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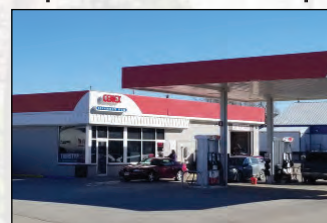


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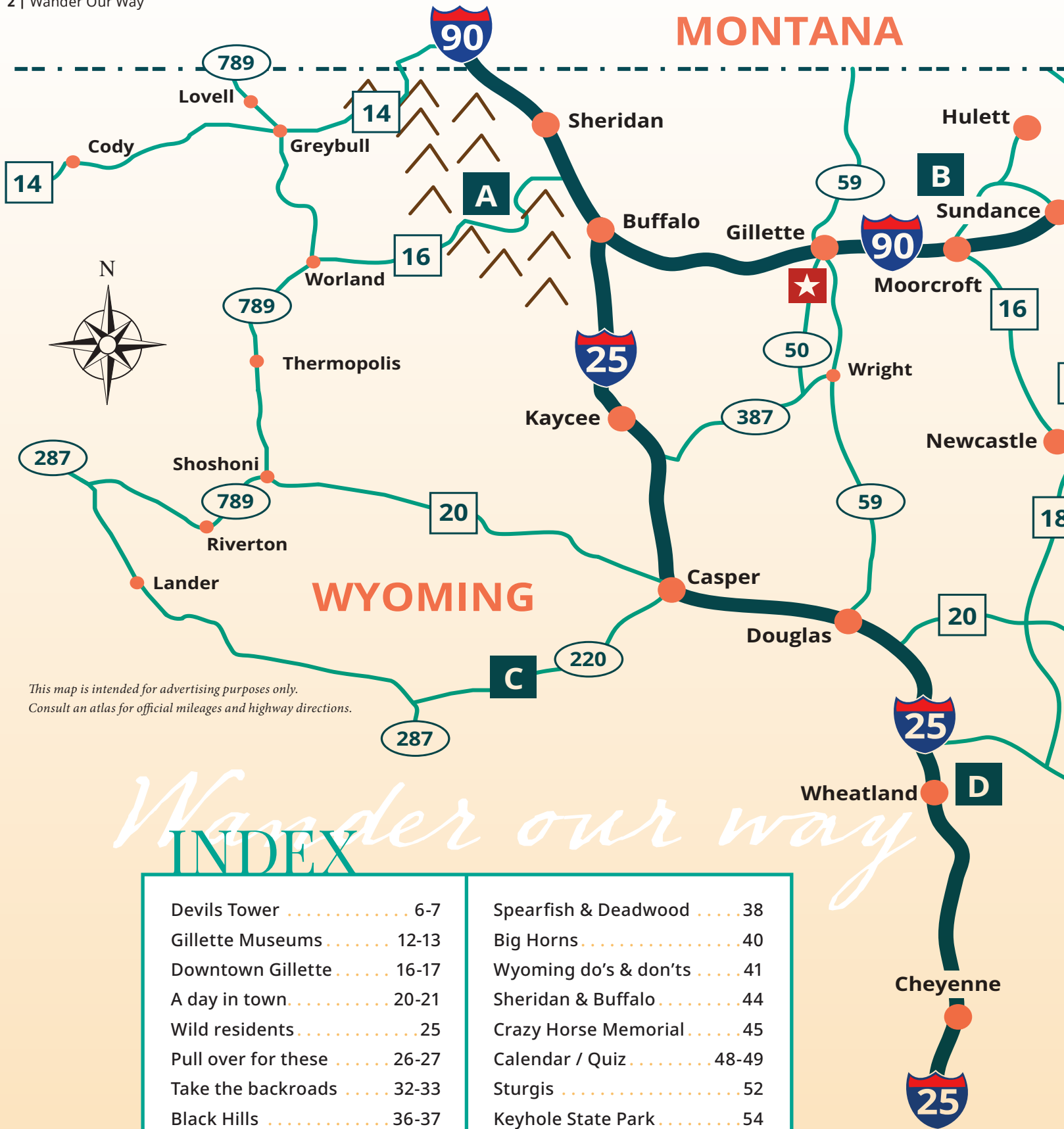


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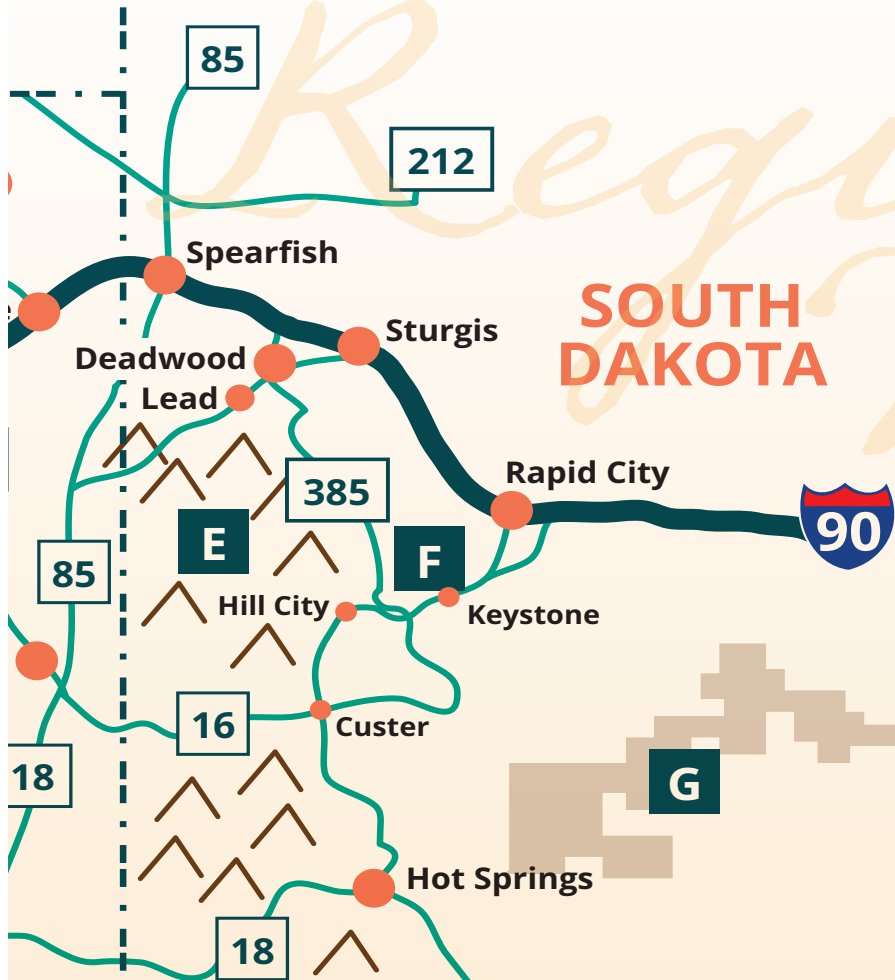
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# Devils Tower National Monument

Early morning sun falls on the southeast face of Devils Tower, pictured here from the loop road at Devils Tower National Monument near the banks of the Belle Fourche River. Don't take cash to pay entrance fees at Devils Tower. It's now taking only cards or digital payments. / *News Record Photos*

**I**n northeast Wyoming is a unique natural feature that has sparked the imagination of generations since becoming the nation's first national monument — Devils Tower, also known as Bear Lodge.

It's been 114 years since President Theodore Roosevelt declared Devils Tower a national monument.

At 867 feet tall, it rises 1,267 feet above the Belle Fourche River, and is even visible from Interstate 90. It was also made visible on countless screenings of the 1977 Steven Spielberg movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," which memorably displayed the monument as an iconic set piece.

Besides being a national monument, it is a sacred site for several Native American tribes, including the Lakota, Cheyenne and Kiowa.

Since 1921, 21.2 million people have visited Devils Tower, including 480,713 in 2022. The 100th anniversary was celebrated in 2021, and that year a record 550,712 visitors came through.

Devils Tower has averaged about 420,000 annual visitors since 2000. It offers a number of trails that shows visitors a range of scenic and monumental views.

## Devils Tower admission

### **Entrance Fee, 1-7 Day Vehicle Pass: \$25**

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### **Entrance Fee, 1-7 Day Individual Permit: \$15**

Admits one individual when entering on foot or bicycle. Individuals 15 years of age or younger are admitted free. This may also be used to calculate cost for organized non-profit groups.

The Tower Trail is the most heavily used trail at Devils Tower. The paved 1.8-mile loop takes visitors around Devils Tower. It can get crowded at times, but offers close-up views of the monument.

If you really want to avoid the crowds, it's recommended that you hike this trail before 10 a.m. or after 3 p.m.



There are a few other trails where you can still experience the majesty of Devils Tower, but with more peace and quiet.

The Red Beds Trail starts at the same place as the Tower Trail but has way less traffic. It's a 2.8-mile loop and is unpaved. It climbs up and down and offers great views of Devils Tower.

The Joyner Ridge Trail, which is along the north side of the park, is a 1.5-mile loop that follows Joyner Ridge. It can be accessed at the trailhead, or by the Red Beds Trail using a 0.6-mile connecting trail.

The South Side Trail is a 0.6-mile trail that takes visitors through a prairie dog town. And the Valley View Trail is another 0.6-mile trail where visitors can walk through the prairie dog while getting a view of the Belle Fourche River.

Every year, hundreds of visitors to Devils Tower take on the challenge of scaling the butte. There are many documented climbing routes on all sides of the tower, with the most popular route being the Durrance Route, which was created in 1938.

Each June, there is a voluntary climbing ban out of respect for the tribes which conduct ceremonies around the monument that month.

Pets are not allowed on any of the park trails or in park buildings. Service animals, however, are permitted.

There are accommodations at and near the monument.

The Belle Fourche River campground has 46 sites. There are no reservations required, and the sites are available on a first come, first served basis. Fires are permitted only in the designated fire rings, and only as long as there are no fire restrictions or dangerous fire weather.



Devils Tower pictured during the summer.

The Devils Tower KOA, which is open from May 15 to Oct. 15, is located right outside the entrance of Devils Tower. It has more than 100 RV sites, three areas for camping and 12 cabins. Amenities include a restaurant, gift shop, outdoor pool, playground and mini golf.

Every night, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" is shown on a large outdoor screen at the KOA at no charge to guests.

There also are nightly hayrides through the Campstool Ranch that take a little more than an hour. Long pants and bug spray are recommended. The hayrides require a minimum number of riders, and won't run in inclement weather or poor road conditions.

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Devils Tower pictured during its peak summer tourism season.

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## EXHIBITS FOR THIS SUMMER:



### Rock Art in Wyoming

Hand-drawn and carved images created in Wyoming's distant past are explored in a new exhibit from the Fort Caspar Museum. "Rock Art in Wyoming" will be on view from April 23 to June 3, 2023. Archaeologists John and Mavis Greer will present information on rock art on May 23 at 6 p.m.



### No Time For Tears: The Life & Art of Dixie Lynne Reece



Visit the Rockpile Museum this summer to learn the story of local ranch woman and regional artist Dixie Lynne Reece. From the 1950s to 1990s, Reece seamlessly combined her love of ranch work along with her joy of painting. This exhibit will explore her life, her creativity, her hardships, and her paintings. Curated by community member Julie Tachick, the exhibit will feature Dixie's personal collection of paintings and sketches, many never before seen by the public.

Find out more about these exhibits and events on our website at [www.rockpilemuseum.com](http://www.rockpilemuseum.com) or visit us on Facebook or Instagram.

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The Frontier Relics and Auto Museum in Gillette, Wyoming. / News Record Photos

If you're a fan of history, Gillette has two museums that are right up your alley.

The Campbell County Rockpile Museum documents the history of the region, while the Frontier Auto Museum is a tribute to the first half of the 20th century in America.

## Campbell County Rockpile Museum

Don't let the name fool you. While the Campbell County Rockpile Museum is located next to a pile of rocks, the museum itself is much more than that.

The Rockpile Museum focuses on local and regional history with an emphasis on the culture and people of Campbell County.

So what is the Rockpile, the namesake of the museum?

It's a Gillette landmark. Like its name suggests, it is a pile of rocks. The first four settlers in Gillette centered their claims on this site. The Rockpile also was not far from the railhead of the Burlington & Missouri Railroad which arrived in Gillette in 1891.

Earnest "Buster" Lynde, an early resident of Gillette, composed a poem in 1958 entitled "A Plea For The Old Rock Pile," imploring the county not to move the familiar rocks from the land. Nearly 50 years later, the rock pile stands in its same spot for visitors and residents to enjoy.

The Rockpile Museum, which has been in operation for 49 years, features permanent and changing exhibits, along with educational programs, performances and events to provide insight into the interesting past and present of the area.

From the county's agricultural roots and homesteading history to the effects that the mining industry has had on the county, the Rockpile Museum has got it covered.

Right next to the Rockpile Museum's main building is the annex, which features larger exhibits and structures including a homestead shack, a ranch blacksmith shop and a print shop.



The Campbell County Rockpile Museum located in Gillette, Wyoming.

The museum also has two rural schoolhouses on its grounds as well as a caboose, boxcar, windmill, and horse-drawn farm equipment.

The museum has a gift shop that sells a variety of locally themed items.

The Rockpile Museum, located at 900 West Second Street, is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

## Rockpile Museum Admission

**Adults: \$10 • Seniors: \$8 • Students: \$5**

**Groups of 5 or more: \$8 per person**

Free admission for children 5 and under, veterans and their spouses and active-duty military and families. It also is free this year for families who have SNAP or WIC EBT cards, thanks to a sponsorship by First Interstate Bank.



Volunteer Lisa Marquiss during a craft day Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022, at the Rockpile Museum in Gillette.

## Frontier Relics & Auto Museum

If you want vintage, it's hard to do much better than the Frontier Relics and Auto Museum. From old gas pumps to a collection of antique cars, the museum is a monument to a simpler time.

The 13,000-square foot museum, which opened in 2016, features two separate vintage towns. Each room is designed and decorated in the style of buildings from the 1900s through the 1950s.

There's an indoor "drive-in theater" that shows classic movies and commercials. A mining room has a model railway, and there is a soda fountain/pharmacy that you can sit in and enjoy ice cream, pinball machines and classic music.

"A lot of older people, they used this stuff and grew up with it, so they're very sentimental about it," museum found-

er Jeff Wandler has said about the museum. "We like how things used to be made, the craftsmanship that went into it."

Cars were handmade, and signs and gas pumps were brightly colored and decorated with elaborate logos. But at some point — Wandler said he thinks it was the 1970s — the world became utilitarian. Products became impersonal.

"I didn't have to have a pretty logo to sell you gas anymore, I just had to have one word," he said.

The Frontier Auto Museum is a throwback to that simpler time, with neon and porcelain signs, classic cars and a whole plethora of other memorabilia from the 20th century.

On July 22, the museum will host its eighth annual Show and Shine Car Show, which features classic cars and food vendors.

Connected to the museum is Frontier Relics, an antique and artisan store that doesn't require admission. You can enjoy a hot or cold beverage from the coffee shop while you browse and listen to vinyl records, play vintage games, study, shop antiques or just kill time in the lounge area.

Summer Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, June through August. From September to May, it's open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

## Frontier Auto Museum Admission

**Adults: \$12 • Seniors: \$10**

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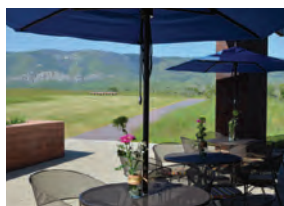


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# It starts downtown



Historic downtown Gillette. / News Record Photos

## Everything starts here, from food and shopping on Main Street, to coal mine and buffalo ranch tours out of town

Simply put, downtown Gillette is the heart of the community.

For nearly as long as the town has been around, Gillette Avenue has served as the hub of activity and economic development.

As the city has grown from a town of a few hundred people to the third largest city in Wyoming, Gillette Avenue has grown up along with it.

Just this year, downtown Gillette was added to the National Register of Historic Places as a historical downtown district. Gillette Avenue from First Street to Seventh Street received this designation.

If you're looking for local gifts, good food or just more information on the region, come to downtown.

### Start at the Visitors Center

The Campbell County Convention and Visitors Bureau is located at 314 South Gillette Avenue and has a wealth of information on things to do and places to see in Gillette, as well as the surrounding areas.

The Campbell County Historical Society has a printed guidebook, available at the visitors center, which takes readers through the history of downtown.

For a more immersive, technological experience, download the free TravelStorys app, a location-aware audio tour that will automatically begin playing when your phone is in front of any of the 10 stops along the tour. Download the app at [travelstorys.com/tours/wy-tour-gillette](https://travelstorys.com/tours/wy-tour-gillette).

The visitors center also organizes tours of the Eagle Butte Coal Mine and the Durham Bison Ranch, from May 30 through early fall.

The coal mine tours are \$10 per person and run May 30 through September, at 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. The visitors center provides transportation to the mine.

The tours of the bison ranch go from May 30 through early fall, 10 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and 3 p.m. Fridays. Visitors must provide their own transportation to the ranch.

It costs \$55 for a family of four, \$25 for individual adults and \$10 for children 5 to 15. Kids 4 and under are free.

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If you're looking for gifts unique to Gillette and Wyoming, several stores have got you covered.

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A mural on a wall at Third Street Plaza in historic downtown Gillette.

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Pat's Hallmark is the largest and oldest Hallmark store in Wyoming. Visit Wyoming Art & Frame for featured paintings from local artists. Right next door is EK Jewelers, a concierge jeweler that specializes in custom jewelry.

Seconds on the Avenue is a thrift store that is part of the local nonprofit, Council of Community Services, so when you shop here, your proceeds are going to a good cause.

And Teacher's Corner/Kid's Mart sells high-quality toys, games and puzzles, as well as educational materials.

There also are plenty of options for food downtown. Fiesta Tequila will satisfy your cravings for Mexican food, while Railyard specializes in American food. The Urban Basket promotes access to local produce, such as raw milk, farm eggs and homemade baked goods, as well as handmade gifts by local artisans.

For sweets, there's Breanna's Bakery which sells homemade breads and cookies to carefully crafted doughnuts, cakes and other pastries. Mary's Mountain Cookies is a national chain of stores that sell giant freshly baked cookies.

If you want to cool down, Ice Cream Cafe has more than two dozen flavors of homemade ice cream. If you're looking for a cup of coffee, The Local's got you covered.

One of Main Street's icons, Big Lost Meadery, moved off of Gillette Avenue into a larger building on nearby Warren Avenue. Gillette's own stop for locally made mead, craft beer and cocktails, it also hosts trivia on Tuesday nights and bingo Wednesdays.

In 2022, Gillette Main Street hosted more than 30 events that brought an estimated 30,000 people to the downtown area.

There are weekly concerts downtown on Thursday nights in June and July, in conjunction with weekly Tuesday concerts at Mount Pisgah Cemetery.

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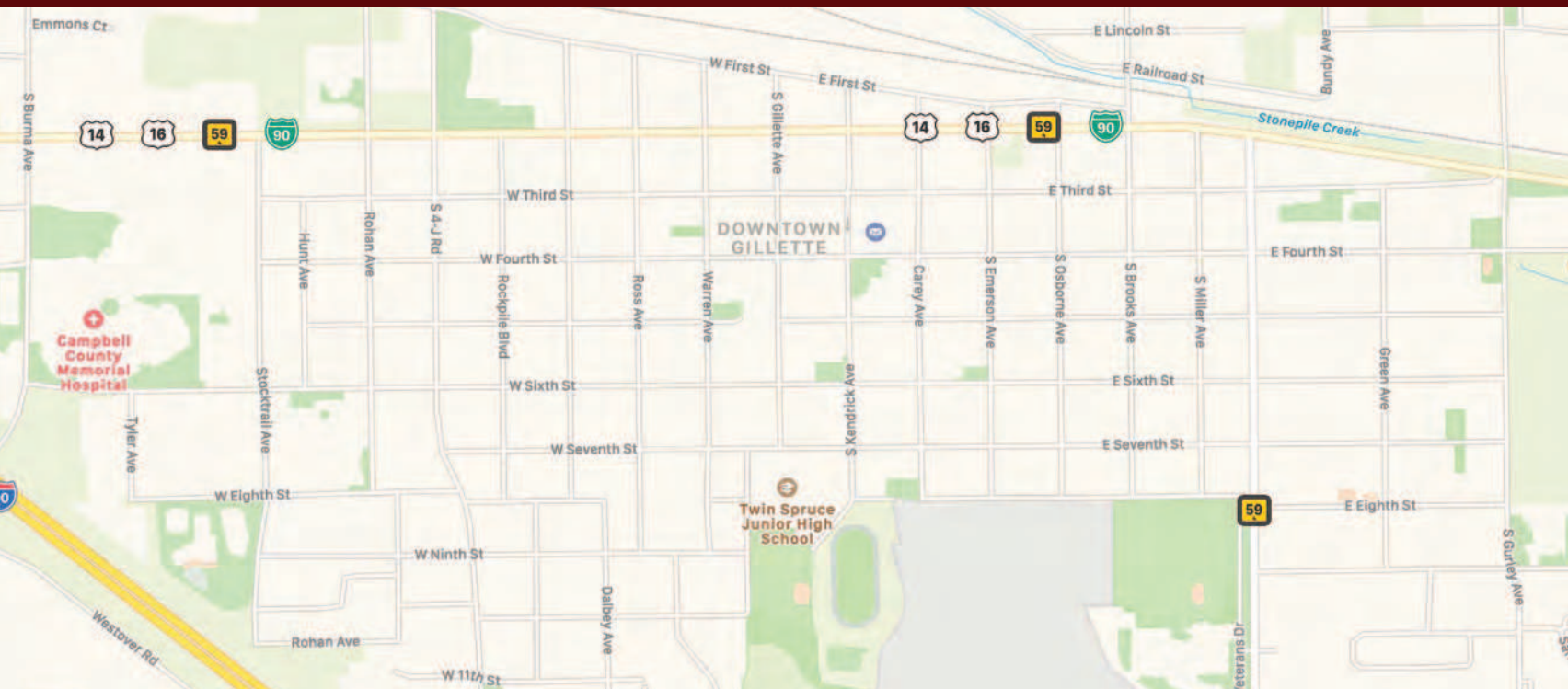
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## Enjoy the day outside in Gillette, wander its pathways or cool off at the Rec Center

Whether you like parks or are more of a recreation-type person, Gillette and Campbell County have just what you're looking for.

The Campbell County Recreation Center opened in the spring of 2010 and has had millions of visitors since then.

The publicly-funded facility covers 188,000 square feet and offers a wide range of activities.

If you want to cool down from the summer heat, it has a swimming pool with six lanes, a water park with a water slide and a lazy river, a hot tub and a sauna.

If you're a climber, a 42-foot high climbing wall designed in the likeness of Devils Tower greets visitors as they walk through the front doors. The tower has a circumference of 74 feet and dozens of routes that are reset every February.

There also are three basketball courts, a number of racquetball courts and a field house that includes a 200 meter track, tennis courts and pickleball courts. It also hosts a number of tournaments each year, including indoor track, tennis and gymnastics.

The Rec Center also has areas for cardio and weightlifting.

A daily pass will cost you \$6. It's \$3.50 for kids and \$13 for a family.

The Energy Capital Sports Complex has four fast-pitch softball fields and three full-sized multi-purpose turf fields. It hosts multiple tournaments every year.

But there's more. It has a 2.4-mile walking path that takes people around the complex, as well as a splash pad, which is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week.



The rock wall at the Campbell County Recreation Center.



A pool at the Campbell County Recreation Center.



# of play



The indoor track at the Campbell County Recreation Center Field House.

Speaking of walking, Gillette has more than 80 miles of pathways, as well as a handful of parks. Some of the bigger parks include:

**Bicentennial Park:** This county park has soccer fields, baseball fields, tennis courts, playgrounds and a walking path. It also is the location of the community’s annual Fourth of July celebration, which brings in thousands of people each year.

**Dalbey Memorial Park:** The city’s most visited park, it’s home to the Fishing Lake and has a 1.1-mile path around the lake. It has several shelters, a disc golf course, two playgrounds and a wooden walkway, as well as an underpass that takes you under the state highway and to a walking path that connects to the community college.

**Cam-plex Park:** During the holiday season, this county park is set up with more than a million lights for a display that is visible from the sky. It also has a disc golf course and a couple of playgrounds. Back in the 20th century it was home to an “experimental farm,” where researchers from the University of Wyoming studied agricultural sciences for northeast Wyoming.

**Lasting Legacy Park:** This county park has a soccer field and a playground, and it’s right next to Mount Pisgah Cemetery. It also is home to the local Veterans Memorial, which lists the names of local soldiers who lost their lives fighting in conflicts and wars.

**McManamen Park:** This city park has a 1.4-mile paved loop around Burlington Lake, with several signs recounting the history of the lake and the area. It also has the Children’s Memorial Walkway, an area of art and trees dedicated to the memory of local children who have died.

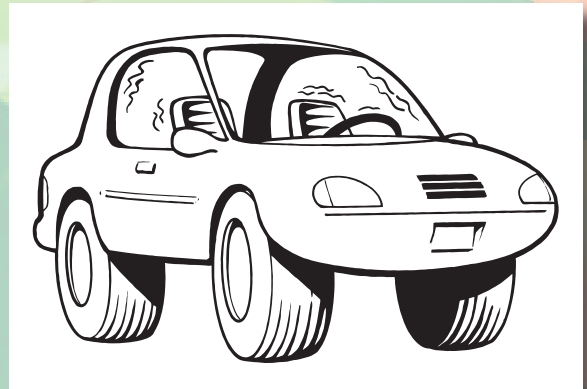
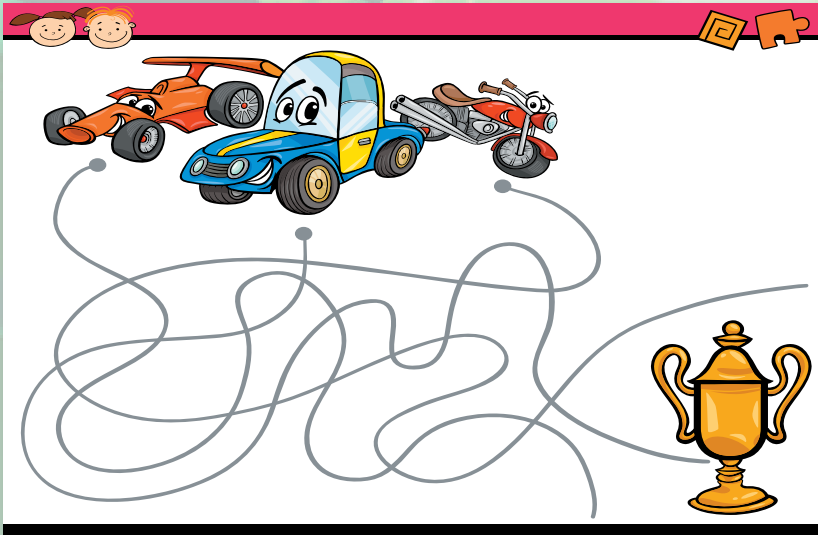
**Energy Park:** This park, which is located next to Cam-plex, was created in 1991 and has several pieces of equipment that showcases Campbell County’s history with the energy industry, including a haul truck, an oil rig and a train car.



The Fishing Lake at Dalbey Memorial Park in Gillette.

# Hey Kids!

This page is packed with fun stuff just for you!



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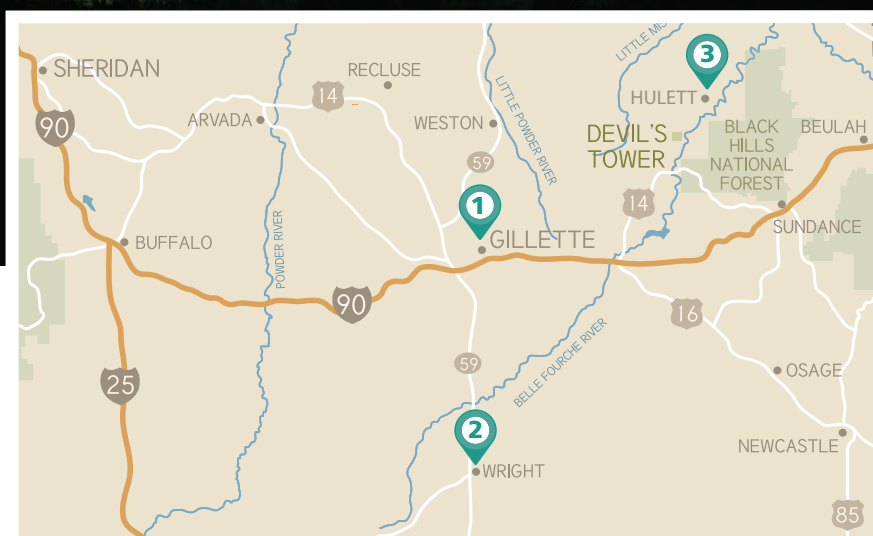
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# Where the wild things are

While roaming through the mountains, hills or just taking a drive across the prairies, you may see some of these wild creatures who call the untamed landscape of Wyoming and South Dakota home

## Pronghorn antelope

Anyone driving through Gillette may see these deer-looking creatures at any given time. The Pronghorn, or "speed goat," is a member of the antelope family with distinctive lighter and darker tones. Wyoming has about 500,000 roaming the grasslands, according to Wyoming Game and Fish, the most of any other state. Somewhat gangly in appearance, the speed goats can run between 30-35 mph for sustained periods of time with bursts of speed up to 50-60 mph.

## Black bear

Visits to the Black Hills and Big Horn Mountains come with the chance you could spot one of the black bears that roam freely. The smaller bears can swim well, climb trees, have excellent color vision and a keen sense of smell. Campers should always keep a clean

camp and never sleep in clothes they cooked their food in. Bear spray is common at local outdoor stores and is recommended for anyone camping, hiking or fishing in bear country.

## Mule deer

Deer can often be seen traveling around the open spaces of Wyoming. To tell the difference between a white-tail or mule deer, mulie, just take a look at the ears or tails running across your line of vision. Mule deer have a white rump and tail with a black tip at the end. Whitetail have a brown rump and the telltale white on the underside of its tail. Mulies are also recognizable by their namesake ears, satellite ears that look just like a mule.

## Trout

Anglers passing through the Cowboy State can expect a plethora of fish species, but none so much as the trout.

Abundant throughout the state, families will find rainbow, brown, brook, golden and cutthroat trout — the official state fish. Trout is found in Lake DeSmet, the Black Hills and mountain rivers. Anyone taking a trip to Keyhole for the day or afternoon can expect to see walleye, catfish, perch or pike.

## Eagles

The majestically soaring species calls portions of the Powder River Basin home throughout the year. In the annual eagle count in January, the survey found 291 bald eagles, 141 golden eagles and 24 eagles of undetermined species. Many migrate north in February, March and April, but if you're lucky you may see the bird of prey swooping down to snatch a fish from the water. Bald eagles mate for life and only move on once one of the pair dies.

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Roadside attractions worth stopping for

The potentially expansive excavation site at the Vore Buffalo Jump near Beulah has, for the meantime, been filled with dirt to protect the priceless knowledge buried in our past. / *News Record Photos*

## Frontier Auto Museum

There are few things that exude Americana culture than cars — especially those built in the 1960s and prior.

The Frontier Auto Museum located on Second Street is filled with cars, gas pumps and trinkets from the 20th century. Make sure to cover every inch of the 13,000-square ft. building as every corner is filled with objects to admire and look at.

The relics store at the front of the museum is free to enter and visitors can shop, play games and relax with a cup of coffee or milkshake.

While touring the building, make sure to sit and catch a classic movie at the “drive-in theater” where movies and commercials from the time play on a loop throughout the day.

The museum is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until May and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. from June until August. Admission to the museum is \$12 for adults and free for kids 12 and under. Service professionals, seniors and groups of five or more get discounted admissions for \$10 a person.

## Vore Buffalo Jump

The Vore Buffalo Jump is a naturally occurring sinkhole that allows you to experience the ingenuity of indigenous populations. It’s 40-foot dropoff at the cliff’s edge was used between the years 1500 and 1800 to trap buffalo and animals. As many as five Plains Indians tribes used the trap before technological advancements rendered the trap unnecessary.

This landmark was discovered in the 1970s as the interstate was being built and a large mass of buffalo bones was discovered. In the hole are dozens of archeological finds from the Native Americans that lived on the land and the animals that would fall into the pit.

The site still has plenty of discoveries left to be made as only 10% of it has been excavated.

Kids can enjoy a sandbox where they dig for artifacts or they can practice using a traditional dart shooter.

The buffalo jump is located off of I-90 near Sundance and South Dakota and is open from June 1 through Labor Day from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Guided tours every 15 minutes are provided with \$10 admissions or \$5 for kids aged 7-12.

To get there, take exit 305 when heading west on I-90 or exit 199 if heading east.

## Needles Highway

Located 30 miles south of Rapid City, the Needles Highway is a 14-mile-long scenic drive through Custer State Park in South Dakota.

The road passes through granite rocks that are shaped like needles, which gives the highway its name. Along with the rocks are ponderosa pines and spruce trees that make up the Black Hills. The highway, also called S.D. Highway 87 North, takes about an hour to complete.



The mashed potato scene from “Close Encounters of the Third Kind” plays on a screen in the drive-in display Thursday at the Frontier Auto Museum. People can watch movies every day, each month at the museum as part of the admission cost.

Along the drive is Sylvan Lake and two tunnels: the Needle’s Eye Tunnel and Iron Creek Tunnel. Beyond the Needle’s Eye Tunnel is the Needle’s Eye rock formation. Experienced rock climbers can explore and climb the granite structures.

If you want more time to explore, stick around the Sylvan Lake Lodge which is within walking distance from several trailheads.

The highway opens April 1, but is dependent on road conditions and the severity of the winter.

## Center of the Nation Monument

When in South Dakota, stop by the Geographical Center of the Nation Monument in Belle Fourche. Located 13 miles north of Spearfish, Belle Fourche is the geographical center when accounting for Alaska and Hawaii.

The monument was unveiled in 2007 by the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce. It is 21 feet of granite with a map of the United States carved in with a 12-inch bronze marker that denotes the area as the center of the nation.

It was determined as the center of the nation using a “center-of-gravity” method by the National Geodetic Survey. The actual center of the nation is on a ranch near the city on Old Highway 85, 13 miles from the intersection of Highway 85 and 212.

The monument is outdoors and available to visit 24 hours a day, every day.



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# Take the backroads

If you value the journey as much as — or more than — the destination, you know the value of turning off the GPS and following the two-lane roads wherever they lead you.

When planning a trip from Gillette, or passing through on your adventure elsewhere, don't miss these memorable routes to take you off the interstate and into the countryside of northeast Wyoming and the Black Hills.

## Take the slow road from Gillette to Sheridan

The quickest route from Gillette to Sheridan is simple: Drive west on Interstate 90. But the scenic route to Sheridan is just a few miles farther, about 20 minutes longer and worth every second of it.

Instead of hopping on the interstate, take U.S. Highway 14-16 West and follow the long winding road for about 110 miles through northern Campbell County then west into Sheridan County. The highway continues on, weaving through rolling hills and meadows framed by the Big Horn Mountains leading you right to the city of Sheridan at the mountain's base.

The drive takes less than two hours and makes for a great day trip to the mountains or alternate route on your journey West.

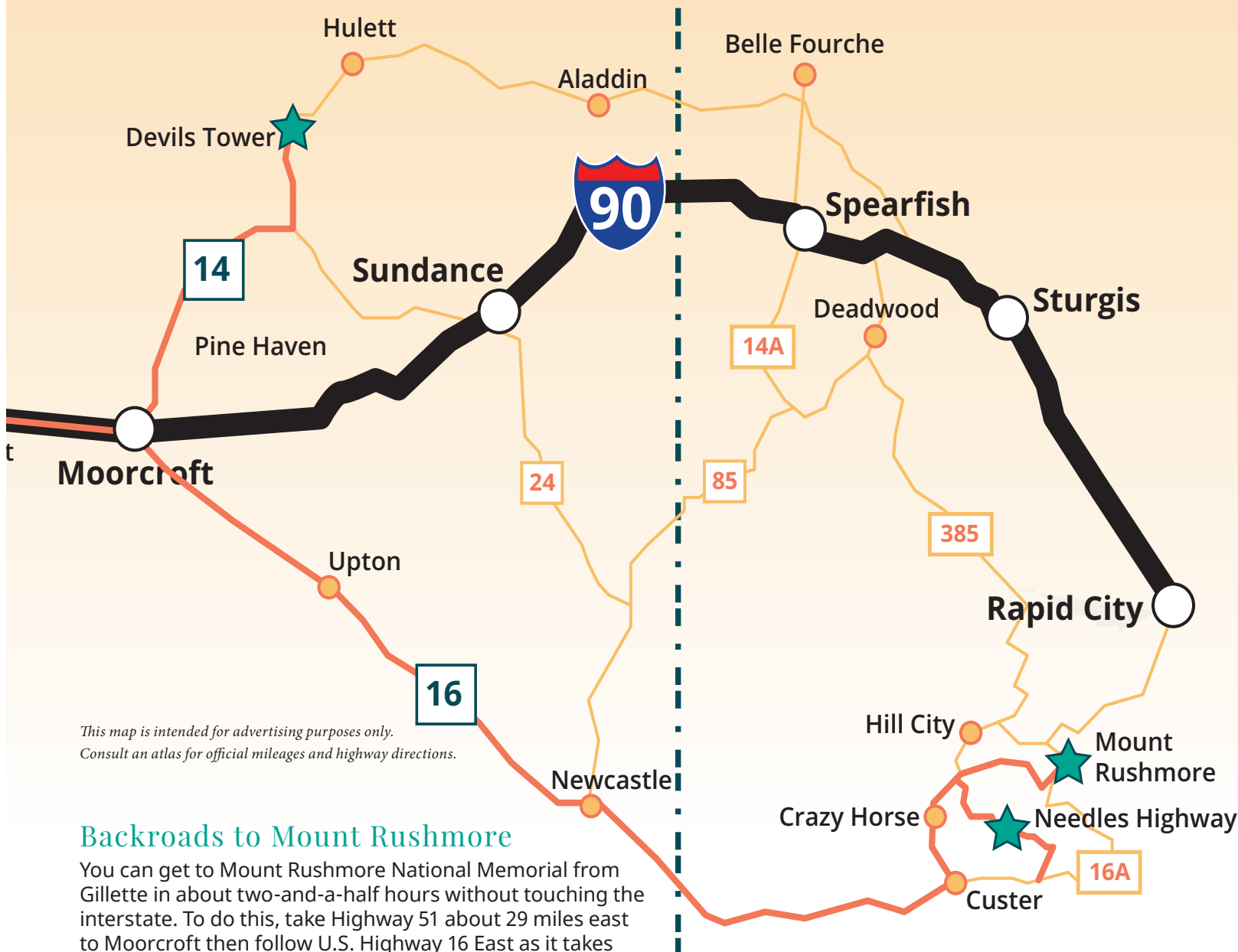
## Two lanes to Devils Tower

The trip from Gillette to Devils Tower is short enough that avoiding the interstate hardly adds any time to your trip, getting you there in just over an hour.

To get there from Gillette, start by heading east on Highway 51 and stay on the road through Rozet all the way to Moorcroft. Once in Moorcroft, hook a left on North Yellowstone Avenue, or U.S. Highway 14 East, and continue north for about 25 miles, soaking in the sprawling northeast Wyoming countryside.

You'll eventually take a left on W.Y. Highway 24 and continue north. Devils Tower isn't far from there. Keep following the road north and remember to keep your eyes on the road as the national monument emerges in the skyline. Luckily, there are plenty of opportunities to pull off the road and soak in the sight before reaching the monument's gates.

For more on Devils Tower, turn to page 6.



*This map is intended for advertising purposes only. Consult an atlas for official mileages and highway directions.*

### Backroads to Mount Rushmore

You can get to Mount Rushmore National Memorial from Gillette in about two-and-a-half hours without touching the interstate. To do this, take Highway 51 about 29 miles east to Moorcroft then follow U.S. Highway 16 East as it takes you southeast through Upton and Newcastle.

You'll eventually make it to Custer, South Dakota, about 113 miles from Gillette, where you'll turn north onto S.D. Highway 385 for about 12 miles then continue onto S.D. Highway 244 east.

From there, Mount Rushmore is about nine miles down the road. It's free to enter Mount Rushmore, but costs \$10 to park at the site.

### Finding Needles Highway

If you have time on the way to Mount Rushmore, or you just want to spend a day up-close to the namesake Black Hills, take a slow drive down Needles Highway in Custer State Park.

The roadway snakes around jagged granite formations, ponderosa pines and Black Hills spruce.

To get there from Gillette, drive east on U.S. Highway 16

into the park, pass Lake Legion and turn north onto S.D. Highway 87 North.

That gets you to Needles Highway. All you have to do from there is follow along the winding road for 14 miles, or about an hour drive.

There are some narrow stretches of the road to be aware of in advance. The Needle's Eye tunnel is eight feet wide and nine feet, nine inches high. The Iron Creek tunnel is eight feet, nine inches wide and 10 feet, 10 inches high.

Following the road will take you past Sylvan Lake and the Needle's Eye, a unique rock formation found near the tunnel that carries its name.

The state park has a \$20 entrance fee for a 7-day pass, per vehicle, or \$36 for an annual pass. Needles Highway closes to vehicles during the winter until April 1 and sometimes later, depending on road conditions.

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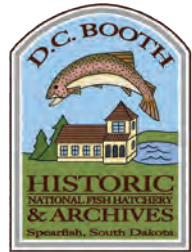
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Spearfish Falls inside Spearfish Canyon. / *South Dakota Department of Tourism*

**The Black Hills offer visitors authentic and unforgettable experiences with nature that include scenic mountains, a variety of wildlife and two of the largest caves in the world.**

**Here's a few ideas to get started on your trip into nature.**

## Wander the caves

### The vast labyrinth of Wind Cave

It's rare that a visitor touring Wind Cave doesn't want to stay a bit longer to discover the rare boxwork formations, popcorn crystals and dark, off-limits caverns in the most complex matrix of underground caves.

Wind Cave National Park's preservation has kept many of the rare formations much like the ones explorers first encountered in the late 1800s. The park is about 135 miles from Gillette in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

Wind Cave features a vast labyrinth of rooms, crawl-ways and passages

in one of the world's largest underground caves. Some 144 miles of passages have been surveyed, but barometric wind studies estimate that just 5% of the total cave has been explored.

It was named for the wind that blows out of or into the cave's natural opening, a small hole on the side of the hill. Changing atmospheric pressure outside the cave causes the air inside to adjust.

The visitor center and park are open year round, but cave tours run seasonally from late spring through early fall.

Visitors can choose from three tours depending on the desired length and

difficulty. Cave tours for people with special needs also are available.

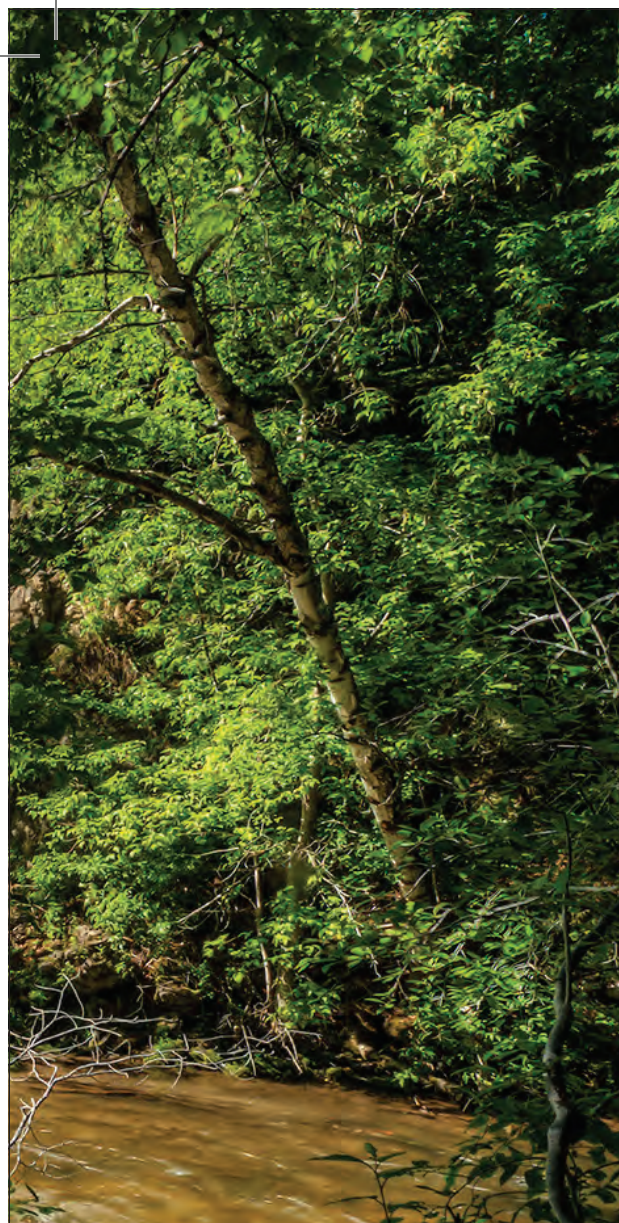
Tickets are sold at the visitors center, where the tours depart from. Some tours offer advanced reservations but the rest are first-come, first-served the day of the tour. Long lines are common and tours often sell out 1-2 hours in advance.

Only credit, debit and digital payment methods are accepted. But it's free to drive through or hike the park.

For reservations or more information, call 605-745-4600 or visit [recreation.gov](http://recreation.gov).

### Journey into Jewel Cave — the world's third longest

At 180 miles, Jewel Cave is the third-longest known cave on the planet. Luckily, there are a variety of touring options to explore it.



The Crushing Deep is one of the deepest known parts of Jewel Cave. / National Park Service Photo

The majority of Jewel Cave tours can be reserved in advance at recreation.gov. Other tickets will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis, so plan accordingly and call 605-673-8300 for details.

The Jewel Cave Visitor Center and cave entrance are 13 miles west of Custer, South Dakota, on U.S. Highway 16.

but they are allowed on the Wyoming side, unless a special order is in effect.

For questions on dispersed camping and fire restrictions, call the forest supervisor's office at 605-673-9200.

### Go climbing

Naturally, when looking at the Black Hills, you'll get the itch to go climb them. Luckily for you there are opportunities to do just that.

You can find rock climbing areas in Spearfish Canyon in the northern Black Hills and in Custer State Park in the southern end of the forest.

The climbing opportunities in Custer are found right outside of Mount Rushmore at the Wrinkled Climbers Trailhead on State Highway 244, at the west boundary of the national memorial.

The area has climbing information, bivy sites and a toilet. Some free tent pad camping sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis with an enforced 14-day limit.

In case you were wondering, climbing the Mount Rushmore sculpture itself is prohibited. Fortunately there are plenty of other formations to climb.

### Black Hills National Forest camping

There are 30 campgrounds with more than 682 campsites spread throughout the Black Hills National Forest. That may seem like a lot of options, but sites get booked fast, especially during the summer season.

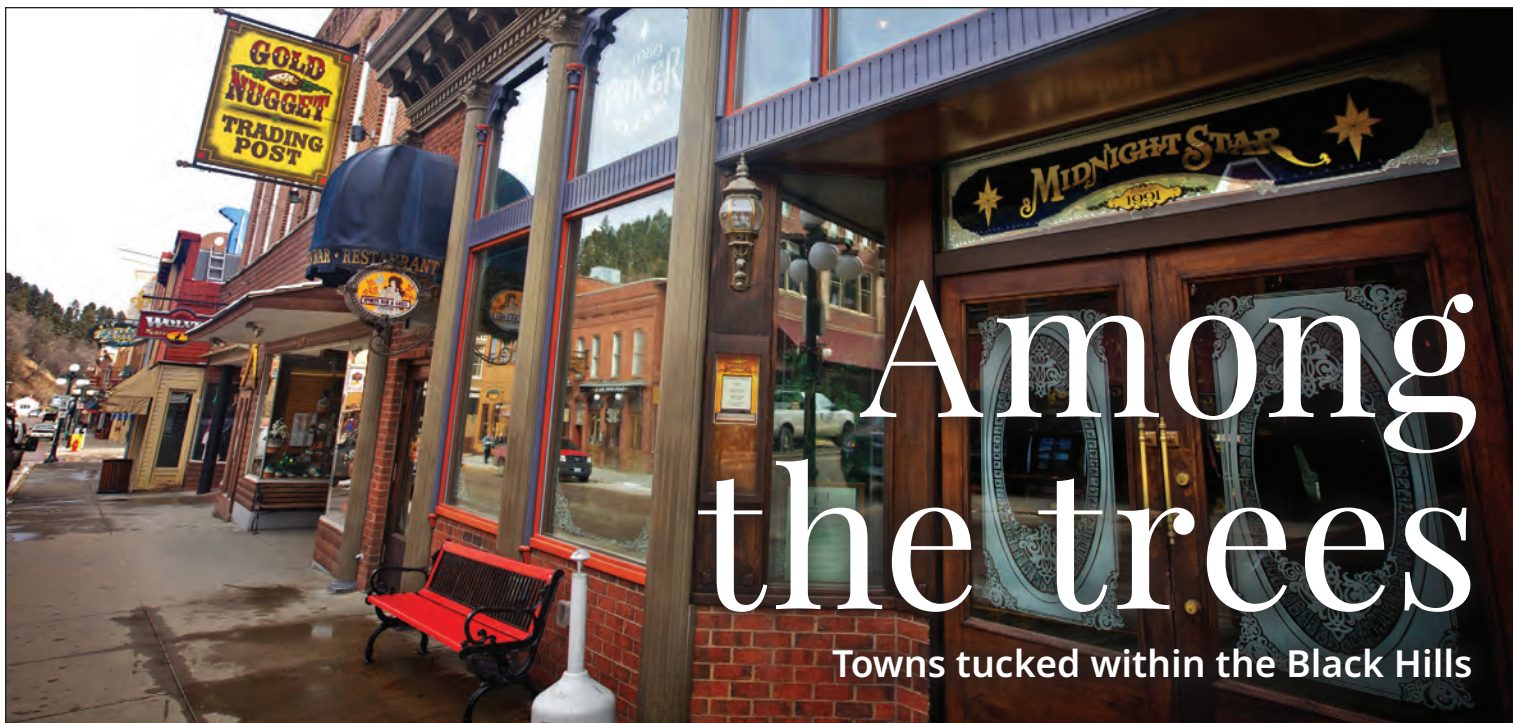
Demand is high. To ensure yourself a site, visit recreation.gov or call 1-877-444-6777.

For the late comers, or those looking beyond the beaten path, you can always try dispersed camping, also known as setting up your own campsite in the forest. Most dispersed camping areas allow up to a 14-day stay in any 60-day period and it's free.

No open campfires are allowed in the South Dakota portions of the national forest while dispersed camping,



There are plenty of great hiking destinations in the Spearfish Canyon area. / News Record Photo



# Among the trees

Towns tucked within the Black Hills

Historic Main Street of Deadwood, South Dakota / *News Record Photo*

There are a number of cities and towns tucked within the Black Hills that are worth stopping by while exploring the national forest or just passing through.

## Walk through the history of Deadwood

The town once known for outlaws and Wild West lore still has plenty to offer, whether you're trying your luck in the gambling hall where Wild Bill Hickok was killed or wanting to learn about the old gold mining town's rich history.

In 1876, Deadwood quickly came to be as gold miners moved into the northern Black Hills, following the gold boom discovered in the southern Black Hills a couple of years before. It quickly grew from a gold camp into a town that brought in not just miners, but the outlaws, gamblers and businessmen who rushed in after them.

It's been more than 150 years since the Black Hills gold rush forged Deadwood, but much of the town's history and outlaw charm remains.

To this day, Main Street features a number of gambling halls in its historic buildings, and a number of newer casinos and resorts have clustered in just off of the main strip.

The cobblestone path of Main Street is

packed with a number of restaurants, bars and shops that provide plenty to do and see for those young and old.

Free shows take place on the streets during the summer months, as reenactments of shootouts and even the trial of Jack McCall, a stage play based on the trial of Wild Bill's murderer, take place daily.

For a schedule of events and more information, visit [deadwood.com](http://deadwood.com) and [deadwoodalive.com](http://deadwoodalive.com).

## Take a break in Spearfish

In the northern Black Hills, Spearfish waits for visitors within several convenient exits from Interstate 90.

Known for its namesake canyon, there's plenty to do for all ages in the town of Spearfish itself.

Downtown Spearfish has a bustling Main Street with storefronts, restaurants and a timeless feel. The historic buildings are home to shopping of all kinds, from clothing and outdoor gear to coffee shops and wine bars.

The Matthews Opera House and Art Gallery is home to year-round programs and exhibits. During the summer months, downtown hosts a block-party atmosphere with live music, food, beer, crafts and activities for the whole family.

## Visit the D.C. Booth Historic National Fish Hatchery and Archives

The D.C. Booth Historic National Fish Hatchery and Archives located in Spearfish is a great place to spend a couple hours. The 11-acre site has raceways and ponds filled with trout, walking paths, historic venues, an underwater viewing area and a visitor center/gift shop.

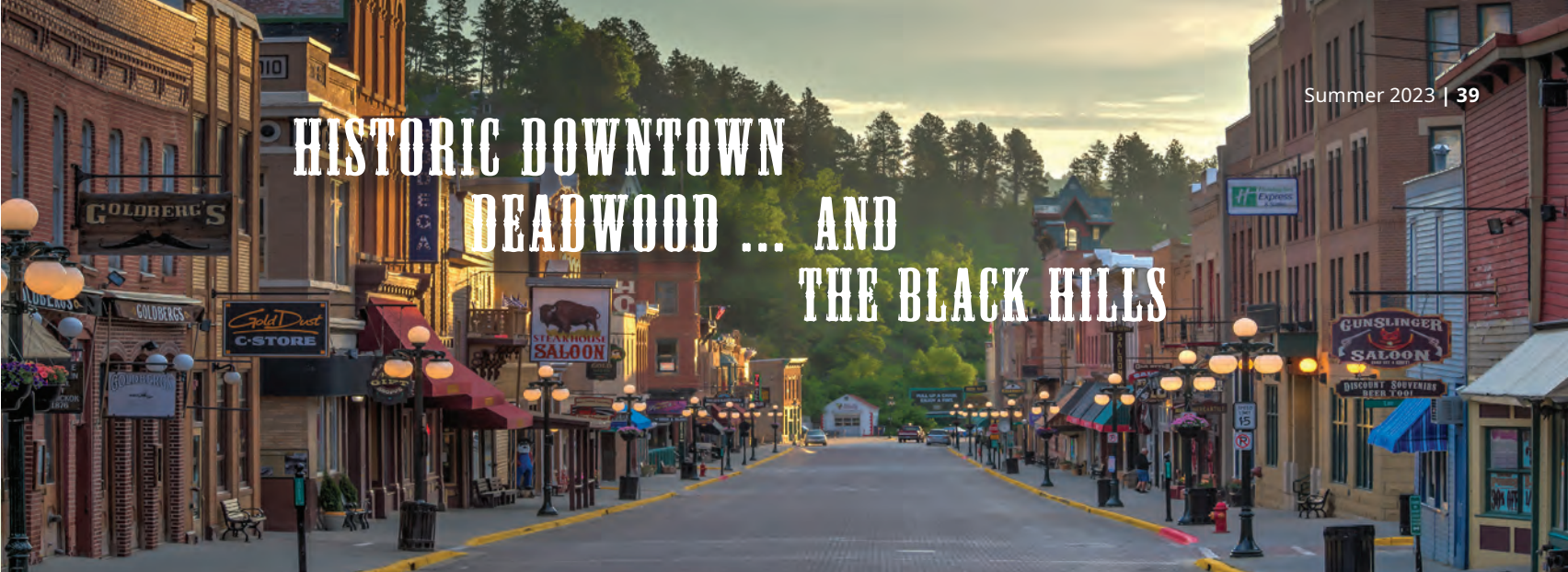
The D.C. Booth Historic National Fish Hatchery originally was constructed to propagate, stock and establish trout population in the Black Hills of South Dakota and Wyoming. Presently the Hatchery is also tasked with the mission to help preserve the US Fish & Wildlife Service's historic and cultural heritage. Stored in archival storage at the hatchery are 1.8 million items that preserve the story of fisheries.

The site is located within the town of Spearfish on South Canyon Street, between the Spearfish City Park and the city campground. It is a quick stop off I-90 as you travel to or from the Black Hills. The site has no admission fee.

Visitors are welcome to stroll the grounds from dawn to dusk on any day of the week, 365 days a year.



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# Bighorn National Forest

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**D**riving about 100 miles west of Gillette, it's hard to miss the Bighorn National Forest.

In contrast to the crowded cities on the East and West Coast, the drive from Gillette is filled with a great expanse of Great Plains scenery leading to the cities of Buffalo and Sheridan. It's a refuge for all sorts of animals in its 189,000 acres of wilderness and also contains more than 1,200 miles of trails for those interested in dropping in and surrounding themselves in nature.

Some trails in the forest are built with ease in mind, a nice day trek, versus the lengthy routes built for the avid backpackers.

One popular destination spot is the Sibley Lake Campground found near Dayton. The campground has electric hookups on one loop. There are a total of 25 sites for campers that have minimal privacy.

Tables and grills are available at each site and fishers can take to the lake in search of brown, brook or rainbow trout. There also is a wheelchair friendly fishing pier.

Those with canoes may be interested in the Tie Hack Campground about 15 miles west of Buffalo. The campground is in a dense stand of pine with the reservoir nearby. Fishers can try their hand at rainbow and cutthroat trout in the reservoir, while hikers take a look at a variety of trailheads accessible at the Circle Park Trailhead, about 3 miles west.

For a complete list of campgrounds and recreation ideas, visit [fs.usda.gov/bighorn](https://fs.usda.gov/bighorn).

## Reservations

Many campsites are first-come first-served but some take reservations.

To reserve a spot, visitors can either call 1-877-444-6777 or visit [recreation.gov](https://recreation.gov) and to search for a specific campground.

Rates vary between \$14 to \$21 depending on the campsite with an additional fee for vehicles. Campers may stay at a site for up to two weeks.

Historic cabin fees range from \$35 to \$50 per night and can be reserved online or by calling 1-877-444-6777.

Those looking for overnight stays in historic structures can enjoy nature from the security of the Sheep Mountain Lookout, Pole Creek Cabin and Muddy Guard Cabin. The more than 75-year-old lookout is about 30 miles west of Buffalo and offers spectacular views of the Cloud Peak Wilderness and the Powder River Basin.

The Pole Creek Cabin is 22 miles west of Buffalo and can fit four to six people with a wood stove, small kitchen, and table and chairs ready for incoming guests.

Muddy Guard Cabin, built in the 1930s for the use of the Forest Service as a guard station, offers rustic appeal. It's made out of peeled logs with saddle corner notching and sits 24 miles west of Buffalo.

# Wyoming do's and don'ts

A guide to help visitors know what's legal and what's not when it comes to gambling, drinking, driving, drugs and outdoor recreation in Wyoming

Although legal in other states, the use, possession or sale of marijuana, including medical marijuana, is illegal in the Cowboy State. Anyone found with marijuana can be fined or arrested. Pot possession is a misdemeanor or felony charge, depending on if there's less or more than 3 ounces.

Those coming into the state to hunt, fish or trap must have all required in-state licenses for fish, game birds, small game, etc. Cutting across private property to access public land is illegal.

Seat belts are mandatory. Officers can't stop someone

for not wearing a seat belt but they can fine an additional \$25 if a driver is pulled over for another traffic violation. Children younger than 9 must be using some kind of child safety system.

Sports betting and drinking in Wyoming are legal as long as a person is old enough. To drink, guests at a bar or restaurant must be 21 or older. Even if you're of legal drinking age, it's encouraged to have IDs on hand, since servers or bartenders often identify anyone who looks younger than 35.

Sports betting was legalized in 2021 and there are three sports books that operate in Wyoming: FanDuel, DraftKings and BetMGM. Bettors must be at least 18 years old.

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# Mountain towns

Visit Buffalo and Sheridan on the way to the mountains

A winter sunset lights the sky over the Big Horn Mountains from Middle Prong Road about 25 miles north of Gillette. / *News Record Photo*

**Traveling west from Gillette to the Big Horn Mountains, drivers will have a tough time missing the hidden gems of Buffalo and Sheridan tucked away in the foothills of the mountains.**

## Buffalo

Historic Buffalo, population 5,000, rests about 70 miles west of Gillette. The town was founded in 1879 on a buffalo trail that forded the creek.

The first hotel built in town, the Occidental Hotel, was built in 1880 and remains to this day. The lodge has seen famous guests like author Ernest Hemingway and former President Theodore Roosevelt pass through its doors, if rumors are to be believed.

If you're just passing through as you either leave or come back from a day hike or camping trip, it's hard to pass by Cattleguard Steakhouse and Saloon. The steakhouse cooks up appetizers like fried pickles and rocky mountain oysters with a host of steaks, lobster or crab for a main course.

Fans of the hit series "Longmire" can join in Longmire Days July 20-23 as the town celebrates Craig Johnson's popular series. The novels and TV show are set in Absaroka County, which is a fictional version of Johnson County.

The town transforms into downtown Absaroka County for the course of the days, where visitors can check out Sheriff Walt Longmire's office and enjoy food trucks and auto-graph sessions. This year, actors from the show coming to Buffalo include A Martinez, Louanne Stephens and Robert Taylor, according to the event's Facebook page.

## Sheridan

Another 40 miles northwest of Buffalo is Sheridan, known for its dramatic views of the Big Horn Mountains.

The growing city offers an abundance of activities including the "Third Thursday," a monthly event that takes place June through September. The Thursday nights include food carts, cold drinks, music and shopping and run from 5-9 p.m. in the Historic Main Street area. During the festivals, the downtown streets are shut down to vehicle traffic.

The Kendrick Mansion is another must-see for history buffs. The now historic site was built from 1908 to 1913 and cost \$164,000. It was the home of former senator and governor John Kendrick, said Nancy Herdt, administrative assistant for Sheridan County Travel and Tourism. The home boasts a Flemish-style architecture uncommon in Wyoming.

The Sheridan Inn, built by the railroad in 1892, was one of the places where Buffalo Bill tried out his wild horse show. Also a historic site, visitors can eat at the inn or book an event or a place to stay for the night.

Weekly polo games are played at the base of the mountains as visitors drive out toward Bird Farm Road. Two clubs, The Big Horn Polo Club and the Flying H Polo Club, play at the equestrian center that has nine fields. The season runs from July through August.

If you're feeling peckish, Herdt said a variety of food trucks range from Thai food to Korean. Frackleton's offers an uptown feel, while Smith Alley Brewing Company has a pint for everyone.

# Crazy Horse Memorial



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The Crazy Horse Memorial is a mountain monument in the Black Hills, wedged between Custer and Hill City, South Dakota, and dedicated to the Lakota tribesman Crazy Horse.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the work in progress.

The monument is open year round. The visitors center is open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. with buses going to the base of the mountain starting at 8:30 a.m. and stopping at 6:30 p.m.

The monument is built in the sacred Paha Sapa — or Black Hills — and were moved there after a cousin of Crazy Horse had the monument moved to the hills due to their spiritual significance to the Lakota tribe. The relative, Standing Bear, began searching for a sculptor when he met Korczak Ziolkowski in 1948 and decided on Thunderhead Mountain as the site of the sculpture.

At the memorial are museums and attractions to learn about the Indigenous population that lived the land. The Indian Museum of North America contains exhibits on over 300 native tribes. The museum has about the same visitation as the National Museum of the Native American at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.

The memorial has daily cultural performances beginning May 26 through Sept. 30 at 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. There will also be Native American artists and performers who present cultural discussions and presentations.

To celebrate the 75th year of the Crazy Horse Memorial, there will be a public event held on June 4.

Crazy Horse Memorial has not been completed, but when it does it will be one of the world's largest sculptures.



The 87-foot-6-inch tall face of the Crazy Horse Memorial carving near Custer, South Dakota / Dirk Lammers

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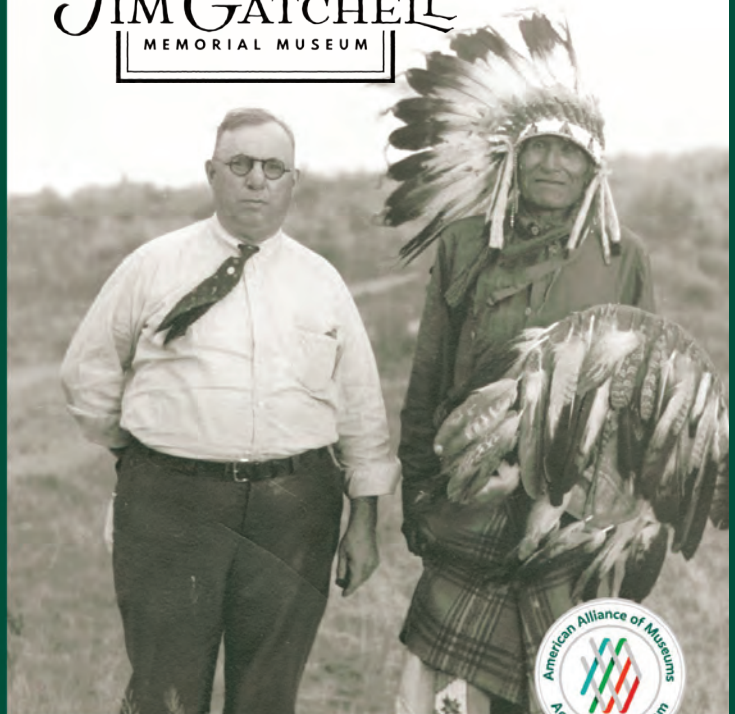
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# What's going on?

## June

### 2-3 Wop Bop a Loo Bop Musical

Mandi Steele Music Studio presents the classic musical, [mandisteelstudio.com](http://mandisteelstudio.com), in Gillette.

### 3 Annual Spring Volksmarch

Thousands join in the Volksmarch, a 10-K hike in the southern Black Hills of South Dakota, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., [crazyhorsememorial.org](http://crazyhorsememorial.org).

### 3 Sheridan Hoop Jam

The 21st annual 3-on-3 street basketball tournament features 800 participants at Sheridan High School.

### 3-4 Energy Capital of the Nation Car Show

Two-day car show at Cam-plex in Gillette featuring new and old cars, classics and works in progress. Open June 3 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and June 4 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### 4 Free fishing day

Anyone can fish for free without a license in Wyoming.

### 4 Mickelson Trail Marathon

A half marathon, marathon and 5-person marathon relay set in historic Deadwood, S.D., starts at 8 a.m.

### 15-18 Bighorn Trail Run

An 18-mile, 32-mile, 52-mile and 100-mile trail run going through the Little Bighorn and Tongue River areas of the Big Horn Mountains.

### 16-18 'Blazing Guns at Roaring Gulch'

The Gillette Community Theatre performs its summer melodrama at Cam-plex Heritage Center Art Gallery, [gctwy.org](http://gctwy.org).

### 17 307 Derby Dog Dash

Corgis and dachshunds compete in the first 50-yard race of its kind at Cam-plex in Gillette, buy tickets at the door after the live horse races.

### 20-25 Christian Motorcycle Western National Rally

The rally takes place in the Cam-plex Wyoming Center in Gillette and registration is required.

### 8 Festival by the Creek

The first annual Festival by the Creek will bring in music, food and vendors from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Arts and Celebrations by the Creek, 2051 E. Sinclair St. in Gillette. Call 307-687-0207 for information.

### 8 Brinton Museum Summer Concert

Town Mountain will perform during the event at the museum in Big Horn, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 307-672-3173 for more information.

### 8 Untapped Homebrew Festival

The WYO Theater and Bighorn Homebrew Club bring the finest homebrewed beer across the state to the festival. The festival is on Brundage Street between Brooks and Main streets in Sheridan, noon to 4 p.m. Call 307-672-9084 for more information.

## July

### 4 Independence Day Parade

Join in an Independence Day Parade in Deadwood, S.D. along Main Street and into Lead, 3-4 p.m.

### Fourth of July

A Gillette Fourth of July comes with a pancake feed provided by local firefighters, a 4-mile run/walk, a themed parade on Second Street and a slew of American-pride testing games and hot dog feed at Bicentennial Park.

The festivities celebrate America's Independence all day long.

### 15 Wings and Wheels Show

The annual show displays aircrafts, classic cars, trucks and motorcycles at Northeast Wyoming Regional airport in Gillette, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### 20-23 Longmire Days

A celebration of Craig Johnson and his hit series "Longmire" in downtown Buffalo, [longmire-days.com](http://longmire-days.com).

### 22 Show and Shine Car Show

Cars will line Ross Street in Gillette in front of the Frontier Auto Museum, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## 75th National High School Finals Rodeo

The biggest youth rodeo in the world will celebrate its 75th anniversary in Gillette July 16-22 at Cam-plex.

The week-long rodeo features top athletes from across the United States, Australia, Canada and Mexico. Past years have brought in more than 10,000 visitors, about one-third of Gillette's typical population.

Visitors can check out the trade show, competition and different daily events, along with a host of concessions and vendors.

## 29 Tournament of Knights

The Knights of Mayhem return to Sheridan with jousting, sword fighting and its Renaissance Faire, 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Call 307-673-6161 for more information.

## August

### 3 Crazy Days

Downtown retailers in Sheridan use this day as an annual summer clearance event, clearing out stock to make room for incoming inventory. Call 307-672-8881 for more information.

### 11-12 Yoders Country Market Open House and Craft Fair

This Amish store in Buffalo hosts its annual summer event these days, Friday and Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### 23-27 Kool Deadwood Nites

Five days of classic cars, classic music and classic fun in Deadwood, South Dakota. Everyone can catch a parade, take in free concerts and celebrate history.

### 26 Quickdraw, dinner and auction

Watch and meet Bighorn Rendezvous artists as they paint on the Brinton Museum's grounds beginning at 9 a.m. A ticketed dinner and art auction continue after the quickdraw. Call 307-672-3173 for more information.

### 26 Suds n' Spurs Brewfest

The region's largest brewfest with music and food at Whitney Commons Park in Sheridan, 2-7 p.m. Call 307-672-2485 for more information.

### 27 Yoga in the Park Festival

The 3rd annual Yoga in the Park Festival at Cam-plex Park in Gillette, begins at 8 a.m.

## September

### 1-2 HyLite Monster Trucks

HyLite Real Entertainment will make big noise at Cam-plex Morningside Park in Gillette, 5 p.m. gates open and the show runs from 7-10 p.m.

## All Summer in Gillette

### Summer concert series

A joint partnership brings live concerts to Gillette throughout June and July. Concerts run from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday at Mount Pisgah Gardens and 6-9 p.m. Thursday at Third Street Plaza.

### Live horse racing

Catch a live horse race any weekend from mid-May through the end of June at Cam-plex Morningside Park. Gates open at 4:30 p.m. Friday and 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Races run May 20-21, May 27-29, June 3-4, June 9-11, June 16-18 and June 23-25.

## Get to know Gillette

**1. In 1892, what was the original settlement in the area that would become Gillette called?**

- A. Donkey Town
- B. Burlington Northern Settlement
- C. Rockpile Homestead
- D. Campbell County Cattlemen

**2. What is Gillette's main industry?**

- A. Tourism
- B. Energy
- C. Local Food
- D. Rodeo

**3. The Gillette College mascot corresponds with a common animal in the area. What is it?**

- A. Caribou
- B. Prairie Dog
- C. Pronghorn
- D. Eagle

**4. The neon-lit boot outside Frontier Relics and Auto Museum welcomes everyone downtown. How tall is it?**

- A. 15 feet tall
- B. 12 feet tall
- C. 17 feet tall
- D. 20 feet tall

**5. The former Gillette Post Office is one of the oldest buildings in Gillette. At what intersection is it located?**

- A. Second Street and Kendrick Avenue
- B. Lakeway Road and 4J Road
- C. Westover Road and Burma Avenue
- D. Third Street and Gillette Avenue

**6. When did the first public swimming pool in Gillette open?**

- A. 1940
- B. 1994
- C. 1935
- D. 1989

**7. Upperclassmen in Gillette were able to choose between attending Campbell County or Thunder Basin high schools in what year?**

- A. 2015
- B. 2010
- C. 2017
- D. 2020

**8. Gillette's City Hall, police department and fire station all used to be in one building on what street?**

- A. Fourth Street
- B. Seventh Street
- C. Lakeway Road
- D. Wagonhammer Road

**9. What year does the Gillette News Record date back to?**

- A. 1900
- B. 1904
- C. 1908
- D. 1912

**10. A beloved Gillette pastime, this event cooks more than 10,000 pounds of food for thousands of residents and visitors. What is it?**

- A. Crawfish Boil
- B. Treat Street
- C. Lobster Fest
- D. Dancing with the Gillette Stars

**Bonus question: How many Sheriffs has Campbell County had since the first Sheriff was elected in 1911?**

- A. 15
- B. 19
- C. 12
- D. 22

Answer key: 1. A, 2. B, 3. C, 4. A, 5. D, 6. C, 7. C, 8. A, 9. B, 10. A Bonus, C

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# Sturgis

The annual motorcycle rally



Leona Hughes and Len McIntosh ride to Sturgis, South Dakota, after stopping by the Harley-Davidson store in Gillette. / *News Record Photo*

**Sturgis, South Dakota is a small city off of Interstate 90 between Spearfish and Rapid City, right on the edge of the Black Hills National Forest with plenty of incredible views and hikes to embark on**

**S**turgis is best known for its annual Motorcycle Rally held in August. This year will be the 83rd year of the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally and will be held from August 4-13. At this year's rally, you can enjoy concerts featuring Lynyrd Skynyrd, ZZ Top and more. The rally attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors from all across the country.

The rally brings in bike shows, charity events, rides and races.

If four wheels are more your speed, stop by the Saab Heritage Car Muse-

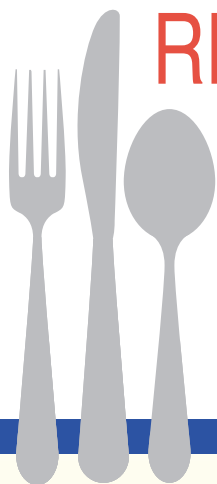
um which opens the first of May. The museum celebrates the motor company Saab and its contributions to the auto industry. It is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

The Sturgis Museum and Motorcycle Hall of Fame is another attraction to visit when in the city that is perfect for those looking to explore more about the history of the motorcycle event and the town of Sturgis. It honors the sport, the lifestyle and those who have contributed to the heritage of the

motorcycle rally. It is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with admission cost varying depending on the size of your party.

Around Sturgis are motorcycle rides that allow you to explore the outdoors and the beauty of the Black Hills.

Sturgis itself is close to plenty of natural landmarks that are must-sees when visiting the area. The town is an hour north of Mount Rushmore, an hour and a half east of Devils Tower and close to many hiking trails around the Black Hills.



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# Keyhole State Park

*News Record Photos*

A peek through a keyhole can reveal an amazing secret or adventure, which is what awaits visitors who enjoy camping, fishing or any type of water recreation at Keyhole State Park east of Gillette.

The northeast Wyoming state park waits on the Western edge of the Black Hills between Sundance and Moorcroft off Interstate 90 on exit 165 in Crook County.

The state park features plenty of water-based attractions in the state park's Keyhole Reservoir. The park offers swimming, boating, water-skiing and fishing.

After spending time on the water, take a hike on the Keyhole Dam Trail and view the dam that was completed in 1952 by the United States Bureau of Reclamation and has a water-surface area of 13,700 acres.

Keyhole State Park is close to various parks and must-see attractions when visiting the area. The park is 45 minutes from Devils Tower, two hours from Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse, and a little over an hour away from both Sturgis and Deadwood.

Keyhole has 300 campsites which require reservations between May 1 and September 30. Camping at Keyhole costs about \$18 per night for Wyoming residents and includes the \$7 day pass. For non-Wyoming residents, camping costs about \$32 per night, with the day-pass access included.



Day-use fees and reservations are charged per vehicle. To reserve online, visit [wyomingstateparks.reserveamerica.com](http://wyomingstateparks.reserveamerica.com) or call (877) 966-7275.

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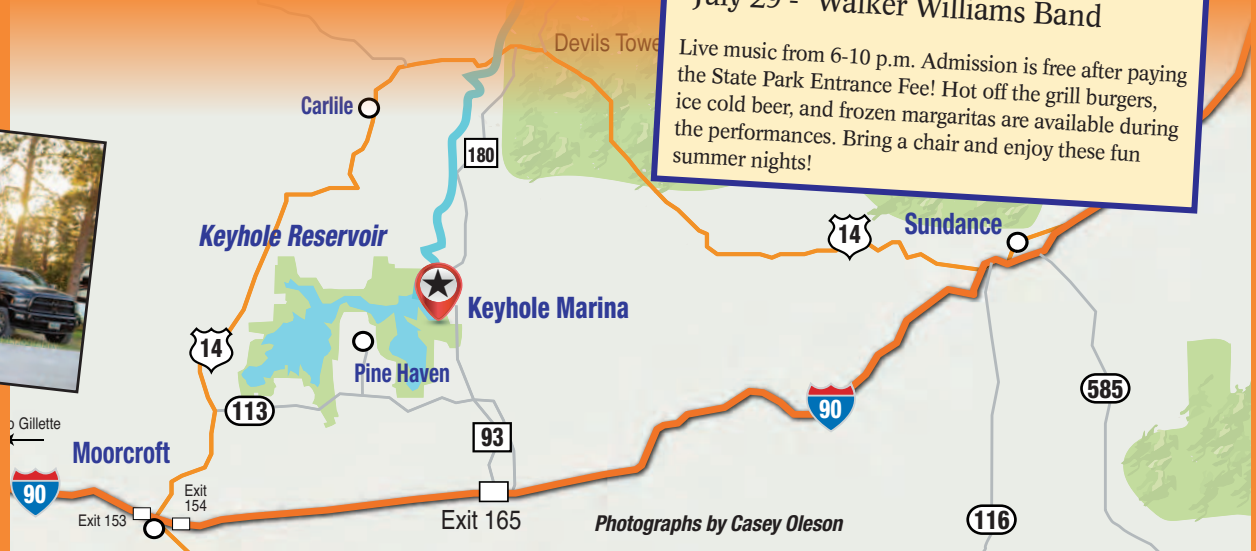
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