

2025 BLACK HILLS VACATION

Packing Checklist

WHETHER YOU'RE VISITING MOUNT RUSHMORE, HIKING CUSTER STATE PARK, OR JOINING A FULL-DAY SIGHTSEEING TOUR, USE THIS CHECKLIST TO STAY ORGANIZED AND STRESS-FREE.

ESSENTIALS

- Comfortable walking shoes
- Refillable water bottle
- Light jacket or sweater
- Sunglasses & sunblock
- Phone Charger or power bank
- Lightweight daypack or crossbody bag

SUMMER ADD-ONS (JUNE – AUGUST)

- Hat or sun visor
- Moisture-wicking clothing
- Bug spray
- Insulated lunch bag or small cooler
- Binoculars (for wildlife viewing)
- Snacks / Trail mix



SPRING & FALL ADD-ONS (APRIL–MAY / SEPT–OCT)

- Packable rain jacket or windbreaker
- Extra socks
- Gloves or light beanie
- Hand warmers or travel mug

FAMILIES WITH KIDS

- Small books, games, or entertainment
- Snacks and refillable drink bottles
- Headphones or tablets for quiet time
- Spare clothes or wet wipes for younger kids

NOTE- Cell service is often not available throughout the hills so make sure games don't require internet...