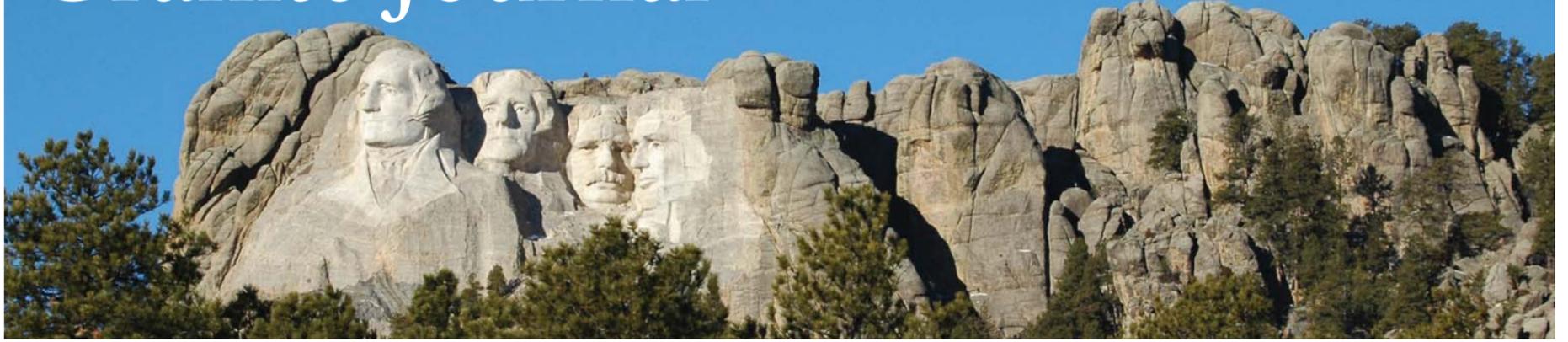




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Welcome to Mount Rushmore National Memorial

WELCOME TO MOUNT RUSHMORE National Memorial. If you have been here before, many of the buildings and facilities may look different from the time of the historic Buffalo Dining Room. Whether this is your first visit to the *Shrine of Democracy* or your tenth, the facilities and programs at



A Visitor Perspective of Mount Rushmore in 1933. Charles D'Emery

Mount Rushmore will continue to evolve in the future as visitation increases and the newest technology is used to create interactive and engaging programs.

The National Park Service uses General Management Plans (GMP) to help guide parks in planning and management for the future of America's cultural and natural treasures. Since the last plan was created for Mount Rushmore in 1980, facilities have expanded, visitation has increased, security has changed for America's icons, and staff have expanded the interpretation of the memorial to encompass the rich diversity of the history of the United States. Mount Rushmore is in the beginning stages of creating a new GMP that will guide the park for the next 20 years.

Mount Rushmore staff welcomes your input on this new plan for the development and preservation of the memorial. This is your park, your memorial. What makes this place special to you? What do you enjoy most about Mount Rushmore? What changes or additions would you like to see? We encourage you to voice your thoughts and become involved in the planning of the future of Mount Rushmore.

To submit a comment or idea for the GMP, please see a ranger at one of the information desks for a comment form or log on to the park's website to submit a comment online (www.nps.gov/moru). Please enjoy your visit to the memorial and we look forward to working with you to craft a plan that will



The current amphitheater seats up to 2,500 people on summer evenings.

capture the connections visitors have with Mount Rushmore National Memorial.

Gerard Baker
Superintendent



No Pets in the Park

Pets (except service animals) are not permitted in any part of the memorial, except in the pet exercise areas located at each end of the main parking facility. (See park map on page 8).

This applies to all pets.

Please pick up after your pet with bags that are provided in the exercise areas.

If you are planning a lengthy stay, please see the kennels and pet services listed in area phone books.

See page 2 for additional regulations.

Junior Ranger Program For ages 3 and up

Ask a park ranger for an activity book.

During your visit, become a Junior Ranger at Mount Rushmore National Memorial by completing a free activity book. Books are available at all information desks.

Once you are finished, please find a park ranger who will check your book and present you with a free Junior Ranger badge. The Junior Ranger Program is available at most national parks across the country.



After you return home from your travels, we encourage you to become a WebRanger online. The National Park Service WebRanger program is an on-line Junior Ranger program for kids of all ages. More than 50 online activities engage users in exploring the national parks in a virtual setting.

<http://www.nps.gov/webrangers/>



Let Wildlife be Wild

Although they look friendly, all animals in the park are wild, so please do not approach or feed them.

Wild animals may appear to tolerate people, but closely approaching them can cause them stress and disturb them from resting areas, natural feeding areas, and travel routes.

Animals have their own sources of food and must not learn to rely on feeding by humans. Our food can only hurt them. Wrappers and plastic bags that human food is packaged in are often eaten by wildlife, which can cause serious health problems or even death.

2 Ranger Programs

Mount Rushmore has an abundance of ranger-led programs and activities. No matter how much time you have at the park, there is a program you can experience.

There is something for all ages to better understand the meaning of the memorial including ranger walks, the Heritage Village, and the Evening Lighting Ceremony.

4 For Kids

Do you have questions about Mount Rushmore?

Do you know who was President of the United States in 1909?

What are the dimensions and size of the faces carved on the surface of Mount Rushmore?

7 Audio Tour

The Mount Rushmore Audio Tour: Living Memorial is a recorded guide incorporating narration, music, interviews, sound effects and historic recordings. This self-guided tour



is available at the Audio Tour building in English, German, Lakota, and Spanish for a \$5 rental.

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Mount Rushmore National Memorial

On the face of Mount Rushmore in the Black Hills of South Dakota, sculptor Gutzon Borglum carved a memorial to our nation's history with the help of many workers and several influential politicians from 1927-1941.

The granite portraits of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln represent the birth, expansion, development and preservation of the country. Today Mount Rushmore is host to three million visitors each year from around the world who represent many cultures and find inspiration in the ideals of freedom and democracy that Mount Rushmore represents.

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Exploring the Park

Ranger-led Programs

Programs start on May 23, 2009, and will be offered throughout the summer. Please check with a ranger at an information desk for the daily schedule.

Ranger Walk (30 minutes)

Walk with a park ranger along the first half of the Presidential Trail to the base of the mountain carving. The ranger will highlight the natural and cultural history of Mount Rushmore and the Black Hills and the significance of the four presidents. This fully-accessible walk begins at the Grand View Terrace. Programs are offered frequently each day throughout the summer months.

Sculptor's Studio Talk (15 minutes)

Learn about the tools and techniques used in the carving of the mountain sculpture. Talks include stories from the workers, demonstrations of the tools and the artist's working model. Programs are offered frequently each day throughout the summer months. Visitors with disabilities, please see a ranger for information on how to access the Sculptor's Studio.

Evening Program (45 minutes)

Join a park ranger in the park's outdoor Amphitheater for an inspirational program focusing on the presidents, patriotism and the nation's history. Beginning with a ranger talk, this program continues with the film *Freedom: America's Lasting Legacy* and culminates in the lighting of the memorial. The evening concludes with a flag ceremony honoring military personnel past and present. The program is fully accessible and begins at 9:00 pm from May 23 until August 14. From August 15 through September 30, the program begins at 8:00 pm.

Sculpture Workshops (1 week)

Free Sculpture Workshops are offered on the Borglum View Terrace by Mount Rushmore's artist in residence. Stop by to see how participants learn clay-portraiture and stone-carving techniques similar to those used by artist Gutzon Borglum. For more information on participating in a workshop, please visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/moru or ask a ranger at an information desk. See article and schedule on page 3.

Facility Hours and Services

Facility	Dates	Hours
Facilities closed on December 25		
Information Center Ranger Desk & Bookstore	May 23 - Aug. 14 Aug. 15 - Sept. 30	8 am - 10 pm 8 am - 9 pm
Audio Tour Building	May 23 - Sept. 30	8 am - 4 pm
Lincoln Borglum Visitor Center Museum, Ranger Desk & Bookstore	May 23 - Aug. 14 Aug. 15 - Sept. 30	8 am - 10 pm 8 am - 9 pm
Sculptor's Studio Historic Models & Bookstore	May 23 - Aug. 14 After Aug. 14	8 am - 7 pm TBA
Gift Shop	Summer Season	8 am - 10 pm
Carvers Cafe Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner	Summer Season	8 am - 9 pm
Memorial Team Ice Cream	Summer Season	8 am - 9 pm
Parking Garage	Summer Season	7 am - 10 pm

Times listed above are given for the summer season, however buildings are open year-round. Times are subject to change.



Park Regulations & Accessibility Information

Pets

Pets (except service animals) are not permitted in any part of the memorial, except in the pet exercise areas located at each end of the main parking facility (see park map on page 8).

Protection of Park Resources

Federal law protects natural and cultural resources in all national parks. Picking up rocks, collecting plants or feeding wildlife are strictly prohibited. Please do not litter.

Smoking, Food and Beverages

Smoking is prohibited in all buildings including the amphitheater. Additionally, food and beverages are prohibited in the Information Center, Lincoln Borglum Visitor Center, Sculptor's Studio and gift shop. Please use disposal bins located outside the buildings for litter and extinguished smoking materials.

Visitors with Disabilities

The official park map is available in Braille for visitors with visual impairments and may be obtained in the Information Center and Lincoln Borglum Visitor Center. The two films and video exhibits shown in the museum are captioned for visitors with hearing impairments.

Visitors with hearing impairments can also experience the *Mount Rushmore Audio Tour: Living Memorial* with headphones or a hardcopy script (for the same rental fee as an audio wand). The audio tour can be found at the Audio Tour Building across the walkway from the Information Center.

Visitors with mobility impairments may board and unboard from vehicles in front of the main entryway. Wheelchairs are available for loan on a first come, first served basis at the Information Center. Please ask a park ranger for additional information on accessible programs available during your visit.

Elevators on either side of the Grand View Terrace take visitors to the Lincoln Borglum Visitor Center and Amphitheater. Visitors with disabilities, please see a ranger for information on how to access the Sculptor's Studio. The Presidential Trail is wheelchair accessible from the Grand View Terrace to viewing areas at the base of the mountain. The dining facility and gift shop are also wheelchair accessible.

Trails & Climbing

Climbing any part of Mount Rushmore including the rock slope is prohibited. There are many climbing opportunities in the park on other rock formations. A climbing brochure is available in the Information Center and Lincoln Borglum Visitor Center. Bikes and roller blades are not permitted on trails or walkways within the memorial.

Fires & Hunting

Fires and hunting are strictly prohibited within Mount Rushmore National Memorial.

Camping

Camping is not allowed. A list of national park, national forest and state campgrounds is available in the Information Center and Lincoln Borglum Visitor Center.

Parking

There is no entrance fee to the memorial. A \$10 parking fee per vehicle is assessed to offset expenses for the construction, operation and maintenance of the parking facility. This parking permit entitles a vehicle unlimited entry for the calendar year, thus encouraging return visits to Mount Rushmore.

The fee for commercial bus parking is \$50. Verified non-profit educational tour bus parking is \$25. Commercial tour van parking is \$10. All parking permits for these vehicles are issued for 24-hour periods.

Parking at the memorial's parking complex is managed by Presidential Parking, Inc. This park concession operates under an agreement between the National Park Service and the Mount Rushmore National Memorial Society.

Federal funding was not used to construct the parking facility. Mount Rushmore has a parking fee and not an entrance fee. Passes such as the America the Beautiful Annual Passes, Golden Age and Golden Access passes are not applicable at Mount Rushmore National Memorial. Those passes only cover entrance fees. They do not cover or reduce "use fees" such as charges for camping, parking, tours or concessions.

Things to Do

NOW THAT YOU ARE AT MOUNT Rushmore what activities can you take part in? Depending on the time you have available, consider participating in one or more of the following programs.

Audio Tour (30-120 minutes)

Rent an audio tour wand to hear the story of Mount Rushmore through music, narration, interviews, historic recordings and sound effects while walking a scenic route around the park. Rented at the Audio Tour Building across from the Information Center, the tour and accompanying brochure are available in English, German, Lakota and Spanish.

Lincoln Borglum Visitor Center (30-60 minutes)

Stop by the park's main visitor center located below the Grand View Terrace for information on the mountain carving, the presidents, the sculptor, the workers and history of the United States of America. Choose from two video presentations—one focused on carving Mount Rushmore and a second focused on the wildlife and ecology of the park's ecosystem. Experience the interactive exhibits and talk with a park ranger about what to see and do in the park. A Mount Rushmore History Association bookstore is available.

Mount Rushmore: The Shrine (14 minute film)

Shown in the Lincoln Borglum Visitor Center, the film tells the story of the carving of Mount Rushmore and the artist that took on the monumental task. Filled with historic photography and film footage, the movie is a great place to start your visit.

The Wild Side (12 minute film)

Shown in the Lincoln Borglum Visitor Center, the film tells the story of the wildlife and ecology at the park. Focusing on the lesser-known aspects of this mountain environment, the film explores parts of the park not readily seen.

Sculptor's Studio (15-45 minutes)

Constructed in 1939, this historic building was the second on-site studio for sculptor Gutzon Borglum. Borglum's original model and many of the tools are on display. Through ranger-led programs, visitors can explore the history and process of the mountain carving. A Mount Rushmore History Association bookstore is available.

Presidential Trail (20-40 minutes)

Take a closer look at the mountain carving and the natural beauty surrounding it. Follow this 1/2-mile loop trail from the Grand View Terrace to the base of the mountain, past the Sculptor's Studio and return to the Grand View Terrace. While the first 1/4-mile of the trail is fully accessible, the second half of the trail includes many stairs.

Lakota, Nakota and Dakota Heritage Village (10-30 minutes)

Explore the history of the Black Hills and the American Indian tribes who have inhabited this land for thousands of years. Located along the first section of the Presidential Trail, this area highlights the customs and traditions of local American Indian communities.

Kids' Exploration Area (10-30 minutes)

Calling kids of all ages, this area is designed just for you! Explore the natural, cultural and historic aspects of Mount Rushmore and the Black Hills with hands-on activities in this area located near the Grand View Terrace.

Junior Ranger Program (30-60 minutes)

Learn about the sculpture and the environment that surrounds it through this self-guided activity for ages 3 and up. Upon completion of the program, participants will receive a Junior Ranger badge. Junior Ranger activity booklets are available at any information desk.

Sculpture Workshop Dates

Mount Rushmore offers week-long Sculpture Workshops during the summer. Kim Henkel, Mount Rushmore's artist in residence, teaches participants ages ten and older techniques in stone carving and clay portraiture. Participants work in the historic remains of Borglum's first studio in the park. The workshops provide a different way for visitors to make connections to the meaning of the park.



Craig Hendricks and son Bill participate in a Mount Rushmore Sculpture Workshop on clay portraiture.

The National Park Service's artist-in-residence program is important for the interpretation and preservation of our nation's stories. Currently there are 29 national parks with an artist-in-residence program. The National Park Service and Mount Rushmore History Association work in partnership to provide the Sculpture Workshops. To register for a workshop, please go to www.nps.gov/moru or ask a ranger at an information desk.

June 8-12 Stone Carving
July 6-10 Stone Carving
Aug. 3-7 Stone Carving
Sept. 8-11 Stone Carving

June 22-26 Clay Portraiture
July 20-24 Clay Portraiture
Aug. 17-21 Clay Portraiture

Average Temperatures (Fahrenheit)

In the Black Hills, weather conditions can change quickly. Current weather conditions are available at the information desks.

May

High 60s
Low 30s-40s
Cold in the Evening

June

High 70s
Low 40s-50s
Cool in the Evening

July

High 80s
Low 50s-60s
Low Humidity

August

High 80s
Low 50s-60s
Low Humidity

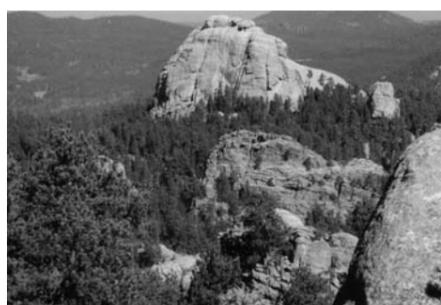
September

High 60s
Low 40s-50s
Cool in the Evening

October

High 50s
Low 30s-40s
Cold in the Evening

Celebrating a Century



Old Baldy Mountain will be a scenic feature of the new backcountry trail at Mount Rushmore.

critical park operations and facilities, and sustain them through the next century.

Mount Rushmore National Memorial is planning a new backcountry trail to coincide with the park service's centennial celebration. The new trail will be approximately 8 to 10 miles in length and consist of several small loop trails to accommodate a wide range of visitor abilities and interest.

Within the next year Mount Rushmore will begin designing the trail and breaking ground for the trail in several phases. We welcome you to come back once the trail is complete to experience Mount Rushmore in a whole new way.

In 2016, the National Park Service (NPS) will celebrate its 100th anniversary. In 2006, President Bush launched the Centennial Initiative to prepare the national parks for another century of conservation, preservation and enjoyment. The Centennial Initiative is a potential \$3 billion investment in national parks leading up to the 2016 celebration. The initiative emphasizes three key goals: engage all Americans in preserving our heritage, history and natural resources through philanthropy and partnerships, reconnect people with their parks, and build capacity for



American Diversity at Mount Rushmore

AMERICAN INDIANS HAVE INHABITED the Black Hills for thousands of years. With the westward expansion of America in the 19th century, additional cultures started to live in this area. Today the Black Hills is a diverse mixture of all these cultures, which is what makes this region so rich in history, storytelling, arts, and languages. This diversity also makes the Black Hills and Mount Rushmore an ideal place to tell the rich American story.

Mount Rushmore celebrates the cultures of America with a broad range of summer programs. Through the Lakota, Nakota and Dakota Heritage Village off of the Presidential Trail, visitors will encounter the distinct American Indian culture that exists in this region. With several furnished tipis and interactive educational programs, this area will explore American Indian languages, traditional living, arts and storytelling as presented by members of South Dakota tribes. American Indian cultural interpreters will provide a wide range of programs



A family explores a traditional Lakota Tipi during their visit at Mount Rushmore.

throughout the summer to share their stories and way of life.

This rich diversity of the Black Hills can also be seen in special programming held at the Kids Exploration Area off of the Grand View Terrace. In addition to the daily ranger activities for young visitors, special guests and community groups will provide cultural exhibitions throughout the summer. Exploring different cultural perspectives with groups like the Germans from Russia Heritage Society or the Sons of Norway will provide a broadened understanding of the diversity that makes up America.

As you learn about different cultures during your visit to Mount Rushmore National Memorial, we encourage you to reflect on your own culture and what it means to you and your family. The cultural diversity that makes up this country is what makes it such an extraordinary place.



A member of the Sons of Norway explains traditional woodcarving to a young visitor.

For Kids of All Ages

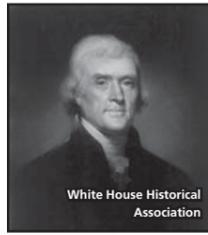


BIRTH

Revolutionary War General

George Washington

George Washington

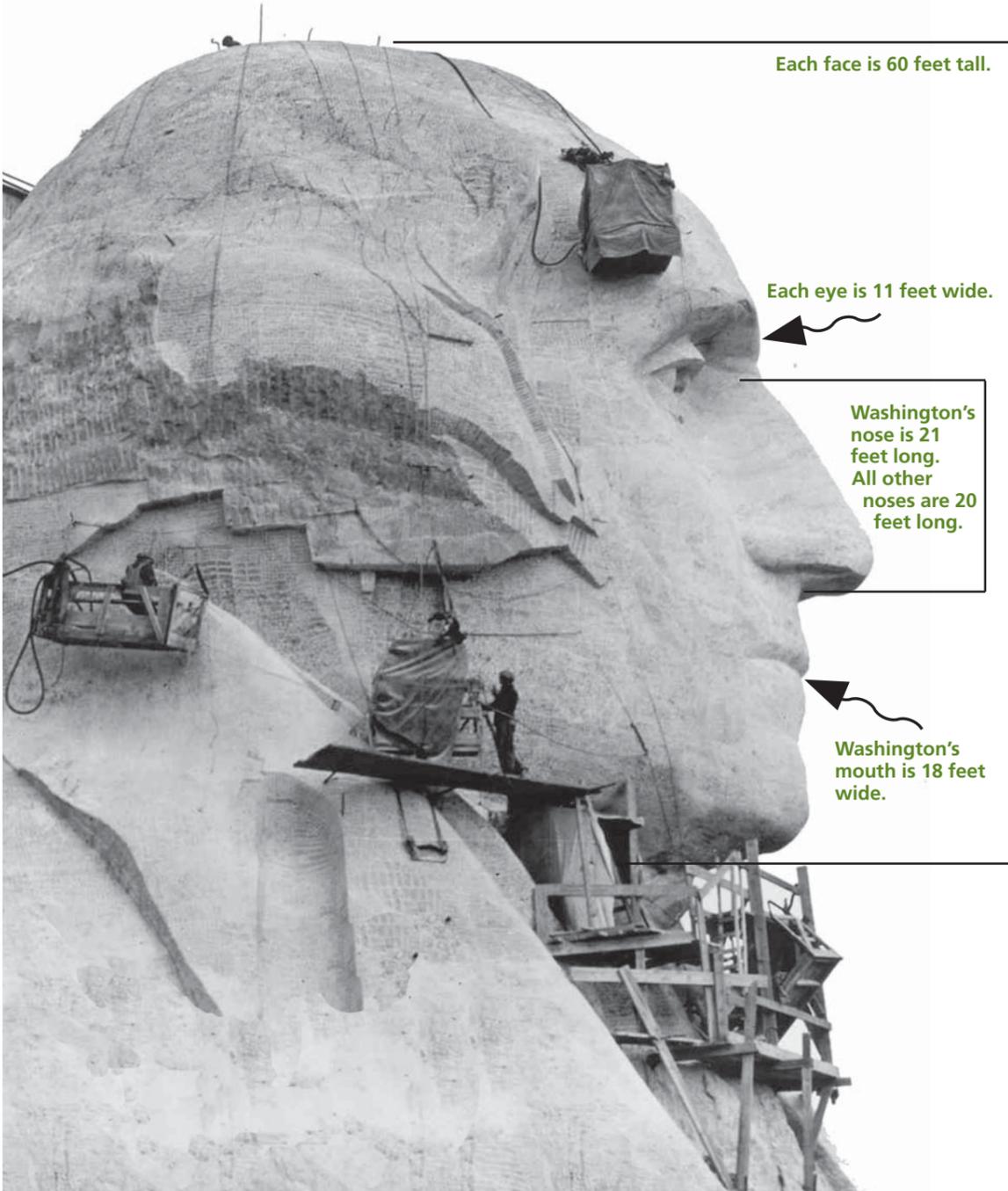


EXPANSION

Louisiana Purchase

Thomas Jefferson

Thomas Jefferson



Each face is 60 feet tall.

Each eye is 11 feet wide.

Washington's nose is 21 feet long. All other noses are 20 feet long.

Washington's mouth is 18 feet wide.

1927-1941

the dates

400

the workers

\$989,992.32

the cost

Charles Rushmore

the namesake

Gutzon Borglum

the sculptor

Dynamite

the tool

Jackhammer

the drill

Harney Peak Granite

the rock

Paha Sapa

the Black Hills

Ponderosa Pine

the trees

Democracy

the meaning

Presidents of the United States of America

George Washington*	1789-1797	
John Adams	1797-1801	Federalist
Thomas Jefferson*	1801-1809	Democratic-Republican
James Madison	1809-1817	Democratic-Republican
James Monroe	1817-1825	Democratic-Republican
John Quincy Adams	1825-1829	Democratic-Republican
Andrew Jackson	1829-1837	Democrat
Martin Van Buren	1837-1841	Democrat
William H. Harrison	1841	Whig
John Tyler	1841-1845	Whig
James K. Polk	1845-1849	Democrat
Zachary Taylor	1849-1850	Whig
Millard Fillmore	1850-1853	Whig
Franklin Pierce	1853-1857	Democrat
James Buchanan	1857-1861	Democrat
Abraham Lincoln*	1861-1865	Republican
Andrew Johnson	1865-1869	Democrat
Ulysses S. Grant	1869-1877	Republican
Rutherford B. Hayes	1877-1881	Republican
James A. Garfield	1881	Republican
Chester A. Arthur	1881-1885	Republican
Grover Cleveland	1885-1889	Democrat

Presidential Trivia

A. Eight presidents have been left handed, including Hoover, Truman, Ford, Regan, George H.W. Bush, Clinton and Obama

Can you name this left-handed president?



Library of Congress



White House Historical Association

B. John F. Kennedy, pictured here, was the second youngest president to serve at age 43.

Can you name the youngest president?

Answers:
A. James A. Garfield
B. Theodore Roosevelt (42 years old)

Benjamin Harrison	1889-1893	Republican
Grover Cleveland	1893-1897	Democrat
William McKinley	1897-1901	Republican
Theodore Roosevelt*	1901-1909	Republican
William H. Taft	1909-1913	Republican
Woodrow Wilson	1913-1921	Democrat
Warren G. Harding	1921-1923	Republican
Calvin Coolidge	1923-1929	Republican
Herbert C. Hoover	1929-1933	Republican
Franklin D. Roosevelt	1933-1945	Democrat
Harry S. Truman	1945-1953	Democrat
Dwight D. Eisenhower	1953-1961	Republican
John F. Kennedy	1961-1963	Democrat
Lyndon B. Johnson	1963-1969	Democrat
Richard Nixon	1969-1974	Republican
Gerald R. Ford	1974-1977	Republican
Jimmy Carter	1977-1981	Democrat
Ronald Reagan	1981-1989	Republican
George H. W. Bush	1989-1993	Republican
William J. Clinton	1993-2001	Democrat
George W. Bush	2001-2009	Republican
Barack H. Obama	2009-	Democrat

* Denotes a president portrayed on Mount Rushmore.

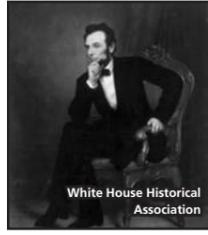


DEVELOPMENT

The nation in a new century

Theodore Roosevelt

Theodore Roosevelt



PRESERVATION

Saved the union during the Civil War

A. Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln

Myths Unveiled: The Hall of Records

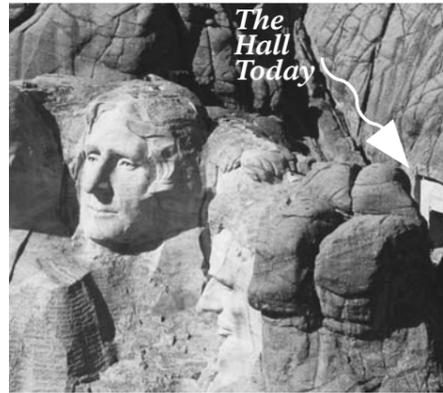
HAVE YOU EVER HEARD RUMORS OF A secret cave in Mount Rushmore? Have you wondered if there is a hollow room behind Lincoln's eyes or a house on top of the mountain? All of these rumors are false, but there is one hidden secret behind the carving.

Artist Gutzon Borglum wanted a place at the memorial to share American history with all visitors who came to Mount Rushmore. He imagined a large room that would be carved into the vertical wall of a canyon behind the faces. He called this place the "Hall of Records," and he hoped it would store important documents, like the Declaration

of Independence and stories about our nation's history.

Work started on the Hall of Records in 1938. While the United States government provided the money to carve the faces on Mount Rushmore, they did not approve funding for the Hall of Records. Workers were only able to carve a doorway and a small hallway before Congress stopped the project. The National Park Service has preserved the hall the way it was when work ended on Mount Rushmore in 1941. In honor of Borglum's vision, the National Park Service installed a titanium vault at the base of the entrance that preserves the history of

America. If Borglum had been able to finish the Hall of Records, what do you think he would have put inside it to tell the story of America?



Forest Thinning in Action

As you explore the Black Hills, you may see many tipi-shaped piles throughout the forests. These piles were not created by animals or created for campfires. Forest managers thin dense forest areas and gather excess tree branches to clean up the forest and protect the Black Hills from catastrophic forest fires. Removing trees that grow close together or ones that have been attacked and killed by pine bark beetles help reduce the potential for large wildfires.

These slash piles help National Forest Rangers and National Park Rangers maintain a healthy habitat for both plants and animals in the forest. Once the wood in the slash piles have dried out, trained wildfire firefighters will burn the piles in winter when snow can help contain the fire. During your trip, see how many slash piles you can count and find areas that have not been thinned yet.

We Need Your Help!

The National Park Service cares for special places around the country. To minimize our impact on these places and the plants and animals that live there, many people recycle used soda bottles, paper, and even sometimes food. We need your help recycling at Mount Rushmore. We have placed recycling bins around the park for your plastic bottles, cans and even spots to recycle this newspaper. Please help us minimize our impact on this special place so that the park and the forest habitat will be protected for years to come.



Be a Naturalist Like Theodore

THEODORE ROOSEVELT WAS A CURIOUS young man. When he was little he had asthma that made him very sick. When he had an asthma attack, Theodore's father would take him on carriage rides in hopes that the clean moving air would help his son. Theodore's father told him that he needed to make his body strong. So, Theodore spent many hours outside playing sports. While outside, he discovered that he was very interested in the plants and animals around his home.

Theodore would spend hours outside studying the birds, identifying the trees in his yard and poking at the ants and worms on the ground. He became so interested in the natural world that he started collecting things. He turned his bedroom into a museum filled with stuffed birds, plant samples and even some bones he found.

On your visit to the Black Hills, you too can explore the natural world. You are not allowed to take any leaves, pine cones or animals with you from a national park, but you can study them, watch them and smell them.



Theodore Roosevelt toured Yosemite with naturalist John Muir in 1903. Library of Congress

Below are just some of the ways you can become a naturalist like Theodore.

- Hike through the Black Hills or the prairie.
- Photograph the prettiest flower you can find.
- Smell a ponderosa pine tree and guess how tall it is
- Watch as the clouds move across the sky.
- Listen to the unique sounds of a bird.
- Touch a large rock and see how many colors you see of different minerals.
- Find a quiet spot to sit and watch for animals.
- Say hi to Park Rangers and join them for an activity.
- Search for your own special place.

States, Districts, Territories and Commonwealths of the United States of America

States

1. Delaware	1787
2. Pennsylvania	1787
3. New Jersey	1787
4. Georgia	1788
5. Connecticut	1788
6. Massachusetts	1788
7. Maryland	1788
8. South Carolina	1788
9. New Hampshire	1788
10. Virginia	1788
11. New York	1788
12. North Carolina	1789
13. Rhode Island	1790
14. Vermont	1791
15. Kentucky	1792
16. Tennessee	1796
17. Ohio	1803
18. Louisiana	1812
19. Indiana	1816
20. Mississippi	1817
21. Illinois	1818
22. Alabama	1819
23. Maine	1820
24. Missouri	1821
25. Arkansas	1836
26. Michigan	1837
27. Florida	1845
28. Texas	1845
29. Iowa	1846
30. Wisconsin	1848
31. California	1850
32. Minnesota	1858
33. Oregon	1859
34. Kansas	1861
35. West Virginia	1863
36. Nevada	1864
37. Nebraska	1867
38. Colorado	1876
39. North Dakota	1889
40. South Dakota	1889
41. Montana	1889
42. Washington	1889
43. Idaho	1890
44. Wyoming	1890
45. Utah	1896
46. Oklahoma	1907
47. New Mexico	1912
48. Arizona	1912
49. Alaska	1959
50. Hawaii	1959

Districts, Territories and Commonwealths

District of Columbia	1790
Guam, Territory	1898
Puerto Rico, Commonwealth	1898
American Samoa, Territory	1900
Virgin Islands, Territory	1917
Northern Mariana Islands, Commonwealth	1976

During your visit to Mount Rushmore, you will see the 56 flags listed above (in alphabetical order) flying along the Avenue of Flags.

The Preservation of an American Icon



PARK RANGERS ON THE PRESERVATION team at Mount Rushmore have some of the most unique responsibilities within the National Park Service. The team is made up of staff from every corner of the park and requires the knowledge of rappelling skills, the use and application of preservation materials, and extreme focus. Working eye to eye with one of the presidents is not only highly exhilarating but also very challenging.

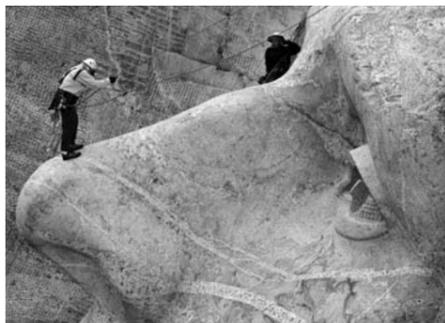
Every September the preservation team comes together for the annual routine preservation work on the sculpture. Hundreds of hours of ropes training prepare the crew for their work during this time. This team is the only certified industrial ropes team in the National Park Service.

Considering granite erodes approximately one inch every 10,000 years, Mount Rushmore is in no danger of the effects of time – just yet. The more prevalent enemy of the sculpture is water infiltration. Natural cracks in the granite are easy access points

for water to seep inside the sculpture and possibly cause damage during the freeze-thaw process. As a part of the annual work, the memorial's preservation team fills the natural cracks with silicone sealant to protect the sculpture.

The annual preservation work is one phase of a larger long-term preservation plan for the sculpture. Utilizing a rock block monitoring system and collecting movement data, this systematic approach to preservation builds upon past conservation work dating back to the time of artist Gutzon Borglum's first efforts to seal and protect the memorial.

When the ropes technicians are working on the sculpture, they are visible to the public. You may be able to see some of them on the top of the heads or walking out onto a nose. If you are visiting during this time, we thank you for your patience as we work to preserve one of America's greatest treasures.



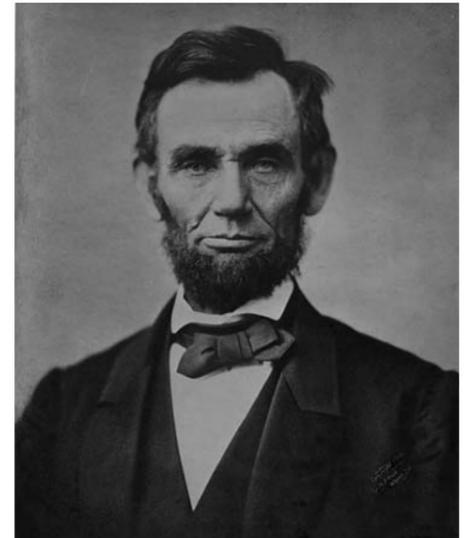
Celebrating an American Story

ON A COOL FEBRUARY DAY, 200 YEARS ago, in a log cabin on the Kentucky prairie, Nancy Hanks gave birth to a child who became one of the most celebrated and iconic persons this nation would ever see. Historians would look back on his life and reflect on his meager beginnings, unique personality and his powerful oratory. One of the most recognizable men in our nation's history, President Abraham Lincoln fought to preserve the tenets of this nation while allowing it to embrace its future.

Lincoln was a quiet and driven child, eager to learn. Living on the frontier of this young nation Lincoln craved knowledge. Only able to attend formal school for a year and a half, he would quench his desire to learn through the books he read. Often borrowing books from neighbors and travelers heading west, Lincoln would read by candle light late into the night to further his own education.

As a young man he was hired to float a barge of goods down the Missouri River to New Orleans. A journey that Lincoln would later say opened up his eyes to the world. Working as a postmaster, store clerk and lawyer shaped this boy into the man that he would become.

Relatively unknown to the political establishment Abraham Lincoln was catapulted onto the national stage during the 1858 Illinois state senate campaign in



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which he stated, "A house divided against itself cannot stand." His subsequent run for state senate led to the famous Lincoln-Douglas debates. Just two years later Lincoln accepted the nomination for President of the United States from the newly formed Republican Party.

As President this self-taught prairie lawyer would change the course of history. This year we commemorate the 200th anniversary of Lincoln's birth and celebrate one of the key figures in our nation's story.

Regional Park Neighbors



Wind Cave National Park

Wind Cave is located about 50 miles from Mount Rushmore on U.S. Highway 385. It is one of the world's longest and most complex caves. It is famous for its boxwork, an unusual calcite cave formation resembling honeycomb. The park's surface area contains 28,295 acres of mixed-grass prairie, ponderosa pine forest and associated wildlife. Call (605) 745-4600 for further information. www.nps.gov/wica



Jewel Cave National Monument

Jewel Cave's Visitor Center and cave entrance is thirteen miles west of Custer, SD, on Route 16. With more than 138 miles surveyed, Jewel Cave is recognized as the second longest cave in the world. Airflow within its passages indicates a vast area yet to be explored. Cave tours provide opportunities for viewing this pristine cave system and its wide variety of speleothems including nailhead and dogtooth spar crystals, stalactites, stalagmites, draperies and flowstone. Call (605) 673-2288 to plan your visit. www.nps.gov/jeca



Devils Tower National Monument

Devils Tower is located in Wyoming, approximately 2.5 hours from Rapid City. Travel west on Interstate 90, exit at Sundance, WY, take Hwy 14 north to Hwy 24 and then take 24 north to Devils Tower. The monolith rises 1,267 feet above the meandering Belle Fourche River. Once hidden below the earth's surface, erosion has stripped away the softer rock layers revealing Devils Tower. Call (307) 467-5283 to plan your visit. www.nps.gov/deto



Badlands National Park

Badlands is located approximately 1.5 hours from Mount Rushmore. Take Interstate 90 towards Wall, SD, to Exit 110 or 131 to access Hwy 240's Badlands Loop Road. Badlands National Park consists of 244,000 acres of sharply eroded buttes, pinnacles and spires blended with the largest, protected mixed-grass prairie in the United States. The Badlands Wilderness Area covers 64,000 acres and is the site of the reintroduction of the black-footed ferret, the most endangered land mammal in North America. Call (605) 433-5361 to plan your visit. www.nps.gov/badl



Minuteman Missile National Historic Site

Minuteman preserves a launch control facility and a deactivated nuclear missile silo of the Minuteman II missile system. The park offers tours by reservation only. Call the site at (605) 433-5552 or stop by the Project Office at Exit 131 off of Interstate 90. www.nps.gov/mimi



Custer State Park

Custer State Park is located just south of Mount Rushmore. At 71,000 acres, it is one of the largest, most unique state parks in the nation and is home to a herd of 1,400 bison. Visitors will find many lakes and wilderness areas that offer a variety of recreational opportunities. Hiking access to Harney Peak, the tallest peak in South Dakota, is also available at many trailheads in Custer State Park. Call the Peter Norbeck Center at (605) 255-4464 for additional park information. www.sdgfp.info/Parks/Regions/Custer



Park Partners

Partners are important to the National Park Service.

MOUNT RUSHMORE NATIONAL MEMORIAL SOCIETY



The Society has a long history with Mount Rushmore, beginning in 1930 when it was necessary to solicit private funds and provide for citizen involvement in the carving of the memorial. Ever since then, the Society has been instrumental in the memorial's growth and promotion in a number of ways. The Society was the first gift shop concessionaire in the 1940s, embarked on a nationwide Preservation Fund campaign in the 1980s (raising \$25 million and spurring a total of \$56 million in facility improvements), helped fund the redevelopment at Mount Rushmore in the 1990s which included a \$17 million parking facility operated by the Society, launched the Mount Rushmore History Association in 1993, helped create and promote the park's annual Independence Day fireworks display and is now spearheading the Mount Rushmore Institute.

MOUNT RUSHMORE HISTORY ASSOCIATION



As a committee of the Mount Rushmore National Memorial Society, the mission of the Mount Rushmore History Association (MRHA) is to support and assist the National Park Service with

educational, historical and interpretive activities at Mount Rushmore. MRHA raises funds for these activities through a membership program, three bookstores at the memorial, the audio tour outlet and website.

Celebrating over 15 years in the park, this private, 501(c)3 nonprofit organization has contributed over \$1.8 million to Mount Rushmore since 1993.

PRESIDENTIAL PARKING, INC.

Since 1997, Presidential Parking, Inc.—a management company—has operated the parking concession for the Mount Rushmore National Memorial Society's parking facility.

XANTERRA PARKS & RESORTS



Xanterra Parks & Resorts has operated the Gift Shop, Carvers Cafe and the Memorial Team Ice Cream Shop at Mount Rushmore since 1993. Recent renovations to the gift shop and restaurant were done to better serve the visitor.

Xanterra has provided management services to national park entities for more than 100 years, tracing its roots to famed restaurateur Fred Harvey. The company is recognized for its ability to provide top service, its commitment to supporting public/private improvements and for its innovative environmental programs.

The Rushmore Audio Tour

Mount Rushmore Audio Tour:

Living Memorial is a recorded guide incorporating narration, music, interviews, sound effects and historic recordings of Gutzon Borglum, Lincoln Borglum, Mary Ellis Borglum, Vahay, workers and American Indians.



The audio tour wand is lightweight and easy to carry.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Using a lightweight handheld wand, a visitor can listen to the self-guided tour while simply sitting down in a favorite spot, walking around the park or following the suggested route shown on the map provided to them. Depending on time allotted, a visitor can listen to just a few stops or to the entire tour which can take two hours.

WHAT WILL YOU HEAR?

The tour tells the stories of many people, including sculptor Gutzon Borglum, his workers and other visionaries who blasted, drilled and fashioned a mountain into a memorial from 1927-1941.

It also tells of four great presidents who, in their own way, are the embodiment of the American experience.

Audio Tour Achievements

1. Winner of the 2007 Association of Partners for Public Lands Audio/Visual Award
2. Winner of the 2007 National Association of Interpretation's Interpretive Media Awards for audio tours
3. Winner of the 2008 National Park Service Director's Award for Excellence in Interpretive Media
4. Over 15,000 people experienced Mount Rushmore by taking the audio tour last year

The recorded guide also relates the story of the Lakota people and their connection to the Black Hills.

WHAT LANGUAGES ARE AVAILABLE?

The tour and accompanying brochure/map is available in English, German, Lakota, and Spanish.

HOW DO YOU RENT A WAND?

The audio tour is available for \$5, inclusive of sales tax, in the Audio Tour Building during the summer and in the Mount Rushmore History Association Bookstore located in the Information Center in the winter.

Black Hills Harley-Davidson is a New Park Partner

Superintendent Gerard Baker is pleased and proud to announce Black Hills Harley-Davidson as a new park partner with Mount Rushmore National Memorial. Black Hills Harley-Davidson is donating a 2009 Harley-Davidson police edition motorcycle for use at the memorial through the busy summer season. Superintendent Baker said, "The National Park Service is very appreciative of private sector contributions that help us accomplish our mission. The memorial wishes to thank Jim Burgess and Black Hills Harley-Davidson for this generous donation."

Thank you - Black Hills Harley-Davidson - and welcome to one of our newest Park Partners!



Many park partners including the Mount Rushmore National Memorial Society helped the park acquire a new vehicle for the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program in 2008.



The Mount Rushmore History Association provides funding for the summer Sculptor in Residence workshops and local education programs.



Environmental Message from Xanterra

XANTERRA PARKS & RESORTS AT MOUNT Rushmore National Memorial has been working hard to "green-up" our act. Our employees have made environmental stewardship part of their daily activities and we hope you'll join us in our efforts.

One of our largest programs has aimed to reduce the amount of waste we send to the landfill. During your visit to Mount Rushmore you will find numerous recycle bins available for your use. Behind the scenes, our employees recycle everything from bubble wrap to fluorescent lights – even the foam used to keep waffle cones in one piece during shipping! Besides paper, glass, metal, and plastic, we encourage you to leave your dead camera batteries with us. We'll make sure they're properly recycled; just ask at any cash register.

We continue our waste management efforts in the Carver's Café. In 2005, we began composting all of our food waste on site. We also recently installed a greenhouse to grow spinach, herbs, and some vegetables. Look for the signs in the Café for these "home grown" organic menu items. We also participate in the Monterey Bay Aquarium's Seafood Watch program, serving only fish species we know are sustainably harvested.

For those who may be looking for a "greener" option in souvenirs, look no further than our Gift Shop where you'll find many environmentally conscious options. We feature a large selection of local Black Hills products including gourmet snacks (try Railroad Bill's Cashew Crunch). We are proud of our vast collection of Black Hills Gold jewelry. In addition, we are pleased

to offer a line of organic cotton t-shirts and socks made from soy fabric – all featuring Mount Rushmore designs. For kids, we're happy to introduce a new line of American made stuffed animals made from recycled plastic!

Xanterra has worked hard to reduce its impact on many levels, not just in grand gestures, but little ones as well. On sunny days, you'll probably notice we've turned off many of the lights in our stores. All those lovely windows provide us with great natural sunlight.

We hope you enjoy your time here. We're glad you came and we hope you'll take advantage of our environmental efforts. We've come a long way and we're looking forward to achieving greater success with each coming year.



Mount Rushmore National Memorial Facilities

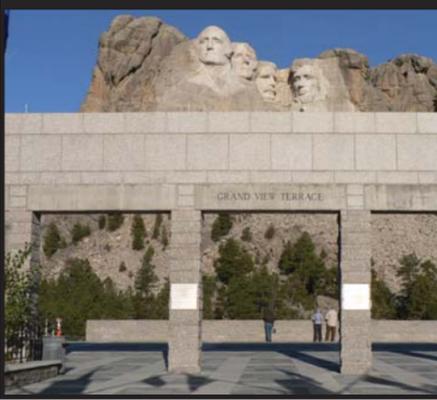


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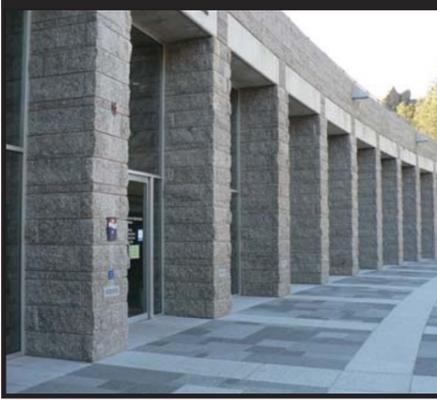
Start by visiting this center for park orientation and information on ranger-led programs, the Junior Ranger program and other activities in the Black Hills. A Mount Rushmore History Association Bookstore is located in this building.

Grand View Terrace



Located at the end of the main walkway, this is the primary viewing area for visitors looking to get a photograph of the mountain carving. Directly below the Grand View Terrace is the Lincoln Borglum Visitor Center.

Visitor Center



The Lincoln Borglum Visitor Center is located below the Grand View Terrace and provides interactive museum exhibits, two films and an information desk staffed by park rangers. Shop at the Mount Rushmore History Association Bookstore.

Sculptor's Studio



This historic building was the second on-site studio for sculptor Gutzon Borglum. Borglum's original model and many of the tools are on display. Ranger-led programs offer visitors the ability to learn more about the memorial.

Additional Park Facilities

Presidential Trail

Walk along this 1/2 mile loop trail from the Grand View Terrace to the base of the mountain and past the Sculptor's Studio.

Lakota, Nakota and Dakota Heritage Village

Explore the traditions, stories and languages of American Indians from the region.

Amphitheater

Location of the nightly ranger-led evening program and lighting ceremony.

Kids' Exploration Area

Located off the Grand View Terrace, this area provides hands-on activities focusing on aspects of the natural and cultural resources of the Black Hills.

Borglum View Terrace

The location of our Sculpture Workshops and the site of Borglum's first studio.

Avenue of Flags

Location of the 56 flags of the states, districts, commonwealths and territories of the United States of America.

Carvers Cafe & Gift Shop

Xanterra Parks and Resorts operates a full service food court, ice cream shop and gift shop. ATM and restrooms are also available.

Nature Trail

This short trail offers a glimpse at some of the natural resources found in the park and connects the Borglum View Terrace to the parking area.

Audio Tour Building

Rent an audio tour wand here to hear the story of Mount Rushmore National Memorial. Available in English, German, Lakota and Spanish.

Pet Exercise Area

Located on either side of the parking facility, this is the only area pets are permitted within the park.

