

SOUTH DAKOTA

The Mount Rushmore State

KEY FACTS



Capital

Pierre



Largest city

Sioux Falls



Became a state

November 2, 1889 (40th)



State bird

Ring-necked pheasant



State flower

American pasqueflower



State tree

Black Hills spruce



Motto

Under God the people rule



Black Hills Spruce

This dense evergreen can live over 150 years



Petrified Wood Park

A museum built of fossilized wood in the 1930s



Wheat Farming

A major crop grown in central South Dakota



Coyote

This wild dog can run 43 miles per hour



Lake Oahe

A huge lake behind Oahe Dam, finished in 1962



Pierre



Sica Hollow State Park

A wooded ravine filled with Dakota Sioux lore



Ring-Necked Pheasant

This colorful bird was introduced here in 1908



The Corn Palace

A unique arena decorated with murals of corn



Gold Mining

The Homestake Mine ran from 1876 to 2002



Black Elk Peak

The highest point in the state at 7,242 feet



Mount Rushmore

Four presidential faces carved into granite



Badlands National Park

Erosion carved these striped clay formations



Triceratops Fossil

This dinosaur could grow 30 feet long



Cattle Ranching

Beef cattle outnumber people in South Dakota



Rosebud Sioux Tribe

The Sicangu Lakota are based in Rosebud

• Aberdeen

• Watertown

• Sioux Falls

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