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# ENJOY THE BEST BLACK HILLS & BADLANDS MOTORCYCLE RIDES





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DURATION:

3 - 4 Days

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s of South Dakota is famous worldwide for the annual **Sturgis Rally** ([/business/city-sturgis-rally-events](#)). Hundreds of visitors rumble into the region early each August for this gathering of motorcycle enthusiasts, celebrating its 79th anniversary in 2019.

Activities of the event intrigue and conjure up a variety of unique one-of-a-kind riding experiences that contribute to why motorcycle enthusiasts back to this area year after year - any day is shining! The entire Black Hills and Badlands region offers scenic and exhilarating rides that continually draw riders' accolades, whether you are a returning rider or first-time visitor to the area. Here is your itinerary for the best Black Hills motorcycle rides. All rides are rated by the South Dakota Foundation on a scale of 1 (easy) to 5 (difficult).

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**Ride**

ing via SD Highway 34/WY 24, which guides you along a scenic highway through Belle Fourche, Aladdin, Alva and Hulett to our nation's first National Monument, **Devils Tower** ([/parks-devils-tower-national-monument](#)). Loopback via US Highway 14A through Moorcroft or Sundance, back into South Dakota.

*Rating: 2*



### Scenic Ride

**Scenic Byway** ([/scenic-drives/spearfish-canyon](#)), Highway 14A out of Spearfish, is a picturesque and scenic drive through thousand-foot-high limestone palisades along the edge of the Black Hills. Enjoy the deep canyon's scenery, including a roadside waterfall, Veil Falls, wildlife and sweeping curves. This Scenic Byway is beautiful any time of the year, but particularly so during the autumn when the golden yellow and orange of the gold Aspen and Birch trees make a stark contrast against the green of the Ponderosa pines and towering cliffs. To continue the trip, head west on US Highway 85 into Wyoming or the Black Hills on US Highway 385 via Lead, which connects many of the scenic spots throughout the region.

*Rating: 3*

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### Park Ride

Park (/business/custer-state-park-0), along with the  
 way and Iron Mountain Road, is a favorite among riders and is  
 many to be the most scenic ride in the area. Iron Mountain's  
 witchbacks and tunnels that frame Mt. Rushmore was  
 tors could enjoy the beauty of the Black Hills. Ride the  
 loop to view diverse scenery and wildlife, including around  
 wild buffalo before hitting the Needles Highway's granite  
 rp turns.

ea, you'll want to experience our one-of-a-kind experiences  
 1more **National Memorial (/parks-monuments/mount-**  
**ional-memorial)** and **Crazy Horse Memorial**. These  
 surrounded by inspiring rides along Highways 16, 244 and  
 rating for this ride varies depending on the segment of

Rating: 3 - 5

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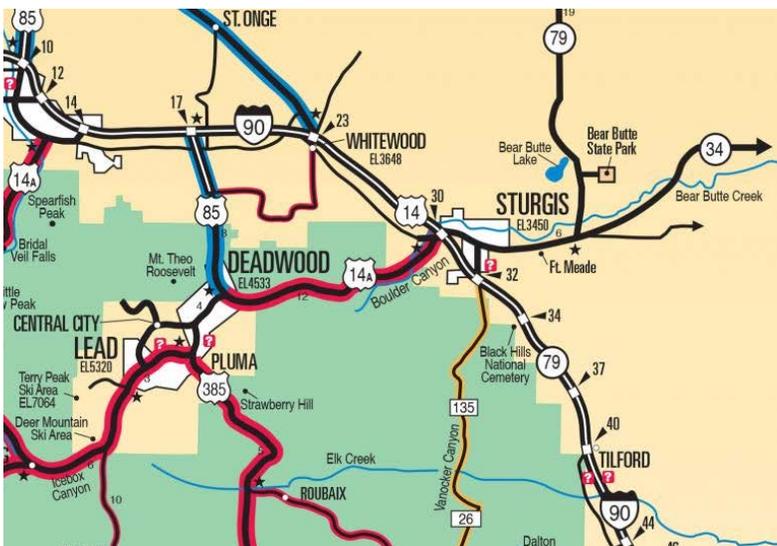
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### Badlands National Park State Scenic Byway Ride

Badlands National Park (/scenic-drives/badlands-loop-state- with stops at the many picture-worthy scenic overlooks, miles along Highway 240, the Badlands Loop Road. Return back via Highway 44 with views of the southern Badlands and Badlands National Grasslands.

Rating: 3



Sturgis is the real mecca for motorcycles is the fun town of Sturgis (/node

to the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. A must-see for any  
st is a stop at the **Sturgis Motorcycle Museum and Hall of**  
[www.sturgismuseum.com/](http://www.sturgismuseum.com/)). The collection showcases  
cycles, artifacts, and memorabilia of the past, present, and  
rcycle culture. It pays tribute to the remarkable machines  
all, as well as the dedicated people who bring it to life and  
rival.

urgis to **Deadwood** (/node/20/) via Boulder Canyon  
. A.B.A.T.E. skills rated a #3, this short but pretty drive is the  
route to Deadwood. The whole town is listed on the National  
storic Places and is packed with history. One of the most  
-west characters of the gold mining town was Wild Bill  
at the **Hickok House** (<https://www.hickokhouse.com>  
c comfort, Deadwood's best breakfast - served all day along  
l dinner, and there's plenty of bike parking. Catch the  
lley here and explore downtown Deadwood without having  
k!

less variations and combinations of routes to explore. Here  
scenic rides you may want to include:

nyon out of Sturgis  
o Rochford  
44 West out of Rapid City to Norris Peak and Nemo Road  
i South through Hill City, past Crazy Horse to Custer and Hot

amazing experiences to be had along these riding routes,  
oack to this region time and again. To view all of the great  
ack Hills and Badlands region, along with their skill ratings,  
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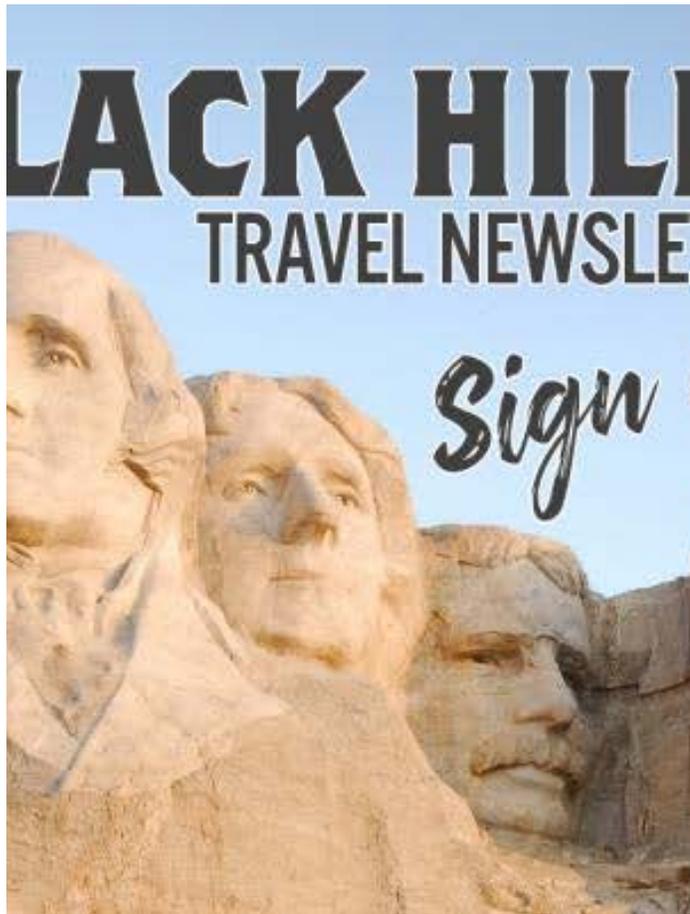
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