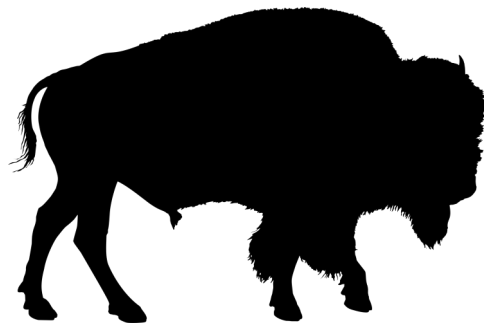


Animals of the Black Hills

Bison





A bison's winter coat is so thick and provides insulation so effective that when snow falls on its coat, it will not melt from the heat of the bison's skin. Their skin also thickens in response to cold! During winter storms, bison will turn toward the winds, hunker down, and wait for it to pass.



This bison is shedding its winter coat to prepare for warmer temperatures.





Bison live in large herds for most of the year. Living in a large group can be a defense strategy against predators.

In the winter, bison travel together in a unique way.





Bison Diet and Size

Food Types:	Grass, Weeds, Sedges
Time Spent Eating:	Over 9 Hours Per Day
Average Male Weight:	2,000 Pounds
Average Female Weight:	1,000 Pounds

Bison have very, very strong shoulders and neck muscles. It almost looks like they have a hump on their backs! Bison can use the front of their body like a plow to move snow.



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