

Mount Rushmore

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Mount Rushmore
National Memorial



Parking

Parking at Mount Rushmore is readily available in the site's main parking complex. A fee is assessed for parking. The fee is collected to pay for the construction, operation and maintenance of the parking facility. No federal dollars or Preservation Fund donations were used for this project. Presidential Parking, Inc., a park concession, operates under an agreement with the National Park Service and the Mount Rushmore National Memorial Society. Federal Passports such as the National Parks Pass, Golden Age, Golden Access and Golden Eagle are not applicable for parking. The parking permit entitles unlimited entry for non-commercial vehicles throughout the calendar year, thus encouraging return visits. For more information, phone (605) 341-8883. There is no admission fee to enter the Memorial. A limited amount of remote, non-fee parking is available.

Information Center

Located just inside the main entryway from the fee parking area, this center serves as the first contact point for visitors. It has an information desk, changing exhibits and information for planning your visit to the park and the surrounding Black Hills area. Restrooms and public telephones are located directly across the plaza from this building.

Concession Building

Xanterra Parks and Resorts operates a dining facility and gift shop at the Memorial. The dining facility includes a dining room, snack bar, fudge and ice cream shop. The large gift shop offers a multitude of souvenir items. For information, phone (605) 574-2515 or visit the web at www.mtrushmoregiftshop.com.

Avenue of Flags

Leading from the Concession Building to the Grand View Terrace, the flags of all the states and territories of the United States of America are on display.

Grand View Terrace

The walkway from the parking lot leads through the Avenue of Flags to this terrace, the main viewing area for the Memorial. Bench seating is available here offering excellent views of the sculpture. This terrace serves as the roof for the Museum. Elevators and staircases on either side of the terrace lead down into the interactive exhibit area and to the park's amphitheater.

Lincoln Borglum Museum

The Memorial's museum houses major exhibits on the carving, the presidents, the sculptor, the workers and the history of the United States. Two 125-seat theaters show a 13-minute orientation film on the Memorial. Restrooms, drinking fountains, public telephones, and an information desk are also available here.

Welcome to Mount Rushmore

Presidential Trail

Accessible directly off the Grand View Terrace, this trail leads to the base of the mountain and spectacular close-up views of the faces. The trail is handicapped accessible to several viewing areas at the base of the mountain. From these viewing areas the trail then continues via a series of staircases down to the Sculptor's Studio. Trail open dawn to dusk, daily, weather permitting.

Sculptor's Studio

This historic building was constructed in 1939 as the second on-site studio for sculptor Gutzon Borglum. Many of the tools and models used in the construction are on display. Exhibits discuss the tools and techniques used in the carving. During the summer season, rangers present talks here on how the mountain was carved. Open during the summer season only.

Interpretive Activities

The National Park Service presents a full slate of interpretive activities during the summer months. Programs including guided walks, studio talks, and children's programs may be presented throughout each day. Junior and Rushmore Ranger activity booklets are available at information desks. Check at the Information Center upon arrival or contact the park for more information on programs.

Evening Lighting Program

The sculpture is illuminated nightly year-round. During the summer months, a lighting program is held in the park's amphitheater each night at 9 p.m. The 30-minute program consists of a ranger talk, a film about the four presidents, the playing of the National Anthem and the lighting of the sculpture. The amphitheater is handicapped accessible via the elevators at the Visitor Center.

Mount Rushmore History Association

The park's cooperating association, the Mount Rushmore History Association, operates a bookstore in the Lincoln Borglum Museum. The association offers a large selection of books, videos, posters and other education materials. Sales support interpretive efforts at the Memorial. The association can be reached by phone at (800) 699-3142 or visit their website at www.mtrushmorebookstore.com.

Join the "Friends of Mount Rushmore"

To assist in our educational efforts here at the Memorial please join the "Friends of Mount Rushmore." Inquire at the Mount Rushmore History Association Bookstore or call 1-877-477-4667.

For More Information

Mount Rushmore National Memorial,
P.O. Box 268, Keystone, SD 57751
(605)574-2523; www.nps.gov/moru.



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Lincoln Borglum Museum (lower level)

- Museum
- Bookstore
- Restrooms
- Theaters

Grand View Terrace

To Custer,
Hill City

NPS
Office

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Service
Road
(Official Use
Only)

Gift Shop

Restrooms

Amphitheater
Restrooms

elev.

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stairs, typ.

Avenue of Flags

Borglum Court

Restaurant/
Snack Shop

Information
Center

Main
Parking

Main
Parking

Enter

Exit

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To Keystone
& Rapid City

Access road

Nature Trail

Presidential
Trail
Compressor
House

Sculptor's
Studio

Borglum
Viewing
Terrace

Presidential Trail

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