

# Black Hills Museums



## Rapid City

### **The Journey Museum**

The Journey Museum takes you on an incredible trek through time, from the violent upheaval that formed the mystical Black Hills over 2.5 billion years ago to the continuing saga of the Western Frontier.

### **Museum Of Geology**

The Museum of Geology at the South Dakota School of Mines features many compelling exhibits focusing on PALEONTOLOGY (the study of ancient life) and MINERALOGY (the study of minerals, including gems, crystals, and the rocks they form).

### **Prairie Edge Bead Museum**

The Bead Museum houses over 2,600 different styles, shapes and colors of historic Italian beads.

## Ellsworth Air Force Base

### **The South Dakota Air and Space Museum**

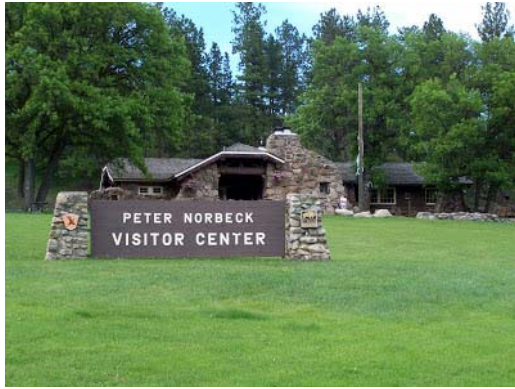
The SD Air and Space Museum offers a living lesson in aviation history and showcases 25 military aircraft ranging from World War II bombers to the modern-day B-1.

## Hot Springs

### **The Mammoth Site**

The world's largest mammoth research facility is a working paleontological site/museum that contains the largest concentration of Columbian and woolly mammoths ever found in their primary context (where they died).





## Custer

### **Peter Norbeck Visitor Center**

The Norbeck Visitor Center in Custer State Park features over 30 prominent exhibits that detail the park's natural and cultural history including wildlife dioramas, a CCC bunkhouse, gold panning and a 330-year old tree. The visitor center is the main interpretive and educational point inside the park.

### **National Museum of Woodcarving**

The National Museum of Woodcarving offers a look at the world of woodcarving. The collections include carvings by an original animator of Disneyland, and blend the science of mechanical animation with the art of traditional woodcarving.

### **The Indian Museum of North America**

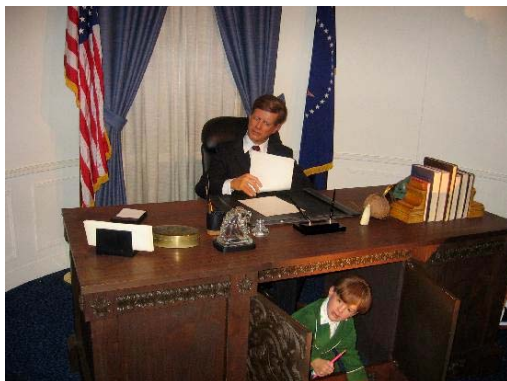
Located at Crazy Horse Memorial, the Indian Museum of North America is home to an extraordinary collection of art and artifacts reflecting the diverse histories and cultures of the American Indian people. The museum, designed to complement the story being told in stone on the mountain, speaks eloquently to present and future generations about American Indian life.

## Hill City

### **Black Hills Institute of Geological Research**

The Museum at Black Hills Institute of Geological Research features the Black Hills Institute's collection of fossil vertebrates, invertebrates, & plants from around the globe. Ancient skeletons starring "STAN" T. rex fill the room!

## Keystone



### **National Presidential Wax Museum**

Beneath the watchful gaze of Mount Rushmore in the beautiful Black Hills sits the National Presidential Wax Museum. Visitors gain insight into our nation's democracy through life-size, realistic wax figures depicting our country's most shaping experiences in dramatic historical settings.

### **Rushmore Borglum Story**

The Rushmore Borglum Story showcases scores of Gutzon Borglum's paintings, sculptures & artifacts and visitors can watch the blasting & carving in their exclusive film.

## Sturgis

### Sturgis Motorcycle Museum/Hall Of Fame

The Sturgis Motorcycle Museum and Hall of Fame offers a variety of antique, classic and unique motorcycles as well as motorcycling memorabilia with special emphasis on the world famous Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.



## Spearfish

### High Plains Western Heritage Center

The High Plains Western Heritage Center Museum features western art, artifacts and Native American exhibits chronicling the heritage of 5 plains states. Outdoor displays include antique farm equipment, a log cabin, one room schoolhouse, live longhorn steers and buffalo.

## Lead/Deadwood

### Adams Museum

Deadwood's Adams Museum is the oldest history museum in the Black Hills and ranks #3 among True West magazine's 2009 Top 10 Western Museums. Artifacts and displays from Deadwood's historic past reflect the powerful legends of infamous characters like Wild Bill and Calamity Jane.



### Adams House

The Historic Adams House was built in 1892 by pioneers Harris and Anna Franklin. Local contemporary press described the home as "the grandest house west of the Mississippi" and this elegant Queen Anne-style house heralded a wealthy and socially prominent new age for Deadwood, a former rough and tumble gold mining town.

### Black Hills Mining Museum

The museum is located in the mile high city of Lead, South Dakota, and is dedicated to the preservation of the rich mining heritage of the Black Hills of South Dakota. There are numerous exhibits and displays showing the life of a miner, the ethnic history of Lead, and also the history of gold mining.

### Mt. Moriah Cemetery

Mt Moriah Cemetery is situated on a mountainous plateau overlooking Deadwood Gulch. Established in 1878 by the Lawrence County Commission, Mt. Moriah is the final resting place of western legends, murderers, madams, and pillars of Deadwood's early economic development. The cemetery is more than just a graveyard; it offers visitors an opportunity to enjoy a Late Victorian cemetery set in the backdrop of the northern Black Hills.