





MT. RUSHMORE RESORT & LODGE

at Palmer Gulch

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### **MOUNT RUSHMORE RESORT**

# An experience like no other

**Welcome to beautiful Mount Rushmore** Resort and Lodge at Palmer Gulch. Our unique resort is nestled among the pines of the Black Hills where you will have an experience like no other.

We're especially excited to show you all that our KOA has to offer. KOA has awarded our wonderful campground "resort" status because of all the

amenities and activities we offer. We will do all we can to make the 2022 camping season one full of great memories to last a lifetime.

We like to say, "Palmer Gulch is the place where you can do as much or as little as you please." Fill your days with fun activities-from horseback riding to splashing down our water slide-or you can just sit back, relax and soak up the stunning beauty of the Black Hills.









### **MEET OUR GROUP** COORDINATOR

Jenny would love to help you plan your family gathering, group event or company retreat. She's eager to work with you to make your special occasion truly memorable. Email her at groups@ palmergulch.com or call at 605-574-3404.



### Visit the **PRESIDENTIAL WAX MUSEUM**

All resort guests receive free admission to the National Presidential Wax Museum and Holy Terror Mini Golf.

Take your key cards or receipt for free admission.













### The Mount Rushmore Resort at Palmer Gulch has a rich history.

In 1925, a mining engineer had a vision for developing a country club in the Black Hills. He and other investors purchased land along Palmer Creek, just five miles west of Mount Rushmore.

Over the years, through several ownership changes, cabins were built and golf, horseback riding, picnicking and touring the Black Hills became popular activities. In 1962, new owners returned the golf course to its natural state of valleys and meadows and focused on travelers looking for a dude ranching experience.

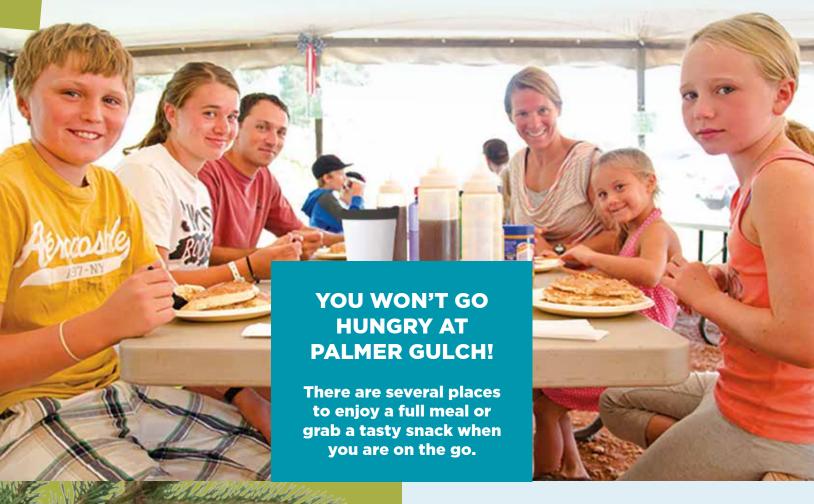
Our current owners took over in 1972 with the vision to further develop The Mount Rushmore Resort at Palmer Gulch into a destination full of great camping sites, camping cabins and other quality lodging options. It became affiliated with KOA in 1978.







# Great Food Choices at MOUNT RUSHMORE RESORT



# THE PEAK GRILL & TAP ROOM AT PALMER GULCH RESORT, HUL CITY, SO

## THE PEAK GRILL AND TAP ROOM AT PALMER GULCH

The Peak Grill and Tap
Room is just a few steps
from The Lodge and
serves lunch and dinner
daily. The Peak Grill
features dining in a rustic
log building with a slate
fireplace. Dine in our
1920s Lodge Room, or
view Black Elk Peak from
our Sun Room.

### **PROSPECTOR'S TENT**

The Prospector's Tent is a breakfast tradition at Palmer Gulch. From Memorial Day to Labor Day, enjoy all-you-can-eat, made-to-order pancakes, including butter and syrup. Also choose from other breakfast entrees, juices, milk, coffee, bacon and sausage, all priced separately. Be watching for special dinner nights at the Prospector's Tent throughout the summer.





### **CHUCK WAGON DINNER**

Enjoy an authentic horse-drawn, covered-wagon ride or choose a trail ride into the Black Hills National Forest to a traditional chuck wagon camp in a remote meadow under a big South Dakota sky. You'll be treated to delicious Dakota-grown beef steaks grilled over an aspen-wood campfire with Dutch-oven side dishes. While you eat, you'll take in the beautiful scenery and live cowboy entertainment. Pre-book your spot at www.ridesouthdakota.com.

### **WAGON MASTERS BREAKFAST RIDE**

Join us for a special early morning breakfast cookout. Participants will load up on an authentic horse-drawn covered wagon at 8 a.m. for a ride into the beautiful national forest; arriving at our chuck wagon camp nestled in a remote mountain meadow just in time to watch Dutch-oven cooks prepare a hearty breakfast over a wood fire. The menu consists of our delicious Bronc Buster hash....bacon and beef, chopped potatoes, onions, peppers and secret seasonings browned and cooked to perfection over the fire in a cast-iron pot. The breakfast ride returns at 9:30 a.m. and is only offered 12 times a summer. Pre-book your spot at www.ridesouthdakota.com.

### **GRAPES & GRINDS** Why not start your day with a latte, espresso or

specialty coffee brewed fresh from locally roasted coffee beans? Drop in for a glass of local or specialty wine or for an indulgent treat, like our designer fudge, delicious local bagels or wine slushies. Live music on the patio on select nights throughout the summer. See the weekly activities schedule for dates and times.

### **TAP ROOM**

Adjacent to the Peak Grill restaurant, the Tap Room offers a variety of domestic and import beers along with an excellent selection of wines. Specialty drinks or your favorite cocktails are available in our cozy pub or on the outdoor deck.

### **TURTLE TOWN**

You'll find more than ice cream and other tasty treats at this restaurant. Turtle Town's quick service restaurant menu includes gourmet pizzas, wraps and the best fried chicken and buffalo wings in the Black Hills. Come in for custom ice-cream creations, hand-scooped ice-cream cones, malts shakes, sundaes, blizzards and homemade chocolates.

### FOUR GREAT SHOPPING EXPERIENCES

### **GENERAL STORE**

This is your first-stop shop in the campground registration building. The General Store is full of groceries, RV and camping supplies, jewelry, clothing and souvenirs. You can find a cozy blanket, stuffed animal, Black Hills souvenir, or a Palmer Gulch or Mt. Rushmore sweatshirt to wear on a cool summer night.

### **OUTPOST STORE**

The Outpost Store is in the Fun Zone, near the splash pad, jumping pillow and pool. It has a great selection of outdoor games, pool toys and apparel. Hungry for a snack? We offer ice cream, nachos, slushies, popcorn and other goodies. We also have groceries, campfire supplies and other staples.

### **GRAPES & GRINDS**

You'll want to stop for a special cup of South Dakota roasted coffee or a fine glass of wine at Grapes & Grinds. We stock regional wines like the Palmer Gulch Reserve Merlot, selections of Prairie Berry Winery & Firehouse Winery Wines, as well as an assortment of fine cigars. Check our weekly schedule, because throughout the summer we'll have LIVE music on the patio.

### **OUTPOST BIKE SHOP**

Palmer Gulch is a great place to ride a bike, so you'll want to take advantage of our bike rentals to explore the resort, with many models available to choose from like fat tire, two-seat, four seat touring and banana bikes. We also have various bike parts and accessories available for purchase.

Note: Rental bikes can't leave Palmer Gulch property.





## SO MANY ACTIVITIES **FOR YOU!**

We have everything you need for a wonderful stay. Pools, a climbing wall, horses, bikes, UTVs, great food and so much more! Enjoy your stay! Please note, some activities have an extra cost (\$). Activities run Memorial Day through **Labor Day.** 

- Swimming pools & hot tubs
- Waterslide
- Splash pad
- · Evening shuttle to Mount Rushmore (\$)
- Movies
- Evening entertainment
- Horseback trail rides (\$)
- Sand volleyball
- Mini golf
- Fishing pond (fishing license required)
- Playgrounds
- Chuck wagon dinner show and breakfast ride(\$)
- Basketball
- GaGa Ball
- Pickleball
- Horseshoe pits
- Planned family activities
- Tie-dye T-shirts (\$)
- Hiking trails
- · Giant chess & checkers
- · Ladderball & cornhole game
- · Wagon & vintage fire truck rides
- Car rentals (\$)
- UTV & golf cart rentals (\$)
- Bike rentals (\$)
- Giant inflatables
- Kamp K-9 dog park
- Gold panning (\$)
- Climbing wall
- Rocket launches (\$)
- Local musicians
- Sunday morning worship

(\$) Fee required.



# THE LEGEND OF LIL'

The youngest of the five men who staked a mining claim to sift the sands of Palmer **Creek for precious flakes of gold 150 years** ago was a massive man with a barrel chest, long muscular arms, a hairy face and a twinkle in his eye. No one knew his real name. They just called him Lil' Buddy.

Buddy never seemed to get tired. And he loved to entertain others on the long nights with stories, songs and homespun poetry.

When the first sightseers came to the area, Lil' Buddy knew he had found his true calling. He could show folks the best sites to see. He served up coffee and cowboy humor. Anywhere a guest had a need, there was Lil' Buddy. He told his new friends from

around the country, "I love this place and I ain't never leavin' it."

No one knows for sure if he ever did leave.

Sometimes campers will swear they can see the twinkle of an eye just beyond the campfire's light, and maybe hear a rough voice chuckling after a funny yarn. Perhaps you'll hear that same voice when the wind rustles through the pines, calling out "Get to the Gulch."

You can tip your hat to the carving of Lil' Buddy outside the KOA Office and General Store, and know that his spirit surrounds all who visit this place he loves.



# IN-TASTIC TIMES IN-TASTIC TIMES The FUN ZONE!

### These resort activities will keep you moving all day long!

### GET WET AND WILD (\*) 👛







With our two pools, two heated spas and a splash pad, there's no excuse for you not to get drenched and refreshed. The splash pad features water cannons, ground geysers and cylinder sprays. You can purchase pool toys and games at the Outpost Store!

### TRY THE CLIMBING WALL



This 26-foot climbing tower is full of challenging handholds and four distinct routes. This is the place for climbers looking for a big-time adventure. Tennis shoes and dry clothing are required. Climbers under 18 must have adult consent and be at least 42 inches tall.

### WATERSLIDE WOWS



The whole family will get a thrill from our slick waterslide. It's the perfect way to cool off on a hot day!

### PAN FOR RICHES



Go back in time at the Palmer Gulch Mining Co. near the waterslide and try your luck panning for gold. With our panning kits available at the Mining Co. Store or the Outpost Store, there's a good chance you'll strike it rich! (\$)

### JUMPING PILLOW 🔼



See how high can you go! This campground favorite will keep you jumping throughout your stay.

### MINI GOLF. BIG FUN



Fore! Test your putting skills at the Kowboy Kountry Club, our nine-hole miniature golf course that has an Old West feel. Make it a friendly family competition for longest putt and lowest score!

### **GIANT INFLATABLES**

Our giant inflatables will have the whole family bouncing, jumping and sliding until the giggles overtake them.

### ON THE BALL







Shoot a game of basketball and find out who is king of the outdoor court, or show off your volleyball skills on our sandy court. Maybe try something new with GaGa Ball!

### CHECKMATE!



Put your best chess and checkers strategies to work on our giant chessboard.

(\$) Fee required.

Activities run Memorial Day through Labor Day.



# THE RESORT

Check the weekly activities schedule for dates and times.



### KARAOKE

Singers of all ages belt out their favorite songs during our weekly karaoke party at the Activities Pavilion. The musical fun is open to everyone who wants to show off their talents or just listen to some golden oldies and new tunes.

### **BIKING TRAILS**

The Black Hills are loaded with great cycling opportunities for all bikers. The Mickelson Trail is a hundred-mile-long rails-to-trails route just three miles from the campground. The Outpost Bike Shop is located at the Fun Zone and rents Fun Cycles and Fat Bikes. Our bikes are not allowed off-property. (\$)

### **HIKING & WALKING**

Tap your sense of outdoor adventure. Trails to Black Elk Peak begin at the KOA. There are several shorter loops in the national forest adjacent to the camp.

### **BUILD A ROCKET**

Our Activities Team will help you create and launch a rocket shooting high over Palmer Gulch. Then take the rocket home with you! (\$)

### **GLOW STICK DANCE PARTY**

Kids and adults can get groovy at our weekly night dance party complete with glow stick accessories. The party gets started in the Activities Pavilion each week. Glow sticks and light up toys available for purchase. (\$)

### **RIDE ALONG WITH US**

Hitch a ride with Ole Alice as she hauls an old west wagon through the campground. Have a fun, relaxing ride with family and new friends. And we're always looking for eager volunteers to help us patrol the campground in our very own fire truck.

### **TIE-DYE ART**

Get some experienced help from our Activities Team in creating a tie-dye T-shirt. It is the perfect activity for the entire family. Your colorful design will bring back fond memories long after your visit has ended. (\$)

### **NIGHTLY ENTERTAINMENT**

Our family-friendly stage show is a toe-tapping, kneeslapping experience. This season we will have live musicians, traditional Lakota hoop dancers, family dance parties and various other events.



### **FIELD GAMES**

Frisbees, kickball, and three-man slingshots are just a few of the fun field games that keep the fun times coming.

### **CHAPEL TIME**

We offer a Sunday morning service for those who can't make it to an area church. Full of songs of praise and uplifting messages, this service with the SummerShiners is a great way to start your week.

(\$) Fee required.

\*Activities run Memorial Day through Labor Day.

### **NIGHTLY MOVIES**

Check with our activities schedule for titles and show times for the evening movies.

### **COLORFUL COMMUNITY CAMPFIRE**

There's nothing better than gathering around a roaring campfire after a great day of fun and adventure. This is the place to be to enjoy the company of family and make new friends. Bring your own s'more creations!

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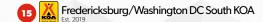
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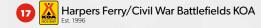




### WASHINGTON



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### RIDE, DRIVE, Explore! THE STABLES AT PALMER GULCH

For over 50 years, The Stables at Palmer Gulch has provided fun trail rides in the Black Hills National Forest for riders of all skill levels. Different trails through the Black Elk Wilderness Area and the Norbeck Wildlife Refuge offer big panoramic views, towering granite cliffs, high country meadows and stands of ponderosa pines and paper birch. Reserve your ride starting the Friday before Memorial Day by calling (605) 574-3412. You can also book online at www.ridesouthdakota.com (\$)

### **CAR RENTALS**

The Black Hills offers several beautiful drives with breathtaking scenery and lots of wildlife. We have a variety of passenger vehicles available to rent. Rental price includes pass to Custer State Park. Inquire at the KOA front desk. (\$)

### **UTV RENTALS**

Go exploring on the beautiful trails of the Black Hills with a UTV rental. There are miles of great Forest Service trails right out our back door for your entire family to enjoy. Inquire about our rentals at the UTV rental building just behind the KOA General Store. Must be 18 years old to rent and operate one of our UTVs, which are street legal. Two, four and six seat options are available. (\$)

### **GOLF CART RENTALS**

With lots of space to roam and plenty of things to do, the easiest and quickest way to get around the resort is with one of our golf carts. Pick up the key at the KOA front desk when you rent a cart. Must be 18 years old to rent and operate a cart. Rental period runs 1:00 p.m. - 11:00 a.m. (\$)



At Grapes & Grinds, you'll find wonderful coffees and a wide selection of wines. Buy five specialty drinks at our Palmer Gulch Resort location and get the sixth drink free! Live music on the patio on select nights throughout the summer.

Relax on the patio, enjoy your drink and a tasty treat, then find the perfect souvenir or gift! Pick up your punch card today!









Here are just a few of the events you might enjoy during your Black Hills visit. For more information on local events. please visit the information desk in the general store.

MAY

1880 Train Mother's Day Express / Hill City May 8 1880train.com

Custer State Park Open House And Free May 21-22 Fishing Weekend

visitrapidcity.com

May 27 thru Crazy Horse Memorial-Legends in Light Sept 30 crazyhorsememorial.org

May 27 thru Mount Rushmore Lighting Ceremony Sept 30 Check for times at www.nps.gov/moru

JUNE

**June 2-4** 47th Annual Black Hills Quilt Show and Sale / Rapid City bhquilters.org **June 4-5** 36th Annual Crazy Horse Memorial Volksmarch crazyhorsememorial.org **June 4-5** Mickelson Trail Marathon

**Mount Rushmore Rodeo** June 11 palmergulch.com

June 17-19 Black Hills Mountain Fest

June 25 **Mount Rushmore Rodeo** palmergulch.com

June 23-26 Sturgis Camaro Rally sturgismotorcyclerally.com

June 24-25 Black Hills Bluegrass Festival



**JULY** 

**July 10-15** 6th Annual Deadwood 3 Wheeler Rally visitrapidcity.com

**July 15-17** Custer Gold Discovery Days

**July 16-17** Hills Alive Concert / Rapid City hillsalive.com

**AUGUST** 

Aug. 4 Free Admission National Parks

Aug. 4 **Mount Rushmore Rodeo** www.palmergulch.com



Aug. 5-14	81st Anniversary Sturgis Motorcycle Rally sturgismotorcyclerally.com
Aug. 11-14	Custer County Fair / Hermosa custercountyfair.com
Aug. 20	Mount Rushmore Rodeo www.palmergulch.com
Aug. 26-27	Hill City Wine Brew and BBQ hillcitywinebrewandbbq.com
Aug. 25	National Park Service Birthday - Free Admission to U.S. Parks visitrapidcity.com
Aug. 27	Mount Rushmore Rodeo www.palmergulch.com
Aug. 26-29	Kool Deadwood Nites deadwood.org



### **SEPTEMBER**

Sept. 5	Mount Rushmore Rodeo www.palmergulch.com
Sept. 9-10	Polkapalooza at Mount Rushmore Resort at Palmer Gulch palmergulch.com
Sept. 10-11	Hill City Quilt Show and Sale hillcitysd.com
Sept. 16-17	Deadwood Jam Music Festival deadwood.com
Sept. 24	National Public Lands Day - Free Admission to U.S. Parks <i>visitrapidcity.com</i>
Sept. 29 thru Oct. 1	Custer State Park Buffalo Roundup gfp.sd.gov/state-parks/directory/custer/ events/buffalo-roundup
Sept. 30 thru Oct. 1	Oktoberfest / Deadwood  deadwood.com

### OCTOBER

Oct. 2	Crazy Horse Autumn Volksmarch crazyhorsememorial.org
Oct. 7-9	Black Hills Powwow / Rapid City visitrapidcity.com
Oct. 8-9	Run Crazy Horse Marathon / Hill City (Sponsored by Mount Rushmore Lodge) runcrazyhorse.com

### THE BEST **EVENTS IN** THE DAKOTAS

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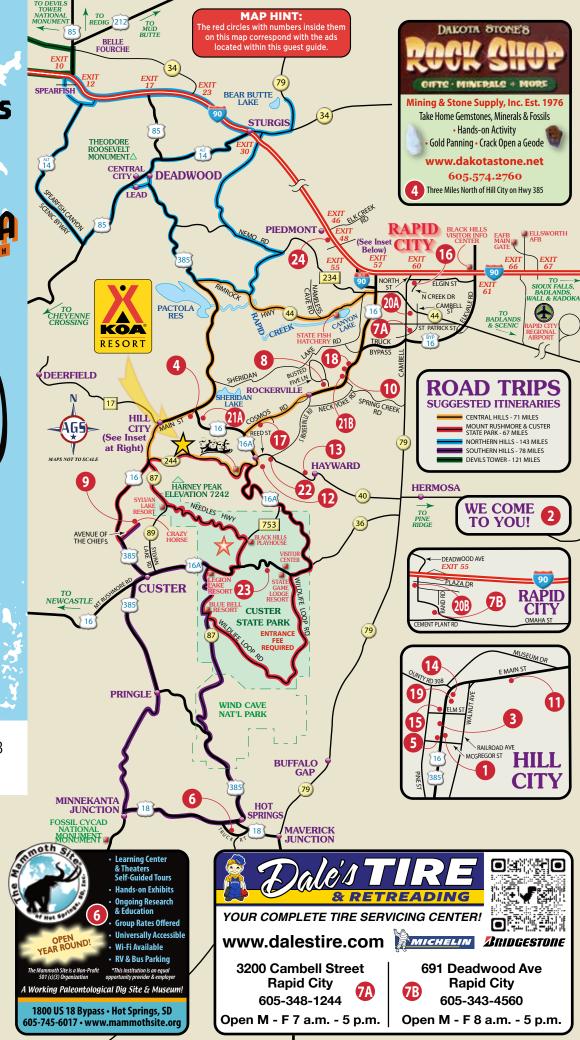
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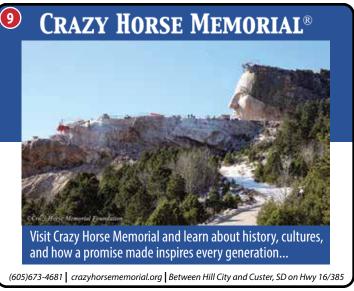
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# Visit the NATIONAL PRESIDENTIAL WAX MUSEUM

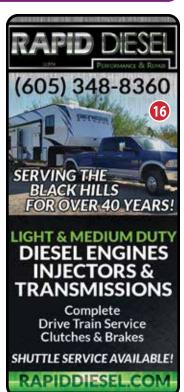
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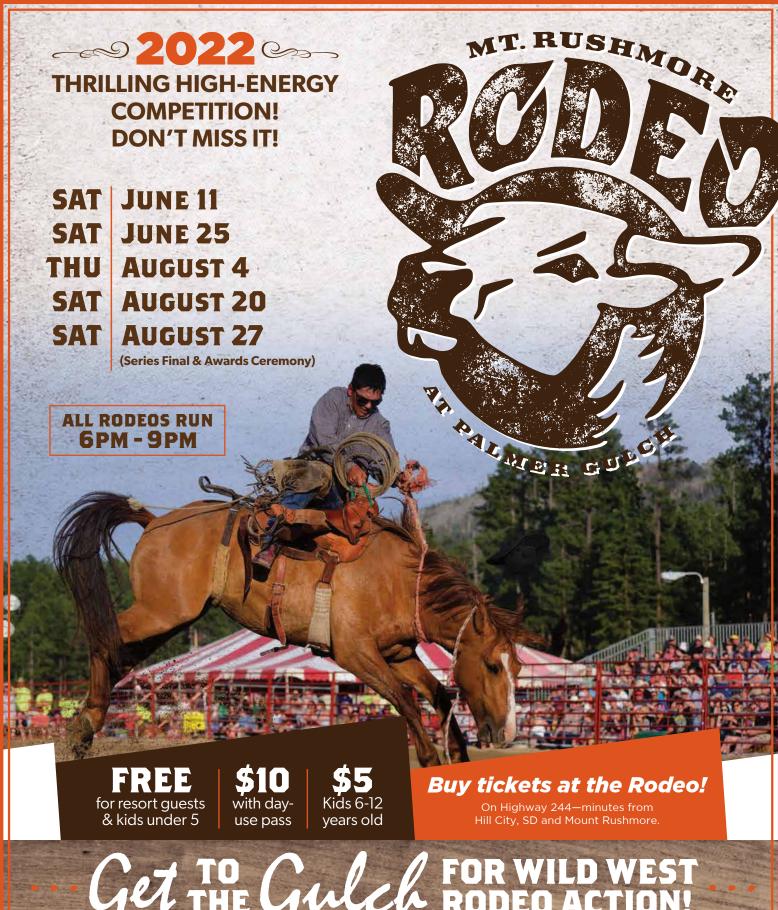
















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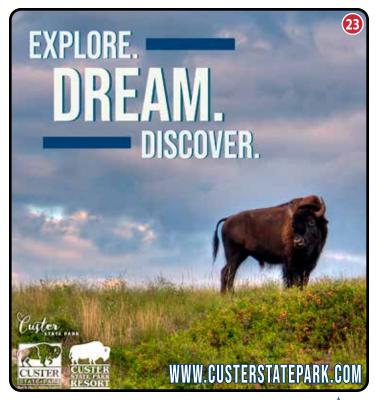












· Have a flashlight handy for late night trips to the comfort station. Your kids happy dance is not the time to search for batteries.



**SPEED** 

· We are in a forest with wild animals. We are not responsible for the poor sanitation decisions of the wildlife.

- Rain happens. Prepare for items left outside to get wet, tents without a rain fly to flood, and puddles to form in the campsite. The sun will soon come out and dry everything up, but a wet tent is only good for those who brought a water bed.
- Follow posted speed limits of 10 mph. Kids don't pay attention while having fun.
- Do not put trash in fire pits or leave trash out at night. We have critters that don't adhere to our quiet hours and don't mind making a mess.

- Turn off breakers on power panels before plugging in vour RV.
- Kids can get lost. Take a picture of them at the beginning of each day to help our staff identify them by what they are wearing. Please notify staff right away if you have a missing child, so we may assist you.
- High wind gusts happen quickly here. Put away awnings and portable food/shade tents or anything damageable by wind whenever you leave your camp site.

If you have any questions or concerns about your camp site or cabin please let us know right away so we have a chance to make your stay great!

Know who to contact after hours in case of an emergency or late-night disruption. Night Patrol (605) 574-3424 (phones are located at the comfort stations).

### **CAMPING ETIQUETTE**

- Be a good neighbor and refrain from playing loud music and/or using undesirable language. We are a family-friendly park with lots of kids. Quiet hours are from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- · While walking or riding a bike, please stay on the roads and paths. Guest sites are not designated roadways.
- Clean up after your pets and always keep them on a leash. Finding a lost dog here is worse than trying to find Waldo.
- Barking dogs are like an alarm clock vou can't turn off. Please refrain from leaving them behind. Your neighbor's nap schedule may depend on it.
- · Avoid parking or placing anything in another guest's site, even if there doesn't appear to be anyone camping there.
- · Please help us out and pick up your litter. Our guests appreciate the cleanliness of our campground. We're proudn of it.





## A FEW REMINDERS FOR OUR VALUED GUESTS

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Here is some valuable information about your stay at Mount Rushmore KOA at Palmer Gulch.

### **Speed Limit**

• 10 mph throughout the resort.

### **Check In / Check Out Times**

- 11 a.m. Check-out time
- 1 p.m. Check-in time for RV & tent sites
- 3 p.m. Check-in time for cabins and lodge

### **Campfires**

 Please keep all fires below waist height and do not leave them unattended. Please put all fires out before retiring for the evening and follow all fire restrictions if they are in effect.

### **Child Supervision**

 It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to supervise children in pool and play areas.

### **Trash Pick Up**

 Please have your trash out by the road in front of your site no later than 9 a.m. for garbage pickup on site.

### **Site Occupancy**

 Each RV site allows for a maximum of one RV or trailer and one tent. Tent sites may have two tents, but they must stay within site boundaries.

### **Drones**

 The flying or use of drones or any unmanned aircraft are prohibited at Palmer Gulch.

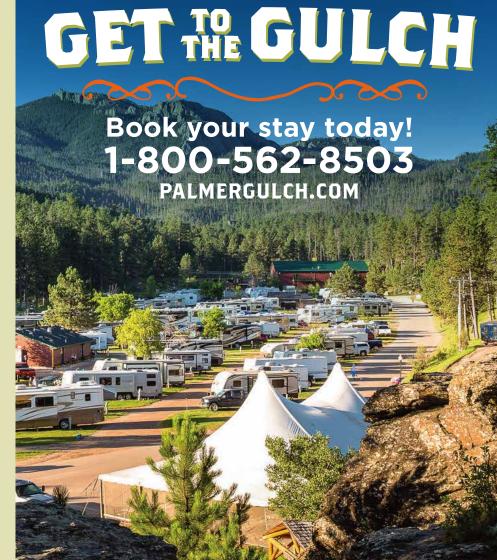
### **Motorized Vehicles**

 Must be 16 years old to drive any personal motorized vehicle at Mount Rushmore Resort & Lodge

Quiet hours are 10 p.m. - 7 a.m. Please be respectful of others. For nighttime emergencies or Night Patrol, please call 605-574-3424.

### **Resort Pet Policy:**

Dobermans, Rottweilers, Pit Bulls and German Shepards are not allowed. Please do not leave animals unattended and keep them on a 6-foot lead whenever the animal is outside the owner's trailer, vehicle, cabin, room, or motorhome. Please pick up after your animal, and only bring your pet inside designated "pet friendly" buildings.



Have Questions? Text us at 605-574-2525

Night Patrol: 605-574-3424



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