



George S. Mickelson Trail Adventure Package

Are you ready for a family adventure? Looking for the perfect mix of exploration and R&R? The George S. Mickelson Trail Adventure Package is just for you!

Set a weekend aside, or take advantage of the weekdays to jump into this two-wheeled adventure.

Day 1:

Oh, there is nothing like your first arrival to the Black Hills of South Dakota. Returning guests will understand and the rest have a treat in store...The Black Hills National Forest covers an area 125 miles long and 69 wide in western South Dakota and eastern Wyoming. For many people, from past and present Native Americans to today's visitors, the Black Hills have been a special place for physical and spiritual renewal.

The Lakota people namesaked their home Paha Sapa, or "hills that are black". But that's the surface translation. A deeper translation is "the heart of everything that is". These hills include rugged rock formations, canyons and gulches, open grassland parks, tumbling streams, deep lakes, and caves.

One your first day, take the chance to breath clean, crisp air as you settle into the pre-arranged lodging accommodation of your choice. Our Black Hills vacation specialists will assist you with your options and choices: from our Rapid City hub to one of our many quaint, friendly small communities...take the chance to "hang your hat" and explore your new home away from home. By the way, gather up your "Bundle of Bonuses" area discount offers and begin taking advantage of its numerous discounts in the area.

Day 2:

Are you ready? What a wonderful day your family has in store! First, grab a bite and grab your gear! If you aren't already there, head on down the road to Hill City. You'll find your destination on the quaint, bustling Main Street. The wonderful people of Mickelson Trail Adventures will ensure your family is comfortable on one of their top-notch bicycles. Safety helmets are included. Next thing you know, you'll be shuttled to the George S Mickelson Trail Mountain Trailhead...this is where the fun really begins!

The Mountain Trailhead is 3 miles north of Custer on Hwy 385. The George S Mickelson Trail, in the heart of the beautiful Black Hills, was completed in September of 1998. Its gentle slopes and easy access allow people of all ages and abilities to enjoy the beauty of the Black Hills. There are more than 100 converted railroad bridges and four hard rock tunnels along the trail.

With your body and senses in full gear, you get the chance to explore the Black Hills on your own time. Explore its twists and turns, absorb the magnificent scenery, the clean air and water will keep you refreshed! Imagine...all while pedaling your way back towards Hill City at your own pace.

After returning your bicycles and gear to Mickelson Trail Adventures, take the time to explore Hill City's unique Main Street. Set in a beautiful series of high mountain meadows; the food, numerous art galleries, shopping, and friendly atmosphere of the central Black Hills will appeal to any adventurer.

Next, take the time to head back to your hotel or cabin and clean up...your family has a memorable evening ahead. Your next route will amaze you. Enter Custer State Park and take the opportunity to drive Iron Mountain Road (Hwy 16A) from south to north. This highway, once deemed impossible to build, is by far the most amazing visual approach to Mt Rushmore National Monument. With rock tunnels perfectly framing the surrounding scenery and monument, make sure you have your camera handy! Mount Rushmore National Monument truly embodies the pride, beauty, and

patriotism that you have been anticipating your whole life. With numerous incredible and historic scenic routes to and from the monument, you have a variety of options while planning your route to the monument. If you haven't had dinner in or one of the nearby communities...take the chance to share a family meal under the grand façade of your forefathers. Mt Rushmore offers an amphitheater, museum/theater complex, Visitor Orientation Center, Presidential Trail, spacious gift shop, bookstore, and dining facilities. To complete your Rushmore experience, view the evening lighting ceremony (available Memorial Day through Labor Day). The highlight of the evening is the 20 minute informational program in the ideally located amphitheater while the monument is slowly exposed to light until it is fully illuminated. It's a good idea to go early and bring a jacket.

Day 3:

What a wonderful way to spend a few days with your family, right? It went quickly, but gave you a taste of what you'll want to plan for your next Black Hills vacation. On this day of departure, you will certainly have fond family memories of your Mt Rushmore Mickelson Trail Family Adventure as you wind your way to the surrounding prairie. We'll see you again soon!

To wrap it up:

Day 1: Arrival in the Black Hills

Day 2: Half-day bicycle rental and shuttle service via Mickelson Trail Adventures
Mt Rushmore National Monument

Day 3: Departure from the Black Hills