



What's New? 2010

Great Places

BADLANDS VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE

Interior, S.D.

Contact: Badlands National Park (605) 433-5242

www.nps.gov/badl/

Badlands National Park announces the release of the Badlands Virtual Experience featured on Views of the National Parks available at www2.nature.nps.gov/views.

BLACK HILLS ADDITIONS

- Dakota Bike Tours is offering catered camping tours on the George S. Mickelson Trail, services include shuttles, equipment for camping, catered meals, tour guides and more.
- www.dakotabiketours.com
- Custer State Park has added a new Reunion Cabin, featuring sleeping accommodations for up to 24 people and a great room. (605) 255-4541, www.custerresorts.com
- The Roundhouse restoration project in the city of Lead includes a historic narrow gauge railroad interpretive center, the living Map Theater, railroad-themed Roundhouse Restaurant and two gift shops. Contact the Lead Chamber of Commerce at (605) 584-2209, www.leadmethere.org, www.blackhillsftpierrerrailroadroundhouse.com.

RAPID CITY ADDITIONS

Rapid City, SD

Contact: Rapid City Convention & Visitors Bureau at (800) 487-3223 or (605) 718-8489,

info@rapidcity.com www.visitrapidcity.com

- Abraham Lincoln, Rutherford B. Hayes, James Garfield and Benjamin Harrison added to Rapid City's The City of Presidents. This unveiling brings to 39 the number of life-size bronze presidential likenesses displayed in downtown Rapid City. Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Chester Arthur are expected to be completed in October 2010. The project began in 2000.
- Comfort Suites opened in August 2009 and offers 92 guest rooms. (605) 791-2345
- Buffalo Wild Wings restaurant opened early 2010
- Hotel Alex Johnson has been completely renovated and also houses Seattle's Best Coffee Shop. www.alexjohnson.com

RAILROAD HISTORY MUSEUM OPENS IN HILL CITY

The focus of the Museum's activities and collections will be memorabilia, rolling stock, and items related to the dozens of railroad companies that have served South Dakota from 1872 to the current time, including a 70-foot timeline/collage of South Dakota railroading. Opened May 2010. Questions regarding the Museum can be directed to Mills at 605-877-6629, or sent to sdsrrm@gmail.com; www.sdsrrm.com.

AMERICA'S PRETTIEST TOWNS

Deadwood, S.D.

Contact: Deadwood Chamber and Visitors Bureau (800) 999-1876 or (605) 578-1876

www.deadwood.com

Forbes Traveler magazine has put Deadwood on its list of "America's Prettiest Towns." The magazine says Deadwood was chosen for its historic architecture and picturesque Black Hills setting.

DEADWOOD IS EXPANDING

Deadwood, S.D.

Contact: Deadwood Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau at (605) 578-1876

www.deadwood.com

- First Gold Hotel has added 200 new rooms and a new 3-story parking structure. Their food service has gone to an all-buffet format for breakfast, lunch and dinner, featuring prime rib nightly. www.firstgold.com
- The Martin and Mason Hotel has been restored to its original grandeur and is once again a city landmark. The boutique hotel features five lavish guest rooms and three suites. www.martinmasonhotel.com
- The Lodge at Deadwood, a 47 million dollar resort/convention center is South Dakota's finest meeting resort in the state, and the finest first class lodging accommodations you will find in Western South Dakota. Newly opened fall 2009. Contact: Monte Hartl, General Manager, (605) 584-4800, www.deadwoodlodge.com
- Groundbreaking was held in October 2009 for the new Days of '76 Museum. The new building will be built where the present building now stands. Contact: Philys Reller, Deadwood Chamber & Visitors Bureau. (605) 578-1876. www.daysof76.com

RIDLEY GUEST RANCH

St. Onge, S.D.

Contact: Tee Ridley, (605) 642-5639, crossantie@yahoo.com

The Ridley Guest Ranch is a fifth generation working ranch in the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota. A truly western experience.

STURGIS ADDITIONS

Sturgis, S.D.

Contact: Sturgis Chamber of Commerce, (605) 347-2556

info@sturgis-sd.us www.sturgis-sd.us

- ScoopTown Creamery makes many delicious flavors of ice cream. (605) 720-9500
- Sturgis Wine Company (605) 720-9596

CELEBRATING THE CENTURY

Pierre, S.D.

Contact: South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center (605) 773-3458, www.history.sd.gov

An exhibit on the South Dakota State Capitol's 100th anniversary in 2010 features a wall-size mural of the capitol's exterior telling about the building's architectural elements. The original vault door from the Secretary of State's Office holds a monitor running capitol construction photos. Artifacts include an original legislator's desk and the 44-star flag that flew over the first capitol in 1889. Interactive stations let visitors try their hand at constructing a capitol with arches, columns and pediments, and laying a tile pattern with a special blue tile. Located at the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center.

MITCHELL'S NEWEST ADDITIONS

Mitchell, S.D.

Contact: Mitchell Convention & Visitors Bureau at (605) 996-6223 or hannah@visitmitchell.com, www.visitmitchell.com

- A new statue of the Corn Palace mascot, Cornelius, now stands in the Corn Palace Courtyard and Park enhancing the visitor experience. It is a popular photo subject for visitors as the Corn Palace proudly fills the background.
- New promotional videos provide a clear picture of the array of attractions and activities offered in Mitchell. In this way, we make it easier than ever for visitors to plan their trip.

NATIVE DISCOVERY

Mitchell, S.D., Cheyenne River, Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations

Contact: Nicole Seaton at (605) 964-3687 or nseaton@fourbands.org
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www.natediscovery.org

Native Discovery partners invite you to journey with us to the historic lands and cultural heritage of the Lakota people on the Cheyenne River, Pine Ridge, and Rosebud Reservations. Witness the buffalo, elk, horses, eagles, and other plant and animal life common to the area. Learn first-hand about the experiences of people who have called the Lakota Nation their home for many generations.

SIoux FALLS - NEW & IMPROVED

Sioux Falls, S.D.

Contact: Sioux Falls Convention & Visitors Bureau, (800) 333-2072 or (605) 336-1620
www.siouxfalls.com

- ClubHouse Hotel & Suites recently completed enhancements for 2010. Contact: (605) 361-8700
- Hilton Garden Inn opened fall 2009 and offers 99 guest rooms. Contact: (605) 444-4500
- Wild Water West Waterpark has just added a new ½ million-gallon wave pool and Island Cantina swim-up bar. Contact: (605) 361-9313
- Best Western Ramkota Hotel has upgraded many of their hotel rooms for 2009 with the remainder to receive upgrades in 2010-11. They have also renovated their Amphitheaters, Harvest Room and Exhibit Hall. In 2009 the Sioux Falls Ramkota Hotel & Conference was awarded the best Western International "Director's Award" for outstanding quality standards. Contact: (605) 336-0650.

BROOKINGS

Brookings, S.D.

Contact: Children's Museum of South Dakota, (605) 692-6700
shegg@ChildrensMuseumSouthDakota.org

Opening spring of 2010, the Children's Museum of South Dakota will provide a rich environment where children and their families learn through play. Indoors, 16,000 square-feet of interactive, hands-on exhibits encourage children to explore, build, climb, dance, imagine and create. Outdoors, exhibits spark playful interaction with nature.

SPEARFISH

Spearfish, S.D.

Contact: Mistie Cadwell, Visit Spearfish, Inc., (605) 717-9295, director@visitspearfish.com
www.visitspearfish.com

Spearfish was named one of the top 100 best adventure towns by *National Geographic Adventure* magazine in the October 2009 issue.

Great Experiences/Top Events

70th ANNIVERSARY STURGIS RALLY & RACES

Sturgis, S.D.

www.sturgismotorcyclerrally.com

August 9-15, 2010. Has been called America's biggest party with big name bands, entertainment, vendors, great riding, and motorcycle racing.

MICKELSON TRAIL TREK

Black Hills of South Dakota

Contact: Black Hills Trail Office at (605) 584-3896

www.mickelsontrail.com

The Mickelson Trail Trek takes biking enthusiasts on a 109-mile trail through the heart of the Black Hills September 17-19, 2010. The Mickelson Trail was inducted into the Rails to Trails Hall of Fame in 2010.

CUSTER STATE PARK BUFFALO ROUNDUP WEEKEND

Custer State Park

www.custerstatepark.info, phone: 605-255-4515

September 25-27, 2010. Enjoy the weekend Roundup Art Show and the park. On Monday, feel the thunder and watch as cowboys, cowgirls and park staff round up Custer State Parks 1,450 head of buffalo. After the roundup, watch park staff sort, brand and vaccinate the animals for the November sale. One of the nations largest buffalo roundups.

Great Wineries

New wineries and tasting rooms in the Black Hills include Belle Joli Winery of Belle Fourche, who just opened a tasting room in Deadwood. The Schade Winery of Volga has also opened a tasting room in Deadwood. In Hill City, Valiant Vineyards has opened Stone Faces Winery, joining the international award-winning Prairie Berry Winery in offering wine experiences for our visitors.

Great History

CASEY TIBBS SOUTH DAKOTA RODEO CENTER

Fort Pierre, S.D.

Contact: Casey Tibbs Foundation; 605-494-1094 info@caseytibbs.com

www.caseytibbs.com

The Casey Tibbs South Dakota Rodeo Center opened in August 2009. It is unique in that it houses only ranch and rodeo history and heritage of South Dakota. Rodeo is the official sport of South Dakota.

OYATE TRAIL

Platte, S.D.

Contact: Southeast South Dakota Tourism at (888) 353-7382 or (605) 665-2435,

sesdvisitor@iw.net

www.oyatetrail.com or www.southeastsouthdakota.com

Oyate (oh-YAH-tay), in the Dakota/Lakota language, means a people or nation. Ochanku (oh-CHAHNG-koo) means well traveled road. Thus, Oyate Ochanku or Oyate Trail means "a well traveled road of nations." The highway from Vermillion to Edgemont offers cultural and historical opportunities of both the Lakota Sioux Indian Nation and European immigrants.

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