

Devil's Tower Roadtrip

Wednesday DAY 1

Cheyenne, WY

Arrive: START

Leave: **FRIDAY 7:00 am**

Mileage/Time to Next Destination: 115mi/1.75hr

Activities:

- None.

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Wednesday DAY 1

Chimney Rock, NE (Chimney Rock)

Arrive: 8:45 am

Leave: 10:30 am

Mileage/Time to Next Destination: 138mi/2.15hr

Activities:

- Chimney Rock: Picture opportunity
- Chimney Rock State Historic Site: Museum
 - \$8 admission
 - Museum opens at 9:00am; Closed Sunday/Monday
 - Half mile hike to the base of the rock.

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Wednesday DAY 1

Wounded Knee, SD (Wounded Knee Memorial)

Arrive: 12:45 am

Leave: 1:30 pm

Mileage/Time to Next Destination: 20mi/0.5hr

Activities:

- Wounded Knee Massacre Memorial

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Wednesday DAY 1

Pine Ridge, SD (The Heritage Center at Mahpiya Luta)

Arrive: 2:00 pm

Leave: 3:30 pm

Mileage/Time to Next Destination: 12mi/0.25hr

Activities:

- The Heritage Center at Mahpiya Luta: Museum
 - Free Admission, Donations Accepted (at least \$5)
 - Museum opens at 10am, closes 5pm; Closed Weekends
 - 100 Mission Drive Pine Ridge, South Dakota 57770

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Wednesday DAY 1

Oglala, SD

Arrive: 3:45 pm

Leave: 4:00 pm

Mileage/Time to Next Destination: 90mi/1.5hr

Activities:

- Oglala Dam

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Wednesday DAY 1

Hot Springs, SD

Arrive: 4:00 pm

Leave: **SATURDAY 7:00 am**

Mileage/Time to Next Destination: 11mi/0.25hr

Activities:

- Spend the night here.
- No activities scheduled.

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Thursday DAY 2

[Wind Cave National Park], SD

Arrive: 7:15 pm

Leave: 12:00pm

Mileage/Time to Next Destination: 32mi/0.75hr

Activities:

- Natural Entrance Tour is shorter. Fairgrounds Tour is longer.
- NO CAVE TOURS AS OF 12/28/2025 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

-Book ahead? Idk

- Visitor center hours: 8am-6pm (off season closes at 4:40pm)
- Surface hikes always open.
- Hike Lookout Point Trail (5mi loop, 2 hours) to see Beaver Creek Bridge from below. Continue up the same road to drive over the bridge.
- Lookout Point map photo on Appendix page [C].
- No cost.

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Thursday DAY 2

[Jewel Cave National Monument], SD

Arrive: 12:45 pm

Leave: 3:00pm

Mileage/Time to Next Destination: 33mi/0.75hr

Activities:

- Cave tours must be booked ahead of time. Bookings open 30-60 days in advance.
- No cost except cave tour cost.

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Thursday DAY 2

[Mount Rushmore], SD

Arrive: 3:45 pm

Leave: **SUNDAY 7:00 am**

Mileage/Time to Next Destination: 36mi/1.5hr (summer route)

Activities:

- Friday night: Sleep at hotel in Keystone
- Saturday: Mount Rushmore Visitor Center
 - Park hours ~6am-~9pm
 - Museum hours 8am-5pm
- Needles Highway/tunnels
- Norbeck Overlook
- \$10 parking fee
- Camp or get a hotel close by.**

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Friday DAY 3

Hill City, SD (Worlds Largest Smokey Bear)

Arrive: 8:45 am

Leave: 9:00 am

Mileage/Time to Next Destination: 14mi/0.75hr

Activities:

- Smokey Bear is the only thing.

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Friday DAY 3

[Mickelson Trail Stop], SD

Arrive: 9:45am

Leave: 2:45 pm

Mileage/Time to Next Destination: 67mi/1.5hr

Activities:

- Mickelson trail: ~15mi/roundtrip to see 3 tunnels. ~7mi/roundtrip to see 2 tunnels. Leave time assumes 15 mile hike. Low range walk speed ~3mph. Trail is very easy terrain wise/bike friendly.
- Along the drive you will also pass a dilapidated miners cabin.

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Friday DAY 3

Sundance, WY

Arrive: 4:15 pm

Leave: **MONDAY 7:00 am**

Mileage/Time to Next Destination: 28mi/0.5hr

Activities:

- 10 miles/20 minutes North of Sundance there is the Warren Peak Radar Base and the Warren Peak Fire Lookout. Up the road a very short distance past the radar base is a turn around for car camping. See directions on Appendix page [E].

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Saturday DAY 4

[Devils Tower], WY

Arrive: 7:30 am

Leave: 10:30 am

Mileage/Time to Next Destination: 60mi/1hr

Activities:

- Visitor center open 9am-5pm (10am-4pm winter)
- Hike Tower Trail (1.3mi loop) and Red Beds Trail (2.8mi loop). Other trails exist as desired.
- \$20 entrance fee

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Saturday DAY 4

Gillette, WY

Arrive: 7:30 am

Leave: _____

Mileage/Time to Next Destination: 245mi/3.75hr

Activities:

- Frontier Auto Museum: \$14 (closed Sunday)
- Rockpile Museum \$10 (closed Sunday) (\$2 less if you do the auto museum also)
 - Saturday event at the Gillette Thunder Speedway (only May-August)
 - Spectator gates open at 6pm, show starts at 7pm. Races can last between 2-4 hours. Tickets are \$15/adult.
 - Sleep during the day so you can drive to Cheyenne after the race. You will have plenty of time to do so.

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Saturday DAY 4 OR Sunday DAY 5

Cheyenne, WY

Arrive: Whenever you get there. Likely 1-2 am the next day.

Leave: **NA**

Mileage/Time to Next Destination: NA

Activities:

- No activities except for whatever you see while driving back down.

Appendix:

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