



What's New? 2012

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
- Black Hills Playhouse has undergone a complete renovation of the Playhouse theatre in 2011 and a new dining hall will be built in the theatre complex in 2012. Located in Custer State Park. Contact: Linda Anderson, (605) 255-4141
- Soaring Eagle Zipline at Rushmore Cave Open summer of 2011. Experience the sensation of flying at this all-new family-friendly attraction, as you accelerate down the mountainside 700 feet below on a suspended cable. Located near Keystone. Contact Ross Johnson or Tom Hagen, (605) 255-4384.
- 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,

www.visitrapidcity.com

info@rapidcity.com

- Jewel Limousine by Riddles now has a seven passenger limo for rent, serving Rapid City and the Black Hills area. (605) 721-7506.
- Cambria Suites broke ground in July for this luxury hotel on I-90 near Cabela's. The 110 suite hotel will open in Spring 2012.

- LongHorn Steakhouse has broken ground on its first South Dakota restaurant, in the Rushmore Crossing shopping center in Rapid City. The restaurant opened in October 2011.
- South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks has created an outdoor education facility and regional office in Rapid City, The Outdoor Campus - West. The purpose of the facility is to provide outdoor education experiences to youth and adults throughout western South Dakota and to serve as the headquarters for the Wildlife Division staff of the western South Dakota region. (605) 394-1753. www.outdoorcampus.org
- Rapid City's The City of Presidents, the final three bronze presidential statues have been placed on the street corners in the downtown area the Spring of 2011. The project began in 2000. www.cityofpresidents.com
- Main Street Square in downtown Rapid City provides an active gathering place for the entire community, and to invite more pedestrian traffic to the downtown area. Several new restaurants and coffee shops are located in the vicinity. Contact: John Seward, Destination Rapid City, (605) 716-7979, johnmss@rushmore.com, www.destinationrapidcity.com
- Dakotah Steakhouse opened Spring of 2011 and is located adjacent to the Comfort Suites. (605) 791-1800, www.dakotahsteakhouse.com
- Murphy's Pub opened as an upscale pub, the restaurant has a new bar, raised lounge area, fireplace seating and more. Opened Summer 2011. Located at 510 9th Street in Rapid City.
- Hilton Garden – opened Summer 2011. The new Hilton Garden Inn consists of 120 new modern rooms, including family, business and jacuzzi suites. The 6000 sq. foot flexible convention center will have the capability to host groups up to 400. The hotel will also include an indoor pool, fitness center and a business work area and public spaces will include the American Grille Restaurant and a lobby bar. Contact: Monte Hartl, General Manager, (605) 791-9000, monte.hartl@hilton.com
- Best of Black Hills Tours will offer half-day tours featuring the “Best of the Black Hills.” Departing daily from Flying T Chuckwagon located near Rapid City. Contact (605) 342-1905, www.bestoftheblackhillstours.com

DEADWOOD ADDITIONS

Deadwood, SD

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
- With its contemporary 98-room hotel overlooking the heart of the fabled gold mining camp, its state-of-the-art casino, a 2,500-seat entertainment and events center and an exceptional restaurant, the Deadwood Mountain Grand is the preferred location for your getaway. Event Center and casino opened July 2011 and the hotel is scheduled to open in March 2012
- 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. Opened Fall 2009. Contact: Anthony Galdraith, General Manager, (605) 584-4800, www.deadwoodlodge.com

- The Days of '76 Museum will open in June 2012. The new building is being built on the site where the old building stood and will offer 32,000 square feet of exhibits. Contact: Philys Reller, Deadwood Chamber & Visitors Bureau. (605) 578-1876.
www.daysof76.com

STURGIS ADDITIONS

Sturgis, SD

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

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- A new face with a legendary name is emerging in downtown Sturgis, the new Easyriders Saloon and Restaurant is located right in the heart of downtown. The establishment is partnering with the motorcycle magazine of the same name. It offers a bar, steakhouse, and a live stage that can be used both inside and out. Along with a new atmosphere and some new features to offer rally visitors and locals alike, they are open year-round and are an integral part of the Northern Hills.

SPEARFISH ADDITIONS

Spearfish, SD

Contact: Mistie Cadwell, Visit Spearfish, Inc., (605) 717-9295

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- Crow Peak Brewing Co. Crow Peak Brewery began in a small tap room in 2007 with a 5 barrel system and became so popular that in December of 2009 they opened the doors to a new building and 30 barrel system. Located in Spearfish, South Dakota, at the foot of the beautiful Black Hills. (605) 717-0006, www.crowpeakbrewing.com

MITCHELL ADDITIONS

Mitchell, S.D.

Contact: Mitchell Convention & Visitors Bureau at (605) 996-6223 or

www.visitmitchell.com

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- A statue of the Corn Palace mascot, Cornelius, 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.

SIOUX FALLS ADDITIONS

Sioux Falls, S.D.

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

www.siouxfalls.com

- The St. Joseph Cathedral, a 1916-1919 Romanesque and French Renaissance structure, is one of South Dakota's largest cathedrals. The Cathedral has undergone a two year major renovation. Tours will be available beginning in August 2011, please call ahead to schedule a guided tour. Contact: (605) 336-7390
- Wild Water West Waterpark has recently added a new ½ million-gallon wave pool and Island Cantina swim-up bar. Contact: (605) 361-9313

BROOKINGS ADDITIONS

Brookings, SD

Children's Museum of South Dakota

Contact: Suzanne Hegg, Children's Museum of South Dakota, (605) 692-6700,

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Opened in 2010, the Children's Museum of South Dakota provides 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.

Great History

NATIVE DISCOVERY

Cheyenne River, Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations

Contact: Nicole Seaton at (605) 964-3687

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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.

Great Experiences/Top Events

72nd ANNIVERSARY STURGIS RALLY & RACES

Sturgis, S.D.

www.sturgismotorcyclerrally.com

August 6-12, 2012. The world-renowned Sturgis Rally 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 14-16, 2012. The Mickelson Trail was inducted into the Rails to Trails Hall of Fame in 2010.

CUSTER STATE PARK BUFFALO ROUNDUP WEEKEND

Custer State Park

Phone: (605) 255-4515

www.custerstatepark.info,

September 22-24, 2012. 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 1,300

head of buffalo. After the roundup, watch park staff sort, brand and vaccinate the animals for the November sale. One of the nation's largest buffalo roundups. Chosen as a Top 100 Event in North America for 2012.

Great Wineries

BELLE JOLI WINERY

Deadwood, SD

Contact: (605) 571-1006

www.bellejoli.com

- Belle Joli Winery of Belle Fourche, who just opened a tasting room in Deadwood.

SCHADE WINERY

Deadwood, SD

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- The Schade Winery of Volga has also opened a new tasting room in Deadwood.

VALIANT VINEYARDS

Hill City, SD

Contact: 605-574-3600

www.stonefaceswinery.com

www.buffalorunwinery.com

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- 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.

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