

(this was a trip in our RV - could fly into Rapid City, SD and save the days of travel time)

Day 1

Thur Sept 17 total drive from Evansville, IN to Sturgis/campground is approx 16hr 30min
-because of late start we made it approx 5 hrs to Boonville MO Walmart parking lot (free overnight parking for RV's)

Breakfast Yummy's Donut Palace in Boonville MO - just ok see TA review

Day 2

Fri Sept 18 arrive 7:45 (must arrive by 8 "before dark" - was fully dark but golf cart lead us to site and worked out fine)Rush No More, RV resort, cabins and campground - site 213 for 7 nights - hot tub and gas grill at the site - WE LOVED THIS CAMPGROUND

Day 3

Sat Sept 19

Wind cave NP 90 min drive to visitor center (closed) but gift shop open and rangers available to ask about trails

1. Rankin Ridge Interpretive Nature Trail - 1 mi loop moderate-aggressive.
2. Wind Cave Canyon Trail - wide, 3.8 out and back, bison, prairie dogs and rattlers -

Custer Wildlife loop - so many animals to see

Day 4

Sun Sept 20 drive 3.5 hr to Theodore Roosevelt NP

1. Painted Canyon nature trail - short (1mi-ish) and easy-moderate
2. Medora Trail Rides - Pacific Ave Medora, ND - after we arrived they cancelled bc horses were getting spooked with the high winds - but great guides and beautiful area - would try to do this next time
3. road to scenic loop dr - 34 mi drive partially blocked due to road erosions,
4. Original entrance trail/Prairie dog town
5. Climb buck hill - highest spot in park and great view

(3.5 drive back to Sturgis)

Day 5

Mon Sept 21

Devil's Tower National Monument 1.25 hr drive west into Wyoming

1. Devil's Tower Trail - paved 1.3 mi easy loop
2. Red Beds Trail 2.8 mi moderate

Day 6

Tues Sept 22

Jerry's Cakes and Donuts Rapid City

1. Mt Rushmore 55 min drive from camper
2. Crazy horse 38 min drive from Mt R (we LOVED this stop)

3. Sylvan lake (30 min drive from CH) SUP and picnic, hiked the 1 mi loop around the lake
4. Needles hwy, Wildlife loop road in Custer, Iron Mountain Rd

Day 7

Wed Sept 23

Private Mickelson Trail Tour- a highlight of our trip!

Riding the Mickelson Trail from Dumont South. 18 miles to Mystic, option to continue to Hill City (32 miles total).

Day 8

Thur Sept 24

1. Glazed and Dazed donuts - best donuts this trip

Badlands NP

2. Wall Drug <90 min from camp
3. Visitors center
4. Loop Road 39 mi lots of pull offs, wild life, short trails
5. Saddle notch loop
6. Sheep Mountain Table road (south unit) - requires high clearance/Jeep but amazing!

Day 9

Fri Sept 25 ANNUAL Custer State Park BUFFALO ROUND UP

Arrive before sunrise! A truly once in a lifetime need experience.

Start for home by 11am (round up ends early)

Minuteman Missile Visitor's Center on I-90 between Rapid City and Wall, SD - well worth the 30 min stop

Stop for night in MO Walmart then home

Day 10

Home Sweet Home