

South Dakota Black Hills Visitor Suggestions

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Here are some suggestions on what to do when you are in the Deadwood area to get a taste of the Black Hills. There are many natural attractions and there is so much to do.... The following link is a website that has a map that I think is especially useful:

<http://blackhillsbadlands.com/maps>

I would suggest the Red Route (Mt. Rushmore and Custer State Park - 67 miles) and most of the Blue Route (Northern Hills - 143 miles) and if you still have time, the Orange Route (Central Hills - 71 miles) especially around Lake Pactola and Hill City. (Hill City has a restaurant called the Alpine Inn. It is one of our favorites. The price is good, and the food is great. They have a quite simple menu and the service is quick. Often there is a long line to get in during the summer months.) <http://www.alpineinnhillcity.com/>

Scenic Drives:

<http://blackhillsbadlands.com/scenic-drives/peter-norbeck-scenic-byway>

<http://ironmountainroad.com/> (In order to see Mt. Rushmore through the tunnels, go around the loop in a counterclockwise direction so that you are travelling north toward Mt. Rushmore.)

<http://www.blackhillsbadlands.com/scenic-drives/vanocker-canyon-nemo-road>

<https://gfp.sd.gov/state-parks/directory/custer/activities/drives.aspx>

Spearfish Canyon <http://blackhillsbadlands.com/drives/spearfish-canyon-scenic-byway>

Other highlights:

Sylvan Lake is tiny but a nice area. You can hike around the lake.

<http://www.blackhillsbadlands.com/places/sylvan-lake>

Near Savoy in the **Spearfish Canyon** is **Roughlock Falls** and **Spearfish Falls** and **Bridal Veil Falls**. (These are more locations for taking a short hike.) Bridal Veil Falls is right along the road. The weather has been very dry, so unless we get some rain, there may not be much to see at Bridal Veil Falls.

<https://visitspearfish.com/things-to-do/roughlock-falls>

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In **Spearfish** is a historic fish hatchery. It is a good place to get out and stretch.

<http://dcboothfishhatchery.org/>

Chapel in the Hills in Rapid City <http://www.chapel-in-the-hills.org/>

If you have enough time, I also encourage a trip to the **Badlands National Park**. It features a landscape that is incomparable: <https://www.nps.gov/badl/index.htm> or

<https://visitspearfish.com/things-to-do/badlands-national-park> Also visit Wall Drug at Wall, SD -just because... <https://www.walldrug.com/>

I certainly hope this helps you get some ideas. We will continue to wish for great weather during your visit. The options are endless. If you want to do something specific and want some additional advice, please feel free to reach out to me:

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