



11TH ANNUAL
 ... CRAZY HORSE SPECIAL FALL ...
VOLKSMARCH

SEPT. 29, 2024

Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation® and BHVA will host the fall Volksmarch in September. The autumn hike will be held on Sunday, September 29, 2024, and will be held the same weekend as the Custer State Park Buffalo Roundup.

COST

The hiking fee is \$4 (cash or check, no credit cards accepted) for each participant and non-hiker. The admission fee is waived for hikers who bring three cans of non-perishable food.

PARKING

FREE. Due to the popularity of the event, parking can be some distance from the starting point and not on paved or gravel surfaces. Shuttle buses operate between these outlying parking lots and the start-finish area.

REGISTRATION

No advance registration. Hikers must check in at starting point, which is at the Memorial's upper parking area. Registration will begin at 7:00 a.m. Hikers must register before 1 p.m. and be off the trail by 4 p.m. No late starts.

STARTING TIMES

Anytime between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Stay updated at <https://crazyhorsememorial.org/visit/special-events/volksmarch>

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 NEXT YEAR!**

SEPT. 25-27, 2025

CUSTER STATE PARK
**BUFFALO
 ROUNDUP**
 & ARTS FESTIVAL



General Info

605-394-2693 • www.CusterStatePark.com

Camping

800-710-2267 • www.CampSD.com

Lodging

888-875-0001 • www.CusterResorts.com

FOR VOLKSMARCH INFORMATION VISIT

www.CrazyHorseMemorial.org

OR CALL

605-673-4681

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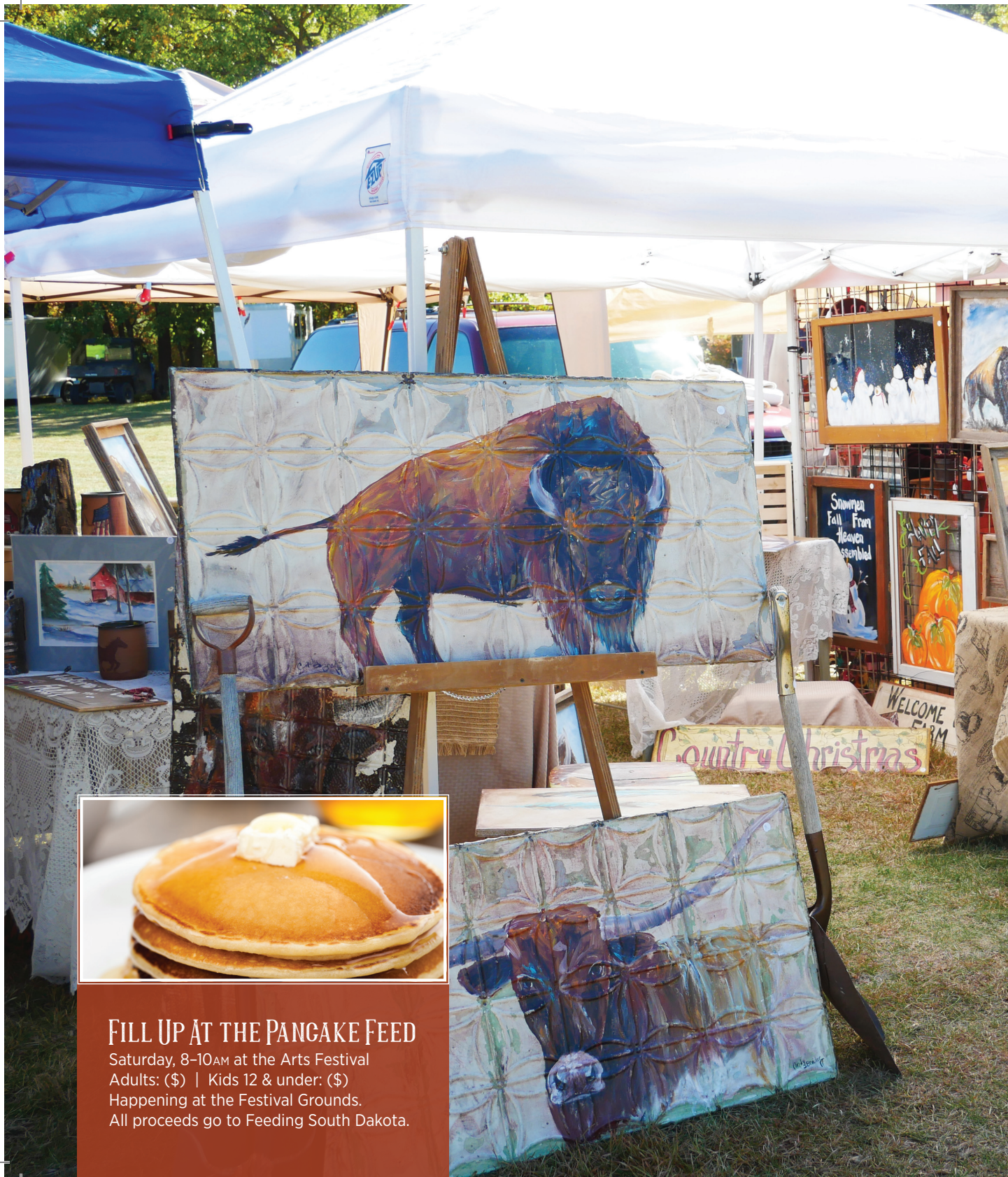
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SEPT. 26 - 28, 2024



31ST ANNUAL BUFFALO ROUNDUP ARTS FESTIVAL

Enjoy three days of endless entertainment along with numerous arts and crafts booths near the State Game Lodge on Highway 16A. Visit with artisans and crafters, hear cowboy poets spin tall tales, witness the beauty of Native American dancers and do some dancing of your own to the area's best bluegrass and country musicians. A few local breweries will also be around to top off the fun.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 26 • 10AM-5PM

FRIDAY, SEPT. 27 • 10AM-7PM
(Music will continue until 8:00PM)
Friday is Buffalo Roundup Day

SATURDAY, SEPT. 28 • 9AM-4PM



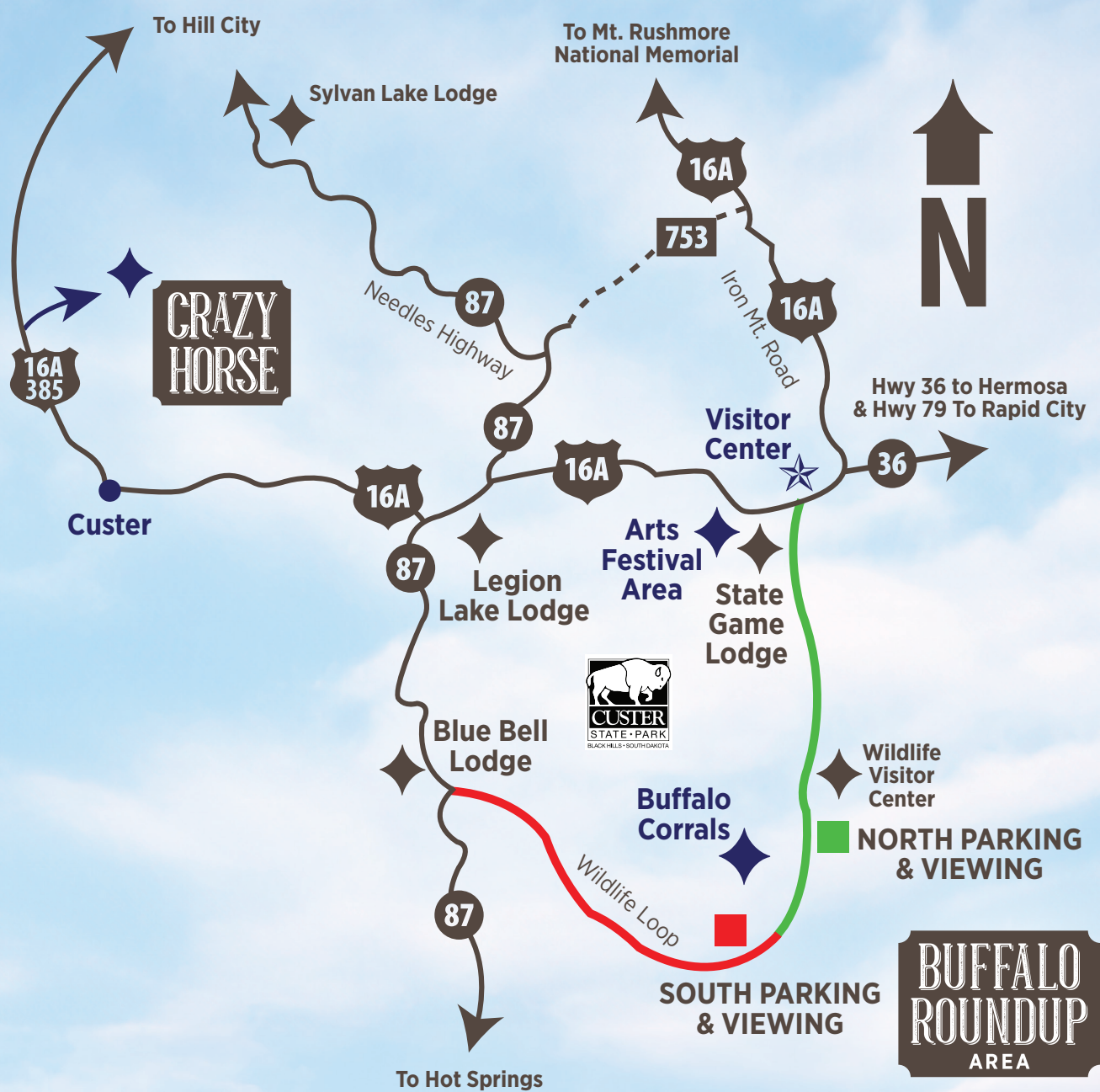
FILL UP AT THE PANCAKE FEED

Saturday, 8-10AM at the Arts Festival
Adults: (\$) | Kids 12 & under: (\$)
Happening at the Festival Grounds.
All proceeds go to Feeding South Dakota.

CUSTER STATE PARK BUFFALO ★ ROUNDUP ★ & ARTS FESTIVAL

The rumble starts underfoot as the first of the 1,400 buffalo crest the hill. Before long, the mighty animals are stampeding alongside park personnel, cowboys and cowgirls, all attempting to herd the animals toward the Buffalo Corrals. You watch in awe from one of two designated viewing areas as the thundering beasts pass within a few hundred feet of you.

THAT'S THE BUFFALO ROUNDUP



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

Once the herd is safely in the corrals the buffalo are sorted, branded, tested and certain animals are selected for the fall auction. The Roundup and auction are conducted to keep the bison and the park's grasslands healthy. With the park's grasslands only able to support about 1,000 animals through the winter, about 400 surplus buffalo are sold at the annual auction. Revenues from the fall auction help support the day-to-day operations of the South Dakota Park System.

VIEWING AREAS

While reservations are not required, you will need to determine which viewing area you will be going to prior to Friday morning. 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 sunscreen. Parking lots open at 6:15AM and close at 9:00AM. Reservations are not required. Handicap parking provided in all areas. Please clearly display your handicap emblem.

CONCESSIONS

A pancake breakfast (\$) will be available in both viewing areas starting at 6:15AM. A buffalo BBQ lunch (\$) will be served at the corrals after the buffalo are safely in the corrals until 1:00PM. Cash only.

BUFFALO ROUNDUP

The Buffalo Roundup will begin at 9:30AM. Guests must stay in the viewing areas until the herd is safely in the corrals (usually around noon).

DRONE POLICY

For the safety of the public, staff and the bison, use of drones is prohibited during the Roundup.

BUSES/MOTORCOACHES

Bus and motorcoach tour group parking will be in the South Viewing Area Parking Lot. They must access the area using the North Viewing Area route (highlighted in green).

RIDERS

Each year Custer State Park uses a core group of riders consisting of Game, Fish and Parks staff, as well as volunteers with years of experience riding in the Roundup. The park also has a long tradition of partnering with private citizens to help with the annual Buffalo Roundup. Each year "draw riders" are selected to be a part of moving the herd over five miles to the corral system. Draw riders fill out an application stating their riding experience and then numbers are drawn out of a bucket to see who is selected to ride in the event.

BUFFALO HANDLING

Testing, branding and sorting will begin 30 minutes after the Roundup is complete and will go until all animals have been run through the corral system.

SHUTTLE SERVICE

After the Roundup, free shuttle service is provided from the viewing areas into the corrals and back. You may also walk down.

ENTERING AND DEPARTING

All traffic entering the parking areas is one-way. There is no two-way traffic on the day of the Roundup. All vehicles must depart the same way they entered.

CAMPER/RVs

We encourage you not to bring your camper. There is no drop location on-site for campers. 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 visitors to leave their pets at home or in their vehicles during the event. Please be aware that there is little to no shade in either parking areas, as well as the Arts Festival parking area or grounds.

Park Entrance License not required on Buffalo Roundup Day.

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

