

RAPID CITY ATTRACTIONS

Visitor Information Center

(I-90, Exit 61)

So many things to do . . . so many ways to get there! The Black Hills Visitor Information Center at Rapid City welcomes you with an array of free services designed to smooth your way and max your vacation fun in the Black Hills and Badlands of South Dakota! • Free expert trip counseling • Free travel brochures and maps • Free exhibits and displays • Bookstore and retail shop • Restrooms • Public phones • Picnic area • Pet exercise area. Open 8 a.m. daily, May–September, 9 a.m. October- April



Memorial Park/Berlin Wall

(444 Mt. Rushmore Road)

Rushmore Plaza Civic Center is the largest convention and athletic facility between Minneapolis and Denver. To the Memorial Park, a beautiful greenway with a rose garden, fountain/pool, band shell, a section of the Berlin Wall, and a statue dedicated to our Pioneers and Founders. Monuments honoring our veterans, as well as the victims of the 1972 flood, are also located here. The Civic Center is open every day through September 3; unstaffed 8-5 business days after that date.



Dahl Fine Arts Center

(713 7th Street)

The Center, in addition to galleries and a new theatre, houses a 180-foot oil-on canvas mural painted by Bernard P. Thomas. This cycloramic mural depicts 200 years of American history and is accented by a taped narration and special lighting effects. It is displayed in a special viewing room. The Dahl houses three galleries which feature paintings, crafts, sculptures and original prints selected from the works of regional artists



Canyon Lake Park

(Canyon Lake Drive & Jackson Blvd.)

One of the most beautiful parks in the Midwest, this 29 acre wooded complex includes playgrounds, picnic areas, bathrooms, canals and ponds, fishing piers, spillway and recreation fields. A vast enhancement program on the lake's north side has been completed with beautiful grounds, plantings and pedestrian bridge to island and gazebo. Bring bread, help feed our many ducks. This area is beautifully lighted at night. Rapid City's finest, come enjoy.



The Journey Museum

(222 East New York Street)

The Journey Museum and Learning Center is located on 7 acres of gardens and is an education venue that serves as a forum to preserve and explore the heritage of the cultures of the Black Hills region and the knowledge of its natural environment. It is set up as a journey through the history of the Black Hills, starting with the Native American creation stories, moving into the 2.5 billion years of history in the rock record with the geology exhibit, paleontology, archaeology, Native American inhabitants, and concluding with the pioneers that traveled west



South Dakota Air and Space Museum

(2890 Rushmore Drive, Ellsworth Air Force Base, approximately 7 miles east of Rapid City on Interstate I-90)
The SD Air and Space Museum offers a living lesson in aviation history. It showcases 25 military aircraft ranging from World War II bombers to the modern-day B-1 and also has four different military missiles on display including an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile.



Museum of Geology

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology
(501 E. Saint Joseph Street)

The Museum of Geology 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). There are mounted skeletons of dinosaurs, mammals, marine reptiles, and fish, rare fossils from the White River Badlands, arranged in time-specific dioramas, and mineral displays including the Hall of South Dakota Minerals, meteorites, and a fluorescent mineral room.



Storybook Island

(1301 Sheridan Lake Road)

Storybook Island is an admission-free children's theme park that provides a safe, educational environment for those young in years, or young at heart, so they can experience the power of imagination. The park is filled with sets that portray characters from various children's stories, fables and nursery rhymes.



Fish Hatchery

(Highway 44 West of City Limits)

Last year Cleghorn Springs Aquatic Center and Hatchery produced and released close to 600,000 trout and salmon. The entire fish rearing and stocking process is explained in detail in the visitor center. Nature programs for families are offered daily. Save time to enjoy the viewing ponds. You can also buy some pellets from machines near the ponds and feed the fish yourselves! Hatchery is open all year. Aquatic Center is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Memorial Day to early September.



Formal Gardens

(Canyon Lake Drive & Mt. View)

Rapid City has three formal garden settings. One of the principal gardens is located at Halley Park, just off the business district. The second is at Sioux Park, near Baken Park Shopping Center, on the banks of Rapid Creek. The third and smallest, but just as nice, is across from Sioux San Hospital on Canyon Lake Drive. All exhibits are nicely labeled. An "All-American" rose garden can be viewed at Memorial Park by the Civic Center. Open year round.



Dinosaur Park

(Skyline Drive West off Quincy Street)

Seven life-size concrete replicas of monstrous prehistoric reptiles roam the outdoors in a park-like setting atop the hog back that divides Rapid City into east and west. The larger figure is visible from most points in town. The exhibits are lighted until 10 p.m. This park is owned by the City of Rapid City. Open year round.



Chapel in the Hills

(3788 Chapel Lane)

This replica of the famous 850-year-old Borgund Stave Church in Norway features unique architecture and intricate carvings. Stavekirke combines Norse dragonheads, Christian symbols, pegged construction, grass-roofed stabbur welcome center and log cabin museum. Free admission. Open May 1 – September 31, 7 a.m. until sunset. Evening services at 7:30 every evening from the 2nd Sunday of June through the last Sunday of August.

