

Black Hills National Forests



Forest Size	1,247,209 acres
Number of Ranger Districts	4
Number of Employees (Permanent and Temporary)	700 w/Job Corps
Average Annual Budget	38,379,429 total in FY 2003
Elevations	3,400 feet to 7242 feet
Wilderness Areas	Black Elk
National Scenic or Historic Trails	Mickelson Trail
Scenic Byways	Peter Norbeck
Forest Unique Features or Highlights	<p>Gateway to the American West, the Black Hills are the most sacred place to 60 American Indian nations and the backdrop for some of our most important national treasures including Mount Rushmore National Memorial, three National Parks, Custer State Park, and the great people and communities of southwestern South Dakota and north eastern Wyoming.</p> <p>With a rich cultural natural history spanning thousands of years, you can still see buffalo, antelope, turkeys, mountain lions, elk, deer, dozens of birds and mammals, and the fishing among some of the most beautiful country on earth is always good.</p>