

SOUTH DAKOTA 2017 PROFILE

NEWS

1 The **DIGNITY** sculpture features a 50-foot-tall Native American woman with a sweeping star quilt. Standing on a bluff overlooking the Missouri River, the statue is a symbol of the shared bond between earth and sky as well as a proud tribute to the Native American traditions of South Dakota. You can find this treasure on Interstate 90 near Chamberlain.



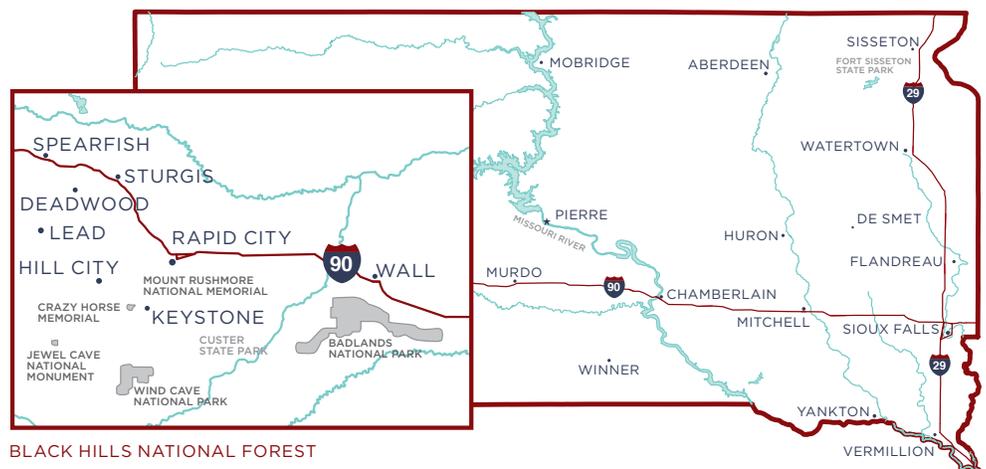
2 **CUSTER STATE PARK** has recently opened a brand new state-of-the-art **VISITOR CENTER**. The facility features a large touchscreen map of the park and 20-foot tall scale models of the Cathedral Spires. It's also home to a 100-seat theater where a new film narrated by Kevin Costner will help visitors become immersed in the park's many stunning features.

3 The **ARC OF DREAMS** is a massive stainless steel sculpture that will span across the Big Sioux River in Sioux Falls. The sculpture will be nearly the length of a football field. A 15-foot gap at the center of the sculpture will tower 70 feet above the river and represent the leap of faith visionaries take to make their dreams come true! The Arc of Dreams will be completed in the fall of 2017.

There's no better place to explore America's frontier heritage and pioneer spirit than in South Dakota, a stunningly scenic state where history, culture and outdoor adventure await. In addition to six National Park Service sites, the South Dakota State Park system features 56 state parks and recreation areas that showcase the state's broad expanses of hiking trails, prairies, back-country mountains, pristine lakes, vast rivers and lush woods. As you can see, there's plenty of room to play in South Dakota.

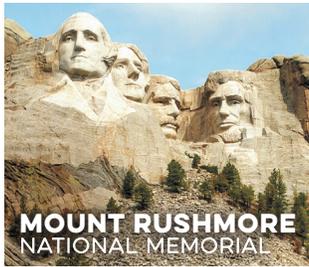
Download South Dakota Publications and **SIGN UP** for the **TRAVEL PROFESSIONALS E-NEWSLETTER** at **TOURSDAKOTA.COM**.

The E-newsletter is sent bimonthly and provides news on upcoming events, new additions and other South Dakota travel tips.



BLACK HILLS NATIONAL FOREST

THE GREAT 8



MOUNT RUSHMORE NATIONAL MEMORIAL

WWW.NPS.GOV/MORU

America's Shrine of Democracy features 60-foot faces of four great American presidents and offers a walking trail, museums, a gift shop and dining hall.



HISTORIC DEADWOOD

WWW.DEADWOOD.COM

Follow in the footsteps of legends and explore this Wild West town as it buzzes with entertainment including festivals, concerts, historic sites, shootouts and gaming.



WIND CAVE NATIONAL PARK

WWW.NPS.GOV/WICA

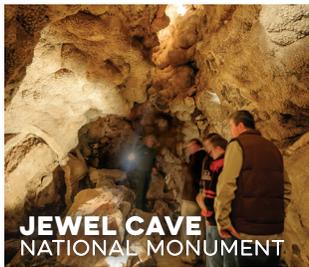
The first cave to ever be designated a National Park features 141 miles of explored passages under a National Grassland where bison roam.



CRAZY HORSE MEMORIAL

WWW.CRAZYHORSEMEMORIAL.ORG

Inspired by a desire to honor the Native American people, this depiction of legendary leader Crazy Horse is the largest in-progress mountain carving in the world.



JEWEL CAVE NATIONAL MONUMENT

WWW.NPS.GOV/JECA

Spectacular views can be experienced both above and below ground at this National Monument that's home to the third longest cave in the world.



CUSTER STATE PARK

WWW.CUSTERSTATEPARK.INFO

Home to 1,300 bison and free-roaming wildlife, this 71,000-acre park features the Peter Norbeck National Scenic Byway and so many great outdoor adventure opportunities. Don't miss the Wildlife Loope Road!



BADLANDS NATIONAL PARK

WWW.NPS.GOV/BADL

This striking landscape boasts a maze of buttes, canyons, pinnacles and spires. Abundant wildlife can also be viewed in the park's 244,000 acres.



MISSOURI RIVER

WWW.NPS.GOV/MNRR

North to south, this band of shimmering water cuts the prairie in two and provides some of the best water recreation around.

2017 EVENTS

JUNE 3-4, OCT. 1

CRAZY HORSE VOLKSMARCH
Crazy Horse Memorial

JULY 7-9, 14-16, 21-23

LAURA INGALLS WILDER PAGEANT
De Smet

AUG. 4-13

77TH ANNUAL STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY
Sturgis

AUG. 18-20

RIVERBOAT DAYS
Yankton

SEPT. 29

52ND ANNUAL CUSTER STATE PARK BUFFALO ROUNDUP
Custer

OCT. 6-8

BLACK HILLS POWWOW
Rapid City

WWW.TRAVELSOUTHDAKOTA.COM/EVENTS

CONTACT US

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM
711 EAST WELLS AVENUE, PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA 57501 | 605-773-3301

COLE IRWIN | COLE.IRWIN@TRAVELSOUTHDAKOTA.COM

VICKY ENGELHAUPT | VICKY.ENGELHAUPT@TRAVELSOUTHDAKOTA.COM

ALEXA STEINER | ALEXA.STEINER@TRAVELSOUTHDAKOTA.COM

South Dakota

GREAT FACES. GREAT PLACES.

