

# THE 51<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL BUFFALO ROUNDUP

Friday, September 30, 2016

Attend one of the last great events to occur in the West that still can be witnessed today. Feel the thunder of 1,300 head of buffalo rumble by as Park personnel, cowboys and cowgirls do their best to drive the Park's herd into the Buffalo Corrals, passing two designated viewing areas along the way. Remember these are wild animals; but if things go as planned, the entire herd passes by only a few hundred feet from the spectators. The annual roundup is the first step in preparing part of the herd for the November Buffalo Auction. After the herd is safely in the corrals, you can watch as park staff sort, brand, test and select certain animals for the fall auction. The majority are returned right back into their home, the grasslands of Custer State Park.

The annual roundup is conducted to keep the bison population in check with the available grassland forage. The Park's grassland can normally support about 1,000 animals over the winter. The surplus bison, usually about 300 animals, are sold at the auction each fall and winter. The revenues from the auction help support the day-to-day operations of the State Park System.

Custer State Park has conducted the roundup and auction for 50 years. Buyers from all over the United States and Canada have purchased bison from the Park and started herds of their own. The bison, which once faced extinction, now number about 500,000 and are found across North America.

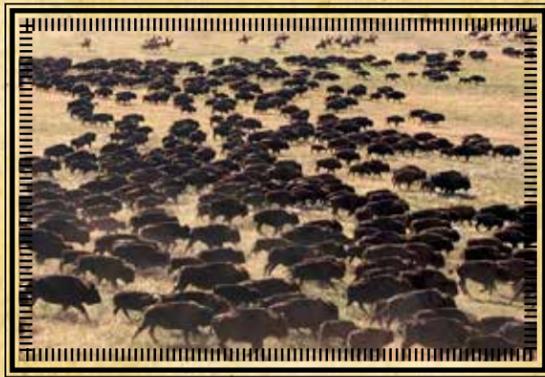
*Park entrance license not required on Buffalo Roundup day.*

Come back next year for the

2017

# BUFFALO ROUNDUP & ARTS FESTIVAL

September 28, 29 & 30, 2017.



*Photo Courtesy Ron Fry*



General Info: 605-255-4515  
[www.CusterStatePark.com](http://www.CusterStatePark.com)

### CAMPING:

800-710-2267 • [www.CampSD.com](http://www.CampSD.com)

### LODGING:

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## TWO GREAT EVENTS

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## CUSTER STATE PARK BUFFALO ROUNDUP & ARTS FESTIVAL

September 29th - October 1st

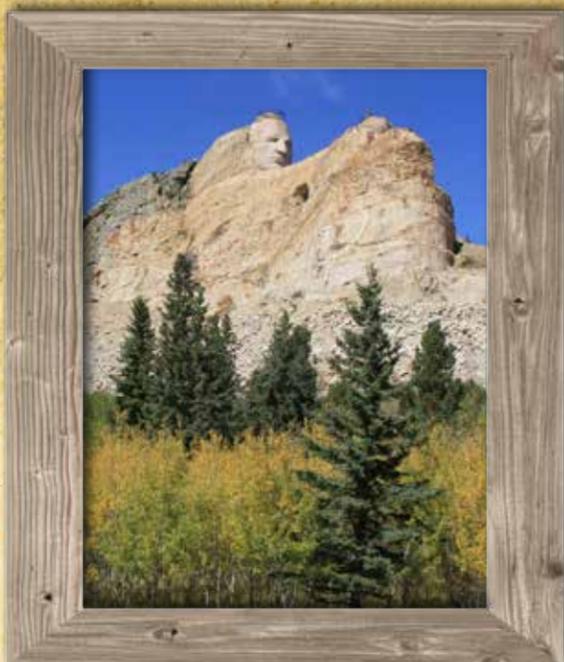
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## CRAZY HORSE SPECIAL FALL VOLKSMARCH

Sunday, October 2nd

## ONE GREAT WEEKEND



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# VOLKSMARCH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2ND, 2016

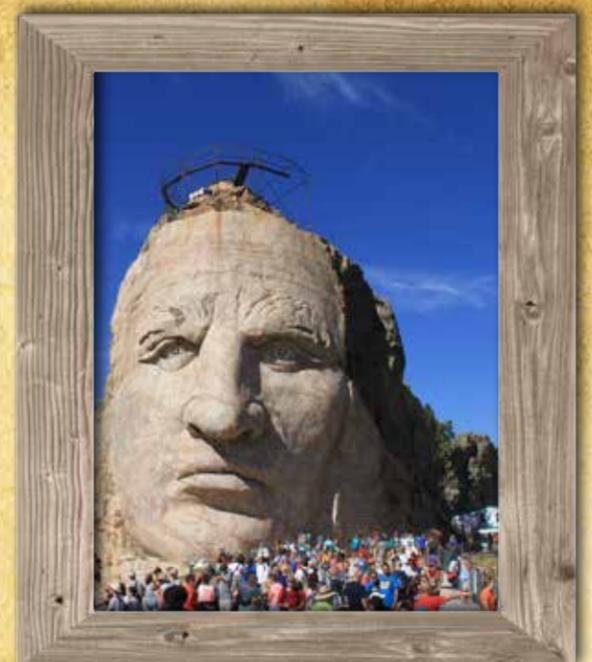
Hike the world's largest mountain carving and make eye contact with a truly great hero and enjoy the fabulous view of the Black Hills.

- 10K (6.2 mile) round trip
- Memorial gates open at 6am
- Registration opens at 8am and closes at 1pm
- Every hiker must register at the starting point
- Trail closes at 4pm
- Collectors T-shirts and medals available
- FREE\* Admission to the Memorial for Volksmarchers
- Laughing Water Restaurant will serve breakfast during Volksmarch events, 6am - 10am

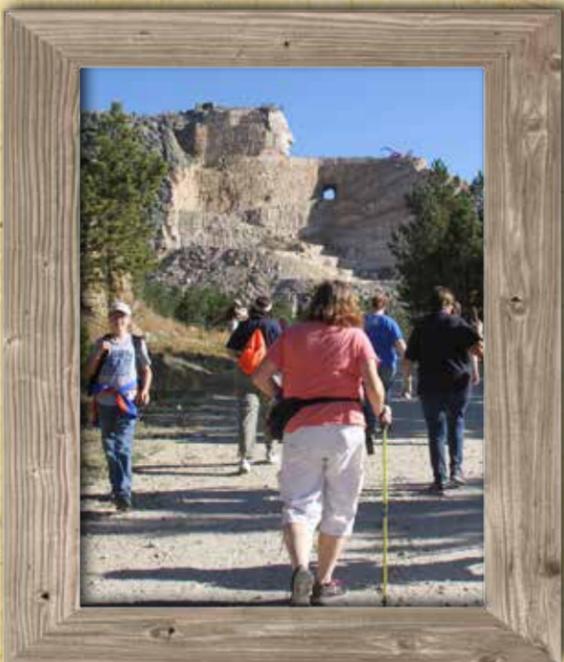
\*suggested three cans of food per person for the KOTA Care and Share Food Drive.

In the Black Hills of SD  
Between Hill City and Custer  
On Hwy 16/385

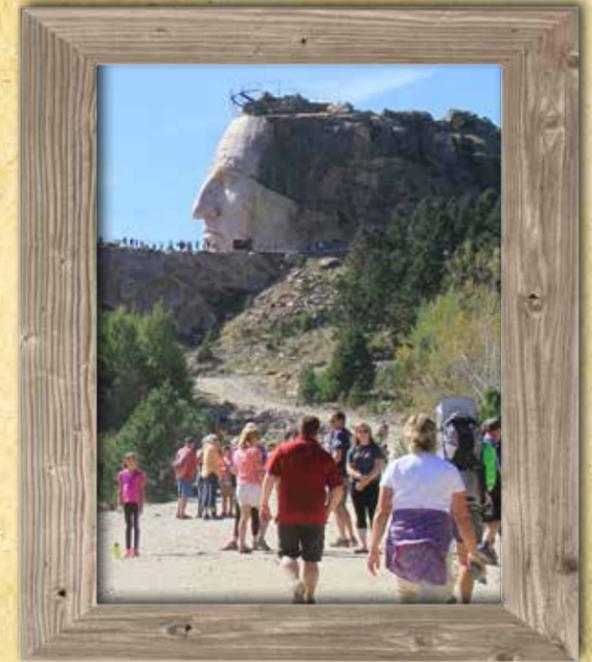
The Crazy Horse Memorial Hwy  
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or call 605-673-4681



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[ 2017 Spring Volksmarch June 3 and 4 ]



# THE 23<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL BUFFALO ROUNDUP ARTS FESTIVAL

On The Grounds of The State Game Lodge

Thursday, Sept. 29th - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 30th - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

{ Friday is Buffalo RoundUp Day  
Park Entrance License Not Required }

Saturday, October 1st - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Join the crowd and enjoy three days of continuous entertainment along with numerous arts and crafts booths near the State Game Lodge on Hwy. 16A. Visit with artisans and craftsmen from throughout the Midwest as they exhibit and sell their wares ranging from Native American to Western and South Dakota-made products. Or sit back and take in a variety of on-going entertainment. Hear cowboy poets yarn tall tales, share the beauty of Native American dancers or have a foot stompin' good time with some of the top musicians in the area. Be on the lookout for trick shooters or kick up your heels with cloggers and square dancers. And if you build up an appetite you'll find plenty of good Western vittles right there on site. Park entrance license required.

For exhibitor information contact  
the Custer State Park Resort at  
1-888-875-0001 • [www.CusterResorts.com](http://www.CusterResorts.com)



## THE 26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BUFFALO WALLOW CHILI COOKOFF

Saturday, October 1st, in conjunction with the Park's Buffalo Roundup and Arts Festival near the State Game Lodge on Hwy. 16A. Cookers from across the region test their chili cooking skills in some fierce, but friendly competition. Spectators are welcome to purchase chili tastes and vote for the people's choice award. Ticket sales 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Tasting begins at 2:00 p.m. until the chili is gone.

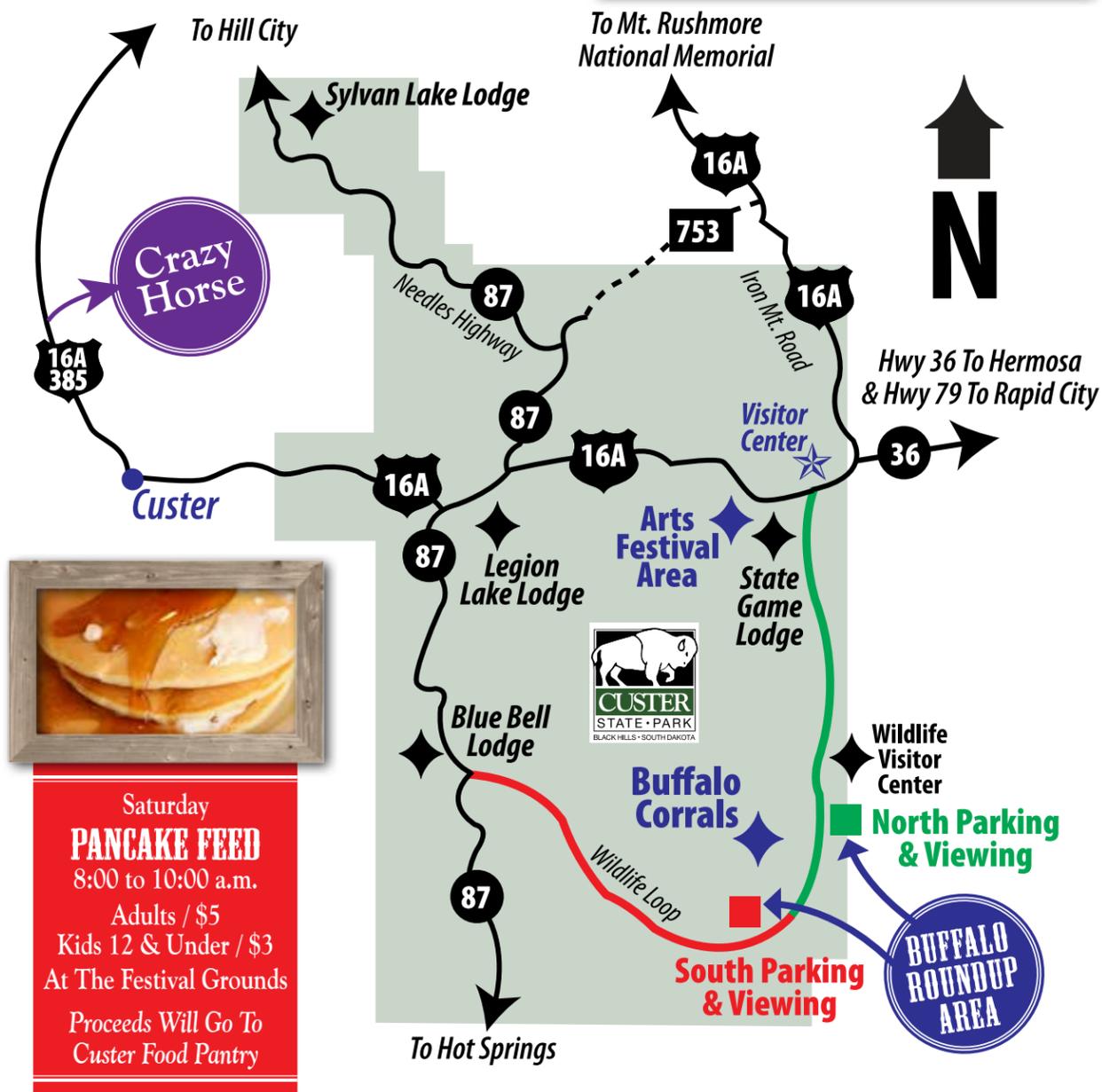
## THE 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CUSTER STAMPEDE BUFFALO ART AUCTION

11th Annual Custer Stampede Buffalo Art Auction Attend the most exciting art event in the region where you can buy your very own buffalo! The Custer Stampede Buffalo Art Auction features life-sized and table-top buffalo as well as a variety of free-form artwork, including paintings, sculpture and photography. All artwork is on display in Custer from mid-May through the end of September, then auctioned off under the Entertainment Tent at the Buffalo Roundup Arts Festival on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016. Don't miss an opportunity to take home a one-of-a-kind piece of buffalo artwork!



Photo Courtesy Custer Area Chamber

For Chili Cookoff or Buffalo Art Auction  
information call the  
Custer Area Chamber of Commerce 1-800-992-9818  
[www.CusterSD.com](http://www.CusterSD.com)



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**Friday,  
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### VIEWING AREAS

You will need to determine which viewing area you will be going to prior to Friday morning. Reservations not required. **North Parking & Viewing:** Follow the Green Route on the map. **South Parking & Viewing:** Follow the Red Route on the map. Port-a-pottys available.

### WHAT TO BRING

Folding chairs, cameras, binoculars, layered clothing, rain gear, water, snacks and sun screen.

### PARKING

Lots open at 6:15 a.m. and close at 9:00 a.m. Reservations not required. Handi-

cap parking provided in all areas. Please clearly display your handicap emblem.

### MOTORCOACHES

Will park in the South Lot but access that area via the Green Route.

### BUFFALO ROUNDUP

The actual Buffalo Roundup will begin at 9:30 a.m. Guests must stay in the viewing areas until the herd is safely in the corrals, generally around noon.

### CONCESSIONS

Breakfast served (\$) will be available at 6:15 a.m., in both viewing areas. Buffalo BBQ lunch will be served at the corrals once the buffalo are safely in the corrals until 1:00 p.m. - (\$).

### SHUTTLE SERVICE

After the roundup, free shuttle service is provided from the viewing areas into

the corrals and back. Some people prefer to walk.

### BUFFALO HANDLING

Testing, branding, and sorting will begin at 1:00 p.m. until about 3:00 p.m.

### DEPARTING

All vehicles will depart the way they entered.

### CAMPER UNITS

We encourage you not to bring your camper. Call 605-255-4515 for drop location. If you do bring it, follow the Green Route and you will be parked in the North Overflow Lot and be shuttled to the Roundup site.

### PETS

The Park encourages you to leave your pet at home or in your vehicle.

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**NOTE: BUFFALO ARE DANGEROUS AND UNPREDICTABLE. DO NOT APPROACH THEM.**