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South Dakota



THE MOUNT RUSHMORE STATE

Land Area 77,123 square miles
Population 754,844
State Capital Pierre (pronounced “peer”)
Largest City Sioux Falls
Local Time EST, GMT - 8 hours behind Greece
Climate Winter – freezing temperatures, snowy and cold; Spring – sunny and sometimes rainy; Summer – warm, mostly sunny, thunderstorms; Fall – warm to cool, crisp fall days
National Parks Mount Rushmore National Memorial, Badlands National Park, Jewel Cave National Monument, Wind Cave National Park, Black Hills National Forest. There are 58 parks.

In South Dakota, the wild frontier and wind-swept prairies blend with towering granite peaks and jagged spires. It’s what we call the land of Great Faces and Great Places. Treasures like Mount Rushmore National Memorial and Custer State Park hold adventure for everyone. Roam with buffalo, see the blasts at Crazy Horse Memorial or explore one of the world’s longest caves. View majestic landscapes as you travel winding scenic byways. One of the most complete T-Rex skeletons and the largest collection of Columbian Woolly Mammoth bones are being unearthed in the Black Hills. Hikers in Badlands National Park can watch ongoing digs in one of the richest fossil beds in the country. Step back in time to the Old West in Deadwood with re-enactments of Wild Bill Hickok’s last card game and a visit to the gravesite of Calamity Jane. Retrace the steps of explorers while roaming the rolling prairies or exploring a frontier fort. Experience Native American culture and the history of the Lakota, Dakota and Nakota peoples. *Little House on the Prairie* author Laura Ingalls Wilder wrote about her family’s pioneer adventures on the prairies of DeSmet. Tour her childhood homestead and see places that inspired her books and the subsequent television series. 🐾