



Granite Journal

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Mount Rushmore National Memorial

Welcome to Mount Rushmore National Memorial

GREETINGS AND WELCOME TO MOUNT Rushmore National Memorial, the Shrine of Democracy. Spring (*wetu*) and summer (*bloketu*) are some of the best times to visit the Black Hills (*Paha Sapa*) and Mount Rushmore. (The italicized words are in the American Indian language of Lakota).

The Black Hills come to life with wild flowers, wildlife and the return of various bird species. In addition, Mount Rushmore comes to life with visitors. Take time to enjoy your visit to the memorial. Listen to a ranger program, take a walk on the Presidential Trail, listen to the Mount Rushmore Audio Tour (in English, German, Lakota and Spanish), participate in our Junior Ranger program, tour the Lincoln Borglum Museum & Visitor Center or Sculptor's Studio or simply sit and enjoy a moment to yourself as you reflect on the surroundings.

As you enjoy Mount Rushmore, you may see representations of many cultures that make

up America. You may experience a dance by the Germans from Russia, the artwork of the Sons of Norway or other cultures through their song, dance and stories. Take a moment to reflect and rediscover who you are.



Superintendent Baker

members of South Dakota tribes will be demonstrating traditional living and their artistic talents as well as telling traditional stories. You may even have the opportunity to sit with an American Indian elder and talk about days past and the future.

We are very excited to have for the third year in a row a Lakota, Nakota and Dakota Heritage Village off of the Presidential Trail. Through interactive programs,

Not far from the Heritage Village you will find the Kids' Exploration Area off of the Grand View Terrace. Here kids can learn more about the natural and cultural resources that are found at Mount Rushmore. This summer we welcome back our Sculpture Workshops on the Borglum View Terrace. Stop by and see them practicing their art. If you are really lucky, you may find one of the workers who helped create Mount Rushmore more than 65 years ago talking with visitors in the Lincoln Borglum Museum & Visitor Center.

While you spend time at this special place in this special land, take time to view and listen to the majesty of the Black Hills. And know that no matter what culture you belong to, together we can understand and sustain the natural resources and beauty of the area so that those not yet born can experience the same feelings of those that have long left us.

—Gerard Baker, Superintendent

Things to Do:

1. Visit the Information Center.
2. Take the *Mount Rushmore Audio Tour: Living Memorial* located across from the Information Center.
3. Experience a ranger-led program.
4. Visit the Lincoln Borglum Museum.
5. Hike the Presidential Trail and experience the Lakota, Nakota and Dakota Heritage Village at the Harney Peak Lookout.
6. Visit the Sculptor's Studio.
7. Visit one of the three Mount Rushmore History Association Bookstores.
8. Visit Xanterra's Gift Shop.
9. Have a meal at the Carvers Cafe and/or an ice cream cone at the Memorial Team Ice Cream Shop.

Pets in the Park?

Pets (except service animals) are not permitted in any part of the memorial, except in the pet exercise areas located at each end of the main parking facility. (See park map on page 8).



This applies to all pets.

Please pick up after your pet with bags that are provided in these areas.

Since pets must stay in your car while you are visiting the memorial, you should park in the parking garage's shaded areas (Levels 1, 2, 4 & 5).

If you are planning a lengthy stay, please see the kennels and pet services listed in area phone books.

See page 2 for additional regulations.

Do Not Approach or Feed the Mountain Goats!

Although they look friendly, Rocky Mountain goats are wild animals, so please do not approach or feed them.

Surprisingly, mountain goats are not native to the Black Hills. The population can be traced back to six goats, a 1924 gift to Custer State Park from Canada. The goats escaped from their pens and found their home among the Black Hills' granite peaks. There are now nearly 200 in the area.

Mountain goats are very skillful climbers that demand a specialized habitat, such as the craggy granite of the Black Hills. They have long, shaggy white coats that contrast sharply with their black horns, nose and hooves. Their soft hooves allow them to "grip" steep rock faces.

The goats at the memorial are frequently seen near roadways, parking lots and other areas in close proximity to visitors, but they are not tame.



Stu Whipple

2 Ranger-led Programs

Mount Rushmore has an abundance of Ranger Programs and activities.

There is something for all ages to better understand the meaning of the memorial including a ranger walk, the Heritage Village, the Lincoln Borglum Museum or the Evening Lighting Ceremony.

No matter how much time you have at the park, there is a program you can experience.

4 For Kids of all Ages

Do you have questions about Mount Rushmore?

Do you know what the Hall of Records is?

Do you know who the President of the United States was in 1927?

What are the dimensions of the men on Mount Rushmore?

Find the answers to these questions and more inside the *Granite Journal*.

7 Audio Tour

The **Mount Rushmore Audio Tour: Living Memorial** is a recorded guide incorporating narration, music, interviews, sound effects and historic



recordings. Find out how you can rent an audio tour for \$5 and experience the park in an interactive way. This is a self-guided tour. In English, German, Lakota and Spanish.

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**Call 911 in case of
Emergency.**



National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Mount Rushmore National Memorial

On the face of Mount Rushmore in the Black Hills of South Dakota, sculptor Gutzon Borglum carved a memorial from 1927-1941 to our nation's history with the help of many workers and several influential politicians.

The granite portraits of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln represent the birth, growth, development and preservation of the country. Today Mount Rushmore is host to three million visitors each year from around the world who represent many cultures and find inspiration in the ideals of freedom and democracy that Mount Rushmore represents.

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Ranger-led Programs

Program Descriptions

Programs start on May 24, 2008, and will be offered throughout the summer. Please check with a ranger at an information desk for the daily schedule.

Ranger Walk (30 minutes)

Walk with a park ranger along the first half of the Presidential Trail to the base of the mountain carving. The ranger will highlight the natural and cultural history of Mount Rushmore and the Black Hills. This fully-accessible walk begins at the Grand View Terrace. Programs are offered frequently each day throughout the summer months.

Sculptor's Studio Talk (15 minutes)

Learn about the tools and techniques used in the carving of the mountain sculpture. Talks include stories from the workers, demonstrations of the tools and the artist's working model. Programs are offered frequently each day throughout the summer months. Visitors with disabilities, please see a ranger for information on how to access the Sculptor's Studio.

Evening Program (45 minutes)

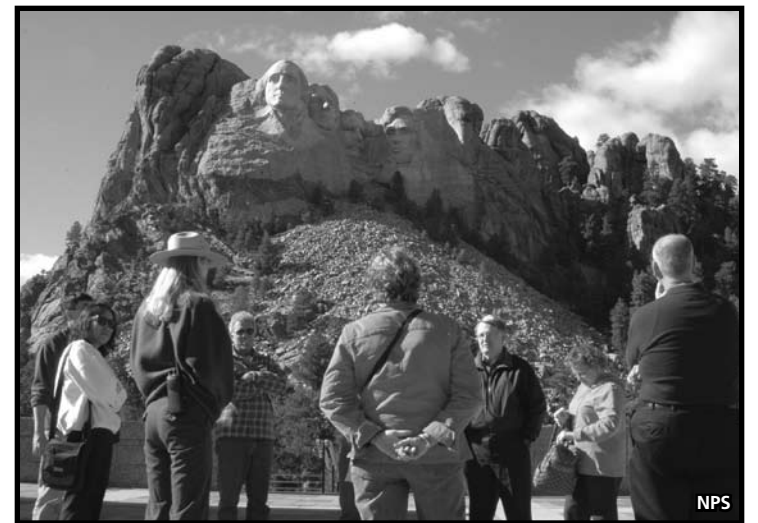
Join a park ranger in the park's outdoor Amphitheater for an inspirational program focusing on the presidents, patriotism and the nation's history. Beginning with a ranger talk, this program continues with the film *Freedom: America's Lasting Legacy* and culminates in the lighting of the memorial. The program is fully accessible and begins at 9:00 pm from May 24 until August 14. From August 15 through September 30, the program begins at 8:00 pm.

Sculpture Workshops (1 week)

Free Sculpture Workshops are offered on the Borglum View Terrace by Mount Rushmore's artist in residence. Stop by to see how participants learn clay-portraiture and stone-carving techniques similar to those used by artist Gutzon Borglum. For more information on participating in a workshop, please visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/moru or ask a ranger at an information desk. See article and schedule on page 3.



The Sculptor's Studio houses Gutzon Borglum's working model. Ranger talks are given in this historic structure throughout the summer.



Beginning at the Grand View Terrace, ranger walks are available daily throughout the summer.

Park Regulations & Accessibility Information

Pets

Pets (except service animals) are not permitted in any part of the memorial, except in the pet exercise areas located at each end of the main parking facility (see park map on page 8).

Protection of Park Resources

Federal law protects natural and cultural resources in all national parks. Picking up rocks, collecting plants or feeding wildlife are strictly prohibited. Please do not litter.

Smoking, Food and Beverages

Smoking, food and beverages are prohibited in the Information Center, Lincoln Borglum Museum, Sculptor's Studio and gift shop. Smoking is prohibited in the dining facility and Amphitheater. Please use disposal bins located outside the buildings for litter and extinguished smoking materials.

Trails

Climbing Mount Rushmore itself is prohibited. There are many climbing opportunities in the memorial on other rock formations. A climbing brochure is available in the Information Center and Lincoln Borglum Museum. Bikes and roller blades are not permitted on trails or walkways within the memorial.

Fires & Hunting

Fires and hunting are strictly prohibited within Mount Rushmore National Memorial.

Camping

Camping is not allowed. A list of national park, national forest and state campgrounds is available in the Information Center and Lincoln Borglum Museum.

Visitors with Disabilities

The official park map is available in Braille for the visually impaired and may be obtained in the Information Center and Lincoln Borglum Museum.

The two films and video exhibits shown in the museum are captioned for the hearing impaired.

The hearing impaired can experience the *Mount Rushmore Audio Tour: Living Memorial* with headphones or a hardcopy script (for a fee). The audio tour can be found in the Audio Tour Building located across from the Information Center.

Parking

Parking is readily available at the memorial's parking complex which is managed by Presidential Parking, Inc. This park concession operates under an agreement between the National Park Service and the Mount Rushmore National Memorial Society.

There is no entrance fee to the memorial. A \$10 parking fee per vehicle is assessed to offset expenses for the construction, operation and maintenance of the parking facility. This parking permit entitles a vehicle unlimited entry for the calendar year, thus encouraging return visits to Mount Rushmore.

The fee for commercial bus parking is \$50. Verified non-profit educational tour bus parking is \$25. Commercial tour van parking is \$10. All parking permits for these vehicles are issued for 24-hour periods.

Federal funding was not used to construct the parking facility. Mount Rushmore has a parking fee and not an entrance fee. Passes such as the America the Beautiful Annual Pass, Golden Age and Golden Access passes are not applicable at Mount Rushmore National Memorial. Those passes only cover entrance fees. They do not cover or reduce "use fees" such as charges for camping, parking, tours or concessions.



Vehicles may load and unload mobility-impaired visitors in front of the main entryway. Wheelchairs are available for loan on a first-come, first-serve basis at the Information Center. Please ask a park ranger for additional information on accessible programs available during your visit.

Elevators on either side of the Grand View Terrace take visitors to the Lincoln Borglum Museum and Amphitheater. Visitors with disabilities, please see a ranger for information on how to access the Sculptor's Studio. The Presidential Trail is surfaced to accommodate wheelchairs from the Grand View Terrace to viewing areas at the base of the mountain. The dining facility and gift shop are wheelchair accessible.

Things to Do

NOW THAT YOU ARE AT MOUNT RUSHMORE what activities can you take part in? Depending on the time you have available, you can participate in one or more of the following programs.

Audio Tour (30-120 minutes)

Rent an audio tour wand to hear the story of Mount Rushmore through music, narration, interviews, historic recordings and sound effects while walking a scenic route around the park. Rented at the Audio Tour Building across from the Information Center, the tour and accompanying brochure are available in English, German, Lakota and Spanish.

Lincoln Borglum Museum (30-60 minutes)

Stop by the park's main visitor center located below the Grand View Terrace for information on the mountain carving, the presidents, the sculptor, the workers and history of the United States of America. Choose from two video presentations—one focused on carving Mount Rushmore and a second focused on the wildlife and ecology of the park's ecosystem. Experience the interactive exhibits and talk with a park ranger about what to see and do in the park. A Mount Rushmore History Association bookstore is available.

Mount Rushmore: The Shrine (14 minute film)

Shown in the Lincoln Borglum Museum, the film tells the story of the carving of Mount Rushmore and the artist that took on the monumental task. Filled with historic photography and film footage, the movie is a great place to start your visit.

The Wild Side (12 minute film)

Shown in the Lincoln Borglum Museum, the film tells the story of the wildlife and ecology at the park. Focusing on the lesser-known aspects of this mountain environment, the film explores parts of the park not readily seen.

Sculptor's Studio (15-45 minutes)

Constructed in 1939, this historic building was the second on-site studio for sculptor Gutzon Borglum. Borglum's original model and many of the tools are on display. Through ranger-led programs, visitors can explore the history and process of the mountain carving. A Mount Rushmore History Association bookstore is available.

Presidential Trail (20-40 minutes)

Take a closer look at the mountain carving and the natural beauty surrounding it. This 1/2-mile loop trail begins at the Grand View Terrace, takes you to the base of the mountain, past the Sculptor's Studio and returns you to the Grand View Terrace. While the first 1/4-mile of the trail is fully accessible, the second half of the trail includes many stairs.

Lakota, Nakota and Dakota Heritage Village (10-30 minutes)

Explore the history of the Black Hills and the American Indian tribes who have populated this land for thousands of years. Located along the first section of the Presidential Trail, this area highlights the customs and traditions of local American Indian communities.

Kids' Exploration Area (10-30 minutes)

Calling kids of all ages, this area is designed just for you! Explore the natural, cultural and historic aspects of Mount Rushmore and the Black Hills at this interactive area located near the Grand View Terrace.

Junior Ranger Program (30-60 minutes)

Learn about the sculpture and the environment that surrounds it through this self-guided activity for ages 3 and up. Upon completion of the program, participants will receive a Junior Ranger badge. Junior Ranger activity booklets are available at any information desk. More information about this program is on page 5.



Participants in the Junior Ranger Program work hard to earn Mount Rushmore's Junior Ranger badge.

Facility Hours & Services

Facility	Dates	Hours
Facilities closed Christmas Day		
Information Center Ranger Desk & Bookstore	May 24 - Aug. 14 Aug. 15 - Sept. 30	8 am - 10 pm 8 am - 9 pm
Audio Tour Building	May 15 - May 23 May 24 - Sept. 30	9 am - 4 pm 8 am - 4 pm
Lincoln Borglum Museum Museum, Visitor Center & Bookstore	May 24 - Aug. 14 Aug. 15 - Sept. 30	8 am - 10 pm 8 am - 9 pm
Sculptor's Studio Models & Bookstore	May 15 - May 23 May 24 - Aug. 14 After Aug. 14 TBA	9 am - 4 pm 8 am - 7 pm
Gift Shop	Summer Season	7 am - 10 pm
Carvers Cafe Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner	Summer Season	7 am - 9 pm
Memorial Team Ice Cream Shop	Summer Season	7 am - 9 pm
Parking	Summer Season	7 am - 10 pm

Times listed above are given for the summer season, but buildings are open year-round. Times are subject to change.

Sculpture Workshop Dates

Mount Rushmore offers week-long Sculpture Workshops during the summer. Kim Henkel, Mount Rushmore's artist in residence, teaches participants ages ten and older techniques in stone carving and clay portraiture. Participants work in the historic remains of Borglum's first studio in the park. The workshops provide a different way for visitors to make connections to the meaning of the park.



Craig Hendricks and son Bill participate in a Mount Rushmore Sculpture Workshop on clay portraiture.

The National Park Service's artist-in-residence program is important for the interpretation and preservation of our nation's stories. Currently there are 29 national parks with an artist-in-residence program. The National Park Service and Mount Rushmore History Association work in partnership to provide the Sculpture Workshops. To register for a workshop, please go to www.nps.gov/moru or ask a ranger at an information desk.

June 2-6	Stone Carving	July 7-11	Stone Carving
July 21-25	Clay Portraiture	Aug. 4-8	Stone Carving
Aug. 18-22	Clay Portraiture	Sept. 8-12	Stone Carving

The Centennial Initiative



In 2016, the National Park Service (NPS) will celebrate its 100th anniversary. On August 25, 2006, the 90th anniversary of the NPS, Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne launched President Bush's National Park Centennial Initiative to prepare national parks for another century of conservation, preservation and enjoyment. The Centennial Initiative is a potential \$3 billion investment in national parks in the coming 10 years. National Park Service Director Mary Bomar said the Centennial Initiative emphasizes three key goals: engage all Americans in preserving our heritage, history and natural resources through philanthropy and partnerships, reconnect people with their parks, and build capacity for critical park operations and facilities, and sustain them through the next century. Here at Mount Rushmore, some of our seasonal positions are funded through the Centennial Initiative.

Average Temperatures (Fahrenheit)

In the Black Hills, weather conditions can change quickly. Current weather conditions are available at an information desk.

April

High 50s
Low 20s-30s
Snowy

May

High 60s
Low 30s-40s
Afternoon Storms/Snow

June

High 70s
Low 40s-50s
Cool in Evening

July

High 80s
Low 50s-60s
Low Humidity

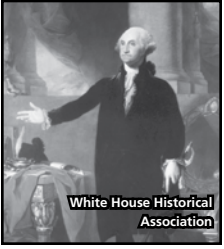
August

High 80s
Low 50s-60s
Low Humidity

September

High 60s
Low 40s-50s
Cool in Evening

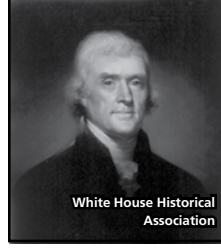
For Kids of All Ages



BIRTH

Revolutionary War General

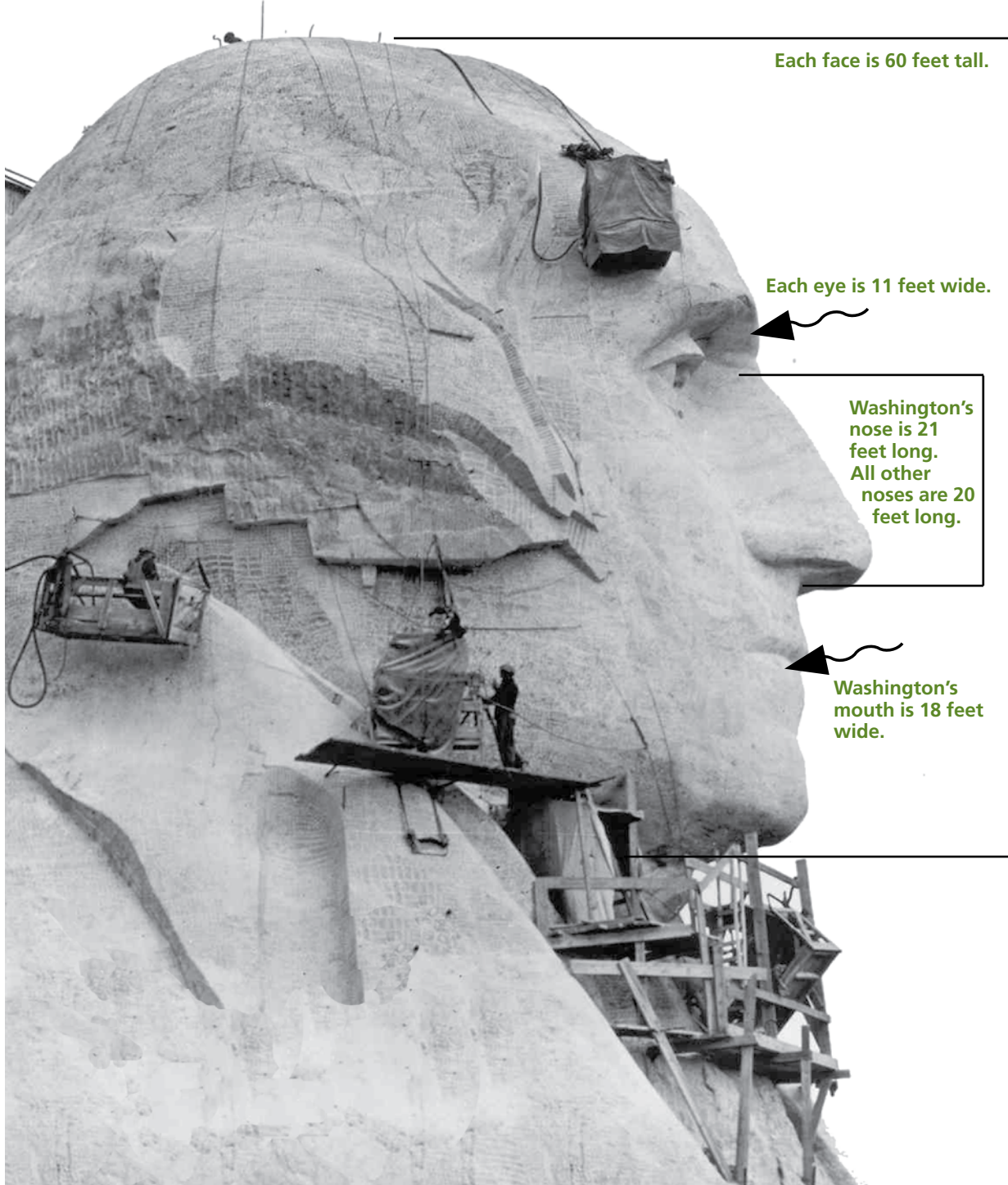
George Washington



EXPANSION

Louisiana Purchase

Thomas Jefferson



1927-1941
the dates

400
the workers

\$989,992.32
the cost

Charles Rushmore
the man

Gutzon Borglum
the sculptor

Dynamite
the tool

Jackhammer
the drill

Harney Peak Granite
the rock

Paha Sapa
the Black Hills

Ponderosa Pine
the trees

Democracy
the meaning

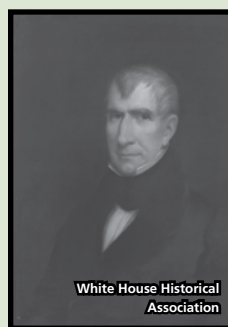
Presidents of the United States of America

George Washington*	1789-1797	
John Adams	1797-1801	Federalist
Thomas Jefferson*	1801-1809	Democratic-Republican
James Madison	1809-1817	Democratic-Republican
James Monroe	1817-1825	Democratic-Republican
John Quincy Adams	1825-1829	Democratic-Republican
Andrew Jackson	1829-1837	Democrat
Martin Van Buren	1837-1841	Democrat
William H. Harrison	1841	Whig
John Tyler	1841-1845	Whig
James K. Polk	1845-1849	Democrat
Zachary Taylor	1849-1850	Whig
Millard Fillmore	1850-1853	Whig
Franklin Pierce	1853-1857	Democrat
James Buchanan	1857-1861	Democrat
Abraham Lincoln*	1861-1865	Republican
Andrew Johnson	1865-1869	Democrat
Ulysses S. Grant	1869-1877	Republican
Rutherford B. Hayes	1877-1881	Republican
James A. Garfield	1881	Republican
Chester A. Arthur	1881-1885	Republican
Grover Cleveland	1885-1889	Democrat

Presidential Guess Who?

A. Officially, this president served for the shortest amount of time—less than two months, because he became the first president to die in office.

Can you name this president?



B. John F. Kennedy, pictured here, was the second youngest president to serve at age 43.

Can you name the youngest president?

Answers:
A. William H. Harrison
B. Theodore Roosevelt (42 years old)

Benjamin Harrison	1889-1893	Republican
Grover Cleveland	1893-1897	Democrat
William McKinley	1897-1901	Republican
Theodore Roosevelt*	1901-1909	Republican
William H. Taft	1909-1913	Republican
Woodrow Wilson	1913-1921	Democrat
Warren G. Harding	1921-1923	Republican
Calvin Coolidge	1923-1929	Republican
Herbert C. Hoover	1929-1933	Republican
Franklin D. Roosevelt	1933-1945	Democrat
Harry S. Truman	1945-1953	Democrat
Dwight D. Eisenhower	1953-1961	Republican
John F. Kennedy	1961-1963	Democrat
Lyndon B. Johnson	1963-1969	Democrat
Richard Nixon	1969-1974	Republican
Gerald R. Ford	1974-1977	Republican
Jimmy Carter	1977-1981	Democrat
Ronald Reagan	1981-1989	Republican
George H. W. Bush	1989-1993	Republican
William J. Clinton	1993-2001	Democrat
George W. Bush	2001-	Republican

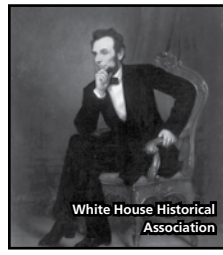
* Denotes a president portrayed on Mount Rushmore.



DEVELOPMENT

Conservation of natural wonders

Theodore Roosevelt



PRESERVATION

Saved the union during the Civil War

A. Lincoln

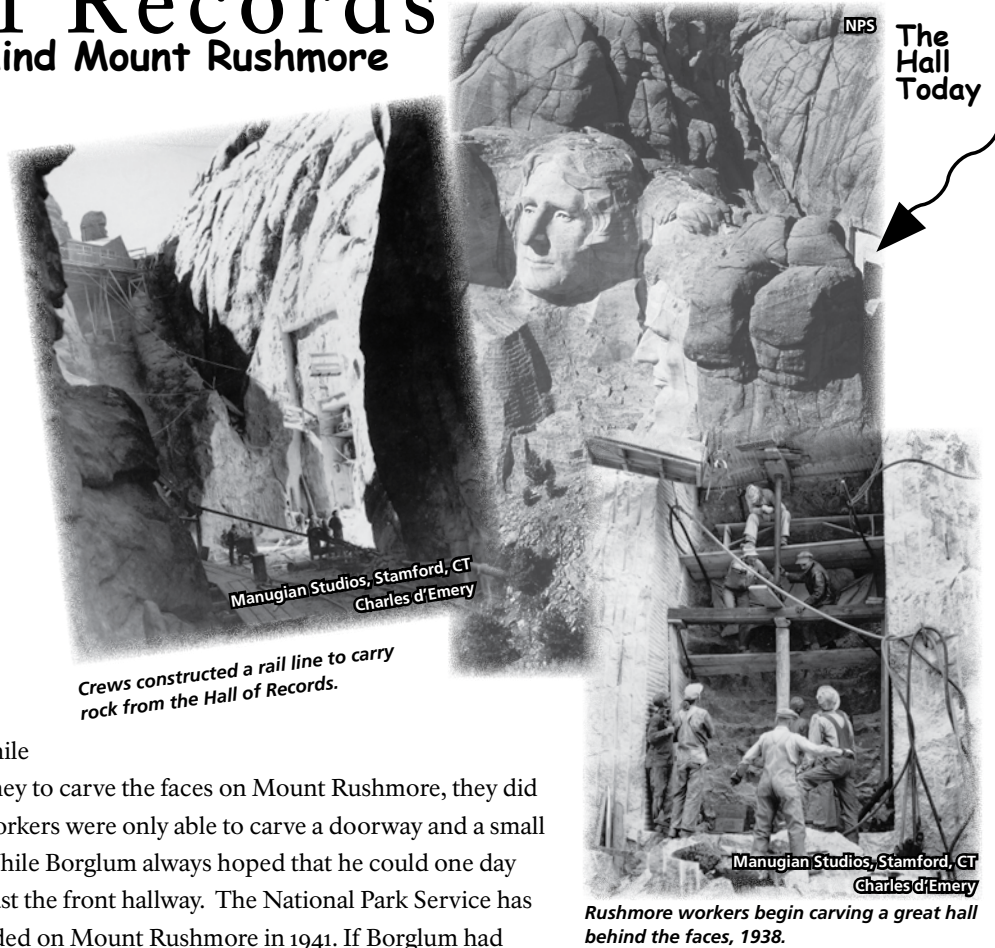
The Hall of Records

The Real Story Behind Mount Rushmore

WHAT DOES MOUNT RUSHMORE mean to you? For the artist who created the sculpture, the four presidents on the mountain represented important moments in American history.

Artist Gutzon Borglum wanted to build a special place to share American history with all visitors who came to the memorial. He imagined a large room that would be carved into the vertical wall of a canyon that is behind the faces. He called this place the "Hall of Records," and he hoped it would store important documents, like the Declaration of Independence and stories about our nation's history.

Work started on the Hall of Records in 1938. While the United States government provided the money to carve the faces on Mount Rushmore, they did not approve funding for the Hall of Records. Workers were only able to carve a doorway and a small hallway before Congress stopped the project. While Borglum always hoped that he could one day finish the Hall of Records, no work was done past the front hallway. The National Park Service has preserved the hall the way it was when work ended on Mount Rushmore in 1941. If Borglum had been able to finish the Hall of Records, what do you think he would have put inside it to tell the story of America?



States, Districts, Territories and Commonwealths of the United States of America

States

1. Delaware	1787
2. Pennsylvania	1787
3. New Jersey	1787
4. Georgia	1788
5. Connecticut	1788
6. Massachusetts	1788
7. Maryland	1788
8. South Carolina	1788
9. New Hampshire	1788
10. Virginia	1788
11. New York	1788
12. North Carolina	1789
13. Rhode Island	1790
14. Vermont	1791
15. Kentucky	1792
16. Tennessee	1796
17. Ohio	1803
18. Louisiana	1812
19. Indiana	1816
20. Mississippi	1817
21. Illinois	1818
22. Alabama	1819
23. Maine	1820
24. Missouri	1821
25. Arkansas	1836
26. Michigan	1837
27. Florida	1845
28. Texas	1845
29. Iowa	1846
30. Wisconsin	1848
31. California	1850
32. Minnesota	1858
33. Oregon	1859
34. Kansas	1861
35. West Virginia	1863
36. Nevada	1864
37. Nebraska	1867
38. Colorado	1876
39. North Dakota	1889
40. South Dakota	1889
41. Montana	1889
42. Washington	1889
43. Idaho	1890
44. Wyoming	1890
45. Utah	1896
46. Oklahoma	1907
47. New Mexico	1912
48. Arizona	1912
49. Alaska	1959
50. Hawaii	1959

Districts, Territories and Commonwealths

District of Columbia	1790
Guam, Territory	1898
Puerto Rico, Commonwealth	1898
American Samoa, Territory	1900
Virgin Islands, Territory	1917
Northern Mariana Islands, Commonwealth	1976

During your visit to Mount Rushmore, you will see the 56 flags listed above (in alphabetical order) flying along the Avenue of Flags.

Junior Ranger Program

For ages 3 and up

Activity books are available at all information desks.

During your visit, become a Junior Ranger at Mount Rushmore National Memorial by completing a free activity book. Ask a park ranger for this fun book which will help you explore the wonders of the mountain, the presidents and the surrounding Black Hills area.

Once you are finished, please find a park ranger who will check your book and present you with a Junior Ranger badge. The Junior Ranger Program is available at national parks across the country.



Looking Beyond the Presidents

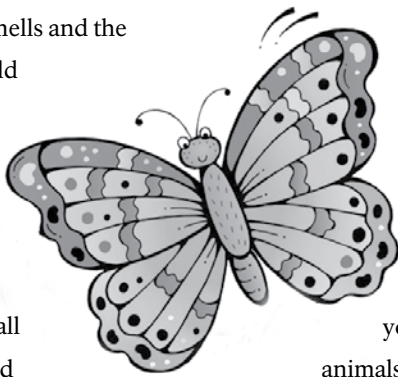
FOR YOUNG VISITORS, AN EXPERIENCE at Mount Rushmore often includes unusual sounds, unique smells and the opportunity to observe wild animals, birds and insects in their natural habitat.

The Black Hills are home to many different types of wild animals. Look for small red squirrels, field mice and chipmunks running through the leaves.

These small animals feed on nuts, pinecones and plants.

The Black Hills are also home to many bird species. You may observe a white-breasted

nuthatch, a black-capped chickadee, a mountain blue bird or the high-flying turkey vulture.



While at the park, you may see a fuzzy white Rocky Mountain goat. Even though they may appear tame, make sure you keep your distance. They are wild animals!

You are probably too close if an animal becomes startled or moves when they see you. Keep your distance and do not feed animals "people food." This

will help park rangers protect the animals in their natural habitat. With your help, all visitors can enjoy Mount Rushmore's wildlife and experience all of the sights and sounds of the Black Hills. If you have any questions about the wild animals, birds or insects, please ask a park ranger.



Illustrations: Eileen Hine

Carving Mount Rushmore



Inspiration for a Mountain Carving

“My plan is to make Rushmore a center in the heart of America so attractive, so comprehending, that the inevitable visiting world will assemble there with something more than curiosity, and go away with something more than wonder.”

Sculptor Gutzon Borglum

Four-hundred men and women helped create the sculpture on Mount Rushmore. Jobs varied from drillers and blacksmiths to housekeepers.

Workers endured conditions that went from blazing hot to bitter cold and windy. Carvers climbed 700 stairs to the top

of the mountain to start their work day. Winchmen used 3/8-inch thick steel cables to lower workers over the front of the 500-foot face of the mountain in a "bosun chair."

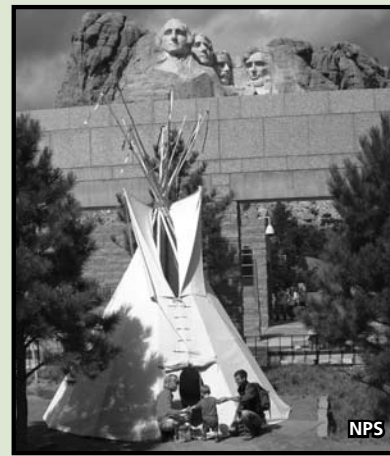
The work was exciting, but dangerous, as 90% of the mountain was carved using dynamite. The powdermen cut and set charges of dynamite of specific sizes to remove precise amounts of rock. After this was done, the drillers and assistant carvers drilled holes into the granite very close together. This was called honeycombing to weaken the granite so it could be removed easily.

After honeycombing, the workers smoothed the surface with a bumper tool. In this final step, the bumper tool would even up the granite, creating a surface as smooth as a sidewalk.

Carving of the mountain ended in 1941 after the death of Gutzon Borglum and the beginning of the United States' involvement in World War II.

Celebrating American Culture at the Park

AMERICAN INDIANS HAVE INHABITED the Black Hills for thousands of years. With the westward expansion of America in the 19th century, additional cultures started to live in this area. Today the Black Hills is a diverse mixture of all these cultures, which is what makes this region so rich in history, storytelling, arts, and languages. This diversity also makes the Black Hills and Mount Rushmore an ideal place to tell the American story, in all its facets.



For the summer of 2008, Mount Rushmore is setting out to celebrate the cultures of America. Through the new Lakota, Nakota and Dakota Heritage Village off of the Presidential Trail, visitors will encounter the distinct American Indian culture that exists in this region. With several furnished tipis and interactive educational programs, this area will teach visitors about American Indian languages, traditional living, arts and storytelling as presented by members of South Dakota tribes. American Indian cultural interpreters, artisans and elders will provide a wide range of

programs throughout the summer to share their stories and way of life.

This rich diversity of the Black Hills can also be seen in special programming held at the Kids Exploration Area off of the Grand View Terrace. In addition to the daily ranger activities for young visitors, special guests and community groups will exhibit a variety of traditions and customs throughout the summer. Exploring different cultural perspectives with groups like the Three Voices or the Sons of Norway will provide a broadened understanding of the diversity that makes up America.

As you learn about different cultures during your visit to Mount Rushmore National Memorial, we encourage you to reflect on your own culture and what it means to you and your family. The cultural diversity that makes up this country . . . and world . . . is what makes it such an extraordinary place.

Regional Park Neighbors



Wind Cave National Park

Wind Cave is located about 50 miles from Mount Rushmore on U.S. Highway 385. It is one of the world's longest and most complex caves. It is famous for its boxwork, an unusual calcite cave formation resembling honeycomb. The park's surface area contains 28,295 acres of mixed-grass prairie, ponderosa pine forest and associated wildlife. Call (605) 745-4600 for further information. www.nps.gov/wica



Jewel Cave National Monument

Jewel Cave's Visitor Center and cave entrance is thirteen miles west of Custer, SD, on Route 16. With more than 138 miles surveyed, Jewel Cave is recognized as the second longest cave in the world. Airflow within its passages indicates a vast area yet to be explored. Cave tours provide opportunities for viewing this pristine cave system and its wide variety of speleothems including nailhead and dogtooth spar crystals, stalactites, stalagmites, draperies and flowstone. Call (605) 673-2288 to plan your visit. www.nps.gov/jeca



Devils Tower National Monument

Devils Tower is located in Wyoming, approximately 2.5 hours from Rapid City. Travel west on Interstate 90, exit at Sundance, WY, take Hwy 14 north to Hwy 24 and then take 24 north to Devils Tower. The monolith rises 1,267 feet above the meandering Belle Fourche River. Once hidden below the earth's surface, erosion has stripped away the softer rock layers revealing Devils Tower. Call (307) 467-5283 to plan your visit. www.nps.gov/deto



Badlands National Park

Badlands is located approximately 1.5 hours from Mount Rushmore. Take Interstate 90 towards Wall, SD, to Exit 110 or 131 to access Hwy 240's Badlands Loop Road. Badlands National Park consists of 244,000 acres of sharply eroded buttes, pinnacles and spires blended with the largest, protected mixed-grass prairie in the United States. The Badlands Wilderness Area covers 64,000 acres and is the site of the reintroduction of the black-footed ferret, the most endangered land mammal in North America. Call (605) 433-5361 to plan your visit. www.nps.gov/badl



Minuteman Missile National Historic Site

Minuteman preserves a launch control facility and a nuclear missile silo of the Minuteman II missile system. The park offers tours by reservation only. Call the site at (605) 433-5552 or stop by the Project Office at Exit 131 off of Interstate 90. www.nps.gov/mimi



Custer State Park

Custer State Park is located just south of Mount Rushmore. At 71,000 acres, it is one of the largest, most unique state parks in the nation and is home to a herd of 1,400 bison. Visitors will find many natural lakes and wilderness areas that offer a variety of recreational opportunities. Hiking access to Harney Peak, the tallest peak in South Dakota, is also available at many trailheads in Custer State Park. Call the Peter Norbeck Center at (605) 255-4464 for additional park information. www.sdqfp.info/Parks/Regions/Custer



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Partners are important to the National Park Service.

MOUNT RUSHMORE NATIONAL MEMORIAL SOCIETY



The Society has a long history with Mount Rushmore, beginning in 1930 when it was necessary to solicit private funds and provide for citizen involvement in the carving of the memorial. Ever since then, the Society has been instrumental in the memorial's growth and promotion in a number of ways. The Society was the first gift shop concessionaire in the 1940s, embarked on a nationwide Preservation Fund campaign in the 1980s (raising \$25 million and spurring a total of \$56 million in facility improvements), helped fund the redevelopment at Mount Rushmore in the 1990s which included a \$17 million parking facility operated by the Society, launched the Mount Rushmore History Association in 1993, helped create and promote the park's annual Independence Day fireworks display and is now spearheading the Mount Rushmore Institute.

MOUNT RUSHMORE HISTORY ASSOCIATION



As a committee of the Mount Rushmore National Memorial Society, the mission of the Mount Rushmore History Association (MRHA) is to support and assist the National Park Service with

educational, historical and interpretive activities at Mount Rushmore. MRHA raises funds for these activities through a membership program, three bookstores at the memorial, the audio tour outlet and website.

Celebrating 15 years in the park, this private, 501(c)3 nonprofit organization has contributed over \$1.8 million to Mount Rushmore since 1993.

PRESIDENTIAL PARKING, INC.

Since 1997, Presidential Parking, Inc.—a management company—has operated the parking concession for the Mount Rushmore National Memorial Society's parking facility.

XANTERRA PARKS & RESORTS



Xanterra Parks & Resorts has operated the Gift Shop, Carvers Cafe and the Memorial Team Ice Cream Shop at Mount Rushmore since 1993. Recent renovations to the gift shop and restaurant were done to better serve the visitor.

Xanterra has provided management services to national park entities for more than 100 years, tracing its roots to famed restaurateur Fred Harvey. The company is recognized for its ability to provide top service, its commitment to supporting public/private improvements and for its innovative environmental programs.

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The Rushmore Audio Tour

Mount Rushmore Audio Tour: Living Memorial is a recorded guide incorporating narration, music, interviews, sound effects and historic recordings of Gutzon Borglum, Lincoln Borglum, Mary Ellis Borglum Vhay, workers and American Indians.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Using a lightweight handheld wand, a visitor can listen to the self-guided tour while simply sitting down in a favorite spot, walking around the park or following the suggested route shown on the map provided to them. Depending on time allotted, a visitor can listen to just a few stops or to the entire tour which can take two hours.



The audio tour wand is lightweight and easy to carry.

WHAT WILL YOU HEAR?

The tour tells the stories of many people, including sculptor Gutzon Borglum, his workers and other visionaries who blasted, drilled and fashioned a mountain into a memorial from 1927-1941.

It also tells of four great presidents who, in their own way, are the embodiment of the American experience.

Audio Tour Achievements

1. Winner of the 2007 Association of Partners for Public Lands Audio/Visual Award
2. Winner of the 2007 National Association of Interpretation's Interpretive Media Awards for audio tours
3. Winner of the 2008 National Park Service Director's Award for Excellence in Interpretive Media
4. Over 12,000 people experienced Mount Rushmore by taking the audio tour in the first year of operation

The recorded guide also relates the story of the Lakota people and their connection to the Black Hills.

WHAT LANGUAGES ARE AVAILABLE?

The tour and accompanying brochure/map are translated into German, Lakota, and Spanish.

HOW DO YOU RENT A WAND?

The audio tour is available for \$5, inclusive of sales tax, in the Audio Tour Building during the summer and in the Mount Rushmore History Association Bookstore located in the Information Center in the winter.

BECOME A MEMBER of the Mount Rushmore History Association and receive a 15% DISCOUNT on purchases



at the bookstores located in the Information Center, Lincoln Borglum Museum and the Sculptor's Studio, as well as on catalog and website orders. In addition, many cooperating association stores at other parks offer reciprocal discounts. Please select your membership level and mail to the address below. You will receive a free gift.

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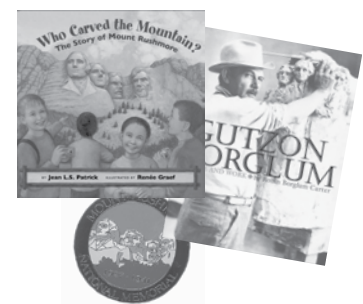
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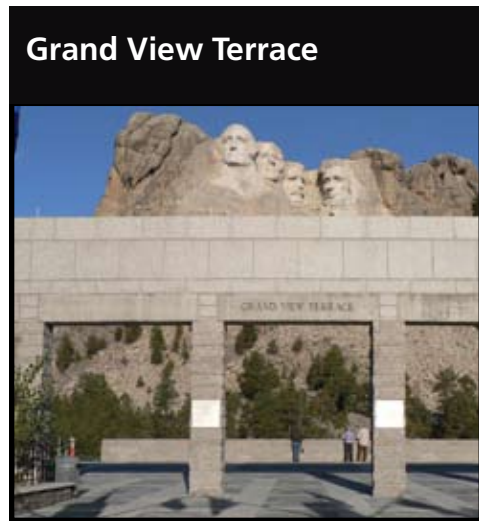
Perhaps you have heard of or seen the movie *National Treasure II: Book of Secrets* which was released in December 2007 and included scenes filmed at Mount Rushmore. Is what you saw about Mount Rushmore really true? Is there a lake behind the sculpture? Can visitors hike to the top of the mountain? The truth is the lake seen in the movie is Sylvan Lake which is located in Custer State Park, approximately 20 miles from Mount Rushmore. A grand staircase to take visitors to the top of the mountain does not exist; the sculpture can only be seen from below. And the City of Gold located behind the faces is pure fiction. What does exist behind the sculpture is the Hall of Records.

Find out more about the Hall of Records on page 5.

Mount Rushmore National Memorial Facilities



Information Center
Start by visiting this center for park orientation and information on ranger-led programs, the Junior Ranger program and other activities in the Black Hills. A Mount Rushmore History Association Bookstore is located in this building.



Grand View Terrace
Located at the end of the main walkway, this is the primary viewing area for visitors looking to get a photograph of the mountain carving. Directly below the Grand View Terrace is the Lincoln Borglum Museum.



Lincoln Borglum Museum
Visit the park's main visitor center located below the Grand View Terrace for interactive museum exhibits, two films and an information desk staffed by park rangers. Shop at the Mount Rushmore History Association Bookstore.



Sculptor's Studio
This historic building was the second on-site studio for sculptor Gutzon Borglum. Borglum's original model and many of the tools are on display. Summer ranger-led programs offer visitors the ability to learn more about the memorial.

Additional Park Facilities

Presidential Trail
This 1/2 mile loop trail begins on the Grand View Terrace, takes you to the base of the mountain and past the Sculptor's Studio.

Lakota, Nakota and Dakota Heritage Village
Explore the traditions, stories and languages of American Indians from the region.

Amphitheater
Location of the nightly summer ranger-led evening program and lighting ceremony.

Kids' Exploration Area
Located off the Grand View Terrace, this new hands-on exploration area focuses on aspects of the natural and cultural resources of the Black Hills.

Borglum View Terrace
The location of our Sculpture Workshops and the site of Borglum's first studio.

Avenue of Flags
Location of the 56 flags of the states, districts, commonwealths and territories of the United States of America.

Carvers Cafe & Gift Shop
Xanterra Parks and Resorts operates a full service food court, ice cream shop and gift shop. ATM and restrooms are also available.

Nature Trail
This short trail offers a glimpse at some of the natural resources found in the park and connects the Borglum View Terrace to the parking area.

Audio Tour Building
Rent an audio tour wand here to hear the story of Mount Rushmore National Memorial. Available in English, German, Lakota and Spanish.

Pet Exercise Area
Located on either side of the parking facility, this is the only area pets are permitted within the park.

