

Historic Deadwood: Entertaining Guests Since 1876

CENTRAL LOCATION WITH LODGING & DINING

Deadwood is a registered National Historic Landmark, but there is much more to this mountain community. The town is home to a wide range of lodging options, including: 1,600 modern hotel rooms and suites, campgrounds, cabins and vacation rentals. Guests will enjoy fine dining, 24-hour gambling, unique retail shops, attractions, outdoor recreation, live entertainment and proximity to world-famous regional attractions. Deadwood is a short drive from world-famous points of interest, including: Devils Tower National Monument, Crazy Horse Memorial, Wind Cave National Park, Black Hills National Forest, Jewel Cave National Monument, Mount Rushmore National Memorial, Belle Fourche National Wildlife Refuge, Bear Butte State Park, Custer State Park, Badlands National Park, National Grasslands, Minuteman Missile National Historic Site, Thunder Basin National Grasslands, Keyhole State Park and Black Elk National Wilderness area.

DEADWOOD HISTORY & ATTRACTIONS

Deadwood was born in 1876, when a rush of gold miners and fortune seekers descended on the Northern Black Hills in the hopes of making a better life for themselves. The town was practically lawless in those early years, and the men and women who first came to Deadwood were people of fortitude and strength – folks who didn't mind a little struggle on the road to fame and fortune.

These folks were responsible for a number of lasting legends. The dime novel exploits of Wild Bill Hickok, Calamity Jane, Deadwood Dick and other heroes captivated turn-of-the-20th-century America. In many ways they still define modern Deadwood. That means that when you visit Deadwood, you're diving head-first into living history. You don't have to pore over old records or listen to lectures to know what Deadwood was like 140 years ago – though you can. Just walk the brickpaved streets, and you'll immerse yourself in continental America's last great gold rush.

DEADWOOD WALKING TOUR

Pick up a free brochure for this self-guided tour at one of Deadwood's visitor centers, 501 Main Street and 3 Siever Street, or at City Hall, 108 Sherman Street.

ADAMS MUSEUM

The Adams Museum at 54 Sherman Street has an eclectic collection, including Potato Creek Johnny's massive gold nugget, Wild Bill's guns and a mining locomotive. Open year-round.

DAYS OF '76 MUSEUM

Located at 18 Seventy Six Drive, this museum has a large collection of horse-drawn vehicles, 19th-century clothing, firearms, and Native American artifacts. Open year-round.

HISTORIC ADAMS HOUSE

This 1892 Queen Anne home (22 Van Buren Street) was occupied by some of Deadwood's most influential families. Its furnishings, hand-painted canvas wall coverings and stained glass windows are original and sat undisturbed for decades. Guided tours of the fully restored home are available April through October.

MOUNT MORIAH CEMETERY

The cemetery is one of Deadwood's largest historic preservation projects to date. Be sure to stop at the graves of Calamity Jane and Wild Bill Hickok, the Chinese section and the paupers' sections. Admission includes a handy map of the cemetery. You can pay a bit more for a guided bus tour during the summer - just look for the kiosks downtown. The cemetery is open from dawn to dusk year-round.

KILLING OF WILD BILL & THE TRIAL OF JACK MCCALL

In summer, the Saloon No. 10 (657 Main Street) re-enacts the events of Wild Bill's final card game at 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Following the last performance at 7:30 p.m., actors chase the murderer down the street and haul him off to a trial (715 Main Street). The Wild Bill Show is available mid-May through October. The Trial of Jack McCall (and his Main Street capture) is staged late May through late September.

DEADWOOD ALIVE

Reenactors stage fun, audience-participation shows up and down Main Street during the summer months every day except Sunday. The most popular reenactments are the "Shootouts" at 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Each Shootout has a different script based on real events in Deadwood's history. The shows are free and designed with families in mind.

BROKEN BOOT GOLD MINE

Explore a historic gold mine cut right into the side of a hill and learn to pan for gold. Open late-May through early-September.

GAMBLING

In 1989 Deadwood became the third place in the United States to allow legal gambling. Fueled by the new tax revenue, the town began an ambitious historic preservation effort that continues today. Most of the world's most popular games of chance are available in Deadwood, including: slot machines, poker, blackjack, roulette, keno and craps.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

HIKE, BIKE OR RIDE THE MICKELSON TRAIL

If you're ready for a challenge, the northernmost trailhead of the 109-mile Mickelson Trail departs from Deadwood. This former rail line takes you next to historic mining buildings, over creeks and into the Black Hills. Passes are available at stations along the trail, at a Deadwood Visitor Center or online. Bike rentals and shuttles are available May through mid-October. Horseback riding is also available.

OFF-ROADING

Deadwood located in the heart of the 1.2 million acres of the Black Hills National Forest. Off-road enthusiasts can take off on the Forest's Motorized system consisting of 600 miles of designated trail bisecting with 3,600 miles of unpaved roads. Adventurers can rent ATVs and UTVs at area outfitters or bring their own vehicles. The trail system requires a modest weekly or annual fee for use and you must have a valid drivers license for travel on roadways.

DOWNHILL, CROSS COUNTRY SKIING & SNOWSHOING

Winter is an excellent time to visit Deadwood. Two Black Hills' downhill recreation areas are located within 15 minutes drive from the historic town. If you didn't bring your gear, don't worry. Rentals equipment is available on-site and at area outfitters.

Prefer a slow and steady pace? Cross country skiing on pristine snow or groomed tracks is plentiful around Deadwood. Rentals are available at area outfitters. Snowshoeing is another great way to explore backcountry and hiking trails in the Winter. Many state parks in South Dakota as well as Game, Fish & Parks offices have free snowshoe rentals.

SNOWMOBILING

Snowmobiling is a great way to traverse the Black Hills National Forest in the winter, especially in the 5,500+ feet elevations surrounding Deadwood. The backcountry commonly builds a 5-foot snowpack for off-trail riding and the National Forest is home to a 350-mile network of marked, mapped and groomed trails. One of those trails leads directly into town! Snowmobile rentals are available at several trail-side outfitters near Deadwood.