

FOR DMAC MEMBERS DRIVING ACROSS South Dakota to the BLACK HILLS RALLY

DRIVING FROM the EAST:

First major city on eastern edge of South Dakota is Sioux (Sue) Falls, the LARGEST city in SD. FALLS PARK is probably the main natural phenomenon of interest to see here.

Continuing on I-90 westward, 60 miles from Sioux Falls is Mitchell, SD, home of the world's only CORN PALACE. A simple drive by would be sufficient. (Exits 332 & 330)

65 miles from Mitchell, continuing West on I-90, at Chamberlain, SD, is THEE MOST BEAUTIFUL REST AREA you'll ever see!! Follow the blue "Rest Area" signs. You'll exit to the right which will take you across the interstate to the left. Here at this rest area, is "DIGNITY," a HUGE METAL SCULPTURE of a Native American Indian woman, with a beautiful SHAWL on her back, in BLUE design—a sight to BEHOLD! This LOVELY rest area also overlooks the Missouri River, has walking trails, AND a mini-museum of artifacts of the Lewis & Clark expedition, which passed right there!

69 miles, continuing west of Chamberlain, is the small town of MURDO, SD. Here is the PIONEER AUTO SHOW and PRAIRIE TOWN with OVER 300 CLASSIC & ANTIQUE CARS, including a FLINT! They will be giving a discount to DMAC members who stop by to check it out. Normally, they charge \$11.50; for DMAC members they will charge \$9.00. WELL WORTH one's time and the \$9.00!! (Exit 192)

22 miles further west of Murdo is the "1880 TOWN," an EXCELLENT & AUTHENTIC old WESTERN TOWN—Long Horn Saloon, Doc Adam's Office, Marshall's Office & Jail, AND an entire floor dedicated to "DANCES WITH WOLVES!" Also, WORTH one's TIME! \$10.00. for DMAC members, down from \$12.00 normally. (Exit 170)

Minuteman Missile National Historical Site Visitor Center is on EXIT 131; followed by Minuteman Launch Control Site—Delta 01 (EXIT 127.). And Minuteman Launch Control Delta 09, (EXIT 116). These are EXTREMELY interesting tours of former missile sites scattered over western SD and active during the 60's & early 70's.

WALL DRUG, the infamous drug store that got its start by offering FREE WATER to thirsty travelers, back in the day! A tourist magnet, and you'll see why if/when you stop. (We stop there coming & going EVERY trip.). (EXIT 110)

50 miles west of WALL DRUG will be RAPID CITY, from which point you will take EXIT 61 to get to Hill City!

Specific directions from I-90 to Hill City will be forthcoming!

DRIVING to the BLACK HILLS FROM the WEST:

My apologies for not being as knowledgeable about sites to see from the WEST. Here are the ones with which I am familiar and to which I have been:

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK. Northwest corner of WYOMING

Near south central Montana, the site of CUSTER'S LAST STAND at the "BATTLE of the LITTLE BIG HORN!" History lovers will ENJOY this!! I understand that one can take a horse riding tour, covering Custer's exact route!

DEVIL'S TOWER, Wyoming, 106.6 miles west of Rapid City, SD

Specific directions from I-90 to Hill City, SD will be forthcoming!

ONE QUICK ADDITION to DMAC MEMBERS DRIVING ACROSS SOUTH DAKOTA on I-90 FROM the EAST:

A "MUST" while approaching the Black Hills from the east is the BADLANDS of South Dakota! EXIT 131 works for both the Minuteman Missile Visitors Center AND as the entrance to the Badlands National Park!

OPTION ONE: Take Exit 131, visit the Missile Site Visitors Center; THEN drive the entire Badlands loop (40 miles), which will end at I-90 at Wall, SD, & the famous Wall Drug, (which is 50 miles from Rapid City).

OPTION TWO: Wait until you get to Wall, SD; (Exit 110) then enter the Badlands from that entrance; drive enough miles to get a feel for these rugged, awesome structures of nature; then turn around & drive back to Wall; visit Wall Drug; then continue on your last 50 miles west on I-90 to Rapid City!

DIIRECTIONS FROM RAPID CITY REGIONAL AIRPORT TO HILL CITY, SD

Take Hwy 44 (5.4 miles) to Hwy 16W / Hot Springs
Continue west "Truck/Hwy 16" (11.6 miles)
Turn left on Rushmore Rd. (which is same as Hwy 16 W) at traffic light
Stay on Hwy 16 W all the way to Hill City (about 27 miles); read signs

UPON ENTERING HILL CITY, on left side of road is fire station, then Interstate Bank
Immediately past Interstate Bank is OLD HILL CITY ROAD

Turn left on OLD HILL CITY ROAD

OLD HILL CITY ROAD will take you first past Holiday Inn; THEN-- COMFORT INN
There's an UPPER parking lot AND a LOWER parking lot.

IF COMING FROM THE EAST:

Take EXIT 61, off of I-90.
Go left onto Hwy 16W / 79. (Truck route)
Passing over Hwy 79, continue straight ahead on 16W / (Catron Blvd.
Continue up long hill past Walmart on right
On top of long hill, move to left lane
Take left at traffic light (intersection of Hwy 16 and Catron Blvd.)
Remain on Hwy 16 all the way to Hill City, approximately 27 miles; simply follow signs

UPON ENTERING HILL CITY, on left side of road, you'll see fire station, then Interstate Bank;
Immediately past Interstate Bank, turn left on Old Hill City Road
Old Hill City Road will take you first past Holiday Inn—THEN to COMFORT INN

There is an UPPER parking lot AND a LOWER parking lot

IF COMING FROM THE WEST:

Take EXIT 190 into Rapid City
Follow 190 into Rapid City to Omaha St.
Turn left on Omaha St.
Go approximately 1 block;
Turn right onto Rushmore Rd. (Same as 8th St. / Hwy16)
Follow this road all the way through town; exiting town up a long hill
Remain on Hwy 16 all the way to Hill City, (approximately 27 miles away); follow signs

ONCE IN HILL CITY, on left side of road, you'll see fire station, then Interstate Bank
Immediately past Interstate Bank, turn left on Old Hill City Road

Old Hill City Road will take you first past Holiday Inn—THEN to Comfort Inn
There is an UPPER parking AND a LOWER parking lot.

DMAC Drivers who are trailering their Durants to the Black Hills Rally, consider the possibility of trailering your Durants 15 miles on our very first day's excursion, Wednesday, Sept. 4th.

The reason is because there is a 7% grade hill, the last mile into the town of Custer, which is on our way to Custer State Park and the Wild Life Loop.

For those whose Durants have mechanical brakes, this could be a problem; especially since the bottom of this hill road ends at a traffic light intersection.

For those choosing to trailer their Durants, a convenient parking area has been cleared for us by the Custer Visitors Center.

For those needing to gas up, once Durants are unloaded, there are 2 or 3 filling stations nearby. The total distance from Custer to the State Game Lodge and Wild Life Loop,(ONE-WAY), is 24.8 miles.

Those driving modern vehicles, (and those with newer Durants, with hydraulic brakes, who choose to drive them the full distance), will

give the trailered vehicles a head start and meet up with them in Custer.

From there, we will all caravan together to Custer State Park, the State Game Lodge, and the Wild Life Loop.

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