

Welcome to Gold Camp Cabins!

11965 Pleasant Valley Road  
Custer, South Dakota 57730

**GOLD CAMP**



*Custer, South Dakota*

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Evenings and Weekends

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# WELCOME

## **Welcome to the Black Hills of South Dakota**

This welcome book is intended to help you get acquainted with the area and our cabins. We've downloaded our area knowledge for you to enjoy; favorite restaurants, attractions, trails, and more. Along with our area guide you'll also find everything you need to know about our cabin from air conditioning to the fishing pond.

## **Our philosophy**

You want to have a wonderful holiday and we want that for you, too. We believe that when you are here this is your home for however long you are staying and hope that you will be relaxed, comfortable and happy.

## **Welcome to our paradise!**

# ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE INFORMATION

## ARRIVAL INFORMATION

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### INSTRUCTIONS

Keys to your cabin will be in the assigned cabin door.

### CHECK-IN TIME

Check-in time is 4pm. We can sometimes arrange an early check-in so please contact us if you will arrive early and we'll do our best!

### DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Our address is 11965 Pleasant Valley Road, Custer SD 57730.

Gold Camp Cabins are located 4 miles west of Custer on US Highway 16. Turning south on Pleasant Valley Rd, it is ¼ mile to the entrance for Gold Camp Cabins on the east side of the road. The Four Mile Old West Town tourist attraction is near the corner of Pleasant Valley Road.

- From Rapid City via Hill City: Take Highway 16 into Custer, turn right (west) at the stop light on US-16 W/Custer St/Mt Rushmore Rd, continuing 4.6 miles west on Highway 16.
- From the south via Edgemont, Hot Springs, Pringle: Take Highway 385 north into Custer. Turn left (west) on Highway 16, continuing 4.1 miles west.
- From Wyoming via Newcastle: Traveling east on Highway 16, Pleasant Valley Rd is 7.9 miles east of Jewel Cave National Monument.

## **GETTING HERE WITHOUT A CAR**

We understand that some of you will be traveling without a car. In this case, it may be difficult to get to and from our destination. It is highly recommended that you plan to have your own transportation. Rental cars are available at Rapid City Regional Airport. Road bikers, our cabins are located near Hwy 16. Motorcyclists, there is about .5 miles of gravel to approach our site from the highway.

## **PARKING**

Parking for two vehicles is available at each cabin. Additional parking is available on the property.

## **WIFI / INTERNET DETAILS**

While there is no internet available at our cabins, there are some options in town.

The Custer County Library provides free Wi-Fi and offers guest passes for purchase to rent books/DVDs/music, and more. They are located at 447 Crook Street, Suite #4, Custer, South Dakota 57730.

Phone: (605) 673-4803 Website: <http://www.custercountylibrary.org>

Some businesses provide free Wi-Fi to customers. The Custer Wolf, The Buglin' Bull, and the Custer Beacon are among these.

We are located in a remote area of the Black Hills National Forest that is a pocket of little or no cell service. Cell service is available for most carriers as you approach Custer City. Phones are available in each cabin for local and emergency use.

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## DEPARTURE INFORMATION

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### **CHECK-OUT PROCESS**

When you leave, please ensure the following simple tasks are done:

- Turn off air-conditioning and heating unit  
(Winter guests, please leave the heaters on low)
- Leave the keys in the cabin
- Lock the door

*We hope you had a wonderful holiday and wish you safe travels back home. We'd love to see you again!*

### **CHECK-OUT TIME**

Check-out time is 11am.

Should you require a later check-out we will do our best to accommodate the request. Please to let us know as soon as possible.

## GETTING YOURSELF ORIENTED

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### **OVERVIEW OF THE AREA**

We are only 5 miles from Downtown Custer City. Custer State Park is just 4 miles past that. Most businesses in town are located along Mt Rushmore Road, also known as Hwy 16, which is the road you take into town from Gold Camp Cabins.

### **SUGGESTIONS IF YOU ARRIVE EARLY**

Many guests will arrive before the designated check-in time. The good news is that there is plenty to do! We suggest that guests visit the grocery store and do a small shop, or stock up on summer gear in downtown Custer. That will give you more time to relax once you've checked in! If you are coming through Rapid City you will find that the grocery options there are usually a better price and have a more complete selection. You will want to grab charcoal, lighter fluid, and matches if you plan to use our grills. We provide coffee, mugs, and glasses, but you may want to bring plates and utensils.

There are also some great restaurants for lunch so relax and enjoy some of the local food! The Custer City Visitor Center located at 615 Washington St, Custer, SD 57730 has a wealth of information and maps.

<http://www.visitcuster.com/>

# ABOUT THE ACCOMMODATION

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## **AIR CONDITIONING**

Our camp has the benefit of air conditioning. Please ensure that all windows and outside doors are closed while the AC is running. If the nights are cool, you might enjoy leaving the windows open during the night and closing them during the day to maximize the cabin's efficiency.

## **HEATING**

The summer nights can be chilly! There are heaters available in each unit. You will find a panel near the wall-mounted unit. We recommend a setting of 65-70° F.

## **KITCHEN EQUIPMENT**

There is an apartment-sized refrigerator with a separate freezer compartment in each cabin, along with a microwave. Coffee makers with 10-cup coffee pots and coffee supplies are also provided.

## **GRILL / BBQ**

Charcoal grills are provided for each cabin and well as grilling utensils. We do not supply the charcoal or lighter fluid. Always use caution.

## **CLEANING**

You will find the cabin clean on arrival. All bed linens have been freshly washed, including blankets, bedspreads, and shams. High traffic areas such as light switches and remotes have also been disinfected. We follow strict cleaning standards to help keep our staff and guests safe. While there is no daily housekeeping service, please call us for drop-off service requests.

## **PROVIDED SUPPLIES**

Coffee & coffee supplies

Microwave

Refrigerator

Bar Sink, washcloth and towel

Coffee mugs and drinking glasses

Conditioning Shampoo, Soap

Bed Linens

Television Remote

Phone

Hair Dryer

Bath Towels

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## ENJOYING YOUR TIME INSIDE

### **BREAKAGES**

We understand that sometimes accidents happen! Should you break anything please let us know immediately. Thank you!

### **TELEVISION**

Each cabin has at least one TV in it. Remotes are in the unit and near the TV. Please refer to the print-out for the TV Guide. Please note there are some regional differences from the generic guide.

## ENJOYING YOUR TIME OUTSIDE

### **FISHING POND**

Fishing is catch and release only. No barbed hooks, please.

### **CHAIRS / TABLES**

There is some patio furniture and picnic tables available near the outdoor BBQ stands.

### **FIRE PITS**

There is a fire pit for each cabin. We supply logs near the fire pits. Please take extra care while using. It is especially important that the fire is completely out before you leave the fire pit site.

### **VOLLEYBALL NET**

A volleyball and net are located near Cabin 1. Please leave the volleyball by the posts after use.

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## OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

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### **BED LINEN / TOWELS**

Linens and towels are placed in the room based on the number of guests the cabin fits. Please reuse towels if possible. Dropoff services for linens are available by request only. Please call 605.673.2720.

### **GARBAGE DISPOSAL & RECYCLING**

Should your garbage fill before we can empty it, there is a garbage bin on the north side of the cabin driveway. While we do not provide recycling, for those that are able, the Rapid City Landfill takes some plastics and aluminium.

### **BATHROOM**

A plunger is located beneath each bathroom sink. Extra toilet paper is provided as well.

## **RENTAL RULES**

### **PETS**

Dogs are welcome with approval. There is a non-refundable fee of \$15 per pet per night. Dogs **MUST** be under control at all times and be picked up after.

### **QUIET TIMES**

While there is no set quiet time, please be respectful of other guests.

### **SMOKING POLICY**

No smoking is allowed in the cabins. If you smoke outside, please stay near the gravel or paved pathways and away from other cabins. Smoker stations are provided on the property.

**FIREWORKS ARE PROHIBITED ON PROPERTY AND ON THE  
BLACK HILLS NATIONAL FOREST**

## PRACTICAL AREA INFORMATION

### **STAYING SAFE ADVICE**

Deer can often be found in our valley; dog owners please keep dogs controlled or on a leash at all times. Mountain lions are prevalent in the area, but are rarely seen. If there are cattle in the pen next to the cabins please do not provoke or pet them. If you venture to Custer State Park, please remember that bison are dangerous. Do not approach.

### **WEATHER INFORMATION**

Please visit [<https://weather.com/weather/tenday/l/57730:4:US>] for a 10 day weather forecast from The Weather Channel website. While mild in temperature, the Black Hills are known for quick-changing weather. Please remember to grab layers and sunscreen before heading out on your adventure.

### **USTER WEATHER AVERAGES**

MONTH	HI/LOW	RAIN
April	54° / 30°	7 days
May	63° / 39°	9 days
June	74° / 48°	10 days
July	81° / 54°	8 days
August	80° / 52°	6 days
September	72° / 43°	4 days
October	58° / 33°	4 days

## LOCAL TRANSPORT & ACTIVITIES

**BLACK HILLS TOUR COMPANY** – Buses and vans available for local tours.

<http://www.blackhillstourcompany.com/> (605) 515-3237

**DAVE'S WORLD TOURS** – Offering private Black Hills tours.

<http://www.blackhillsvantours.com/> (605) 673-1130

**BLACK HILLS BALLOONS** – Fly over the Custer area in a hot air balloon!

<http://www.blackhillsballoons.com/> (605) 673-2520

**SYLVAN ROCKS CLIMBING SCHOOL AND GUIDE SERVICE** – Test your mettle and see the spires with the local rock climbing guides. (605) 484-7585

<http://sylvanrocks.com>

**CUSTER STATE PARK** – Explore our beautiful state park, home to the Wildlife Loop, Needles Highway, and Black Elk Peak.

<https://gfp.sd.gov/parks/detail/custer-state-park/>

**MICKELSON TRAIL** – 108.8 miles of repurposed railroad lines stretching from Edgemont to Deadwood through the heart of Custer. Bikes, horses, and runners welcome.

<https://gfp.sd.gov/parks/detail/george-s--mickelson-trail/>

**BLACK HILLS NATIONAL FOREST** – Over 1.4 million acres of forested mountains in western South Dakota. Access to the forest is on the south side of our property. <https://www.fs.usda.gov/blackhills>

**NATIONAL PARKS SYSTEM** – We are close to Jewel Cave National Monument, Wind Cave National Park, Mount Rushmore National Memorial, Badlands National Park, and Minuteman Missile National Historic Site. <https://www.nps.gov/state/sd/index.htm>

**CUSTER FARMERS MARKET** - Custer Farmers' Market, located at Way Park on Mt. Rushmore Rd in Custer, SD. Every Saturday June - October, 8 am - 12:30 pm. <http://www.visitcuster.com/Custer-Farmers'-Market>

**RENTALS** – Get the most out of our public spaces with UTV, ATV, bike or kayak rentals.

Custer Adventure Rentals (605) 673-4540

<http://www.adventurerentalsd.com/>

Black Hills Power Bikes (605) 673-2405

<https://blackhillspowerbikes.com/>

Rabbit Bicycles – Hill city (605) 574-4302

<https://www.rabbitbicyclesd.com/>

Bicycles & Boats – Hill City (605) 574-5695

<https://www.bicyclesandboats.com/>

## **GOLF COURSES –**

Rocky Knolls Golf Course, 12181 US-16, Custer, SD 57730

(605) 673-4481

Our local 9-hole course offers twilight specials and has a full bar.

Southern Hills Golf Course, 1130 Club House Rd, Hot Springs, SD 57747

(605) 745-6400

This beautiful 18-hole course is just 50 minutes away.

## Shopping in Downtown Custer – Mt. Rushmore Rd

A Walk in the Woods  
South Dakota Outdoor Shop  
Quilted Buffalo  
Karma  
High Mountain Outfitters  
Wild Spruce Market  
Art Expressions Gallery  
Petals & Pages  
Game On Arcade

## LOCAL EATS & TREATS

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**Skogen Kitchen** – 605.673.2241  
29 N 5<sup>th</sup> St, Custer  
[www.skogenkitchen.com](http://www.skogenkitchen.com)  
Reservations required.

**The Custer Wolf** – 605.673.9653  
506 Mt Rushmore Rd, Custer  
[www.custerwolf.com](http://www.custerwolf.com)

**Custer Deli** - 605-673-3113  
437 Mt Rushmore Rd, Custer

**Black Hills Burger & Pizza Co.** –  
605.673.3411  
441 Mt Rushmore Rd, Custer  
<https://www.blackhillsburgerandpizza.com/>

**HJEM A.M.** – 605.981.9047  
308 Mt. Rushmore Rd, Custer  
<https://www.hjemam.com/>

**Sage Creek Grille** – 605.673.2424  
611 Mt. Rushmore Rd., Custer  
<https://sagecreekgrille.com/>

**Custer Beacon** – 605.673.3800  
351 Washington St, Custer  
<https://custerbeacon.com>

**Calamity Jane's Coffee Shop and Grill, Custer**  
512 Mt Rushmore Rd #1930  
(605) 673-2269  
<https://www.goldpancalamityjanes.com/>

**Our Place** – [\(605\) 673-5255](tel:6056735255)  
738 Mt Rushmore Rd

**Maria's Mexican** – 605.673-6800  
216 W Mt. Rushmore Rd, Custer

**Feel Good Café** - 605.961.0201  
855 N 5<sup>th</sup> St, Custer

**Miner's Cup** – 605.673.3882  
1021 Mt. Rushmore Rd, Custer  
<https://minerscup.com/>

**The Buglin' Bull** – 605.673.4477  
511 Mt. Rushmore Rd, Custer  
[www.buglinbull.com](http://www.buglinbull.com)

**Pizza Mill** – 605.673.3306  
904 Mt Rushmore Rd, Custer  
<https://pizamillcustersd.wixsite.com/pizamill>  
*Delivery available to Gold Camp Cabins.*

**Purple Pie Place** - 605.673.4070  
19 Mt Rushmore Rd, Custer  
<http://purplepieplace.com>

**Horatio's Ice Cream** –  
605.673.4009  
548 Mt Rushmore Rd, Custer  
<https://www.facebook.com/horatioisicecream>

## WHERE'S THE NEAREST?

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### **AIRPORT**

Rapid City Regional Airport – RAP     (605) 393-9924  
4550 Terminal Rd, Rapid City, SD 57703

### **BANK / ATM**

The nearest bank/ATM is Sentinel Federal Credit Union (605) 923-1405  
18 Mt Rushmore Rd, Custer

### **LAUNDROMAT**

Custer Laundry     (605) 673-2932  
242 Mt Rushmore Rd, Custer

### **GAS / PETROL STATIONS**

The nearest gas station is Big D Oil Co. / Sinclair     (605) 673-3335  
133 W Mt Rushmore Rd, Custer

### **GROCERY STORE**

Lynn's Dakotamart     (605) 673-4463  
800 Mt Rushmore Rd, Custer

Wild Spruce Market     (605)673-2118  
447 Mt Rushmore Rd, Custer

### **MEDICAL FACILITIES**

Monument Health Custer Hospital     (605) 673-9400  
1220 Montgomery St, Custer

### **PHARMACIES**

Carson Drug - (605) 673-2225  
521 Mt Rushmore Rd, Custer

### **POLICE STATION**

Custer County Sheriff's Office (605) 673-8146  
420 Mt Rushmore Rd, Custer

**POST OFFICE**                      (800) 275-8777

643 Mt Rushmore Rd, Custer

**VETERINARY SERVICES**

Southern Hills Veterinary Clinic                      (605) 673-4996

12478 US Highway 16A, Custer

**24 hr Emergency vet services available in Hot Springs (40 mi.)**

Fall River Veterinary Clinic                      (605) 745-3786

27618 Scenic Road Hot Springs, SD 57747

**Fire Extinguishers**

Fire extinguishers are located on the northwest outside corner of Cabin 3.

**USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS**

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**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

911    (Your cabin address is 11965 Pleasant Valley Road, Custer SD 57730)

**HOUSEKEEPERS / CLEANERS / MAINTENANCE STAFF / MANAGING AGENT**

(605) 673-2720

CABIN # \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_