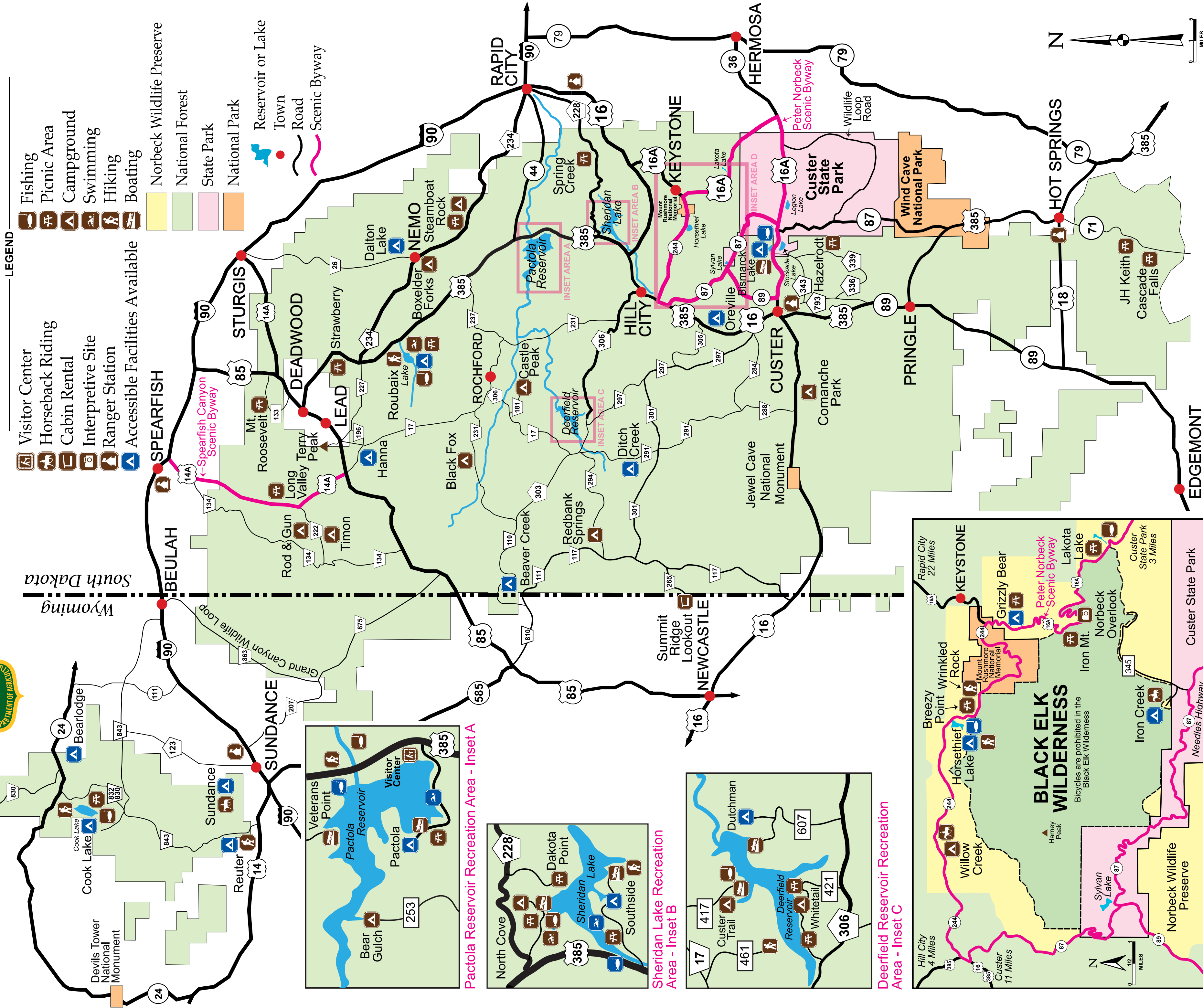
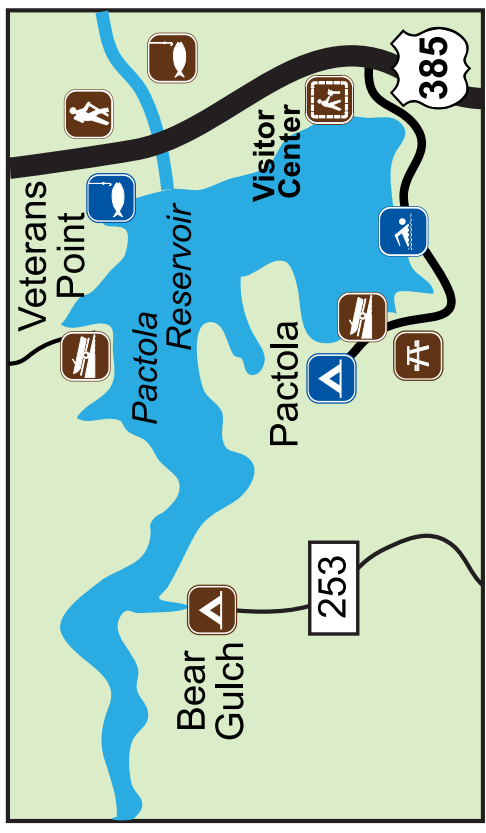
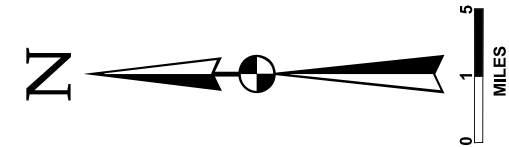




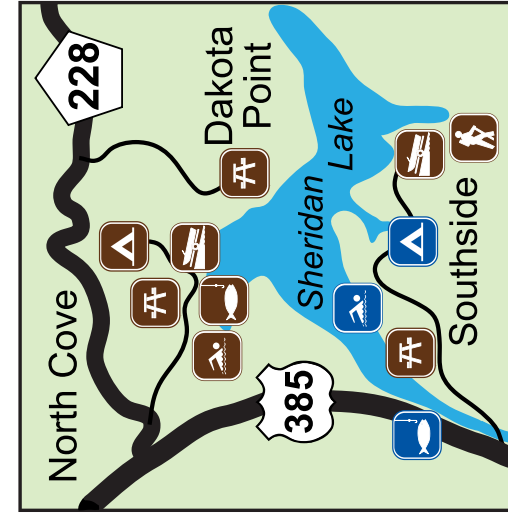
# Recreational Sites Black Hills National Forest



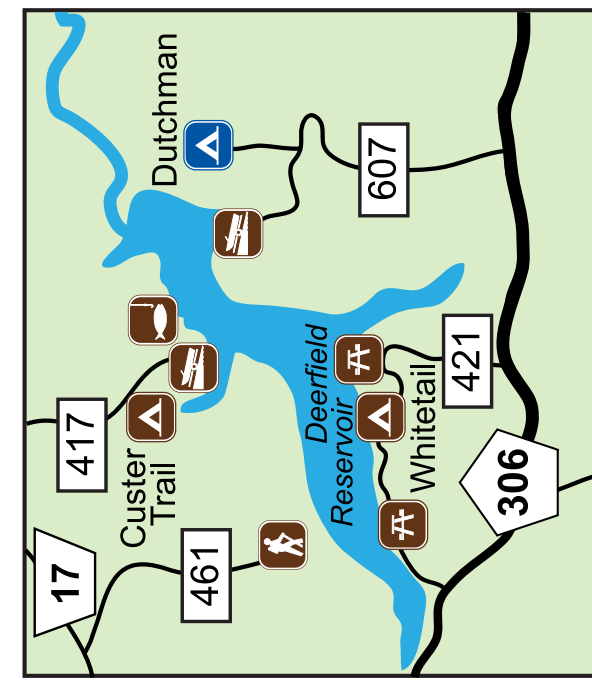
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- Visitor Center
  - Horseback Riding
  - Cabin Rental
  - Interpretive Site
  - Ranger Station
  - Accessible Facilities Available
  - Fishing
  - Picnic Area
  - Campground
  - Swimming
  - Hiking
  - Boating
  - Norbeck Wildlife Preserve
  - National Forest
  - State Park
  - National Park
  - Reservoir or Lake
  - Town
  - Road
  - Scenic Byway



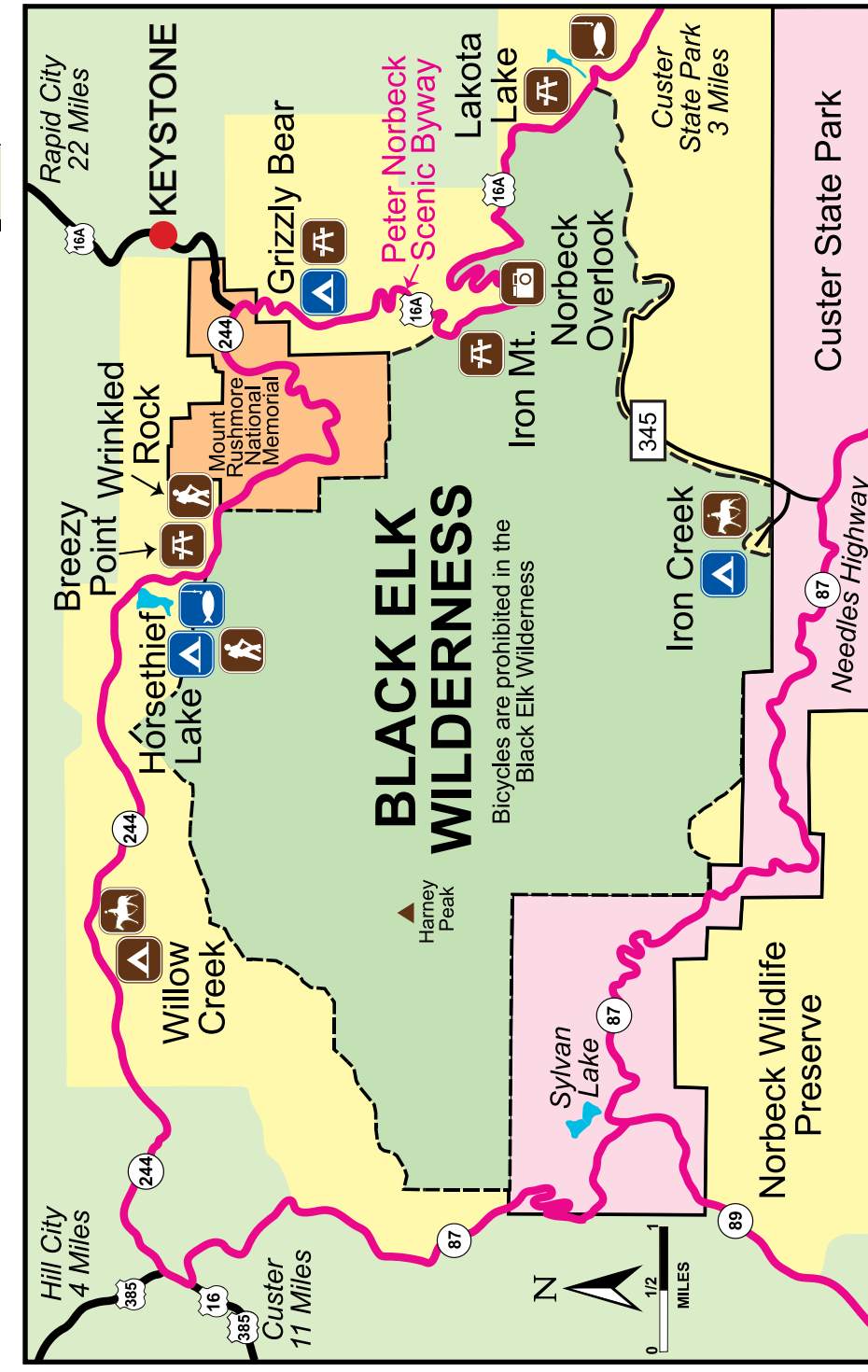
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Sheridan Lake Recreation Area - Inset B



Deerfield Reservoir Recreation Area - Inset C



Black Elk Wilderness Area - Inset D



## Welcome

Welcome to your Black Hills National Forest where 1.2 million acres of public land recreation opportunities await you!

We hope you enjoy the eleven reservoirs, twenty-nine campgrounds, two scenic byways, 1,300 miles of stream, 13,426 acres of wilderness, hundreds of miles of non-motorized and motorized trails, and much more! The Forest is managed for many uses, so don't be surprised to see mining, logging, cattle grazing, and summer homes on your travels. Please take time to enjoy the beauty and charm of this national treasure.

## Scenic Byways

Peter Norbeck Scenic Byway in the southern Black Hills leads visitors along 66 miles of scenic highways that pass through the Norbeck Wildlife Preserve, the Black Hills National Forest, Custer State Park, and Mount Rushmore National Memorial. A visit to the Black Hills should include a trip through this byway's one lane tunnels that frame Mount Rushmore, and around the curling 'pig-tail' shaped bridges, along the Iron Mountain Road.

Spearfish Canyon Scenic Byway in the northern Black Hills takes visitors along US Highway 14A, through 18 miles of breath taking views of waterfalls, sheer cliff walls, springs, a roaring stream, and an opportunity to



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view wildlife. Pick up a self-guided tour map and brochure at any Forest Service office in the Black Hills.

## Trails

Hiking, Biking, OHVs, Horses, Snowmobiles

The Forest offers hundreds of miles of non-motorized and motorized trails. There are a variety of settings from forest to prairie, and easy to difficult opportunities to challenge your skills.

Motorized vehicles and mountain bikes are prohibited in the Black Elk Wilderness, where only foot and horse travel are allowed.

Brochures for most of the non-motorized trails, Motor Vehicle Use Maps of the motorized trail system, and a map of the snowmobile trail system, are available at Forest offices and online.



Pig-tail Bridges on Iron Mountain Road

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## Guide Services

Commercial fishing, hunting, sightseeing, and trail ride guides, to name a few, are located throughout the Black Hills. These Forest Service partners operate under special use permits and help visitors enjoy the Forest. Call the Forest, or check out our list of permitted businesses on our website before you book a trip.

## More Activities



**Black Hills Moonwalk**  
Once a month during the summer, Forest visitors enjoy a natural history program and hike under a full moon. Pick up a **Black Hills Moonwalk** brochure from a Forest Service office for more information, or visit our website at: [www.fs.usda.gov/blackhills](http://www.fs.usda.gov/blackhills)

## General Information

- Trail Ethics**  
Cutting switchbacks causes erosion. Please stay on the designated trail. Expect and respect other trail users.
- Extreme Weather**  
Clear sunny days can quickly turn into afternoon thunderstorms. Carry extra warm clothes and be prepared for snow or hail!
- Water**  
Streams in the forest may look safe to drink but usually they are not. Carry at least one quart of water per hiker.



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**Available Maps**  
Motor vehicle use maps and waterproof motorized trail maps are available at all Forest Service Offices and the BHNH Visitor Center.

Detailed information for trails, back country roads, streams, lakes, peaks, lookout towers, private, federal and state lands, and recreation sites is available on the BHNH Visitor Map.

Thank you for being a responsible user of your National Forest!

## Contacts

For more information contact:

**Black Hills National Forest**  
Supervisor's Office  
1019 N. 5th Street, Custer, SD 57730  
605-673-9200 or Dial 711 for TRS  
[www.fs.usda.gov/blackhills](http://www.fs.usda.gov/blackhills)

**Bearlodge Ranger District**  
101 S. 21st Street, PO Box 680,  
Sundance, WY 82729  
307-283-1361

**Hell Canyon Ranger District**  
330 Mount Rushmore Road,  
Custer, SD 57730  
605-673-4853

**Mystic Ranger District**  
8221 S. Hwy. 16, Rapid City, SD 57702  
605-343-1567

**Northern Hills Ranger District**  
2014 N. Main Street, Spearfish, SD 57783  
605-642-4622

**Black Hills National Forest Visitor Center**  
located on Pactola Reservoir Dam,  
on US Highway 385, open from  
Memorial Day to Labor Day.



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# Black Hills National Forest Recreation Guide



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Campground Name	Daily Fee	Units	Drinking Water	Lake or Stream	Spur Length	Open in Winter	Hosts	Remarks
Bear Gulch <b>Group</b> (*) (R)	\$85 (Group)	1	Yes	Pactola Reservoir	45 ft	No	No	Quiet side canyon to Pactola
Beardodge (*)	\$10	8	No	None	25 ft	Partial	No	Just off highway to Devil's Tower
Beaver Creek	\$10	8	Yes	Beaver Creek	45 ft	Yes	No	Remote, quiet, and high elevation
Bismarck Lake (*) (R)	\$24	23	Yes	Bismarck Lake	55 ft	Partial	Yes	Canoeing, fishing, electric motors less than 6 hp
Boxelder Forks (*)	\$16	14	Yes	Boxelder Creek	45 ft	Partial	Yes	Near Centennial Trail
Black Fox	\$10	9	No	Rapid Creek	45 ft	Yes	No	Trout fishing, high elevation
Castle Peak	\$10	9	No	Castle Creek	45 ft	Yes	No	Remote, historic mining sites nearby
Comanche Park (*) (R)	\$14	34	Yes	None	55 ft	Partial	Yes	Closest campground to Jewell Cave
Cook Lake (*) (R)	\$14/\$18	34	Yes	Cook Lake	45 ft	Partial	Yes	Fee difference among sites, fishing, wildlife, hiking
Custer Trail (*)	\$14	16	Yes	Deerfield Lake	50 ft	No	No	North shore location, trailhead, high elevation
Dakota Lake (*)	\$18	11	Yes	Dakota Lake	45 ft	Yes	No	Centennial Trail, Little Elk Canyon
Ditch Creek (*)	\$18	13	Yes	Ditch Creek	50 ft	Partial	Yes	5 mi south of Deerfield Lake, high elevation
Dutchman (*) (R)	\$18	45	Yes	Deerfield Lake	50 ft	Partial	Yes	South shore, fishing, boating, & trails, high elevation
Grizzly Bear (*) (R)	\$20	15	Yes	Grizzly Creek	20 ft	No	Yes	Near Mt. Rushmore, reservations recommended, no trailers/RVs, single vehicles only
Hanna (*)	\$16	13	Yes	Spearfish Creek	55 ft	No	Yes	Near Spearfish Canyon Scenic Byway, high elevation
Horse Thief Lake (*) (R)	\$24	36	Yes	Horse Thief Lake	50 ft	No	Yes	Near Mt. Rushmore, reservations recommended
Iron Creek <b>HORSE</b> Camp (*) (R)	\$22	9	No	Iron Creek	50 ft	Closes mid-Oct	No	Reservations recommended
Oreville (*) (R)	\$18	26	Yes	None	50 ft	Closes mid-Oct	Yes	Near Mickelson Trail
Pactola (*) (R)	\$24	80	Yes	Pactola Reservoir	50 ft	Partial	Yes	Fishing, boating, trails, marina, store, open in winter
Redbank Springs	\$10	4	No	Spring only	40 ft	Yes	No	Isolated and remote spot, high elevation
Renter (*) (R)	\$10	24	Yes	None	30 ft	Partial	Yes	Near Warren Peak lookout tower
Rod & Gun (*)	\$16	7	Yes	Little Spearfish	50 ft	Closed 12/1-5/15	No	Near <i>Dances With Wolves</i> filming site, high elevation
Roubaix (*) (R)	\$20	56	Yes	Roubaix Lake	45 ft	Partial	Yes	Fishing & swimming, high elevation
Sheridan Lake North Cove <b>Group</b> (*) (R)	\$50-\$150	5	Yes	Sheridan Lake	60 ft	No	No	Group camping, reservations recommended
Sheridan Lake Southside (*) (R)	\$24	129	Yes	Sheridan Lake	60 ft	Partial	Yes	Fume Trail and Centennial Trail, open in winter
Sundance <b>HORSE</b> Camp (*) (R)	\$14	10	Yes	None	50 ft	Partial	No	Horse facilities and trails near to 1-90
Timon (*)	\$16	7	Yes	Little Spearfish	60 ft	Closed 12/1-5/15	No	Fishing, hiking, and mountain bike trails, high elevation
White Tail (*) (R)	\$18	17	Yes	Deerfield Lake	50 ft	Yes	Yes	Lake Loop Trail, fishing, high elevation
Willow Creek <b>HORSE</b> Camp <b>grp</b> (*) (R)	\$18	17	Yes	Deerfield Lake	50 ft	Yes	Yes	Lake Loop Trail, fishing, high elevation
Summit Ridge Lookout Cabin (R)	\$35	1	No	None	N/A	By reservation	No	605-673-4853 for cabin rental info, high elevation

(R) Reservations are available by calling 1-877-444-6777 or on the web at [www.Recreation.gov](http://www.Recreation.gov).  
 (\*) Operated mid-May to mid-September by a private campground concessionaire under special use permit.  
 A limited number of accessible sites are available at these campgrounds.  
 At concessionaire operated campgrounds, a minimum pet fee of \$2 per pet will be charged during your stay.  
 Varying levels of accessibility exist among campground sites.  
 Reservations are available by calling 1-877-444-6777 or on the web at [www.Recreation.gov](http://www.Recreation.gov).  
 Stay limit for camping in the BHNH is 14 days (BHNH-046-98).  
 All fees and open status are subject to change.  
 A portion of all fees collected at campgrounds will be used for repairs and upkeep of Forest Service facilities.  
 Generator quiet hours are 10 pm - 6 am.  
 Roads within the campgrounds are not plowed in the winter.

## Fire Restrictions

Campfires or open fires in the South Dakota portion of the Black Hills are allowed only in developed campground or picnic area fire grates. Campfires are allowed in the Wyoming portion of the Black Hills.

## Day-use Area Fees

Some day-use sites charge a daily fee, per vehicle, from mid-May through mid-September. A \$20 and \$30 Annual Pass is also offered for frequent visitors. Passes can be purchased at most Black Hills National Forest offices, some campgrounds, and the Forest Visitor Center at Pactola Reservoir. Fees are used to maintain and operate the facilities.

## Accessibility

Many recreation sites on the Black Hills National Forest have fairly level terrain and are accessible to visitors who have disabilities. Accessibility is contingent on the characteristics of each site. If you have questions about a particular recreation site, please contact a Forest Service office.

## Reserve a Campsite

The Black Hills National Forest requires the use of a Use Registration Form, available at any of the major trailhead portals into the wilderness. Camping is allowed anywhere EXCEPT within 1/4 mile of Harney Peak Trail #9 and Harney Peak. NO camping in the Tower. To keep our water pure, do not camp or dispose of human waste within 100 feet of streams or other water sources.

## Horse Camping

Iron Creek Horse Camp, east of Custer, SD, adjacent to Custer State Park, has corrals and potable water. Willow Creek Horse Camp, southeast of Hill City, SD, has no corrals, but potable corrals are permitted, no potable water, but stock water is available from Willow Creek.

## Dispersed Wilderness Camping

Visitors to the Black Elk Wilderness must fill out a Use Registration Form, available at any of the major trailhead portals into the wilderness. Camping is allowed anywhere EXCEPT within 1/4 mile of Harney Peak Trail #9 and Harney Peak. NO camping in the Tower. To keep our water pure, do not camp or dispose of human waste within 100 feet of streams or other water sources.

## Dispersed Camping

Outside the Wilderness, dispersed camping is allowed within 300' of designated roads for motorized access (see Motor Vehicle Use Maps), and throughout the Forest for non-motorized access. However, dispersed camping is NOT allowed within 1/2 mile of a campground.