



Interesting Things to Do In South Dakota

A) **Western South Dakota:**

- 1) **Black Hills:** Visit the awe-inspiring *Mount Rushmore* or view the magnificent carving of Crazy Horse. Take a trip through Custer State Park, in the heart of the Black Hills (where the buffalo roam). Or experience Sturgis, where motorcycles rule during August, time of the world famous Sturgis motorcycle rally. Other attractions may include a drive through Needles Highway, a visit to the natural cave wonders like Wind Cave (where the largest group of buffalo roam free), Jewel Cave (the third largest cave in the world), or Rushmore Cave, or a trip to Bear Country, an intriguing wildlife park getaway. *Approximately 380 miles from Beresford.*



- 2) **Wall Drug:** On your way to the west, no one can resist stopping at Wall Drug, one of the most famous stops in the U.S. This drug store was founded in 1931 and was made famous by offering free ice water to travelers. Today it typically serves 20,000 guests per day and has restaurants, gift shops, clothing stores and more. If you are looking for that perfect souvenir, you can probably find it here! *Approximately 325 miles from Beresford.*
- 3) **Badlands:** Drive through the Badlands National Park Scenic Byway for amazing views of rock formations and learn of the gangsters who hid out here – many of which got lost in the maze of rock and never made it out. The region of savage erosion, where 35 million years of wind and water have created 244,000 acres of strange and beautiful spires, buttes, and canyons. *Approximately 325 miles from Beresford.*



B) **Eastern South Dakota**

- 1) **Sioux Falls** (population 140,000) - Visit the Falls - a picturesque waterfall on the Big Sioux River. Shop at the Empire Shopping Mall - the largest mall in South Dakota and within 200 miles. Take in a play at the Community Playhouse or grab a bite to eat at over 400 well-known restaurants. *Approximately 30 miles from Beresford.*

- 2) **Yankton** – The original capital of “Dakota Territory”, this charming town of 10,000 boast a rich history with the Lewis and Clark expedition, as well as Lewis and Clark Lake which has miles of beaches, marinas, and recreational activities during the summer. *Approximately 46 miles from Beresford.*
- 3) **Brookings** – Visit the South Dakota Art Museum. See the art works of the Sioux Indians, including Oscar Howe, who was a university artist-in-residence during the later years of his life. Tour the campus of South Dakota State University, the top Engineering school in the area. *Approximately 90 miles from Beresford.*
- 4) **DeSmet**: Visit the childhood home of Laura Ingalls Wilder and visit the places she mentions in her books. See the statue of Father DeSmet, Jesuit missionary who spent his life among the Indians. *Approximately 130 miles from Beresford.*
- 5) **Watertown**: Visit the Terry Redlin Museum of Art. *Approximately 136 miles from Beresford.*



C) Central South Dakota:

- 1) **Glacial Lakes** in Northeastern South Dakota. *Approximately 136 miles from Beresford.*
- 2) Tour **Fort Sisseton Historic Park**, a well-preserved frontier Army post, built in 1864. See the Sitting Bull monument, just west of Mobridge. *Approximately 190 miles from Beresford.*
- 3) **Vermillion**: See musical instruments from around the world at the Shrine to Music Museum on the campus of the University of South Dakota. The museum also boasts a gallery of Oscar Howe paintings. *Approximately 30 miles from Beresford.*
- 4) **Mitchell**: Visit the world’s only Corn Palace. The one of a kind building not only boasts a unique exterior corn mosaic but also beautiful murals lining the inside of the building. It’s definitely worth the free trip inside. In Mitchell, you can also see old Indian artifacts at the Prehistoric Indian Village and Mandan Village. *Approximately 105 miles from Beresford.*
- 5) **Pierre**: Visit South Dakota’s capitol and the Oahe Dam, which is the second largest earthen dam in the world. Tour the Cultural Heritage Museum. Walk the streets of Ft. Pierre. Drive to the Verendrye Monument. *Approximately 256 miles from Beresford.*
- 6) **Just out of the State:**
- 7) **Pipestone, MN** – Tour this site where the famous Indian peace pipes are mined, and crafted. *Approximately 88 miles from Beresford.*
- 8) **Orange City, IA** – A small Dutch town, which holds the annual tulip festival every spring where you can watch women wash the streets in wooden shoes and see working windmills. *Approximately 43 miles from Beresford.*
- 9) **Devils Tower, WY** – This natural wonder was featured in the movie, “Close Encounters of the Third Kind.” Observe the beauty and mystery of how such an amazing tower came to be. *Approximately 483 miles from Beresford.*

