

## Rapid City, SD, USA • 18-20 October 2017



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### **Travel Information**

### **Rapid City Regional Airport (RAP)**

4550 Terminal Road Rapid City, SD 57703 + 1 (605)394-4195 http://www.rcgov.org/departments/ airport.html

Rapid City is serviced by American, Delta and United Airlines

# Accommodations & Meeting Location

#### Holiday Inn Rapid City-Rushmore Plaza

505 North Fifth Street Rapid City, SD 57701

#### Reservations

Make reservations online at Holiday Inn Rapid City-Rushmore Plaza: http://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/ en/rapid-city/rapcc/hoteldetail

Group code: WX8 Rate: \$89 plus tax USD Room block expires on 15 September, 2017, if registering after this date contact the hotel directly or email Laura Nemec at laura.nemec.ctr@usgs.gov

### Transportation

- Hotel offers a complimentary airport shuttle, call + 1(605)348-4000
- Hotel is a 15-20 minute ride from the airport (12 miles, 19km)
- Rental Car options available at the airport
- <u>Map of airport to hotel</u>



Map from Rapid City Regional Airport to Holiday Inn Rapid City-Rushmore Plaza

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### **Hotel Dining**

Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn has a restaurant with a breakfast and lunch buffet

### **Hotel Pool and Fitness Center**

• Hours are 5:00 am to 12:00 am

### **Hotel Shuttle**

- Hours are 5:00 am to 11:00 pm
- Free shuttle service is available within 5 miles of the hotel (8 km)

### Helpful Information and Links

Rapid City, South Dakota: http://www.visitrapidcity.com/

Committee on Earth Observation Satellites (CEOS): http://ceos.org/

### U.S. Geological Survey (USGS):

http://www.usgs.gov/



Electric Power voltage is 120 V; frequency is 60 Hz; plug type A/B

### **Additional Useful Links**

Holiday Inn Rapid City-Rushmore Plaza: http://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/ en/rapid-city/rapcc/hoteldetail

### **Currency Converter:**

http://www.oanda.com/currency/converter/

### Weather Information – October

- Average daytime temperatures are a high of 59° F (15° C) and low of 34° F (1° C)
- Rapid City uses Mountain Standard Time (MST)

### Things to Do

Rapid City and the Black Hills offer many beautiful attractions, both indoor and outdoor. If you enjoy museums, shopping or hiking, Rapid City and the Black Hills has numerous options.

- Join the Rapid City bike trail right outside the hotel for biking, walking, or running
- View Memorial Park/Berlin Wall Exhibit (directly south of Holiday Inn-Rushmore Plaza)
- Hike Black Elk Peak (formerly Harney Peak) (elevation 7,244') (2,208 meters)
- Visit Prairie Edge Trading Co & Galleries
- Tour US President downtown sculptures
- Visit Wall Drug with free ice water
- Drive through the Badlands and behold Mother Nature's beauty
- Drive Iron Mountain Road with unique architectural features called pigtail bridges and one lane tunnels with a view of Mount Rushmore
- Visit Custer State Park & Wildlife Loop
- Visit Hot Springs Mammoth site
- Visit Devils Tower in Wyoming
- View many more attraction options at Rapid City Visitor Bureau: <u>http://www.visitrapidcity.com/</u>

### Rapid City and Black Hills Area Maps

#### **Downtown Rapid City Map:**

http://www.visitrapidcity.com/sites/default/ files/pdfs/RC\_Downtown%20Map%20 2017\_1.pdf

### **City of Presidents Walking Guide:**

http://presidentsrc.com/map.html

### **Rapid City Map:**

https://www.visitrapidcity.com/sites/ default/files/pdfs/RC%20Map%20 Update%202017.pdf

### **Black Hills Area Map:**

http://www.visitrapidcity.com/images/data/ files/Black-Hills-Map-1.pdf

### **Badlands Map:**

https://www.visitrapidcity.com/images/ data/files/Badlands-area-map.pdf

### Emergency Contact and More Information

- United States emergency contact number is 911
- For assistance or more information contact Laura Nemec at laura.nemec.ctr@usgs.gov + 1(605) 212-1253

### **Schedule of Events**

#### Wednesday, 18 October 2017

- Welcome table and coffee available beginning at 7:30 am
- Side Meetings Dakota Ballroom salons
- Welcome Reception Black Hills Ballroom
  - 6:30 pm to 10:00 pm
  - Beverages and local cuisine

#### Thursday, 19 October 2017

- Welcome table and coffee available beginning at 7:30 am
- Plenary Session Dakota Ballroom
- 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm
  - Journey Museum
  - 222 New York Street
  - Rapid City, SD 57701
  - Walking distance from hotel but will have a dedicated Holiday Inn shuttle available from 6:00 to 10:00 pm
  - Includes social time, entertainment, and buffet dinner
  - Museum tour available
  - Gift shop will be open

#### Friday, 20 October 2017

- Welcome table and coffee available beginning at 7:30 am
- Plenary Session Dakota Ballroom

#### Saturday, 21 October 2017

- Bus tour of the Black Hills with stops at Crazy Horse and Mt. Rushmore during the day (lunch provided)
- Evening bus trip to Deadwood (dinner non-hosted)