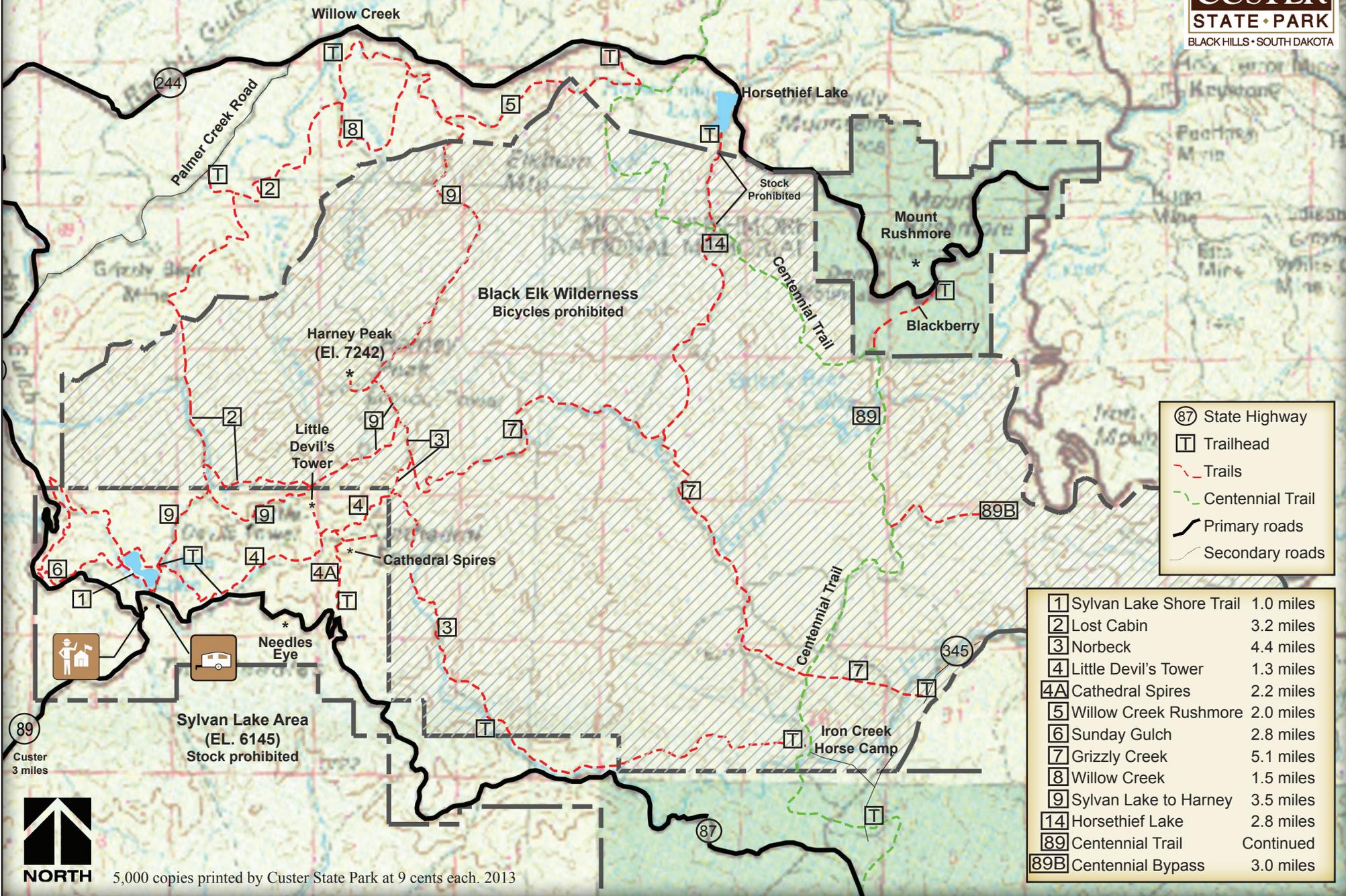


Harney Range Trail System



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Custer State Park Harney Peak Trails Information

Two of the most popular trailheads to Harney Peak (7,242 ft) start within Custer State Park and continue across the boundary to the Black Hills National Forest and Black Elk Wilderness. There are different regulations within the state park system and within the national forest and wilderness areas.

Rules and Regulations

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

- 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 leashed.

Black Elk Wilderness Regulations

- Trails are marked with tree blazes and signs at intersections.
- Stock are allowed on trails, unless otherwise noted.
- Camping is allowed anywhere EXCEPT within ¼ mile of Harney 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.

Tips for Hiking in the Harney Range

- Wear shoes suitable for rugged terrain.
- Take extra clothes. It will likely be windy and cooler at Harney Peak; be prepared for rain.
- Take at least one quart of water per person.
- NO RESTROOMS located along the trails.
- Pack out your trash!

Sylvan Lake Trailheads to Harney Peak

Location of Trailhead: Sylvan Lake Day Use Area north of Needles Highway (Hwy 87)

Two trailheads are located at the Sylvan Lake Day Use Area. Trail 9 begins just across the footbridge leading to the swimming beach. Trail 4 begins at the southeast corner of the day use area.

Harney Peak Trail #9

Length: To Harney Peak, 3.3 miles (one way)

Difficulty: Moderate

The most traveled and shortest route to Harney Peak.

Trail #4

Length: To Harney Peak, 3.5 miles (one way)

Difficulty: Moderate

This trail connects to the Little Devil's Tower trailhead, and continues on to Harney Peak. Trail 4 ends at the intersection of Norbeck Trail 3. Norbeck Trail 3 continues past Grizzly Creek Trail 7 and intersects with Harney Peak Trail 9. Harney Peak Trail 9 will take hikers to Harney Peak. **Watch for the intersections with Norbeck Trail 3, Grizzly Creek Trail 7 and Harney Peak Trail 9 in the Black Elk Wilderness. These are easy to miss, especially on the return trip.**

Little Devil's Tower Trail #4

Location of Trailhead: 1 mile east of Sylvan Lake on Needles Highway (Hwy 87)

Length: 1.25 miles (one way)

Difficulty: Strenuous

A spur trail branches off Trail 4 and ascends to the unique rock formation known as Little Devil's Tower. Views of the Cathedral Spires, Harney Peak and the southern Black Hills can be seen from this summit. The spur ends at Little Devil's Tower.

Cathedral Spires Trail #4A

Location of Trailhead: 2.5 miles east of Sylvan Lake on Needles Highway (Hwy 87)

Length: 1.5 miles to Cathedral Spires (one way)

Difficulty: Strenuous

Features the Cathedral Spires/Limber Pine Area, a Registered National Natural Landmark. Cathedral Spires trail intersects with Trail 4 and can provide access to Harney Peak; however, the trail itself is a one-way trail.

For more information on Black Hills National Forest Trails:

Hell Canyon Ranger District
605.673.4853
www.fs.fed.us/r2/blackhills

For more information on Custer State Park Trails:

Custer State Park
605.255.4515
www.custerstatepark.com

Walk softly...To protect our resources, it is important to recreate responsibly. Take responsibility for leaving no trace of your visit and keep Custer State Park and Black Hills National Forest beautiful.