



Home to the World-Famous WALL DRUG STORE - A Unique Adventure

Wall Drug Store, the #1 roadside attraction in America, has been entertaining and serving the traveling public since 1931. Since then, this thriving oasis has evolved into a 76,000 square foot wonderland of free family fun attractions. It features a Frontier Town with unique western shopping, a restaurant that seats 520 people, a world class collection of illustration and western art, a backyard with a choreographed splash park, an erupting T-Rex, picture props, 1,400 historic photographs, gold panning and mining opportunities, and the best paleontology store in the country. And, of course, FREE ice water! There is something for everyone at Wall Drug!

Fun Facts:

- During the summer months, more than 20,000 people visit Wall Drug each day that's a total of 2 million people annually!
- Wall Drug is well known for their homemade cake doughnuts; they serve 250,000 per year!
- The Wall Drug Jackalope is the second most photographed part of Wall Drug the panoramic view of the Wall Drug store front holds the #1 position!

MINUTEMAN MISSILE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Go back in time to the Cold War Era at the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site. MMNHS holds an underground launch facility and missile silo that commanded and controlled the Minuteman Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles; from 1963 to the early 1990's, these missile sites covered the western portion of South Dakota. Explore the history and significance of the arms race and ICBM development by visiting sites once off limits to civilians. These sites were a nuclear deterrent that once maintained peace and prevented war. Call 605-717-7629 ahead for tour reservations.



<u>Fun Facts:</u>

- All of the missile fields in South Dakota are almost as big as the State of Maryland.
- Minuteman Missile National Historic Site stands as the only national park site with a primary emphasis on America's Cold War with the Soviet Union.



BADLANDS NATIONAL PARK

You may never walk on the moon, but you can certainly set foot on terrain uniquely similar to it! The Badlands "moon-scapes," with their jagged peaks and rugged cliffs, break the horizon just south of Wall. This rugged landscape of the Badlands draws visitors from around the world.

Badlands National Park offers a variety of designated hiking trails as you explore its rich history. There's a fascination with these striking geologic deposits which contain one of the world's richest fossil beds. The area includes prehistoric animal fossils, plants and wildlife. It also holds the story of fierce Native American battles fought long ago, the homesteaders who settled, and the prehistoric beasts that roamed here millions of years ago.

From populous prairie dog towns to herds of majestic bison and big horn sheep, wildlife enthusiasts will find an array of interesting sights. You might even be lucky enough to see a golden eagle as it soars into the blue skies above.

Few, if any, other national parks offer the otherworldly beauty of Badlands National Park. Since the beginning of time, wind and water have created a wondrous panorama of deep ravines shaded by ragged pinnacles. Colorful wild flowers add a sense of tranquility to the otherwise eerie mystery of the Badlands. Expansive views of millions of stars and the Milky Way await you at Badlands National Park near Wall, South Dakota.

Fun Facts:

- At 244,000 acres, Badlands National Park is equal to 160 square miles!
- Badlands National Park is home to the second largest bison herd found in a National park.

BUFFALO GAP NATIONAL GRASSLANDS VISITOR CENTER

Located on Main Street, The Buffalo Gap National Grasslands Visitor Center contain one of the most extensive ecosystems in the United States. The visitor center's exhibit room allows guests to explore displays on wildlife, Great Plains history, grazing management, human artifacts, grassland ecosystems and more! Visitors of all ages are invited to join in ranger-lead events and activities that are held throughout the summer. For more information, call us at 605-279-2125.

















THINGS TO DO IN WALL

Wall welcomes you to experience family-friendly restaurants, comfortable lodging, unique shops and events throughout the year! Plan an affordable multi-day stay to explore everything Wall has to offer. You'll enjoy western history, outdoor recreation, wildlife, amazing landscapes, fossils and family fun! Come and enjoy our "Window to the West!"

Lodging - Wall offers a wide variety of affordable accommodations. With more than 400 motel rooms, cabins, tent and RV sites, you'll find exactly what you are looking for.

Horse Boarding - In addition to hosting rodeo events throughout the year, the Wall Rodeo Arena is available for visitors to board their horses during their stay.

Restaurants - Whether you're looking for a family-friendly restaurant where there's something to please each person's palate, a place to kick back with an ice-cold beer and juicy burger, or a spot to indulge in a South Dakota-raised steak paired with locally-made wine, the perfect dining option awaits you in Wall.

Shopping - Wall's Main Street offers a wide variety of eclectic shopping, which is just one of the features that keeps visitors coming back for more. Browse through shops offering beautiful Black Hills Gold & turquoise jewelry, unique Wall/Badlands souvenirs and many other assorted novelties that add to the story of your trip.

Parks & Recreation - You will find an abundance of outdoor entertainment here. Wall's city park offers a variety of outdoor fun, and features a recreation path, a playground, picnic shelters, a free pool and volleyball courts. The park is the perfect spot for an afternoon picnic while you enjoy the sunshine. Take a stroll on the city recreation path to get up close and personal with the famous 80-foot Wall Drug dinosaur. The Wall Golf Course is a public 9-hole, par 36 course located southwest of Wall on Golf Course Road.

Bicycling - A growing list of organized bicycle riders tour through Badlands National Park. The last weekend of September is the annual Wheelin' to Wall event. It allows new, casual, or avid bikers to experience the views. You can also ride through the park on your own. There are paved and gravel riding options.

Hunting - The Buffalo Gap National Grasslands offer endless hunting opportunities on it's almost 600,000 acres. Whether it's large game, prairie dogs, fossils, or rocks, please follow South Dakota and Grasslands regulations.

Hiking Trails - Scenic self-guided trails allow visitors to uncover the hidden beauty of the area. Badlands National Park offers a variety of designated hiking trails that allow you to experience the beauty of the park up close. Trails range from flat stretches through the prairie landscape to uphill climbs through the Badlands formations. Consult with rangers at the Ben Reifel Visitor Center, who can provide advice about trails, as well as recommendations for different fitness and experience levels.

Rodeos - The Wall Rodeo Arena host jam packed rodeo action throughout the year, including the Regional High School Rodeo, 4-H Rodeo and the Annual Wall Celebration Pro Rodeo.

Wall's Annual July Celebration - Join the party at the annual Wall Celebration, a three-day event offering rodeos, live music, a parade, and plenty of fun and activities for the whole family!

Dark Sky Tours - Behold the beauty of the South Dakota Night Sky at the Badlands National Park's AstroFest held in late June. This three-day celebration allows visitors the chance to take part in nightly telescope viewings, kid-friendly activities and presentations from guest speakers. Not planning on visiting in June? Book your own Dark Sky Tour at Badlands Observatory year-round. Don't miss your chance to see the Aurora Borealis!



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