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Mount Rushmore National Memorial

Welcome to Mount Rushmore National Memorial

GREETINGS AND WELCOME TO MOUNT Rushmore National Memorial, the Shrine of Democracy. In the winter, when the snow turns the Black Hills and the Ponderosa Pines white, and the local Lakota communities reflect on the past year in winter counts, or *waniyetu wowapi*, Mount Rushmore becomes a place of solitude and contemplation. Like the *waniyetu wowapi*, your visit this winter is a time to reflect on the history and meaning found at this special place.

The story of Mount Rushmore includes the broad spectrum of American history. From the history of the first inhabitants of the Black Hills to the diverse culture of America today. From the American democracy established in the years of George Washington to the milestone occasion of the inauguration of the next

United States president. From the initial idea of creating a mountain carving to bring visitors to South Dakota to the monumental vision of artist Gutzon Borglum and his patriotic gift to America. This place captures the echoes of history and passes them on to us, the owners of America's future.

As you enjoy Mount Rushmore, there are many activities that can enhance your visit. Explore the Lincoln Borglum Museum and view the two park films about the memorial, listen to the Mount Rushmore Audio Tour (in English, German, Lakota and Spanish), participate in our Junior Ranger program, or simply sit and enjoy a moment as you reflect on the surroundings.

While you spend time at this special place in this special land, take time to view and listen to the majesty of the Black Hills. The natural resources and beauty of this area have been preserved for you and for future generations to experience the rich heritage of our natural and cultural history.



Superintendent Baker

—Gerard Baker, Superintendent

Things to Do:

1. Visit the Information Center.
2. Take the Mount Rushmore Audio Tour: Living Memorial.
3. Visit the Lincoln Borglum Museum and watch the two park films.
4. Hike the Presidential Trail.
5. Catch a glimpse of Washington's profile at the Hwy 244 pullout
6. Visit one of the two Mount Rushmore History Association Bookstores.
7. Take a break at the Carvers Cafe.
8. Visit Xanterra's Gift Shop.



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 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.

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/>



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 4).

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.

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 Museum, the Presidential Trail and the two park films.

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

3 Sculptor's Studio

Learn about this historic workshop used by artist Gutzon Borglum during the last years of the mountain carving project. Home of the original model of the sculpture, this building was the hub of operations in the 1940s.

The article on page 3 highlights this studio that is closed during the winter season.

Contact Information

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.**

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.





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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 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.

Superintendent

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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 Museum (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 Museum, 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 Museum, 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)

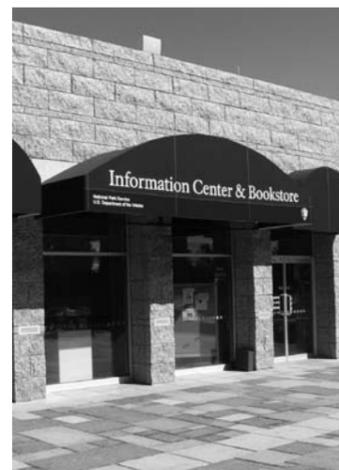
Take a closer look at the mountain carving and the natural beauty surrounding it. This 1/2-mile loop trail begins at the Grand View Terrace, goes to the base of the mountain, past the Sculptor's Studio and returns to the Grand View Terrace. While the first 1/4-mile of the trail is fully accessible, the 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 22	8 am - 5 pm
Lincoln Borglum Museum Ranger desk, exhibits, films & bookstore	October 1 - May 22	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, food and beverages are prohibited in the Information Center, Lincoln Borglum Museum, Sculptor's Studio and gift shop. Additionally, smoking is prohibited in the dining facility and Amphitheater. 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 Museum.

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 a fee). 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 Museum 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 Mount Rushmore 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 Museum. 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 Museum.

Parking

Parking is readily available at the memorial's parking complex which 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.

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.

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 Pass, 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.

U.S. Presidents

George Washington*	1787-1797
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

* Denotes a president portrayed on Mount Rushmore.

Sculptor's Studio

Even before the carving finished on the mountain, Gutzon Borglum quickly found that he could not work in his studio without being crowded by visitors. Since no provisions had been in place for visitors during the carving, Gutzon Borglum turned his first sculpting studio into a visitor center in 1939. When his workshop transformed into the memorial's first visitor facility, Borglum saw the need to construct a new studio.

In 1939 Borglum found a spot for his new studio down the hill from the original workshop, which was located on the current Borglum View Terrace. The new studio sat in the middle of the workers complex; the blacksmith shop, the tramway platform, and the compressor house created a base camp for operations in this area. Placing his new studio in the middle of this busy working district also brought him closer to his workers and the daily business of carving a mountain.

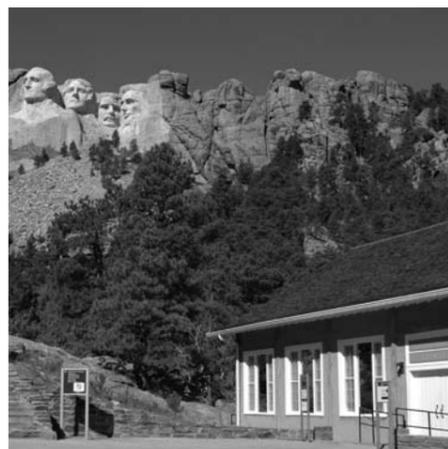
Born from the resources of the Black Hills, the construction of the Sculptor's Studio reflects the local craftsmanship of the 1940s. The hand hewn timber frame, seen in the wooden vertical columns and exposed rafter tails on the exterior, contributes to the rustic feel of the studio. The stone foundation



walls and the stone fireplace also bring local materials and the natural environment into the construction of the building.

The most notable exterior feature is the large monumental window on the west wall facing the memorial. The form of this west façade matches the function of the building. Borglum created the picture window so that he could work on the scale model while maintaining a clear view of the carving process. The 24-foot tall plaster model was moved into the space in sections and reassembled next to the tall panoramic window. While this building is closed in the winter, taking a peek inside this large window can provide a glimpse of the large model located inside.

Borglum directed the mountain carving from the Sculptor's Studio. Unstable granite, natural cracks, and unworkable mica schist caused Borglum to change his plaster model nine times through the whole project. Even after Borglum's death, his son, Lincoln Borglum, preserved the studio to tell the story of his father's legacy. Models, tools, and bronze sculptures are kept in the building to showcase the artist's work. Through the preservation of this historic structure, the history of Borglum's artistic process remains as a testament to his passionate dedication to one of America's icons.



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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.

October

High 50s
 Low 30s-40s
 Cool in Evening

November

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

December

High 30s
 Low 10s-20s
 Windy

January

High 30s
 Low 10s-20s
 Windy

February

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

March

High 30s
 Low 20s-30s
 Snowy

South Dakota National 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. 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



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



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'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

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 Museum

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.

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 Museum which is accessible by stairs and elevators.

Borglum View Terrace

The location of the first studio, this site offers unique views of the sculpture.

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.

Information Center

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.

Pet Exercise Area

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

