

MOUNT RUSHMORE RESORT. An experience like no other

Welcome to the beautiful Mount **Rushmore KOA 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

wonderful campground "resort" status because of all the amenities and activities we offer. We will do all we can to make the 2024 camping season one full of great memories to last a lifetime.

When you visit us at Palmer Gulch, 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.













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.

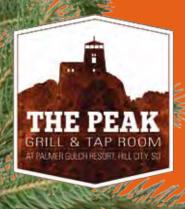






Great food choices at MOUNT RUSHMORE RESORT





THE PEAK GRILL 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. Watch 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.

CHUCK WAGON 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 13 times a summer. For more information, please visit ridesouthdakota.com or call 605-574-3412.

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.



GREAT SHOPPING EXPERIENCES

GENERAL STORE

This is your one-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 and has a great selection of outdoor games, pool toys and apparel. Hungry for a snack? We offer ice cream, popcorn and other goodies. We also have groceries, campfire supplies and other staples.



















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 and hot tubs
- Water slide
- 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 and checkers
- Cornhole game
- Wagon and vintage fire truck rides
- Car rentals (\$)
- UTV and 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' BUDDY lives on!

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.



FUN-TASTIC TIMES These recent with the FUN ZONE!

These resort activities will keep you moving all day long!

GET WET AND WILD (**)







With our two pools and two heated spas, there's no excuse for you not to get drenched and refreshed. Purchase fun pool toys and games at the Outpost Store!

WATER SLIDE WOWS



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

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.

PAN FOR RICHES



Go back in time at the Palmer Gulch Mining Co. near the water slide 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.





Around 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 AND 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. (\$)

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, knee-slapping experience. This season we will have live musicians, family dance parties and various other events.





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.

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OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

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

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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YOUR SITE#

Text us at 605-574-2525 Have questions?





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Mini Golf

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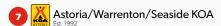
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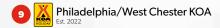


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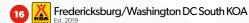
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THE STABLES AT PALMER GULCH

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 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. Must be 25 years old to rent or drive. (\$)

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 UTV rentals at Mystic Rentals behind registration next to the pool. 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. (\$) You can also book online at palmergulchrentals.com

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. (\$) **Note:** Rental golf carts must not leave the property.

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. Note: Rental bikes must not leave Palmer Gulch property. (\$)



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

MAY

Opening Day, 1880 Train / Hill City May 11 1880train.com May 11-12 Best of Hill City, Main Street / Hill City May 11-12 Hill City Senior Sunday Breakfast, Hill City Center / Hill City hillcityseniorcenter.org/breakfast.html Mother's Day Special, 1880 Train / Hill City **May 12** 1880train.com



JUNE

June 8	Mount Rushmore Rodeo - Series #1 palmergulch.com
June 14-16	Fine Arts in the Hills Show & Sale / Hill City visithillcitysd.com
June 15	The Big Mick Marathon mickelsontrailaffiliates.com/big-mick-2023
June 15	Mt. Rushmore Rodeo - Series #2 palmergulch.com
June 21-23	Mickelson Trail Summer Trek 2024 gfp.sd.gov

JULY

July 10 Hill City Trolley on the Trail, Tracy Park / Hill City visithillcitysd.com July 14 1880 Train Old West Shootout, 5 pm / Hill City 1880train.com/old-west-shootout.html July 20 Summer Flea Market, Boy'd World Famous Antiques & Uniques / Custer

AUGUST

July 30 -**Aug. 12**

84th Sturgis Motorcycle Rally sturgismotorcyclerally.com

boydsantiquemall.com





SEPTEMBER

Sept. 7-8 Hill City Quilt Show and Sale hillcitysd.com

Polkapalooza at Mount Rushmore Resort Sept. 13-14 at Palmer Gulch palmergulch.com

Deadwood Jam Music Festival Sept. 13-14 deadwood.com

Sept. 26-28 Custer State Park Buffalo Roundup and Music Festival gfp.sd.gov/buffalo-roundup

38th Annual Crazy Horse Memorial Sept. 29 Volksmarch crazyhorsememorial.org

OCTOBER

Oct. 5-6 Crazy Horse Full & Half Marathon, Crazy Horse/ Custer and Hill City Sponsored by Mount Rushmore Lodge at Palmer Gulch runcrazyhorse.com

Oct.11-13 Black Hills Powwow / Rapid City visitrapidcity.com

Hill City Children's Boo Bash & Pumpkin Oct. 26 Festival / Hill City visithillcitysd.com

Mount Rushmore Rodeo - Series #3 palmergulch.com

Kool Deadwood Nites

Wine, Brew & BBQ! / Hill City hillcitywinebrewandbbq.com

deadwood.org

Aug. 17

Mount Rushmore Rodeo - Series #4

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Aug. 21-25

Aug. 23-24

Aug. 24

Mount Rushmore Rodeo - Series #5 (Finale and Awards Ceremony) palmergulch.com

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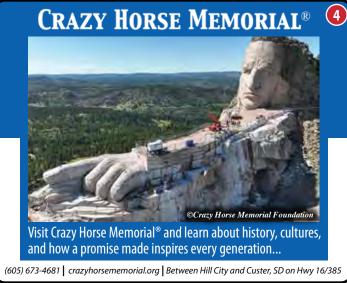
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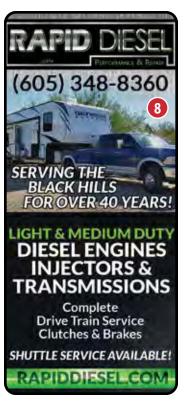
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CAMPING 10

Here are some tips and info to make your camping experience fun and relaxing!

- · Have a flashlight handy for late night trips to the comfort station. Your kids' happy dance is not the time to search for batteries.
- · 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 your 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.
- Rental golf carts must not leave the property. You must be 18 years old to rent.

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. After Hours: (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 familyfriendly 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 you 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 proud of it.





Have questions? Text us at 605-574-2525 After Hours: 605-574-3424

A FEW REMINDERS FOR OUR VALUED GUESTS

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 and 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 and Lodge. Rental golf carts must not leave property.

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

Resort Pet Policy:

Dobermans, Rottweilers, Pit Bulls and German Sheperds 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.