faces and Great Places. Have a memorable ride and safe travels.

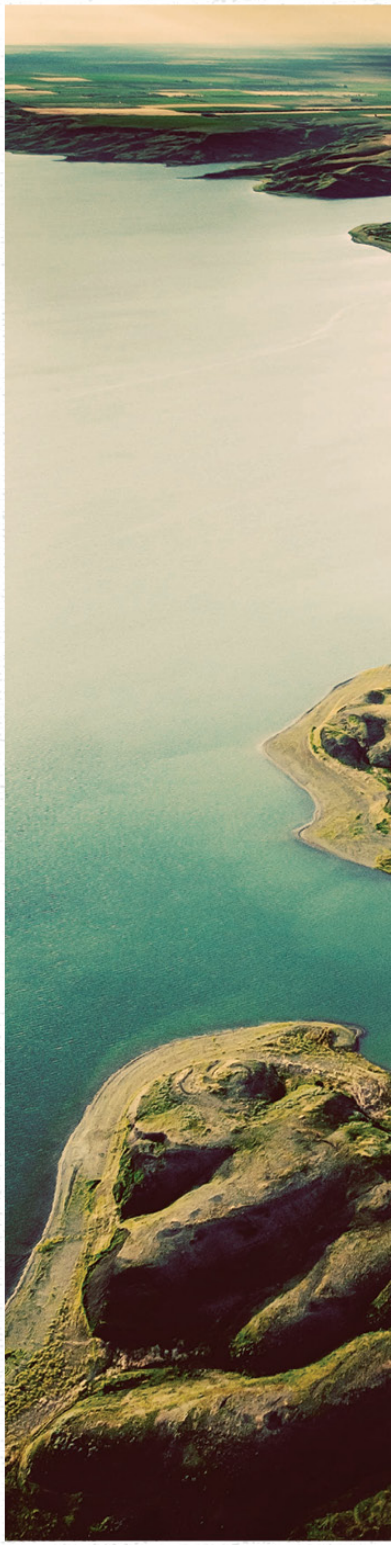
Dennis

GOVERNOR DENNIS DAUGAARD

State Parks

PRAIRIES, BACK-COUNTRY MOUNTAINS, SPACIOUS LAKES & LUSH WOODS

More than 60 state parks and recreation areas showcase South Dakota's natural beauty and boundless recreational opportunities. South Dakota has plenty of room to play with our broad expanses of prairies, back-country mountains, spacious lakes and lush woods. There are crisp, clear lakes to fish, sail and swim; woodland trails to hike and bike; rivers to paddle; and frontier forts to explore.



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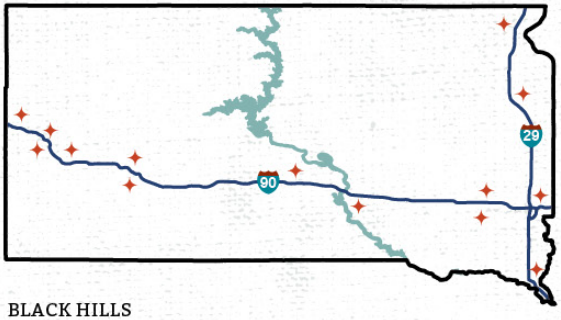

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NORTHERN STURGIS ROUTE

This route along Hwy 12 is a wonderfully scenic drive across the northern edge of the state. Watch the landscape change as you ride through the communities of Waubay, Webster, Aberdeen, Ipswich, Selby, Mobridge, Lemmon and others. Once you reach Lemmon, turn south on Hwy 73 until you reach Hwy 212. Then it's west again until you reach Hwy 79. Turn south and ride the rest of the way into Sturgis.

SOUTHERN STURGIS ROUTE

Avoid highway hypnosis on your way to Sturgis with this scenic trail through southern South Dakota. You will cross the mighty Missouri River in one of the state's most picturesque spots, near Pickstown. Travel through Badlands National Park, feel the wind in wide open spaces, and ride through national forest land.

HEART OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Highways 14 & 34 are routes right through the middle of South Dakota, which bring you through De Smet, made famous by author and former resident Laura Ingalls Wilder. You will also go through the state's capital, cross the Missouri River, and travel across the Cheyenne River valley – some of the most beautifully untamed land in the country.

PIERRE TO THERE

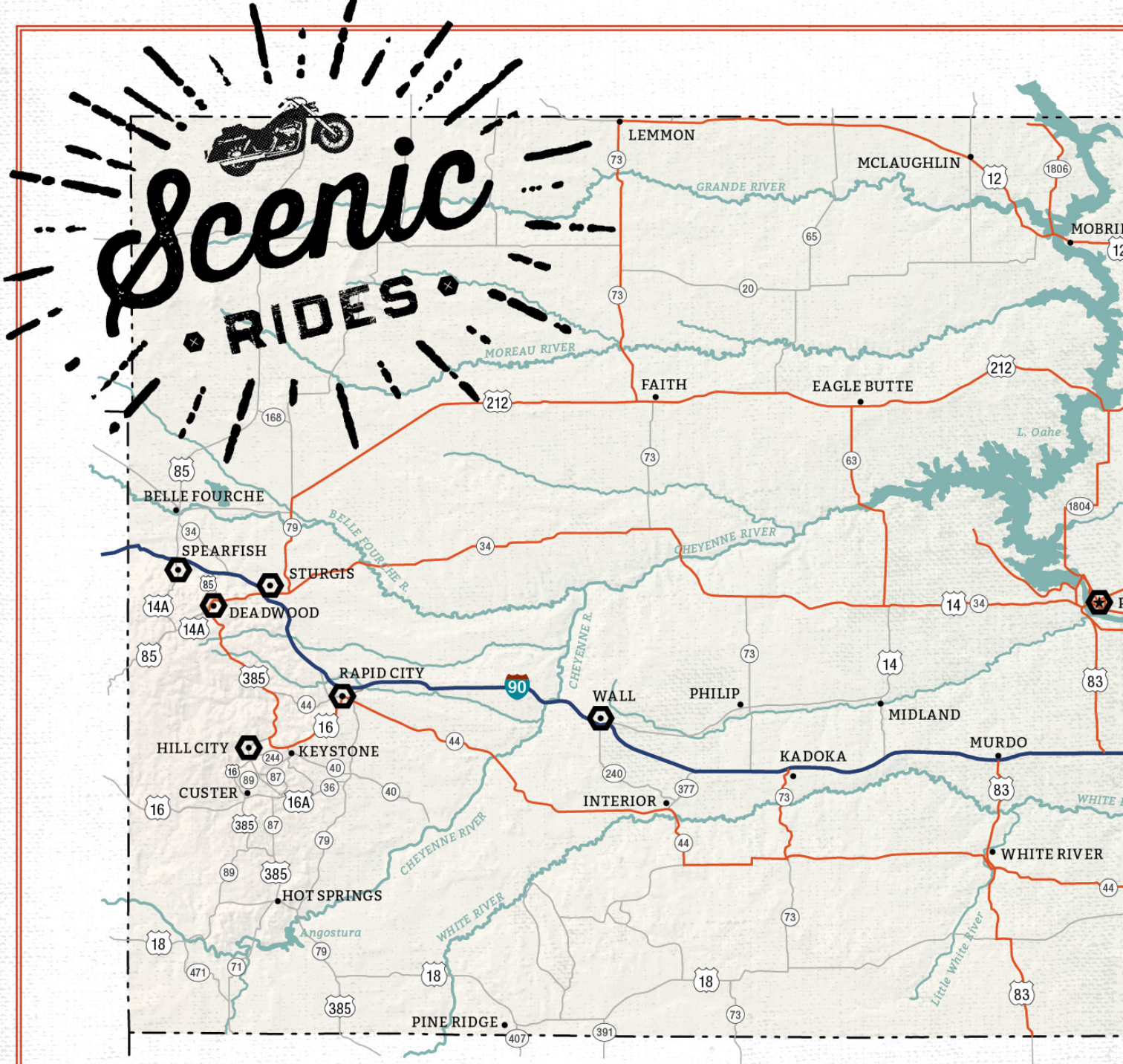
Multiple pathways exit Pierre to cut into South Dakota's mixed-grass prairie. Enjoy breathtaking views of rolling plains and lofty river bluffs that border the Missouri River. One option is Hwy 1804 which leads northward to the Oahe Dam, marking the beginning of massive Lake Oahe. Consider a short jaunt along Hwy 1806 that traces a portion of Lewis and Clark's return route along the western edge of the river. If a longer path is more appealing, continue along Hwy 1804, Lewis and Clark's initial trail. This path connects with the northern portion of the state's Native American Scenic Byway at Hwy 212. Another option is to head south from Pierre to find the Big Bend Dam at Fort Thompson and eventually Chamberlain at Interstate 90. Camping options are available at Farm Island and West Bend recreation areas.

WIDE OPEN SPACES

Ride into South Dakota along Hwy 212 and find your first stop in Watertown, home of the magnificent Redlin Art Center. Moving west, you'll ride through changing countryside on the way to Redfield, the Pheasant Capital of the World, before crossing the beautiful Missouri River. Across the river, find yourself in the amazing countryside of the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation before heading south on Hwy 79 to Sturgis.

NATIVE AMERICAN SCENIC BYWAY

This scenic byway cuts through the heart of South Dakota's mixed-grass prairie. It follows the river's path and extends into the beautiful land of the Great Sioux Nation. The route takes travelers through the lands of the Yankton, Crow Creek, Lower Brule, Cheyenne River and Standing Rock Sioux Tribes. Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery reported seeing an abundance of wildlife when they passed through this area. Today, your chances of spotting prairie dogs, pronghorn and deer as you drive the byway are still good. Several tribes also maintain bison and elk herds. Aside from the animals, you'll be captivated by the wild, rugged country, much of which remains undeveloped. The route begins near Running Water in southern Bon Homme County.



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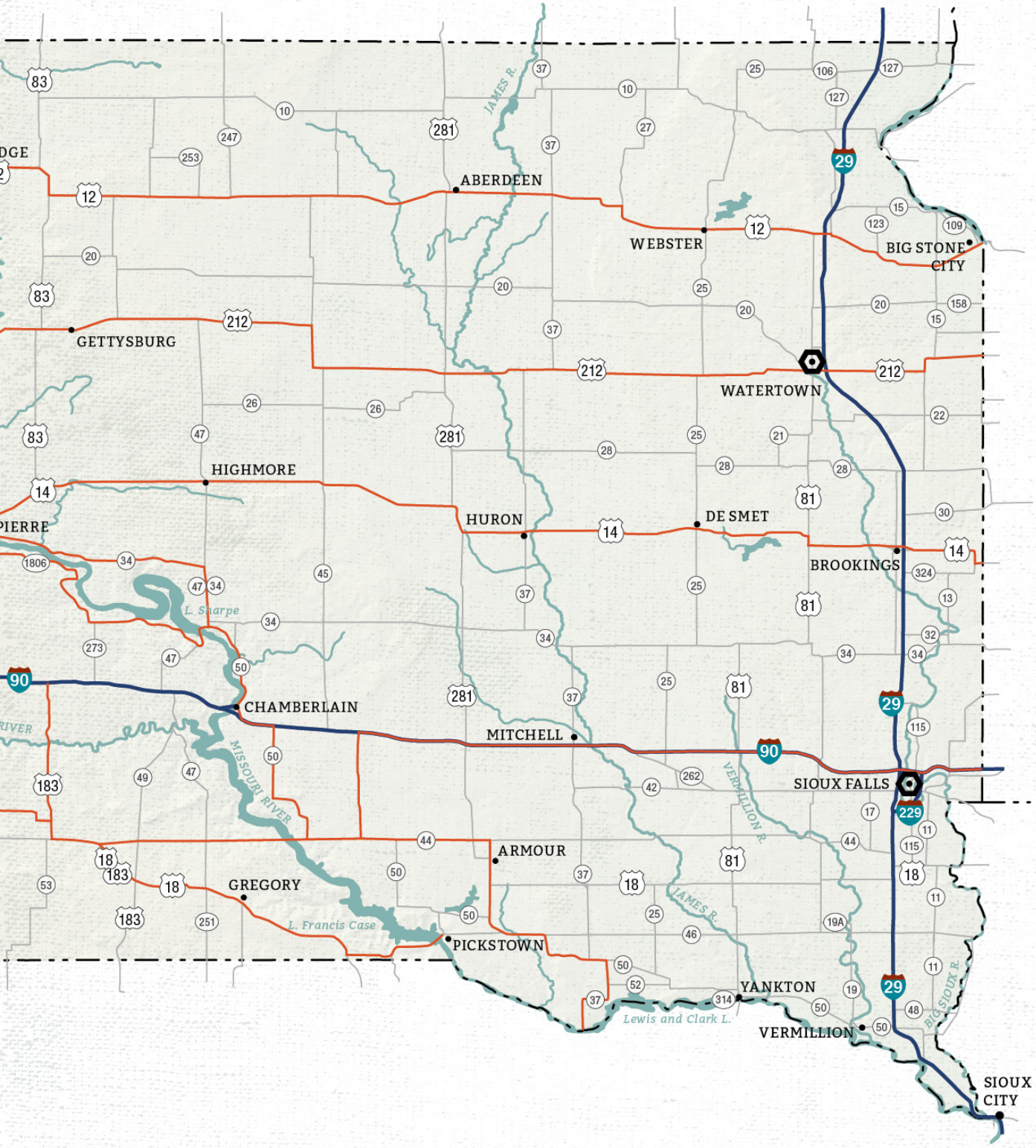
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EASTERN Scenic rides

NORTHERN GLACIAL LAKES

Motorcyclists with an interest in water, wildlife or military history should tour northeastern South Dakota's Glacial Lakes Scenic Byway. Whether entering through Sisseton, Webster or Lake City, numerous unique experiences are available along this route. Fort Sisseton State Historic Park is a true treasure of the past and a rare reminder of the western military frontier. Waubay National Wildlife Refuge hosts a wide variety of waterfowl, as well as the infamous ring-necked pheasant. Giant Canada geese are a common sight here during the summer and fall. See how South Dakota raises its walleye at Waubay's Blue Dog Fish Hatchery. Stop for a break or overnight at Roy Lake State Park, Pickerel Lake State Recreation Area or Sica Hollow State Park.

SOUTHERN GLACIAL LAKES

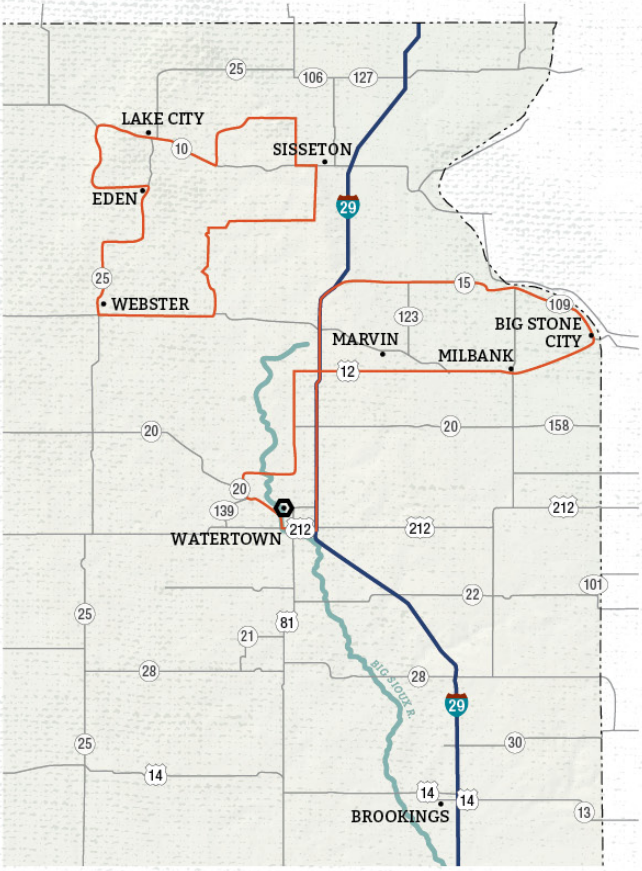
Hankerin' for a hunk of cheese? Many exits from Interstate 29 will lead you past dairy farms to a cheese factory. Their award winning recipes will fuel this route's journey through Watertown, Big Stone City and back for seconds. Tour this route to experience more of South Dakota's infinite variety.

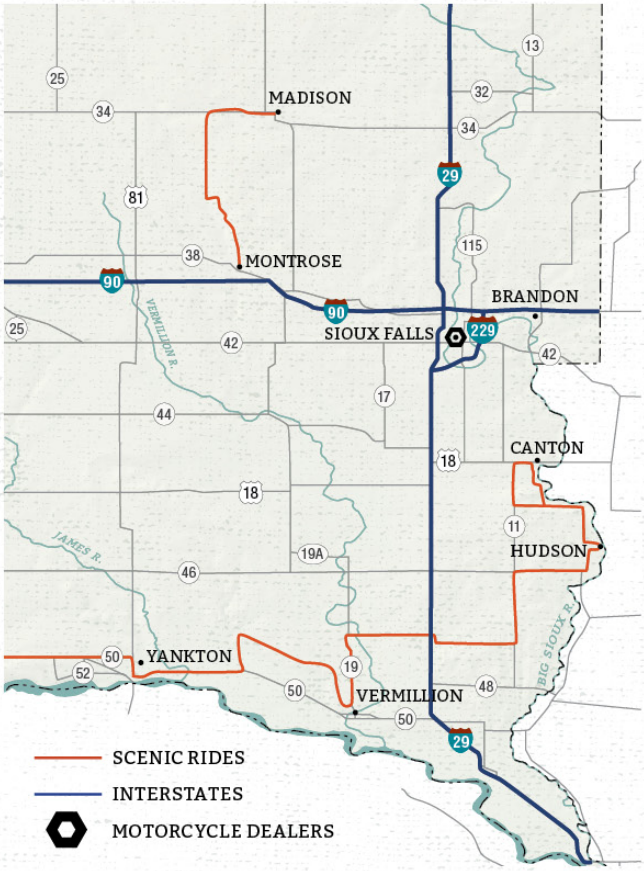
SOUTHEAST

Explore the Big Sioux River Valley south from Canton with a stop in Newton Hills State Park. The park's unique dark forest has prompted many recent legends, including tales of buried gold, robbers' hideouts and horse thieves. Follow the river valley south and then east on Highway 50 to Vermillion, home of the University of South Dakota's Dakota Dome and the state's first winery. From there, it's on to Yankton where stunning bluffs of the Missouri River can be viewed from the Lewis and Clark Recreation Area. Continue following the river westward through an agricultural setting that includes numerous small towns, state recreation areas and an eventual linkup with the Native American Scenic Byway at Running Water.

VERMILLION RIVER

Want to get off the beaten path for a short side trip? Pick up this back-road byway at either Madison or Montrose and follow the beautiful Vermillion River. Take time to visit a historic prairie village for a peek back in time at an old west settlement, or extend the stay by pitching a tent at Lake Herman State Park. It's easy to get back into the original journey, as Interstate 90 and Hwy 34 are near the end of this brief ride.





CUSTER NATIONAL FOREST LOOP

Take a day trip north of Sturgis to see South Dakota's other national forest. Heading north of Sturgis on Hwy 79, you'll find yourself amidst endless countryside. With the road practically to yourself, this route takes you on a loop up through Custer National Forest, down through the center of the nation, Belle Fourche, then back to Sturgis.

PETER NORBECK NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY

Travel these 70 miles and witness some of the Black Hills' most stunning scenery. You'll ride through tunnels, around hairpin curves, and view the breathtaking slender granite pinnacles on the ever popular Needles Highway (SD Hwy 87). Continue on and behold a distant Mount Rushmore that is perfectly framed by three granite tunnels on Iron Mountain Road (US Hwy 16A). Don't miss the 1930s pigtail bridges with their unique corkscrew shape.

SPEARFISH CANYON STATE & NATIONAL FOREST SERVICE SCENIC BYWAY

Twenty miles of towering limestone cliffs edge this route along US Hwy 14A as it winds its way through the stunningly beautiful Spearfish Canyon. You will surely notice the ponderosa pine and Black Hills spruce trees covering the hillsides, appearing to grow right out of rock, and Bridal Veil Falls leaping into Spearfish Creek that flows along the canyon bottom. The wildlife itself makes the trip worthwhile. See white-tailed and mule deer, raccoons, porcupine, squirrels, mountain goats and, every once in a great while, even a bobcat. Stop at a lodge along the way for a bite to eat or a great fishing adventure. Don't forget spectacular Roughlock Falls near the elbow of this byway before it ends at Cheyenne Crossing.

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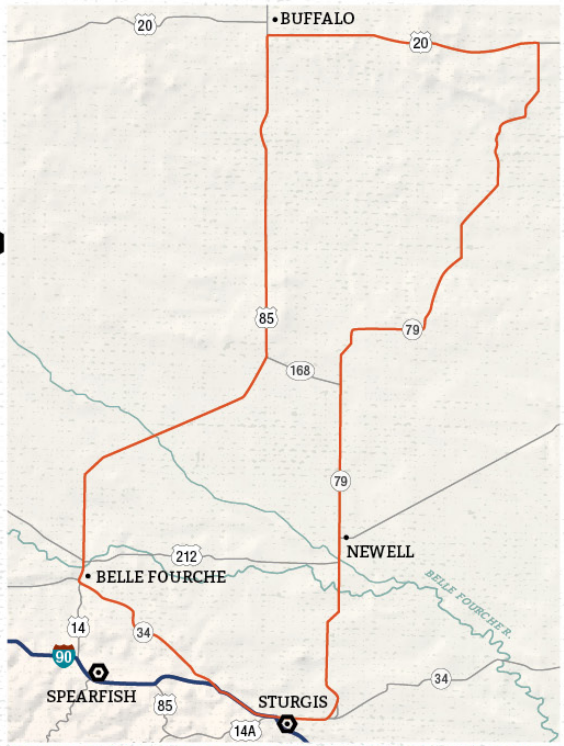

WILDLIFE LOOP SCENIC BYWAY

Custer State Park's Wildlife Loop Scenic Byway is simply 18 miles of experiencing nature at its best! Cruising along this route will have you right in the middle of open grasslands dotted with prairie dogs, rolling hills speckled with pine trees and one of the world's largest buffalo herds. Your motorcycle gives you a front-row seat to view the park's bighorn sheep, antelope, deer, elk, coyote, birds and the park's wild "begging" burros.

BADLANDS LOOP STATE SCENIC BYWAY

Here's a loop that will take you for one! This 31.5-mile ride on SD Hwy 240 cuts through the middle of 244,000 acres of sharply eroded buttes, pinnacles and beautiful spires, all blended with the largest protected mixed-grass prairie in the United States. As the byway follows the natural contours of the Badlands escarpment, it also weaves in and out of native grasslands, complete with species of plants, fossils and wildlife. Travelers have fourteen designated overlooks from which to stop and appreciate the view.

Biker Heaven

THE STURGIS RALLY

Since 1938, Sturgis has welcomed motorcycle enthusiasts from across the United States and around the world to the annual Motorcycle Rally. Based out of this small community in the northern Black Hills, the Rally officially runs for seven days the first full week in August.

It started as a weekend celebration with fewer than two dozen racers participating in a handful of events, including half-mile races, ramp jumps, and board-wall crashes. The Rally has grown significantly. First organized solely by the Jackpine Gypsies Motorcycle Club, the Rally now takes the efforts of most of the population of Sturgis (approximately 6,600) as well as hundreds of outside vendors.

Cruising is the number one pastime at the Rally. Rally-goers can still enjoy several of the original events, although many others have been added over the years, such as motocross races, professional and amateur hill climbs, and drag races.

Visitors can also check out the countless food and souvenir vendors offering everything from motorcycle customizing to tattooing and nightly concerts, not to mention simply taking in all of the sights and sounds.

In addition to the activities in and immediately around Sturgis, many individuals and groups take day-trips throughout the Black Hills and beyond. Within easy riding distance are many attractions, including Mount Rushmore National Memorial (62 miles), Crazy Horse Memorial (67 miles), Custer State Park (75 miles), Spearfish Canyon (20 miles), Deadwood (13 miles), and Badlands National Park (110 miles).

Average Rally attendance is in the hundreds of thousands, with the largest estimated attendance of more than 700,000 cruising in for the 75th Anniversary in 2015. Attend the Rally once, and it becomes clear why this slightly out-of-the-way place has become a mandatory destination for so many motorcyclists.

For more Sturgis Motorcycle Rally information, visit:
www.TravelSouthDakota.com
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August 8-14, 2016
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INFORMATION & LAWS

32-20-1 Motorcycle includes motorcycles, motorbikes, mopeds, bicycles with motor attached, and all motor operated vehicles of the bicycle or tricycle type, whether the motive power be a part thereof or attached there to, and having a saddle or seat with the driver sitting astride or upon it, or a platform on which the driver stands, but excluding a tractor.

32-20-2 Special qualification required to operate motorcycle–Exceptions–Valid license required to operate moped or all-terrain vehicle–Waiver of test–Violation as misdemeanor. No person may operate a motorcycle, except a moped as defined in 32-20-1 or a licensed all-terrain vehicle as provided by 32-20-13, on the public streets or highways without a motor vehicle driver's license or permit upon which a state testing officer has certified that such person is qualified to operate such motorcycle. However, the operator of a moped or licensed all-terrain vehicle shall have a valid motor vehicle operator's license or permit. The department may waive the testing requirements upon completion of a motorcycle safety course approved pursuant to 32-20-14. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

32-20-3 Required handlebar height–Violation as petty offense. No person may operate on a public street or highway a motorcycle equipped with a handlebar positioned so that the grips of the handle-bar are at or above shoulder height of the person when sitting astride the seat. A violation of this section is a petty offense.

32-20-4 Protective helmet required for minor–Violation as misdemeanor. No person under eighteen years of age may operate or ride upon a motorcycle on the public streets or highways of this state unless the person wears a protective helmet of a type meeting Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 218 as in effect on January 1, 1984. No person may operate a motorcycle with any person under the age of eighteen as a passenger if the passenger is not wearing a protective helmet. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

32-20-4.1 Eye protective device or windscreen required–Violation as petty offense. No person may operate a motorcycle unless he is wearing an eye protective device or unless the motorcycle is equipped with a windscreen of sufficient height and design so as to provide adequate eye protection to the operator when seated on the motorcycle in the normal operating position. However, no person may operate a motorcycle during the time period when headlights must be lighted while wearing an eye protective device that is tinted or shaded to reduce the light transmittance of the device to a level below thirty-five percent. A violation of this section is a petty offense.

32-20-4.2 Protective devices not required of riders in enclosed cab. Section 32-20-4, requiring helmets, and 32-20-4.1 shall not apply to persons riding within an enclosed cab.

32-20-6.1 Operator and passengers restricted to permanent and regular seats–Violation as misde-meanor. A person operating a motorcycle shall ride only upon the permanent and regular seat attached thereto, and such operator may not carry any other person nor may any other person ride on a motorcycle unless such motorcycle is designed to carry more than one person, in which event a passenger may ride upon the permanent and regular seat if designed for two persons, or upon another seat firmly attached to the motorcycle at the rear or side of the operator. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

32-20-6.3 Carrying package on motorcycle–Re-strictions–Violation as misdemeanor. No person may operate a motorcycle while c arrying any package, bundle, or other article which prevents him from keeping both hands on the handlebars. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

32-20-6.4 Rider interfering with control or view of operator–Violation as misdemeanor. No operator shall carry any person, nor shall any person ride, in a position that will interfere with the operation or control of the motorcycle or the view of the operator. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

32-20-6.5 Attachment to other vehicles prohibited–Violation as misdemeanor. No person riding upon a motorcycle may attach himself or the motorcycle to any other vehicle on a roadway. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

32-20-6.6 Carrying firearm on motorcycle or off-road vehicle–Exception for holder of concealed pistol permit or disabled hunter permit–Enforcement–Violation as misdemeanor. No person, other than a law enforcement officer or conservation officer, or any person on the person's own land or land leased by the person, may operate or ride on any motorcycle or off-road vehicle with any firearm in the person's possession unless the firearm is completely unloaded and within a carrying case which encloses the entire firearm. However, this section does not apply to any person who is carrying a pistol and possesses a permit to carry a concealed pistol issued pursuant to chapter 23-7. This section does not apply to any person who holds a permit issued pursuant to 41-8-37 while engaged in hunting from an off-road vehicle in accordance with the provisions of the permit. This section shall be enforced by all law enforcement officers including conservation officers. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

32-20-7 Renting motorcycle to unauthorized person–Violation as petty offense. No dealer nor person renting or loaning motorcycles may loan or rent a motorcycle unless a valid license or permit is shown such dealer by the renter or loanee and possesses the safety equipment required of the operator of such motorcycle. A violation of this section is a petty offense.

32-20-8 Permitting other person to operate rented motorcycle–Violation as petty offense. No renter or loanee as provided in 32-20-7 may permit any other person to operate such motorcycle. A violation of this section is a petty offense.

32-20-9 Operation of motorcycle in park or recreation areas as petty offense. It is a petty offense to operate a motorcycle in any municipal, county, or state park or recreation area except upon the normally traveled roads or roadways, or in specifically designated areas.

32-20-9.1 Motorcycle entitled to full traffic lane–Violation as misdemeanor. All motorcycles are entitled to full use of a lane and no motor vehicle may be driven in such manner as to deprive any motorcycle of the full use of a lane. This section does not apply to motorcycles operated two abreast in a single lane. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

32-20-9.2 Motorcycle prohibited from overtaking in same lane–Violation as misdemeanor. The operator of a motorcycle may not overtake and pass in the same lane occupied by the vehicle being overtaken. This section does not apply to motorcycles being operated two abreast in the same lane, or a motorcycle and a bicycle being operated two abreast in the same lane. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

32-20-9.3 Motorcycle operation between lanes prohibited–Violation as misdemeanor. No person may operate a motorcycle between adjacent lanes of traffic, or between adjacent lines or rows of vehicles. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

32-20-9.5 Restriction to two abreast–Violation as misdemeanor. No person may operate a motorcycle more than two abreast in a single lane. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

32-20-16 Display of blue light as part of rear brake light authorized. A motorcycle may display a blue light of up to one-inch diameter as part of the motorcycle's rear brake light.