

## HeartCycle Bicycle Touring Club BLACK HILLS OF SOUTH DAKOTA 2021

- Dates:** Orientation meeting Monday September 6, 2021 at 7pm..  
Riding Tuesday-Friday September 7-10.  
Departure Friday September 11 (last night lodging not included)
- Leaders:** Judy and Barry Siel; **SAGs:** MaryAnn and Richard Loeffler.
- Rating:** Intermediate to Advanced. 185 miles with ~16,000 vertical feet of climbing.
- Riders:** 26 maximum plus Leaders and SAGs
- Cost:** \$800 (Double occupancy). \$200 at registration. Balance due by June 5, 2021.  
Single Supplement \$1,200.
- Cancellation:** Revised [cancellation policy](#) \$75 fee. Trip insurance is recommended.



### OVERVIEW

HeartCycle returns to the beautiful & historic Black Hills of South Dakota. Every day we will cycle thru Custer State Park in the Black Hills which encompasses 71,000 acres of spectacular terrain and an abundance of wildlife; with lunch breaks at Wind Cave on Day 1, Mr Rushmore National Monument on Day 2 and Custer State Park on Day 3. Be prepared for climbing the many hills although the daily mileages is not long. You will want to stop and enjoy the sights of free range buffalo, feral donkeys, white tailed deer, bighorn sheep and wild turkeys walking along the open range or across the roads thru Custer State Park. The Black Hills are filled with scenic beauty, old west history and quiet roadways (although many roads do not have shoulders). We will enjoy a 4 night stay at the Holiday Inn Express in Custer, SD for this fixed base tour with a great outdoor patio, daily morning breakfasts and indoor hot tub to massage your legs after each days route. The closest airport is located one hour away in Rapid City, SD.

## ITINERARY

Arrival Monday September 6.  
Orientation meeting at 7 pm

### **Tuesday September 8.**

49 miles with 3,800 feet of climbing. Loop ride to Wind Cave National Park There will be time to take a guided cave tour (\$10-12) before lunch. Afternoon climb back thru Custer State Park.

### **Wednesday September 9.**

60 miles and 6,000 feet of climbing. The "Queen Stage" ride to Mt. Rushmore, Custer State Park and the scenic Iron Mountain Road with its famous pig-tailed-bridges and one lane tunnels. Take time to explore Mt.

Rushmore National Monument during your lunch stop. After lunch we have more climbing to Sylvan Lake before your descent back to Custer.

**Thursday Sept 10.** 47 miles with 3,900 feet of climbing. Loop ride thru Custer State Park along the Wildlife Loop Road. Biking alongside free range herd of 2,000 buffalo is always a possibility in Custer State Park. Stop to explore the historic State Game Lodge, the summer White House for President Calvin Coolidge in 1927.



**Friday Sept 11.** 30 miles with 2,870 feet of climbing. Our final ride as we climb over 1,000 feet up to Sylvan Lake in ~8 miles and then cycle along the scenic byway of Needles Highway the prettiest road of the 4 days, which wanders thru tall, thin rock formations. Each vista is more spectacular than the last as the road twists and turns around these unusual formations. So many pullouts and stops along the route for photographs or just to marvel at the scenery. This ride is not to be missed. Late checkout at noon and then enjoy lunch at the hotel before your departure home.

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