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Welcome to Mount Rushmore National Memorial

GREETINGS AND WELCOME TO THE sacred *Paha Sapa* and Mount Rushmore National Memorial, the Shrine of Democracy. As winter surrounds this granite mountain we are lured to this place for unique reasons, new adventures, and cultural education. The pleasant summer drive through the Black Hills becomes an adventure in winter exploration. Winter brings a new spirit to these hills and Mount Rushmore.

There are many reasons to travel to Mount Rushmore. As a National Park Unit, Mount Rushmore represents a commitment to preserving our history, our culture and our natural environment.

It invites us to learn more about our natural resources and all the cultures that make up America. These ideas are present in all NPS Units and are highlighted in the documentary series by Ken Burns entitled "The National Parks: America's Best Idea." Mount Rushmore is an American symbol that evokes a great deal of emotion in many people. The faces on this mountain remind some of the founding fathers and the birth of this nation. For others these faces remind them of cultural injustices and the loss of land and heritage. The Black Hills, or *Paha Sapa*, are considered sacred by many cultures in American and Indian Tribes alike.

While you visit Mount Rushmore I invite you to take a moment for yourself and to find your own meaning in this place. Perhaps it will be a moment alone on a snow covered trail or a time of personal reflection while looking through the windows of the Visitor Center. I welcome you and challenge you to take the time to listen, feel and explore.

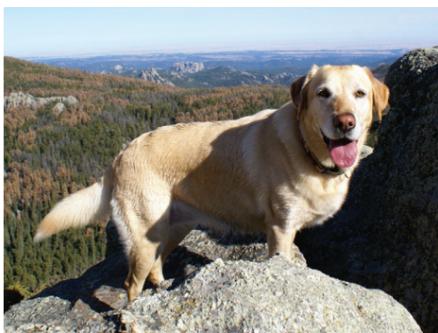
- Gerard Baker, Superintendent



Superintendent Baker

Things to Do:

1. Visit the Information Center.
2. Take the Mount Rushmore Audio Tour: Living Memorial.
3. Explore the Lincoln Borglum Visitor Center, watch the two park films and learn from the exhibits.
4. Hike the Presidential Trail.
5. Catch a glimpse of Washington's profile at the Hwy 244 pullout
6. Visit the Mount Rushmore History Association Bookstores.
7. Enjoy a warm beverage at the Carvers Cafe.



Your Pet & the Park

Pets are not permitted in any part of the memorial grounds, except in the pet exercise areas located at each end of the main parking facility. (See the park map on page 4). This applies to all pets. Service animals are allowed.

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.

Wildlife Viewing

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 approaching too close 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.



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 Information Center in English, German, Lakota, and Spanish for a \$5 rental.



2 Exploring the Park

Mount Rushmore has facilities open year round to help you explore both the natural and cultural history of this memorial. On page 2, learn about the Lincoln Borglum Visitor Center, the Presidential Trail and the two park films.

Park regulations and information for a safe visit are also listed.

3 Seasons of Change

On page 3, explore the Black Hills and Mount Rushmore in the winter. They provided unique opportunities to connect with both the natural and cultural resources of this area.

The Sculptor's Studio and the Heritage Village, although closed for the season still offer opportunities to learn about our history.

Junior Rangers!

Who: Anyone Age 3 and up
What: Activity Book & Badge
When: During Your Visit
Where: At Any Information Desk
Why: To Earn a Badge
How: Ask a Park Ranger

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 many national parks across the country.



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

Contact Information

SD Road Conditions (866) 697-3511
Weather (605) 341-7531
Park Visitor Information (605) 574-2523

Park website www.nps.gov/moru

**Call 911 in case of
Emergency.**



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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, growth, development and preservation of the country. Today Mount Rushmore is host to almost 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

Things to Do

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 Mount Rushmore History Association bookstore at the Information Center, the audio 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. View 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.

Presidential Trail (20-40 minutes)

Take a closer look at the mountain carving and the natural beauty surrounding it. This 1/2-mile loop trail begins at the Grand View Terrace, goes to the base of the mountain, past the Sculptor's Studio and returns 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.

Junior Ranger Program (30-60 minutes)

Learn about the sculpture and the natural and cultural resources of the park 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.

Facility Hours & Services

Facility	Dates	Hours
Facilities closed December 25		
Information Center Ranger desk, bookstore & audio tour rental	October 1 - May 28	8 am - 5 pm
Lincoln Borglum Visitor Center Ranger desk, exhibits, films & bookstore	October 1 - May 28	8 am - 5 pm
Sculptor's Studio	Closed for the Winter Season	
Xanterra Gift Shop	Winter Season	8 am - 6 pm
Carvers Cafe	Winter Season	8 am - 4:30 pm



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 4).



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 federal buildings. Additionally, smoking is prohibited in the dining facility and Amphitheater. 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 visitor center 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 rate as an audio tour). The audio tour can be found at the Mount Rushmore History Association bookstore in the Information Center.

Vehicles may load and unload visitors with mobility impairments 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.



Climbing & Trails

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.

Signs of a Changing Season

EXPLORING THE PARK IN THE WINTER MONTHS is often like investigating a mystery. There are many clues around us to past activities through the years and through the seasons. The quiet winter day masks an environment busy in the summer. Along



the Presidential Trail a series of tipi poles standing at the base of the mountain tell the story of a changing culture. These poles represent the early Lakota people and their traditions during the winter and summer months. A busy summer village is packed up and moved for the winter.

Seeking shelter from the winds and snow, the occupants of villages like these would move to sheltered and protected winter camps. As summer returns to the Dakotas so will the activity return to this village. Summer villages were often located along streams and near plentiful hunting grounds. Uprooting and moving their families, the Lakota people returned to these summering grounds each year.

The Presidential Trail also leads to the Sculptor's Studio. Historically closed in the winter due to the harsh weather, this building provides a glimpse into the carving of the mountain. During the warm months of the late 1920's and the

1930's this area would have been bustling with activity. As the base camp for all carving operations this area housed a blacksmith shop, compressor houses and much more.

In the winter, operations on the mountain would often be scaled back and even stopped completely in the harshest of months. But the dream of creating this monument was not forgotten. Many of the men returned year after year to finish the work on this mountain.

The pieces of a home left behind may tell a story of survival while the foundations of a workshop long since abandoned tell another story. What stories of change stand out to you?



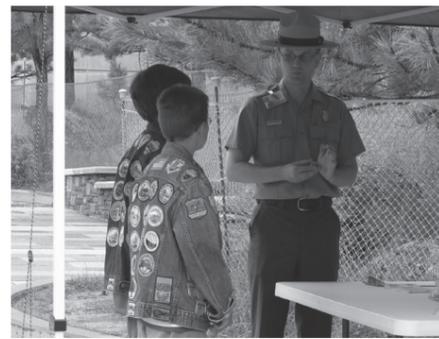
Presidents of the United States

George Washington*	1789-1797
John Adams	1797-1801
Thomas Jefferson*	1801-1809
James Madison	1809-1817
James Monroe	1817-1825
John Quincy Adams	1825-1829
Andrew Jackson	1829-1837
Martin Van Buren	1837-1841
William H. Harrison	1841
John Tyler	1841-1845
James K. Polk	1845-1849
Zachary Taylor	1849-1850
Millard Fillmore	1850-1853
Franklin Pierce	1853-1857
James Buchanan	1857-1861
Abraham Lincoln*	1861-1865
Andrew Johnson	1865-1869
Ulysses S. Grant	1869-1877
Rutherford B. Hayes	1877-1881
James A. Garfield	1881
Chester A. Arthur	1881-1885
Grover Cleveland	1885-1889
Benjamin Harrison	1889-1893
Grover Cleveland	1893-1897
William McKinley	1897-1901
Theodore Roosevelt*	1901-1909
William H. Taft	1909-1913
Woodrow Wilson	1913-1921
Warren G. Harding	1921-1923
Calvin Coolidge	1923-1929
Herbert C. Hoover	1929-1933
Franklin D. Roosevelt	1933-1945
Harry S. Truman	1945-1953
Dwight D. Eisenhower	1953-1961
John F. Kennedy	1961-1963
Lyndon B. Johnson	1963-1969
Richard Nixon	1969-1974
Gerald R. Ford	1974-1977
Jimmy Carter	1977-1981
Ronald Reagan	1981-1989
George H.W. Bush	1989-1993
William J. Clinton	1993-2001
George W. Bush	2001-2009
Barack H. Obama	2009-Present

* Denotes a president portrayed on Mount Rushmore.

Planning for the Future

Staff at Mount Rushmore is currently planning for the long term management and interpretation of the Memorial. Through a multi-year planning process the park staff is working to develop a new General Management Plan (GMP). This plan will guide management decisions in the park for the next 15 to 20 years. Throughout this process the public is invited to participate in the planning. To find out more and get involved please go to www.nps.gov/moru and select "General Management Plan."



The Junior Ranger Program encourages future generations to participate in each park's evolving future.



How will the natural and cultural resources of the park be protected in the future? This and many more questions will be answered as part of the General Management Plan.



YOUR
Membership
SUPPORTS

MOUNT RUSHMORE
BOOKSTORES

MOUNT RUSHMORE
AUDIO TOUR

MOUNT RUSHMORE HISTORY ASSOCIATION

As a committee of the Mount Rushmore National Memorial Society, the Mount Rushmore History Association's mission is to support and assist the National Park Service with educational, historical and interpretive activities at Mount Rushmore National Memorial. We raise funds for these activities through our membership program and sales from our three Mount Rushmore bookstores, our audio tour outlet and our website. In fact, we have contributed over \$2 million to the park service since 1993 in a variety of ways listed below.

- Mount Rushmore Audio Tour
- Funding for intern and volunteer staffing
- Free publications for visitors
- Flags for the Avenue of Flags
- Funding for the Lakota, Nakota and Dakota Heritage Village
- Junior Ranger badges and booklets for over 20,000 children per year
- Scholarships for school bus parking
- Sculptor-in-Residence program which provides an artist throughout the summer to demonstrate sculpting techniques AND MORE!

BECOMING A MEMBER

Select one of the following membership levels to support the Mount Rushmore History Association and receive discounts on merchandise purchased at our bookstores located in the Information Center, Visitor Center and the Sculptor's Studio. You may also receive the same discounts in our catalog and on our website. Many other bookstores offer reciprocal discounts at other national park sites, as well.

- \$30 Individual Membership**
Receive 15% off bookstore purchases, 10% off purchases in the Gift Shop, reciprocal discounts at participating bookstores in other parks, quarterly newsletters and invitations to certain events. Annual Membership.
- \$50 Family Membership**
Receive all benefits listed above, plus two audio tours. Annual Membership.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Visit a **Mount Rushmore History Association Bookstore** located in the Lincoln Borglum Visitor Center or the Information Center. You may also visit us online at www.mtrushmorebookstore.com or contact us at 1-800-699-3142.

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 flying along the Avenue of Flags in alphabetical order.



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Average Temperatures (Fahrenheit)

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

N

High 40s
Low 20s-30s
Cold in the Evening

D

High 30s
Low 10s-20s
Windy

J

High 30s
Low 10s-20s
Windy

F

High 20s
Low 10s-20s
Snowy & Windy

M

High 30s
Low 20s-30s
Snowy

A

High 50s
Low 20s-30s
Snowy

South Dakota National Park Neighbors



Badlands National Park

Badlands National Park is located approximately 1.5 hours from Mount Rushmore. Take Interstate 90 towards Wall, SD, to Exit 110 or 131 to access Hwy 240, the 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



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. and make tour reservations. www.nps.gov/jeca



Minuteman Missile National Historic Site

Congress established Minuteman Missile NHS in 1999 to preserve two 1960s missile sites: Delta-09, a missile silo, and Delta-01, a launch control facility. The park invites you to explore the history and significance of the arms race and intercontinental ballistic missile development. Here you can learn about the role of the Minuteman II system and visit sites that were seldom seen by civilians during their use. Call the site at (605) 433-5552 or stop by the Project Office at Exit 131 off of Interstate 90. www.nps.gov/mimi



Wind Cave National Park

Wind Cave is located 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. Numerous hiking trails offer visitors the opportunity to explore the surface environment of this unique national park. Bison, pronghorn antelope and prairie dogs all make their home here. Call (605) 745-4600 for further information. www.nps.gov/wica

Mount Rushmore National Memorial Facilities

Presidential Trail
This 1/2 mile loop trail begins on the Grand View Terrace, leads to the base of the mountain and past the Sculptor's Studio.

Lincoln Borglum Visitor Center
Visit the park's main visitor center located below the Grand View Terrace for interactive museum exhibits, two films and an information desk staffed by park rangers. Visit the Mount Rushmore History Association Bookstore.

Borglum View Terrace
The location of the first sculptor's studio, this site offers unique views of the mountain sculpture.

Grand View Terrace
Located at the end of the main walkway, this is the primary viewing area for visitors and an excellent location for photographs. Directly below the Grand View Terrace is the Lincoln Borglum Visitor Center which is accessible by stairs and elevators.

Avenue of Flags
The 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 glimpses of natural resources and connects the Borglum View Terrace to the parking area.

Information Center
Start here 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.

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

