

## Local Attractions & Things to Do

Elk Haven Horse Camp is located in the heart of the Black Hills, a 6,000 square mile mountain oasis in a sea of prairie. This relatively small area is home to one of the best vacation destinations in the country, boasting hundreds of trails, attractions and stunning natural beauty all within a 100-mile radius. Besides the miles and miles of horseback riding trails, there are other adventures that await you while in the Black Hills – (listed mileage is from Elk Haven).

### **National Parks/Monuments:**

While Mt. Rushmore is the most visited National Monument in the area, be sure to visit the five (5) other parks and monuments in the Black Hills of South Dakota and Wyoming.

- Badlands National Park: [www.nps.gov/badl](http://www.nps.gov/badl) 81 miles
- Devils Tower National Monument: [www.nps.gov/deto](http://www.nps.gov/deto) 130 miles
- Jewel Cave National Monument: [www.nps.gov/jeca](http://www.nps.gov/jeca) 38 miles
- Mt. Rushmore National Memorial: [www.nps.gov/moru](http://www.nps.gov/moru) 11 miles
- Minuteman Missile National Historic Site: [www.nps.gov/mimi](http://www.nps.gov/mimi) 101 miles
- Wind Cave National Park: [www.nps.gov/wica](http://www.nps.gov/wica) 34 miles

### **South Dakota State Parks:**

Western South Dakota boasts 6 state parks, the largest and most visited is Custer State Park whose northern boundary is only one mile from Elk Haven!

- Angostura State Recreation Area: This reservoir located in the Southern Black Hills is a great place for swimming, boating, or fishing. – 55 miles
- Custer State Park: 71,000 acres of spectacular scenery, wildlife viewing, fishing, hiking, swimming, and naturalist programs. The park is also home to one of the nation's largest bison herds. [www.custerstatepark.info](http://www.custerstatepark.info) – 1 mile
- George S. Mickelson Trail: 109-mile long trail that follows the historic Deadwood to Edgemont Burlington Northern rail line. Enjoyed by hikers and bikers the trail has over 100 converted rail bridges, 4 rock tunnels, and 14 trailheads. [www.mickelsontrail.com](http://www.mickelsontrail.com) – 20 miles
- Bear Butte State Park: A solitary mountain east of Sturgis that served as a pioneer landmark and continues its role as a holy mountain and founding place religion for many Plains Indian Tribes. <https://gfp.sd.gov/parks/detail/bear-butte-state-park/> - 65 miles
- Rocky Point State Recreation Area: Located in the Northern Black Hills is the Belle Fourche Reservoir an 8,000 acre fishing haven created by Orman Dam. While principally used for irrigation it is a popular destination for walleye fishers – 80 miles
- Roughlock Falls State Park: 50-foot cascading waterfall in stunning Spearfish Canyon. Complete with trails, catwalks, viewing nodes, picnic area, and restrooms – 65 miles

### **Private Caves:**

The Black Hills is a geological wonderland of one-of-a-kind formations both above ground and below. These family owned caves offer great sights and helpful staff.

- Beautiful Wonderland Cave: [www.wonderlandcavesouthdakota.com](http://www.wonderlandcavesouthdakota.com) - Nemo
- Black Hills Caverns: [www.blackhillscaverns.com](http://www.blackhillscaverns.com) – Rapid City
- Rushmore Cave: [www.rushmorecave.com](http://www.rushmorecave.com) - Keystone

### **For The Adventurous:**

Trains, hot air balloons, helicopters and more - make your vacation an adventure!

- Black Hills Balloons, Inc: [www.blackhillsballoons.com](http://www.blackhillsballoons.com) - Custer
- Rushmore Tramway and Alpine Slide: [www.rushmorealpine.com](http://www.rushmorealpine.com) - Keystone
- Sylvan Rocks Climbing School & Guides: [www.sylvanrocks.com](http://www.sylvanrocks.com) – Hill City
- 1880 Train - B.H. Central Railroad: [www.1880train.com](http://www.1880train.com) – Hill City/Keystone
- Buffalo Safari Jeep Rides: <https://custerresorts.com/activities/> - Custer State Park
- Black Hills Helicopters: [www.blackhillshelicopters.com](http://www.blackhillshelicopters.com) - Keystone
- Black Hills Aerial Adventures: [www.coptertours.com](http://www.coptertours.com) – Keystone
- Rush Mountain Adventure Park: [www.rushmtn.com](http://www.rushmtn.com) - Keystone

### **Animal Parks:**

From drive thru parks to petting zoos - something mild to wild!

- Bear Country USA: [www.bearcountryusa.com](http://www.bearcountryusa.com) – Rapid City
- Black Hills Parrot Welfare & Education Center: ph:605-892-2336 –Belle Fourche
- Old MacDonald's Farm: <https://www.oldmacdonaldsfarmrc.com/> – Rapid City
- D.C. Booth Historic National Fish Hatchery: ph:605-642-7730 - Spearfish
- Black Hills Wild Horse Sanctuary: [www.wildmustangs.com](http://www.wildmustangs.com) – Hot Springs
- Reptile Gardens: [www.reptilegardens.com](http://www.reptilegardens.com) – Rapid City

### **Chuckwagon Dinners & Shows:**

Great evening outings with world class entertainment.

- Trial of Jack McCall & Shootout: ph:605-578-1876 - Deadwood
- Fort Hays Chuckwagon Supper & Show: [www.mountrushmoretours.com](http://www.mountrushmoretours.com) - Rapid City
- Blue Bell Lodge Hayride & Chuckwagon: <https://custerresorts.com/activities/> – Custer State Park

### **Geological Museums & Education:**

Rocks and Dinosaurs – have fun learning the geological history of the Black Hills.

- The Museum at Black Hills Institute: [www.bhigr.com](http://www.bhigr.com) – Hill City
- Mammoth Site of Hot Springs: [www.mammothsite.org](http://www.mammothsite.org) – Hot Springs
- Museum of Geology: <http://museum.sdsmt.edu> – Rapid City

### **Area History:**

Looking for the old west? It's here at these quality regional museums.

- Adams Museum & House: <https://www.deadwoodhistory.com/about-us/properties/adams-museum.html> - Deadwood
- Custer County Courthouse Museum: [www.1881courthousemuseum.com](http://www.1881courthousemuseum.com) - Custer
- Tri-State Museum: [www.thetristatemuseum.com](http://www.thetristatemuseum.com) - Belle Fourche
- Fort Meade Museum: [www.fortmeademuseum.org](http://www.fortmeademuseum.org) - Sturgis
- High Plains Western Heritage Center: [www.westernheritagecenter.com](http://www.westernheritagecenter.com) - Spearfish
- Black Hills Mining Museum: <https://blackhillsminingmuseum.com/> - Lead

### **Sioux Heritage:**

Learn of the Great Sioux Nation through art, artifacts, and tours.

- Wounded Knee Memorial Museum: [www.woundedkneemuseum.org](http://www.woundedkneemuseum.org) - Wall
- Oglala Lakota College Historical Center: [www.olc.edu](http://www.olc.edu) - Kyle
- The Heritage Center at Red Cloud: [www.redcloudschool.org](http://www.redcloudschool.org) - Pine Ridge
- Crazy Horse Memorial: [www.crazyhorse.org](http://www.crazyhorse.org) - Custer

### **Black Hills Culture:**

Noteworthy people and places of the region come alive at these cultural centers and museums.

- The Journey Museum: <https://www.journeymuseum.org/> - Rapid City
- Chapel in the Hills: [www.chapel-in-the-hills.org](http://www.chapel-in-the-hills.org) - Rapid City
- National Presidential Wax Museum: [www.presidentialwaxmuseum.com](http://www.presidentialwaxmuseum.com) - Keystone
- Rushmore Borglum Story: [www.rushmoreborglum.com](http://www.rushmoreborglum.com) - Keystone
- South Dakota Air & Space Museum: [www.sdairandspacemuseum.com](http://www.sdairandspacemuseum.com) - Ellsworth AFB
- Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame: [www.sturgismuseum.com](http://www.sturgismuseum.com) - Sturgis
- Dahl Arts Center: [www.thedahl.org](http://www.thedahl.org) - Rapid City

### **Gold Mines:**

There's gold in them hills! Find it for yourselves at these area favorites.

- Big Thunder Gold Mine: <https://www.bigthundermine.com/> - Keystone
- Broken Boot Gold Mine: [www.brokenbootgoldmine.com](http://www.brokenbootgoldmine.com) - Deadwood
- Homestake Gold Mine Visitor Center: <https://www.sanfordlabhomestake.com/> - Lead

### **Travel Bureaus & Chambers of Commerce:**

Addition information on area communities - most of which offer free information packets!

- South Dakota Department of Tourism: [www.travelsd.com](http://www.travelsd.com)

The premiere site for information regarding the state, visit this site for free mailings of the SD Vacation Guide - a must have for any visit to our beautiful state!

- Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce: [www.bellefourchechamber.org](http://www.bellefourchechamber.org) - 83 miles
- Custer Chamber of Commerce: [www.custersd.com](http://www.custersd.com) - 25 miles
- Deadwood Chamber of Commerce: [www.deadwood.org](http://www.deadwood.org) - 55 miles
- Hill City Chamber of Commerce: [www.hillcitysd.com](http://www.hillcitysd.com) - 21 miles
- Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce: [www.hot Springs-sd.com](http://www.hot Springs-sd.com) - 46 miles
- Keystone Chamber of Commerce: [www.keystonechamber.com](http://www.keystonechamber.com) - 7 miles
- Lead Chamber of Commerce: [www.leadmethere.org](http://www.leadmethere.org) - 55 miles
- Rapid City Visitors Bureau: [www.visitrapidcity.com](http://www.visitrapidcity.com) - 30 miles
- Spearfish Chamber of Commerce: [www.spearfishchamber.org](http://www.spearfishchamber.org) - 73 miles
- Sturgis Chamber of Commerce: <https://sturgisareachamber.com/> - 50 miles
- Wall Chamber of Commerce: [www.wall-badlands.com](http://www.wall-badlands.com) - 81 miles