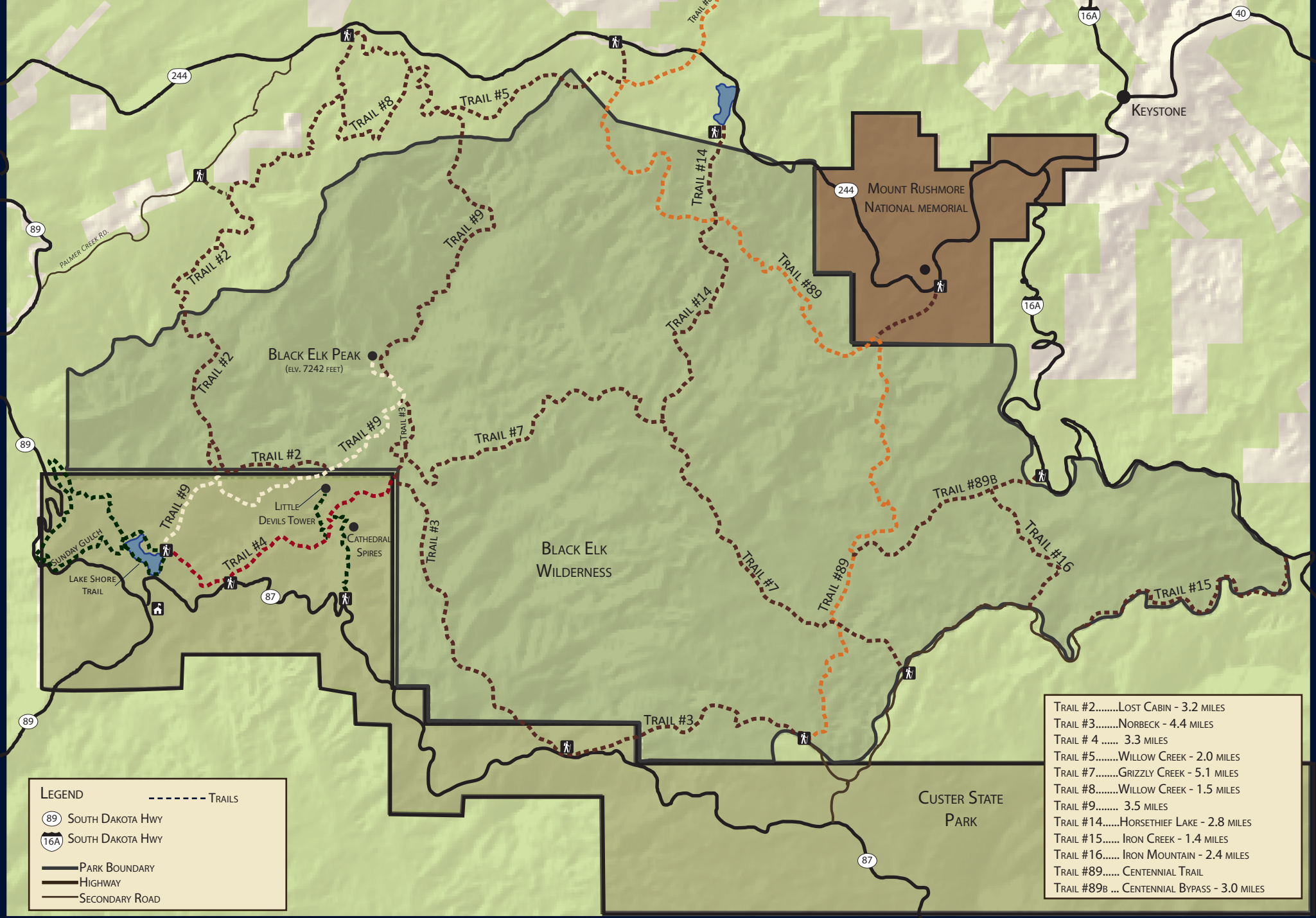


# CUSTER STATE PARK TRAILS

SYLVAN LAKE, NEEDLES, AND BLACK ELK WILDERNESS AREAS



**LEGEND**

- TRAILS
- (89) SOUTH DAKOTA HWY
- (16A) SOUTH DAKOTA HWY
- PARK BOUNDARY
- HIGHWAY
- SECONDARY ROAD

TRAIL #2.....	LOST CABIN - 3.2 MILES
TRAIL #3.....	NORBECK - 4.4 MILES
TRAIL # 4 .....	3.3 MILES
TRAIL #5.....	WILLOW CREEK - 2.0 MILES
TRAIL #7.....	GRIZZLY CREEK - 5.1 MILES
TRAIL #8.....	WILLOW CREEK - 1.5 MILES
TRAIL #9.....	3.5 MILES
TRAIL #14.....	HORSETHIEF LAKE - 2.8 MILES
TRAIL #15.....	IRON CREEK - 1.4 MILES
TRAIL #16.....	IRON MOUNTAIN - 2.4 MILES
TRAIL #89.....	CENTENNIAL TRAIL
TRAIL #89B ...	CENTENNIAL BYPASS - 3.0 MILES

# CUSTER STATE PARK & BLACK ELK PEAK\* TRAILS INFORMATION

Two of the most popular trailheads to Black Elk Peak (\*formerly known as Harney Peak) start within Custer State Park and continue across the boundary to the Black Hills National Forest and Black Elk Wilderness.

## RULES & REGULATIONS

Regulations differ within the state park system and the National Forest and Wilderness areas. Open fires in Custer State Park and Black Hills National Forest Service are only allowed in designated fire grates in established campground and day use areas.

### CUSTER STATE PARK REGULATIONS & INFORMATION

- A park entrance license is required and must be obtained at an entrance gate prior to entering or parking.
- Trails are marked with blue diamonds.
- Stock is prohibited on the Harney Range trails within the park.
- Camping is allowed only in designated campgrounds.
- Pets must be on a leash no longer than 10 feet.

### BLACK ELK WILDERNESS REGULATIONS & INFORMATION

- Trails are marked with tree blazes and signs at intersections.
- Stock are allowed on trails, unless otherwise noted.
- Camping is allowed anywhere EXCEPT within 1/4 mile of Black Elk Peak\* and Trail 9, and at least 100 feet from water sources.
- Pets must be leashed or under strict voice control.
- Visitors must register at any of the major trailhead portals into the wilderness and carry registration form with them.
- Groups are limited to 25 beating hearts (stock, pets, hikers combined) - groups of 10 or less are recommended.
- Only non-mechanized, non-motorized transportation, no bikes, strollers, etc.

### CAUTIONARY TIPS FOR HIKING BLACK ELK PEAK\*

- Thunderstorms containing hail, strong winds, and rain are prominent during the summer months.
- Wear shoes suitable for rugged terrain.
- Take extra clothes, it will likely be windy and cooler at the peak.
- Take at least one quart of water per person.
- NO RESTROOMS located along the trails.
- Pack out your trash.

### For more information on Black Hills National Forest Trails:



Hell Canyon Ranger District  
605-673-4853  
[www.fs.fed.us/r2/blackhills](http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/blackhills)

### For more information on Custer State Park Trails:



Custer State Park  
605-255-4515  
[www.custerstatepark.com](http://www.custerstatepark.com)

## CUSTER STATE PARK TRAILS - SYLVAN LAKE & NEEDLES AREA

**BLACK ELK PEAK\* TRAILHEADS** - Begin at Sylvan Lake Day Use Area North of Needles Highway (Hwy 87)

Trail #9	Begin just across the footbridge leading to the swimming beach. <i>The most traveled and shortest route to Black Elk Peak*.</i>	3.3 miles (one-way)	Moderate
Trail #4	Begin at the furthest southeast corner of the day use parking area. Connects to the Little Devil's Tower Spur trail, and ends at the intersection of Norbeck Trail 3. Norbeck Trail 3 intersects with Trail 9, which continues to Black Elk Peak*. Note: stay left at the Grizzly Creek Trail 7 intersection to stay on Trail 3. Watch for the intersections with Norbeck Trail 3, Grizzly Creek Trail 7 and Trail 9 in the Black Elk Wilderness. <u>These are easy to miss, especially on the return trip.</u>	3.5 miles (one-way)	Moderate to Strenuous

**LITTLE DEVIL'S TOWER SPUR TRAIL** - Begin 1 mile east of Sylvan Lake on Needles Highway (Hwy 87)

A spur trail branches off Trail 4 and ascends to and ends at the unique rock formation known as Little Devil's Tower, offering views of the Cathedral Spires, Black Elk Peak\*, and the southern Black Hills.

To Spur = 1 mile  
Spur = .4 miles  
(one-way)

**CATHEDRAL SPIRES TRAIL** - Begin 2.5 miles east of Sylvan Lake on Needles Highway (Hwy 87)

Cathedral Spires Trail intersects with Trail 4 and can provide access to Black Elk Peak\*.

1.1 miles (one-way) Strenuous

### SYLVAN LAKE AREA

Lake Shore	Sylvan Lake, the trail may be accessed at various points along the lakeshore.	1 mile (loop)	Easy
Sunday Gulch	Reach the trailhead by following the Sylvan Lake Shore Trail behind the lake dam.	2.8 miles (loop)	Strenuous