



# OUTDOOR RECREATION

Unpacking The Black Hills





# WELCOME TO PAHA SAPA

Home to over 5,000 square miles of mountain majesty, Western South Dakota's beautiful Black Hills welcomes you to our corner of outdoor heaven. From Badlands National Park to Custer State Park to Devil's Tower, every inch of the Black Hills is etched with natural beauty, from buttes to bluffs.

Whether it's rugged mountain trail trekking or simple sightseeing you seek, we've prepared the following guide to make your vacation planning easier than ever!

## FACTS & FEATURES:

**Highest Point:** Black Elk Peak (7,244')

**Total Size:** 1.25 Million Acres (5,000 Square Miles)

**State Parks:** Custer State Park, Black Hills National Forest

**National Parks:** Badlands National Park & Wind Cave National Park

**National Memorials:** Mount Rushmore National Memorial, Devil's Tower

**Biggest Locale:** Rapid City Metropolitan Area

**Hiking Trails in the Area:** Over 450 Miles in Black Hills National Forest

**Largest Lake:** Pactola Lake/Pactola Reservoir



# CHOOSE YOUR ADVENTURE

## THE HILLS, YOUR WAY

### BY VEHICLE

Check Out These Incredible Drives:

**Peter Norbeck Scenic By-Way:** 70-miles of Black Hills Beauty  
**Custer State Park, Needles Highway**

**Custer State Park Wildlife Loop:** 18-Miles of Wildlife-Packed Sightseeing  
**Badlands Loop State Scenic Byway:** 39-Mile Loop  
**Badlands National Park, Wall, SD**

### BY FOOT

Great Family Hikes:

**Hike #1: Buzzard's Roost** Trail System | Highway 44 | 8.8 Miles from the Hotel

**Hike #2: Stratobowl Rim** Out & Back | Highway 16 | 12.3 Miles from the Hotel

Popular Area Hikes:

**Hike #1: Black Elk Peak** Trail System | Highway 16 | Start at Sylvan Lake | 36.7 Miles from Hotel

**Hike #2: Devil's Bathtub** Out and Back | Spearfish Canyon | 55.0 Miles from Hotel

**Hike #3: Hanson-Larson Memorial Park - M-Hill** Trail System | <1.0 Mile from Hotel

### BY BIKE, BOAT, OR UTV

Top Area Lakes:

**Sheridan Lake:** Boating, Fishing, Camping, Paddleboarding, Rentals Available  
Access via Highway 385

**Pactola Lake:** Boating, Fishing, Camping, Paddleboarding, Rentals Available  
Access via Highway 385

**Angostura Lake:** Boating, Fishing, Camping, Paddleboarding, Rentals Available  
Access via Highway 79

Top Biking Trails:

**Mickelson Trail** - Edgemont to Deadwood | 109 Mile Bike Path Through the Black Hills | Closest Access Point | 36.7 Miles from Hotel

**Buzzard's Roost Trail System**

Top UTV Trails:

**Alkali Creek Trailhead**

**Elk Creek Trailhead**

**Dalton Lake Trailhead**

**South Box Elder Trailhead**

**Pilot Knob Trailhead**

# HISTORIC PLAY AWAITS

With millions of acres of room to roam in our backyard, the Black Hills are truly your outdoor oyster. No matter the duration of your stay, you can count on our vibrant communities and vistas to make every second of your travels count.

Can't bring along your favorite outdoor toys? We've got ample rental experiences available locally for your recreation needs:

## ELEVATE YOUR ADVENTURE

Equipment Rentals:

**Adventure Rentals SD**

Hill City, SD | UTV Rentals

**Pactola Marina**

Boat Rentals | 605-343-4283

**Sheridan Lake Marina**

Boat/Pontoon Rentals | 605-574-2169

Adventure Tours:

**Black Hills Adventure Tours**

Offers multi-day excursions throughout the Black Hills Region with enormous value

BlackHillsAdventureTours.com

605-209-7817

# PLAN YOUR IDEAL GETAWAY

Experience the embodiment of luxury and hospitality in downtown Rapid City with the esteemed Hotel Alex Johnson Concierge Team by your side. Delight in personalized itinerary-planning tailored to fulfill your every travel desire amidst the enchanting Black Hills region.



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