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## VISITOR'S GUIDE

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## The Mount Rushmore Audio Tour

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Tour

Mount Rushmore visitors now have a different way to experience the park and learn about its history.

The **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 and several workers. *The tour was the winner of the 2007 Association of Partners for Public Lands Audio/Visual Award.*

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 Mount Rushmore Audio Tour tells the stories of many people, including

sculptor Gutzon Borglum, his workers and other visionaries who blasted and 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



**Left:** South Dakota Governor Mike Rounds and First Lady Jean Rounds listen to the Mount Rushmore Audio Tour.  
**Right:** A picture of a wand up close.

embodiment of the American experiment. And, finally, it tells of the Lakota people who called the Black Hills (Paha Sapa) home long before Mount Rushmore got its name.

The tour and accompanying brochure and map are translated into Spanish,

German and Lakota with the hopes of adding additional languages in the future.

The audio tour, which debuted in September, is not intended to replace the ranger guided talks (see p. 8) which are conducted during the summer months. Rather, the tour provides another way for learning and enables visitors to obtain in-depth information during the months when ranger-led talks are not offered. In addition, it is handy for those who can't move around the park easily, as a person can sit in one place and listen to the information.

The tour is available for \$5, inclusive of sales tax in the Audio Tour Building during the summer months and in the Mount Rushmore History Association Bookstore located in the Information Center in the winter. Come listen to the voices of the mountain . . . the people whose vision inspire thousands every year!

### Message from the Superintendent

Mount Rushmore National Memorial is host to almost three million visitors a year from across the country and around the world. They come to marvel at the majestic beauty of the Black Hills and to learn about the ideals of democracy and freedom represented by the granite portraits of Washington, Jefferson, Roosevelt and Lincoln. Over the decades, Mount Rushmore has grown in fame as a symbol of America—a symbol of freedom and democracy and a symbol of hope for people from all cultures and backgrounds.



All the cultures that make up the fabric of this country are represented by the memorial and surrounding Black Hills. One of the most important gifts we can give our visitors at Mount Rushmore National Memorial is an understanding and love for our nation's history and cultures and an appreciation of the importance of caring for that legacy.

On behalf of the entire National Park Service staff at Mount Rushmore, I welcome you and suggest experiencing the memorial in a variety of ways . . . listen to a ranger talk, take the Mount Rushmore Audio Tour, hike area trails, visit the museum or simply sit and listen to your own heart. Enjoy your stay at Mount Rushmore!

**Gerard Baker, Superintendent**

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# Weather

Summer daytime temperatures in the Black Hills average around 80° Fahrenheit, so bring comfortable clothing, a hat and sunscreen.

Evenings cool down, with greater temperature drops in the higher elevations. In the fall, sunny days and crisp temperatures make for pleasant traveling conditions, though snowstorms may occur in October.

Winter temperatures range from 40°F to -20°F; icy roads and limited services require more careful planning. Total snowfall ranges from about 60 to 100 inches in the Hills, but this can vary greatly. Sunny, warm days can occur even in mid-winter. In spring, weather can often be cold and wet, so be sure to bring warm clothing and rain gear just in case.

## The Mount Rushmore Visitor's Guide

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# Parking

**P**arking is readily available in the site's main 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.

### Parking Fee vs. Admission Fee

An \$8 parking fee per vehicle is assessed to offset expenses for the construction, operation and maintenance of the parking facility. *There is no additional admission fee to the memorial.* 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 \$8. All parking permits

for these vehicles are issued for 24-hour periods.

### Why Federal Passes Do Not Apply

Federal funding was not used to construct the parking facility. Since this is the case and Mount Rushmore has a PARKING FEE and not an ADMISSION FEE, passes such as the new America the Beautiful Annual Pass, the National Parks Pass, Golden Age, Golden Access and the Golden Eagle passes are not applicable at the park. Those passes only cover admission fees. They do not cover or reduce "use fees" such as charges for camping, parking, tours or concessions.

Since the parking facility is operated under a concession contract, neither the America the Beautiful Annual Pass nor the National Park Pass apply to Mount Rushmore parking fees.

# Regulations

### NO PETS ALLOWED

Pets (except licensed guide dogs) 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 p. 8). 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 below for your convenience. All numbers are area code 605.

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### Protection of Park Resources

The natural and cultural resources are protected. Picking up rocks, collecting plants or feeding wildlife are prohibited. Please do not litter.

# Accessibility

### For Vision Impairments

Please request the free Braille version of the official park brochure. Ask about other accessible programs that may be available at the time of your visit. Models of the sculpture are available to touch in the Information Center and Lincoln Borglum Museum.

### For Hearing Impairments

A variety of publications may be obtained at the Information Center and Lincoln Borglum Museum. The park's orientation film and amphitheater program are captioned. Ask about ranger-guided activities, which may be available during your visit.

### For Mobility Impairments (Wheelchairs)

Vehicles are able to unload mobility-impaired visitors in front of the main entryway and then park in the parking

### Smoking, Food and Beverages

Smoking, food and beverages are prohibited in the Information Center, Lincoln Borglum Museum, Sculptor's Studio and concession buildings. Smoking is allowed outside, except in the Amphitheater. Please use disposal bins located outside the buildings for smoking materials.

### Trails

Visitors must stay on established walking trails and hard surfaces at all times.

### Climbing

Climbing Mount Rushmore itself is prohibited. There are many climbing opportunities in the memorial on other rock outcrops. A climbing brochure with more information is available in the Information Center and Lincoln Borglum Museum.

### Fires & Hunting

Neither are permitted.

### Camping

Camping is not allowed. A list of other National Park, National Forest and State Campgrounds is available in the Information Center and Lincoln Borglum Museum.



NO PETS

structure (fee area). Ask about accessible programs and alternatives that may be available at the Information Center or Lincoln Borglum Museum. Wheelchairs are available for loan at the Information Center on a first-come, first-served basis. **Amphitheater and Lincoln Borglum Museum:** Elevators are accessible from the Grand View Terrace to the museum lobby and Amphitheater. **Sculptor's Studio:** Depending on security issues, the Sculptor's Studio is wheelchair accessible from the remote parking area. Check with the ranger in the Information Center. **Trails:** The Presidential Trail is surfaced to accommodate wheelchairs from the Grand View Terrace to viewing areas at the base of the mountain. **Dining Facility and Gift Shop:** The dining facility and gift shop are wheelchair accessible.



## How was Mount Rushmore named?

Mount Rushmore was named after a New York lawyer, Charles E. Rushmore, who was in the Black Hills in 1885 researching mining claims for area mining companies. The official name change occurred on July 4, 1930, by the U.S. Board of Geographic Names.

## How long did it take to carve the mountain?

The sculpture took about 14 years. Work began on October 4, 1927 and ended on October 31, 1941. Considering delays from weather and interrupted funding, the actual time spent working was a total of 6½ years.

## Whose idea was the sculpting of Mount Rushmore?

The idea of sculpting mountains in South Dakota was that of State Historian Doane Robinson. His original suggestion involved massive sculptures on the granite spires along the Needles Highway. His plan proposed carving figures of such noted western personalities as Lewis & Clark, Buffalo Bill Cody, Chief Red Cloud and others. Gutzon Borglum preferred carving the presidents so that the sculpture would be of national significance.

## Why were the four presidents chosen?

Borglum declared that they represented 150 years of American history, including the birth, growth, preservation and development of this country. For Borglum, Washington represented the BIRTH of our country since he was our first president. Jefferson symbolized EXPANSION, since he was largely responsible for the Louisiana Purchase in 1803. The sculptor chose Lincoln to embody the PRESERVATION of the union of states in confronting the challenges of the Civil War. Theodore Roosevelt represented the DEVELOPMENT of our country with the construction of the Panama Canal.

## Is the sculpture complete?

The sculpture is complete (no additional carving will be done), though the sculpture was never finished to the artist's intentions.

## Why did the project end?

Several factors halted the work on the sculpture: 1) Federal funding drove 85% of the project. 2) Gutzon Borglum died in Chicago on March 6, 1941, following surgery. He was ultimately en route to Washington to plead his cause for continued government support. 3) War in Europe and the Pacific had escalated dramatically by the summer of 1941, and the U.S. was already diverting funds to support our allies in anticipation of involvement.

## When did the carving stop?

Major carving on the sculpture ended in the spring of 1941 when the federal funds ran out and Gutzon Borglum died. Under Lincoln Borglum's direction, a few workers began closing down the project with fine detail work on the faces and removal of scaffolding. This was finalized on October 31, 1941.

## How much did the sculpture cost?

The total cost was nearly a million dollars—\$989,992.32.

## Who paid for the sculpture?

Local business, railroads and private citizens contributed about \$154,000 (15%), while the Federal Government paid approximately \$836,000 (85%). (NOTE: During the early years of the project, South Dakota schoolchildren were asked to contribute pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters toward the effort. This project raised about \$1,700.)

## How did Borglum choose this mountain?

Borglum surveyed the Black Hills and chose Mount Rushmore since it faced southeast, toward the morning sun. He wanted natural lighting throughout the day on the faces. Borglum also liked the hardness of the Harney Peak granite

and learned that it eroded only one inch every 10,000 years, thus allowing his work to last for millennia. In addition, the mountain contained enough rock for a massive sculpture.

## What are the dimensions of the heads?

Face: approximately 60 feet from chin to top of the head. Eye: 11 feet across. Nose: 20 feet (except Washington's, which is 21 feet). Mouth: 18 feet across. The faces are scaled to a figure 465 feet tall. The full sculpture is 185 feet across and 150 feet tall.

## What kind of rock is the mountain?

Mount Rushmore is composed of two main rock types. Harney Peak granite is an igneous rock, and mica schist is a metamorphic rock. The mica schist was once a sedimentary rock that was deposited by an ancient inland sea. As molten rock was pushed upward through the sedimentary rock, the heat transferred from the molten rock and changed the sedimentary rock into metamorphic rock, or mica schist. The molten rock cooled slowly, becoming the granite that Gutzon Borglum found perfect for carving. Over 450,000 tons of rock debris were blasted from the mountain, forming the talus slope.

## What is done to maintain the sculpture?

Once a year, just before winter, park service maintenance staff rappel over the side to inspect and caulk a number of cracks and fissures on the sculpture with a silicone sealant. This seals out moisture and helps prevent ice or snow from penetrating the cracks and freezing, thereby expanding, splitting or damaging the sculpture.

## Where is Lincoln's mole?

The mole is located on the right side of Lincoln's face (viewer's left), measuring 16" square. However, it is not visible from the main visitor area, called the Grand View Terrace, because of the orientation of the face.

## How did the workers get to the top?

In the early years of the project, workers climbed to the top of the mountain by a wooden stairway with some 760 steps, carrying their tools to work each day. By 1936, a tram system had been modified to carry workers to the top, as well as supplies. Some workers mistrusted the system, however, and preferred to still use the stairs. Following the completion of the project, the National Park Service replaced the stairs in

the 1950s, but the tram was dismantled and never reassembled. Access to the top is now prohibited.

## Was anyone ever killed on the job?

Not one person perished during the effort. There were, however, accidents and hardships that quite likely shortened the lives of the workers. The continual drilling, chiseling and polishing the mountain gave rise to granite dust

that workers found nearly impossible to avoid. Some of them apparently inhaled enough of these fine, granite particles to cause a lung ailment known as *silicosis*.

## What major accidents occurred during the project?

The worst accident took place with the aerial tramway system. On June 2, 1936, five men were involved in this accident when the cable broke. The most severely injured worker sustained only a fractured arm and several broken ribs.

## What is the Hall of Records?

Borglum proposed a grandiose scheme to ultimately house the original, historical documents from the founding of American democracy in a vault that he planned to blast into the mountain. The documents to be included were the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, a brief history of the United States, biographies of each of the presidents represented and information about the carving of the mountain, among other artifacts of U.S. history.

The Hall of Records was begun in the vertical wall of a canyon at the summit of Mount Rushmore. Workers tunneled nearly 70 horizontal feet into the granite before government funding ran out in 1939.

## Has the Hall of Records finally been completed?

Inspired by Borglum's daughter—Mary Ellis Borglum Vhay—new interest in reviving the Hall of Records project emerged with the redevelopment of visitor facilities in the early 1990s. On August 10, 1998, members of the Borglum family, friends, supporters and park staff assembled before a hole that had been drilled into the granite floor, near the mouth of the "tunnel." They installed reproductions of the charter documents in a sealed repository as a reduced version of Borglum's dream.



Gutzon Borglum with his models in the Sculptor's Studio.

Lincoln Borglum Collection



# Ranger Programs for Kids



**JUNIOR RANGER.** A Junior Ranger Program is available on-site for children ages 5–12. Children complete a booklet to earn a Junior Ranger certificate and a Junior Ranger badge.

The booklet features

activities that help the children explore the story of the carving and the National Park Service. Junior Rangers must also attend a ranger-led program or watch the orientation film. Estimated completion time is one hour.

**RUSHMORE RANGER.** The Rushmore Ranger Program helps visitors 13 years and older to develop an understanding and appreciation for national parks with special interest on Mount Rushmore National Memorial. After completion, Rushmore Rangers will receive a certificate and may purchase a Rushmore Ranger patch from one of the Mount Rushmore History Association bookstores. Booklets are available at the Information Center or Lincoln Borglum Museum. Estimated completion time is one hour.

**ADVENTURERANGER KIT.** The AdventureRanger Kit is available for purchase in the Mount Rushmore History Association bookstores for \$34.95. The kit includes an AdventureRanger hat, binoculars, compass, magnifying glass, stamp and an AdventureRanger Activity & Sticker Book. The book helps children 6-12 learn about the different aspects of the National Park Service and practice park-friendly behaviors while utilizing the fun items in the kit.

# Sculpture Workshops

**D**uring the summer of 2006, several local residents of all ages learned what it meant to work hard to create something of which to be proud. They participated in the second annual Summer Sculpture Workshops. Workshop participants and local residents came to Mount Rushmore to learn from the sculptor-in-residence and create a portrait in stone and clay.

One ten-year-old participant said, "I don't think I will ever look at a rock again and not look for the face in it."

The stone carving workshops taught participants how to use many tools of the trade like rifflers, chisels, hammers and sandpaper.

Participants learned about the great sculptors of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, as well as the work on Mount Rushmore. In four short days, each person created faces in stone—faces that expressed feeling and life.

The clay sculpting workshops gave participants experience with a softer medium—something easily shaped, but requiring intense work to bring it to life. Participants learned about the

modeling process through the work of Gutzon Borglum and the Mount Rushmore model in the Sculptor's Studio. They studied the work of Auguste Rodin, a world-renowned sculptor and mentor to Borglum. Instead of the hard metal tools used in stone carving, participants used more organic tools, such as wood tools, to shape the clay.

Over the course of the workshops, participants learned nuances of facial expression within the art of portraiture to create a face that expresses volumes. Once the clay was sculpted, a rubber mold was put over the face, creating a negative mold. Then, plaster was poured into the

negative mold to make a positive casting of the sculpted face in a more durable medium.

If you would like to participate in future sculpture workshops, please contact the Park Ranger Information Desk

at (605) 574-3165 for Summer 2007 details. You can also check the Mount Rushmore website at [www.nps.gov/moru](http://www.nps.gov/moru).



Example of stone carving.



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# Roots of American Music: Saturdays in the Park

Mount Rushmore's Roots of American Music: Saturdays in the Park program began last summer with the goal of showcasing the diverse cultures and perspectives of American music.

Last year the park was host to musical groups that represented everything from American Indian music to jazz to big band. This year will be no different. Please see the following list of dates and performers, but please contact the Ranger Desk at (605)574-3165

or our website at [www.nps.gov/moru](http://www.nps.gov/moru) for updated information and/or cancellations. The groups will be performing in the Amphitheater at 7:30 pm.



American Indian group Brulé performs at Mount Rushmore.

## The Mitguards

June 16, 2007

7:30 pm

Unique folk music combining insightful lyrics and flawless harmonies.

## Michael Humphrey

June 23, 2007

7:30 pm

Singer-songwriter presenting an adult contemporary style of carefree rock and roll.

## Jack Gladstone

June 30, 2007

7:30 pm

Contemporary folk music from neighboring Montana.

## Wayne Fox

July 7, 2007

7:30 pm

Traditional Lakota hoop and grass dancer.

## Brulé

July 14, 2007

7:30 pm

This American Indian group will perform the complete show of "We the People" which brings messages of hope, peace and reconciliation.

## Faith Temple Choir

July 21, 2007

7:30 pm

Inspiring gospel music.

## Brandon Sprague

July 28, 2007

7:30 pm

Energetic blues music to stir the heart and mind.

## Happy Wanderers

August 4, 2007

7:30 pm

Regional German polka music to get your feet tapping.

# Faces of a Nation

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As you rediscover our nation's history during your visit to Mount Rushmore National Memorial, explore the broad themes universal to all the people who have ever lived, worked or visited here. Right in the heart of the Black Hills—in the land the Lakota hold sacred—you will understand Chief Black Elk's message to his people, "Anywhere is the center of the world."

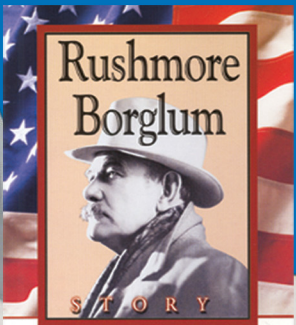
The ancient natives, the immigrating tribes, the explorers, the fur traders, the miners, homesteaders and settlers all turned to the Paha Sapa—the Black Hills—to provide the foundation of life.

Parks are richer when we see them through the cultures of people whose ancestors once lived here. With this in mind, Mount Rushmore is pleased to host interpretive events and programs that demonstrate the traditions, language, song, dance and customs of many cultures. For example, look for the Lakota tipi located near the Grand View Terrace. You will see authentic Lakota items and learn about the history and heritage of the Lakota nation. Cultural demonstrations take place near Xanterra's Carvers Cafe and Gift Shop periodically as well. (Please see the Information Center for dates when demonstrations like this will take place).

There are many opportunities at Mount Rushmore to participate in programs that preserve the messages of our ancestors for the future. Join our exploration of the many complex human stories that link the past, the present and the future of the American experience.

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3. Thomas Jefferson	1801-1809	Democratic-Rep.
4. James Madison	1809-1817	Democratic-Rep.
5. James Monroe	1817-1825	Democratic-Rep.
6. John Quincy Adams	1825-1829	Democratic-Rep.
7. Andrew Jackson	1829-1837	Democrat
8. Martin Van Buren	1837-1841	Democrat
9. William H. Harrison	1841	Whig
10. John Tyler	1841-1845	Whig
11. James K. Polk	1845-1849	Democrat
12. Zachary Taylor	1849-1850	Whig
13. Millard Fillmore	1850-1853	Whig
14. Franklin Pierce	1853-1857	Democrat
15. James Buchanan	1857-1861	Democrat
16. Abraham Lincoln	1861-1865	Republican
17. Andrew Johnson	1865-1869	Democrat
18. Ulysses S. Grant	1869-1877	Republican
19. Rutherford B. Hayes	1877-1881	Republican
20. James A. Garfield	1881	Republican
21. Chester A. Arthur	1881-1885	Republican
22. Grover Cleveland	1885-1889	Democrat
23. Benjamin Harrison	1889-1893	Republican
24. Grover Cleveland	1893-1897	Democrat
25. William McKinley	1897-1901	Republican
26. Theodore Roosevelt	1901-1909	Republican
27. William H. Taft	1909-1913	Republican
28. Woodrow Wilson	1913-1921	Democrat
29. Warren G. Harding	1921-1923	Republican
30. Calvin Coolidge	1923-1929	Republican
31. Herbert C. Hoover	1929-1933	Republican
32. Franklin D. Roosevelt	1933-1945	Democrat
33. Harry S. Truman	1945-1953	Democrat
34. Dwight D. Eisenhower	1953-1961	Republican
35. John F. Kennedy	1961-1963	Democrat
36. Lyndon B. Johnson	1963-1969	Democrat
37. Richard M. Nixon	1969-1974	Republican
38. Gerald R. Ford	1974-1977	Republican
39. Jimmy Carter	1977-1981	Democrat
40. Ronald Reagan	1981-1989	Republican
41. George Bush	1989-1993	Republican
42. Bill Clinton	1993-2001	Democrat
43. George W. Bush	2001-	Republican

## From Our Partners



Photo by Chad Coppess

The annual July 3rd Independence Day Celebration which the Mount Rushmore Society helps fund and promote.

the Society, launched the Mount Rushmore History Association in 1993, created and promoted the park's annual Independence Day fireworks display and is now spearheading the Mount Rushmore Institute.

As a committee of the Society, the Mount Rushmore History Association's (MRHA) mission is to support and assist the National Park Service with educational, historical and interpretive activities at the memorial. MRHA does this by operating three educational bookstores in the park as well as the Mount Rushmore Audio Tour outlet (see p. 1). The bookstores are located in the Information Center, the Lincoln Borglum Museum and the Sculptor's Studio. Thanks to proceeds from sales and a membership program, the association has donated over \$1 million back to the park since 1993. These donations provide funding for interpretive exhibits, educational programs and special events at the memorial. Speak with any bookstore staff member, contact us at 1-800-699-3142 or visit [www.mtrushmorebookstore.com](http://www.mtrushmorebookstore.com) to become a member or to order publications.



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## Fast Facts

Presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln were chosen for the carving on Mount Rushmore to represent 150 years of American history.

**Ninety percent of the mountain carving was done using dynamite.**

The tram was used to get workers to and from the top of the mountain from 1936 until October 31, 1941, when work was stopped on the carving.

A crew of approximately 400 workers led by sculptor Gutzon Borglum carved the faces.

**Ponderosa pine is the most common tree seen at Mount Rushmore and in the Black Hills.**

Animals commonly seen at the memorial are mountain goats, marmots, chipmunks, squirrels, cottontail rabbits, whitetail deer and mule deer.

*"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."* —

Gutzon Borglum, sculptor

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### The Road to Mount Rushmore



## Iron Mountain Road

U.S. Highway 16A, also known as Iron Mountain Road, provides some spectacular views of Mount Rushmore and the Black Hills. The winding mountain road features three tunnels that were constructed specifically to frame views of Mount Rushmore.

Photo by Johnny Sundby



A view through one of the tunnels on Iron Mountain Road which gives a unique view of Mount Rushmore.

**Custer State Park**—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. Call the Peter Norbeck Center at (605) 255-4464 for additional park information.

**Wind Cave National Park**—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.

**Jewel Cave National Monument**—The main 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.

**Badlands National Park**—located approximately 1.5 hours from Mount Rushmore. Take I-90 toward 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.

**Devils Tower National Monument**—located in Wyoming, approximately 2.5 hours from Rapid City. Travel west on I-90, exit at Sundance, WY, take Hwy 14 north to Hwy 24 and then take 24 north to Devils Tower. The nearly vertical 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.


**Hotel/Camping Information**—Reservations can be made at some of the National Forest campgrounds by calling 1-877-444-6777. Reservations can be made for Custer State Park campsites by calling 1-800-710-2267. For a campground guide listing private campgrounds, call 1-800-732-5682. Contact local Chamber of Commerces for listings of hotels and motels in the area.

Rapid City Chamber of Commerce—(605) 343-1744  
 Keystone Chamber of Commerce—(605) 666-4896  
 Hill City Chamber of Commerce—(605) 574-2368  
 Custer Chamber of Commerce—(605) 673-2244

**Pine Ridge Reservation**—The Black Hills and plains of South Dakota are special places for the American Indian tribes living in the area. Out of the nine reservations in South Dakota, the Oglala Lakota Pine Ridge Reservation is the closest to Mount Rushmore. Pine Ridge welcomes visitors to visit their heritage centers and historic landmarks like Wounded Knee and to take advantage of their many natural recreation opportunities. The western border of Pine Ridge is approximately 1.5 hours east of Mount Rushmore. For more information, please contact the Pine Ridge Chamber of Commerce at 605-455-2685. The Alliance of Tribal Tourism Advocates (ATTA) can also help with any travel needs at (605) 341-2378.

## Presidents' Day Sale.

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## Avenue of Flags

Flags are arranged in alphabetical order with the A's on the walkway near the concession building and the W's near the Lincoln Borglum Museum. Locate a park ranger if you have trouble finding your flag.

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| 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 |

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



## Information Center & Bookstore

An information desk, an orientation exhibit and a Mount Rushmore History Association Bookstore are located here.

## Mount Rushmore Audio Tour

Rent an audio tour wand to hear the story of Mount Rushmore through music, narration, interviews, historic recordings and sound effects while enjoying a suggested route around the park. Translated in German, Spanish and Lakota. Available in the Audio Tour Building during the summer and in the Information Center in the winter. See page 1 for more information.

**Award Winning Tour**

## Dining Facility & Gift Shop

Xanterra Parks and Resorts operates the Carvers Cafe, Memorial Team Ice Cream Shop and the large gift shop at the memorial.

## Avenue of Flags

Find your particular flag while walking through the Avenue of Flags on your way to the Grand View Terrace, the main viewing area. The flags of all 50 states, territories, commonwealths and one district of the United States are on display.

## American Indian Tipi

Located off the Avenue of Flags, ranger programs on Lakota history in the Black Hills and their culture are held near a traditional American Indian tipi. Available in the summer months only.

## Lincoln Borglum Museum & Bookstore

This main visitor center and museum houses major exhibits on the carving, presidents, sculptor and workers. Two theaters show a 13-minute film. The Mount Rushmore History Association Bookstore, information desk, restrooms, phones and water fountains are located here.

## Presidential Trail

This is a 1/2-mile loop trail beginning directly off the Grand View Terrace. The first 1/4 mile is wheelchair accessible to the base of the mountain and has spectacular close-up views of the faces. The trail then continues down via a series of staircases to the Sculptor's Studio and climbs to complete the loop at the Grand View Terrace. Open year-round, weather permitting.

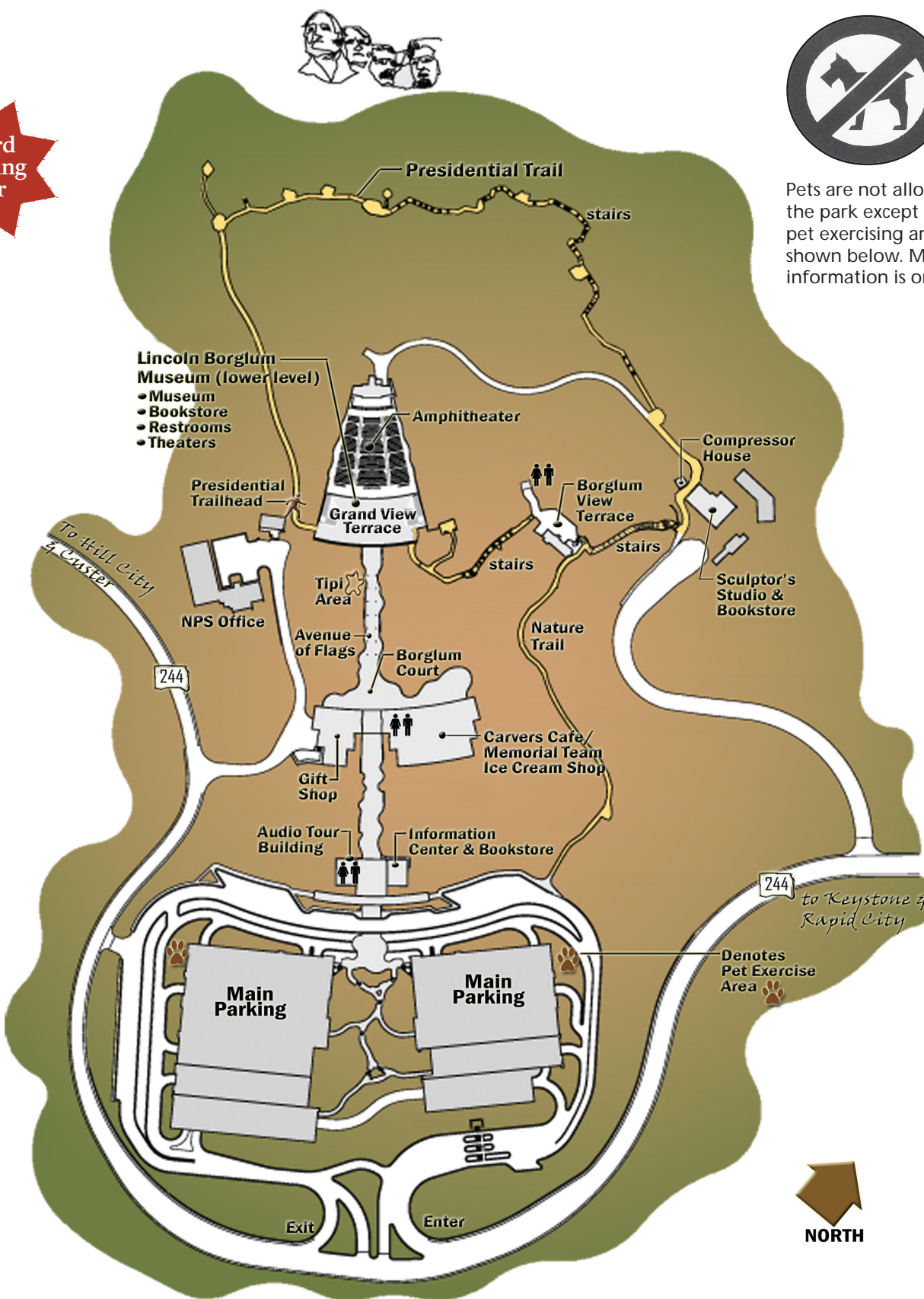
## Sculptor's Studio & Bookstore

Tools and models used in the construction are on display in this historic building which was constructed in 1939 as the second onsite studio for Gutzon Borglum. Exhibits show the techniques used in the carving.

## Artist-in-Residence

**Borglum View Terrace**-- Times Vary  
Summer Only

Watch our visiting artist demonstrate their craft.



Pets are not allowed in the park except for the pet exercising areas shown below. More information is on p. 2.

## Ranger Talks Summer 2007

Experience the meaning of Mount Rushmore by attending a Ranger Talk. Programs may be cancelled due to weather or the availability of park personnel. Call 605-574-3165 for special event information. STOP BY THE INFORMATION CENTER FOR THE DAILY SCHEDULE.

### Ranger Walk on the Presidential Trail

**Grand View Terrace.** (See Map).  
Learn about the history of Mount Rushmore and the surrounding area.

### Sculptor's Studio Talk

**Sculptor's Studio.** (See Map).  
Learn about the sculptor, workers and the carving process used on Mount Rushmore.

### Children's Program

**Sculptor's Studio.** (See Map).  
Designed especially for children, the program will center around the sculptor, workers and the carving process used on Mount Rushmore. **Held once a day.**

### Lakota History & Culture

**American Indian Tipi.** (See Map).  
See the inside of a traditional tipi while learning about the history and culture of the Lakota people.

### Evening Lighting Ceremony

**Amphitheater**  
May-Aug. at 9 pm  
Sept. at 8 pm  
*From Oct.-Mar., the sculpture is illuminated at dusk without a formal program.*

This program consists of a brief ranger talk, the "Freedom: America's Lasting Legacy" film and the lighting of the sculpture as the audience sings the National Anthem. Military and veterans may participate in a flag-folding ceremony.