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# FAMILY Favorites



PLAN A TRIP YOUR KIDS WILL TELL THEIR KIDS ABOUT

**BLACK HILLS & BADLANDS REGION**  
 What will you find when you head out west? Historic forts, mountains, national parks, and Wild West and Native American history. And that's just the beginning.



**MISSOURI RIVER REGION**  
 Hit the central part of South Dakota for fun as the big water, endless activities, and unique outdoor adventures.

**LAKE & RIVERS REGION**  
 Simply is an understatement. These destinations with a little something for all ages.



**SOUTHEAST REGION**  
 The food alone is reason enough to visit. The Mississippi state parks are the cherry on top.



**LEWIS & CLARK LAKE YANCON**  
 The Lewis & Clark National Historic Site is a beautiful park with a rich history and scenic views.



**DOWNTOWN SIOUX FALLS**  
 It's the high spot your children will remember to you from the busy Sioux Falls downtown and family-friendly outdoor spaces.



**WHEELER PARK ZOO WATERGATE**  
 Wheeler Park Zoo is a beautiful park with a rich history and scenic views. The Watergate is a beautiful park with a rich history and scenic views.



**WYLLIE PARK ABERDEEN**  
 This 200-acre park is a beautiful park with a rich history and scenic views. It's a beautiful park with a rich history and scenic views.



**WORLD'S ONLY CORN PALACE MITCHELL**  
 The World's Only Corn Palace is a beautiful park with a rich history and scenic views. It's a beautiful park with a rich history and scenic views.



**FARM ISLAND RECREATION AREA PIERRE**  
 Located on the Missouri River, Farm Island is a beautiful park with a rich history and scenic views. It's a beautiful park with a rich history and scenic views.



**WILD BIRD WALK**  
 The Wild Bird Walk is a beautiful park with a rich history and scenic views. It's a beautiful park with a rich history and scenic views.



**DINOSAUR PARK RAPID CITY**  
 The Dinosaur Park is a beautiful park with a rich history and scenic views. It's a beautiful park with a rich history and scenic views.

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CUSTER STATE PARK



**FAMILY FAVORITES:**  
..... **CREATURE FEATURES** .....

Here are our favorite spots for animal encounters.

**BADLANDS LOOP SCENIC BYWAY**

Bison and bighorn sheep are the perfect complement to the majestic backdrops in Badlands National Park.



**BUTTERFLY HOUSE & AQUARIUM**

Great for youngsters, the Butterfly House & Aquarium is home to 800 species of butterflies and countless sea creatures.

**D.C. BOOTH HISTORIC FISH HATCHERY**

Feed the trout and explore the historic park's flower garden and hiking trails.



REAL FUN PLACES. REAL GREAT

# Adventures

More precious than gold and more forever than diamonds are memories made on a family vacation. And memories made on a South Dakota vacation? Those are the best moments of all. When you look back years from now, you'll remember the buffalo herds and wide open spaces, the monuments and famous faces. You'll remember the laughs and the lake days. But more than anything, you'll remember the joy of exploring great places with the people you love.

Ready to plan? This guide will get you going in the right direction. Read on to discover wildlife, parks and history that make South Dakota unforgettable.

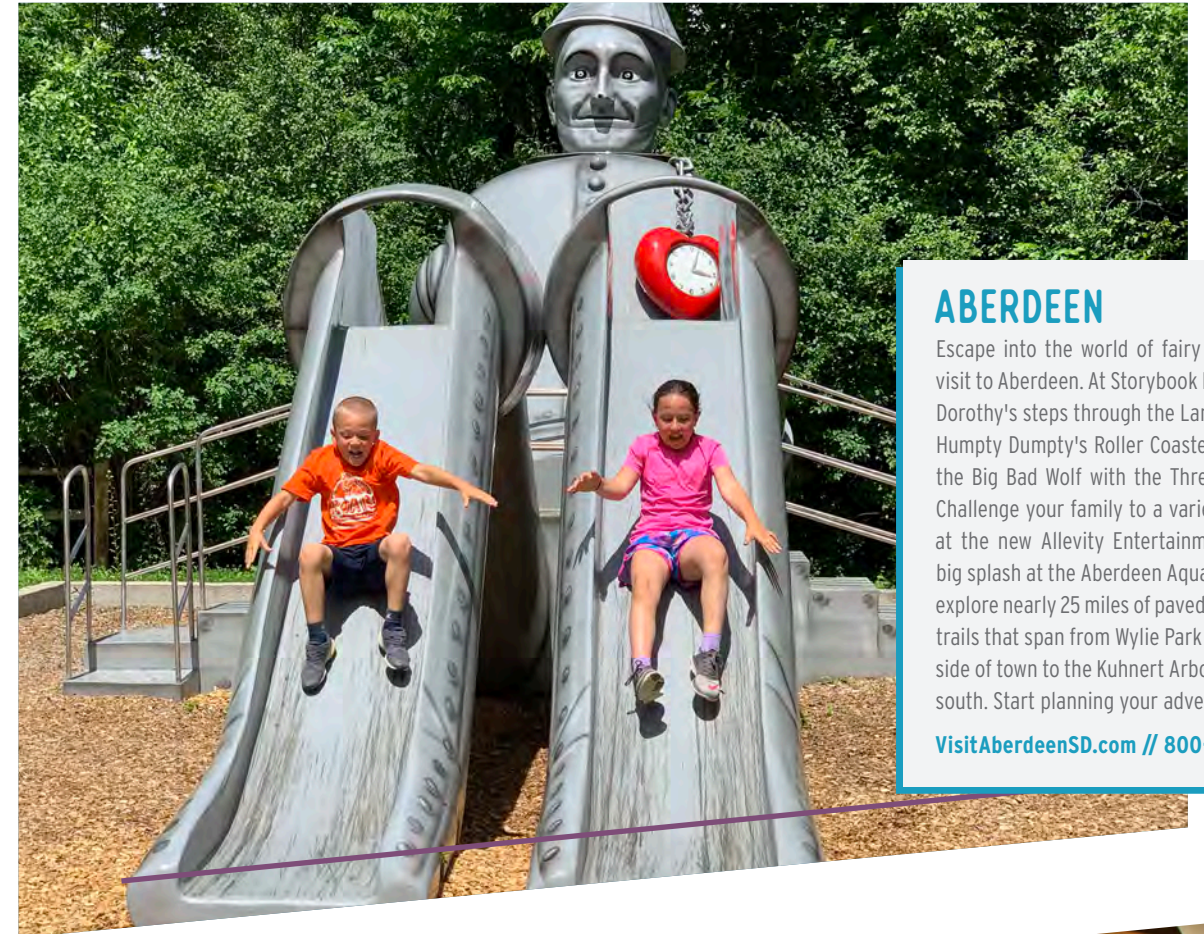
BADLANDS NATIONAL PARK



## TODAY'S LESSON: SOUTH DAKOTA

Your crew can start exploring online with South Dakota lessons! Learn about our state's amazing animals and history with activities and printable games.

To get in on the fun, [Google "Today's Lesson: South Dakota"](#)



## ABERDEEN

Escape into the world of fairy tales with a visit to Aberdeen. At Storybook Land, retrace Dorothy's steps through the Land of Oz, ride Humpty Dumpty's Roller Coaster or fend off the Big Bad Wolf with the Three Little Pigs. Challenge your family to a variety of games at the new Allevery Entertainment, make a big splash at the Aberdeen Aquatic Center or explore nearly 25 miles of paved recreational trails that span from Wylie Park on the north side of town to the Kuhnert Arboretum in the south. Start planning your adventure today!

[VisitAberdeenSD.com](#) // 800-645-3851

## AKTA LAKOTA MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTER

The Lakota phrase "Akta Lakota" translates to "honoring the people." Located in Chamberlain on the campus of St. Joseph's Indian School, the museum strives to preserve and promote the rich Lakota culture for students attending St. Joseph's Indian School and for the thousands who visit each year. From the moment you enter the museum, you will experience a rare and fascinating glimpse into the life of the Lakota through historical exhibits and contemporary art that reflect the past and present of the Plains Indian people. Free Admission. Gift Shop. I-90, Exit 263.

[AktaLakota.org](#) // 800-798-3452



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## MISSOURI RIVER REGION

Hit the central part of South Dakota for fun on the big water, endless horizons and unique outdoor adventures.



## GLACIAL LAKES & PRAIRIES REGION

Family friendly is an understatement. Discover unique destinations with a little bit of everything for all ages.



## SOUTHEAST REGION

The food alone is reason enough to visit. The hidden-gem state parks are the cherry on top.



## LEWIS & CLARK LAKE YANKTON

The sandy beaches along the South Dakota/Nebraska border are tailor-made for a lazy lake day (packed lunch not included).



## DOWNTOWN SIOUX FALLS

It's for kids! Start your adventure with waterfalls in Falls Park, the Kirby Science Discovery Center and family-friendly outdoor concerts.



## BRAMBLE PARK ZOO WATERTOWN

If you love animals but don't want to strap on hiking boots to find the big cat exhibit, this zoo is for you. The Bramble Park Zoo is 15 acres of fun for all ages and is easily conquerable in an afternoon.



## WYLIE PARK ABERDEEN

Only steps from Storybook Land, Wiley Park's beach, adventure mini golf course and go-kart racing is a sure bet to keep everyone entertained.



## WORLD'S ONLY CORN PALACE MITCHELL

In a long history of America's roadside attractions, Mitchell has a unique addition in the World's Only Corn Palace. You have to see it to believe it.



## FARM ISLAND RECREATION AREA PIERRE

Settled down under the Missouri River hills, Farm Island is great for camping, swimming, biking, hiking, boating, floating and so much more.



## WALL DRUG WALL

Your kids won't need the 5 cent coffee after a long car ride, but you might. Be sure to get a family pic with a huge jackalope. It's definitely Christmas card material.



## DINOSAUR PARK RAPID CITY

The stone lizards atop the Skyline Wilderness Area have been a picture perfect photo-op since their construction in 1936.

## ARROWWOOD CEDAR SHORE RESORT

Arrowwood Cedar Shore Resort is a full-service resort tucked in the bluffs of the Missouri River in Oacoma. With stunning views of open waters and ample on-site outdoor recreation opportunities, we're a year-round destination. No boat? Don't worry! We offer pontoon rentals as well as overnight slip space. With two restaurants, a 13-station sport clay course, indoor pool, horseshoe court, lawn volleyball court and playground, there's plenty of fun to go around. We offer lodging options like RV campsites, sleeping cabins, lodge rooms and cottages. With all of these options, don't forget to check out our outdoor deck and watch the serene sunset.

[ArrowwoodCedarShore.com](http://ArrowwoodCedarShore.com) // 605-734-6376



## CUSTER STATE PARK

Bring your family to experience the great outdoors at their greatest in South Dakota's oldest and largest State Park. Custer State Park is home to an abundance of wildlife, including 1,400 free roaming bison. Within the park, you'll discover four mountain resorts with activities like horseback riding, Jeep safari tours and chuckwagon cookouts. As you enter this spectacular preserve, it only takes minutes for the enchantment to begin to captivate and amaze your senses.

[CusterStatePark.com](http://CusterStatePark.com) // 888-875-0001



## BROOKINGS – PRAIRIE PLAY ALL DAY

Wide-open spaces, captivating museums and excellent eats – Brookings is a must-see on your next family vacation. Located on I-29, Brookings is a perfect place to stop and stretch your legs or stay all day. Kids love to play pretend at the South Dakota Children's Museum, while moms and dads appreciate a McCrory Gardens stroll.

Adventure lovers thrill at the Single-Track Trail and Pump Park and the whole family can kayak through Dakota Nature Park. A stop at Nick's Hamburger Shop completes the day. We're safe, friendly and ready to welcome you.

[VisitBrookingsSD.com](http://VisitBrookingsSD.com) // 800-699-6125



### MEET MAMA & MAX

South Dakota is famous for its bones, T.rex bones to be exact. Some of the world's most famous dinos were discovered here, like Sue the T.rex and her buddy Stan. The Children's Museum has two animatronic king lizards of their own, Mama and Max. Mama is 25 feet tall and 60 feet long, while her son Max stands 7 feet high. Hear them roar during the spring and summer months.



## DE SMET

Learn, play and make family memories in the hometown of Laura Ingalls Wilder, author of the Little House books. Celebrate the 50th anniversary of bringing Laura's stories alive on the prairie stage with the Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant this July. Visit two original Ingalls family homes and De Smet's first school on the Laura Ingalls Wilder Historic Homes tour. Drive a covered wagon, try pioneer activities, and camp in a covered wagon at the Ingalls Homestead. Explore and shop De Smet's historic main street. De Smet offers restaurants, motels, B&Bs and campgrounds. South Dakota pioneer heritage at its best!

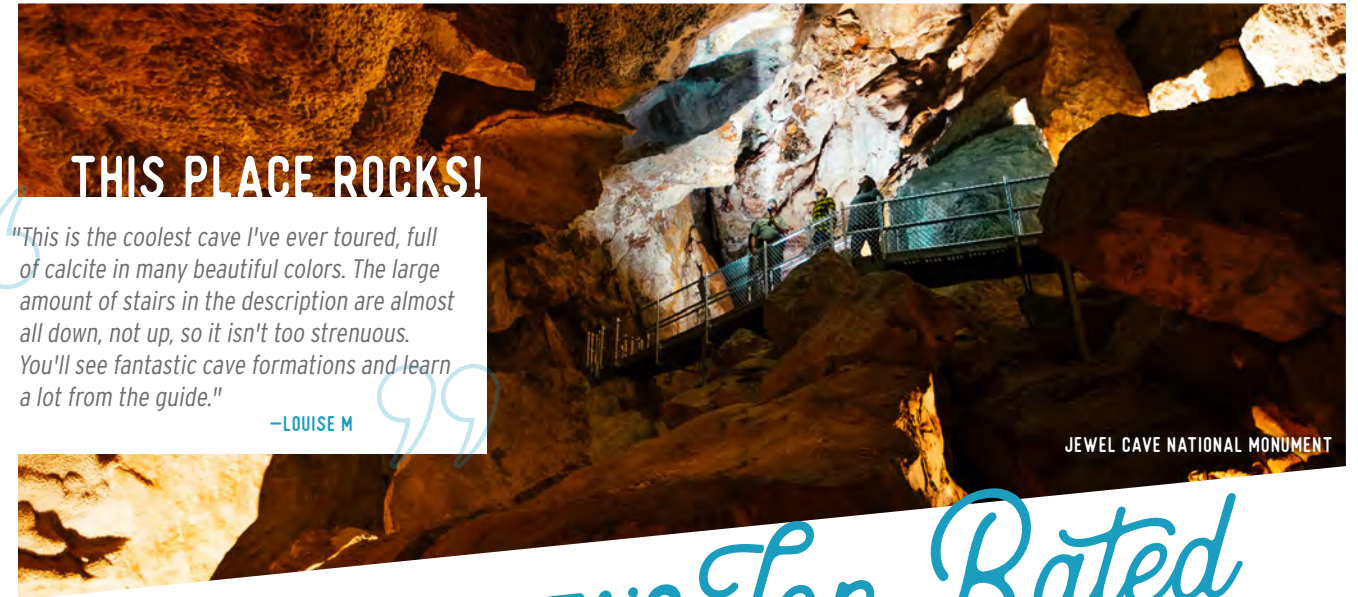
[DeSmetSD.com](http://DeSmetSD.com) // 866-528-7273



### REPTILE GARDENS

Named the world's largest reptile zoo by Guinness World Records and reported as one of the 10 best zoos in America in USA Today, Reptile Gardens is a unique animal park set in a beautiful botanical garden with more than 40,000 flowers. The iconic Sky Dome indoor jungle houses rare and fascinating reptiles, along with a brilliant array of exotic flowers. Visiting with the knowledgeable staff and meeting their parrots, raptors and giant tortoises will be unforgettable! Open March–November. South of Rapid City on Hwy 16.

[ReptileGardens.com](http://ReptileGardens.com) // 800-335-0275



### THIS PLACE ROCKS!

"This is the coolest cave I've ever toured, full of calcite in many beautiful colors. The large amount of stairs in the description are almost all down, not up, so it isn't too strenuous. You'll see fantastic cave formations and learn a lot from the guide."

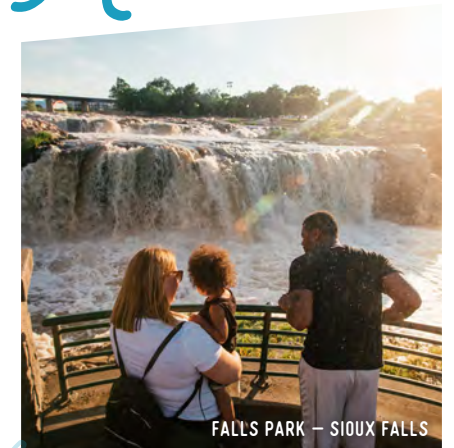
—LOUISE M

JEWEL CAVE NATIONAL MONUMENT

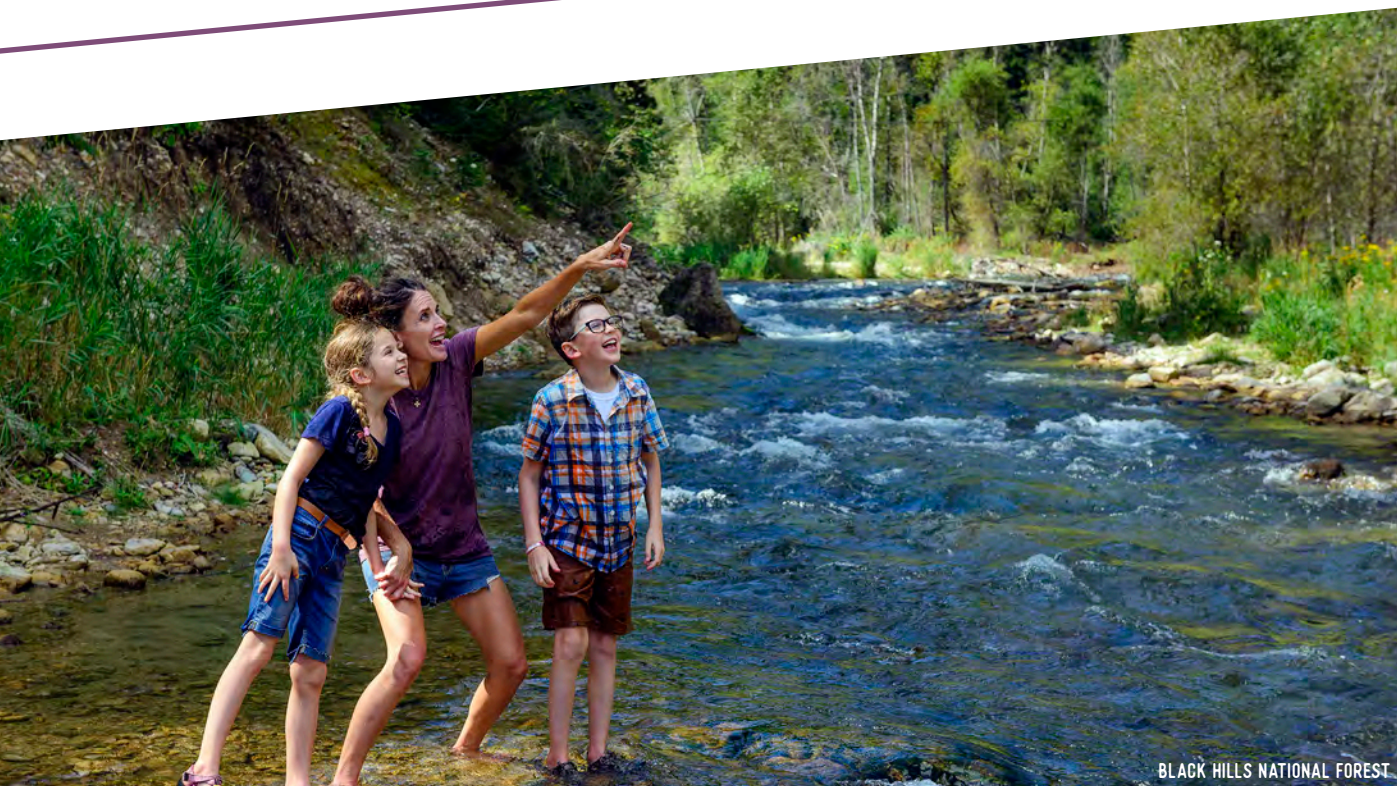
## SOUTH DAKOTA'S Top Rated



BLACK HILLS BURGER & BUN CO. — CUSTER



FALLS PARK — SIOUX FALLS



BLACK HILLS NATIONAL FOREST



BADLANDS NATIONAL PARK

### BEAUTIFUL & SOCIAL DISTANCING APPROVED

"This park proves that mother nature is the greatest artist in the world. We had such a good time here and made so many stops — there are so many things worth looking at! I would highly recommend this as a stop in any trip going across South Dakota."

—TIFFANY L

"What a beautiful park right in the center of downtown Sioux Falls. We were able to walk the trail to Falls Park directly from our lovely hotel (Country Inn and Suites). Family friendly, safe for all ages, walkable. Highly recommend."

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