



HEART OF THE BLACK HILLS™

2025 Hill City Calendar of Events

(Dates are subject to change.)

For more information about an event go to www.visithillcitysd.com or call 605.574.2368
Hill City Trolley on the Trail canceled for 2025, see below for Deadwood Trolley on the Trail schedule.

National Park fee-free day – Badlands and all other National Parks waive entrance fees, commercial tour fees and transportation entrance fees.

January Events

- 3 Granite Sports Fantastic Friday, Hill City 3-6pm
- 10 Granite Sports Fantastic Friday, Hill City 3-6pm
- 11 Live on Stage, Chute Rooster, Hill City
- 12 Hill City Senior Sunday Breakfast, Hill City Center, Hill City, 8am-12 noon
- 17 Granite Sports Fantastic Friday, Hill City 3-6pm
- 18 Breakin' the Winter Blues Chili Cookoff, Main Street Hill City
- 20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – National Park Service fee-free day
- 20-24 Chamber office closed for SD Governors Tourism Conference
- 22 Hill City Garden Club 'Gardening with Children', Janessa Bixel, Ed.D., Super 8 Motel, 3rd floor, 1:00pm
- 25 Live on Stage, Chute Rooster, Hill City
- 24 Granite Sports Fantastic Friday, Hill City 3-6pm
- 31 Granite sports Fantastic Friday, Hill City 3-6pm

February Events

- 1 Lions Club Valentine bingo, Hill City Center, Hill City, 5pm food, 6pm bingo
- 6 Lions Club/Vitalant Blood Drive, Hill City Center, Hill City, 1pm to 5:45pm
- 8 Polar Bear Chili Cook-off, Main Street Hill City 11am-2pm
- 8 Lions Club bingo, Hill City Center, Hill City. 5pm food, 8pm bingo
- 8 Live on Stage, Chute Rooster, Hill City
- 7-9 Tour de Chocolate, Main Street Hill City, all day
- 9 Hill City Senior Sunday Breakfast, Hill City Center, Hill City, 8am-12
- 15 Live on Stage, Chute Rooster, Hill City
- 22 Live on Stage, Chute Rooster, Hill City
- 22 Law Enforcement Special Olympics Polar Plunge, Rapid Spa on Omaha St., Rapid City, 10am check-in
- 26 Hill City Garden Club, 'Yard tree care in difficult settings', Jason Preble, Rapid City Arborist, Super 8 Motel, 3rd floor, 1pm
- 26 Special Day to Remember the Battle of the Little Big Horn and Ruth Ziolkowski's birth

March Events

- 8 Live on Stage, Chute Rooster, Hill City
- 9 Hill City Senior Sunday Breakfast, Hill City Center, Hill City, 8am-12
- 14-16 Spring Antique & Railroad Show, Hill City Center, Hill City
- 22 Live on Stage, Chute Rooster, Hill City
- 26 Hill City Garden Club 'Fun day with garden bingo', Super 8 Motel, 3rd floor, 1pm
- 30 Run for the Rangers, Hill City, Granite Sports, registration 11:45-12:45, run starts at 1pm

April Events

- 9 Lions Club/Vitalant Blood Drive, Hill City Center, Hill City, 1pm – 5:45pm
- 12 Lions Club Easter bingo, Hill City Center, Hill City, 5pm food, 6pm bingo
- 13 Hill City Senior Sunday Breakfast, Hill City Center, Hill City, 8am-12
- 13 Hill City Children's Easter Egg Hunt, Visitor Info Center, Hill City
- 19 Frist Day of National Park Week – National Park Service fee-free day
- 23 Hill City Garden Club 'Trip to Central Asia', Kathryn Cleveland, Super 8 Motel , 3rd floor, 1pm

May Events

- 10 National Train Day/Hobo Stew Feed, Hill City Center, Hill City
- 11 Hill City Senior Sunday Breakfast, Hill City Center, Hill City 8am-12
- 11 1880 Train opens
- 11-12 Best of Hill City, Main Street, Hill City
- 24 Daily Cultural performances begin at Crazy Horse Memorial

June Events

Daily Native American Performances, Crazy Horse Memorial
 Thursday Evenings Talking Circle Speaker, Crazy Horse Memorial

- 3 Deadwood Trolley on the Trail, Deadwood
- 5 Lions Club/Vitalant Blood Drive, Hill City Center, Hill City
- 7 Spring Volksmarch, Crazy Horse Memorial
- 14 Mt. Rushmore Rodeo at Palmer Gulch, Palmer Gulch Resort, Hill City, 6pm
- 18 The Big Mick, George S. Mickelson Trail
- 19 Juneteenth National Independence Day – National Park fee-free day
- 21 Mt. Rushmore Rodeo at Palmer Gulch, Palmer Gulch Resort, Hill City, 6pm
- 20-22 Mickelson Trail Summer Trek, Black Hills

July Events

Daily Native American Performances, Crazy Horse Memorial
 Thursday Evenings Talking Circle Speaker, Crazy Horse Memorial

- 1 Deadwood Trolley on the Trail, Deadwood
- 4-7 Star-Spangled Saturday Independence Holiday Celebration, Main St. Hill City, Visitor Information Center, Various locations
- 4 Hill City Star-Spangled Parade, Main St. 10am
- 4 Pancake Breakfast/Hot dog lunch, Hill City Center, Hill City, breakfast 8-10, lunch 11am-2pm
- 13 The Black Hills Raptor Center, The Farmer's Daughter, Hill City
- 31 Hill City Senior Citizens Biker Breakfast, Hill City Center, Hill City 7:30-11am

August Events

Daily Native American Performances, Crazy Horse Memorial
Thursday Evenings Talking Circle Speaker, Crazy Horse Memorial

- 1-9 Hill City Senior Citizens Biker Breakfast, Hill City Center, Hill City
- 3 Mt. Rushmore Rodeo at Palmer Gulch, Palmer Gulch Resort, Hill City, 6pm
- 4 Great American Outdoors Act Signing Day – National Park fee-free day
- 9 Mt. Rushmore Rodeo at Palmer Gulch, Palmer Gulch Resort, Hill City, 6pm
- 13 Lions Club/Vitalant Blood Drive, Hill City Center, Hill City
- 17 Mt. Rushmore Rodeo at Palmer Gulch, Palmer Gulch Resort, Hill City, 6pm
- 22-23 Wine, Brew & BBQ, Hill City
- 30 Lions Club Rubber Duck Race, Memorial Park, Hill City

September Events

Daily Native American Performances, Crazy Horse Memorial

- 2 Deadwood Trolley on the Trail, Deadwood
- 6 Special Day to Remember the death of Crazy Horse & Korczak Ziolkowski
- 6-7 Hill City Quilt & Fiber Arts Show, High School Gym, Hill City
- 6-7 Friends of Library Book Sale, Hill City Public Library, Hill City
- 14 Hill City Senior Sunday Breakfast, Hill City Center, Hill City 8am-12
- 13 Rails to Ails Bike Ride Hill City to Custer
- 12-13 Polkapalooza at Palmer Gulch, Palmer Gulch Resort, Hill City
- 14 South Dakota State Railroad Museum HOB0 Stew Meal, Hill City Center
- 18-20 8th Annual Black Hills Plein Air Paint Out & Art on Main, Hill City
- 19-21 27th Annual Mickelson Trail Fall Trek
- 26-28 Custer State Park Buffalo Roundup & Arts Festival, Custer State Park, Custer
- 26-28 Black Hills Film Festival – 27th Rapid City; 28th-29th Hill City High School Theater, Hill City
- 27 National Public Lands Day – National Park fee-free day
- 29 Fall Annual Fall Volksmarch, Crazy Horse Memorial, Custer

October Events

- 4-5 Run Crazy Horse Full & Half-Marathon, Crazy Horse, Custer, Hill City
- 12 Hill City Senior Sunday Breakfast, Hill City Center, Hill City 8am-12
- 13 Native American Day at Crazy Horse Memorial
- 15 Lions Club/Vitalant Blood Drive, Hill City Center, Hill City
- 24 Hill City Main Street Merchant Trick-or-Treat; Boys & Girls Club Annual Halloween Carnival, Hill City
- 25 Hill City Children's Boo Bash & Pumpkin Festival, Hill City
- 25 Lions Club bingo, Hill City Center, Hill City, 5pm food, 6pm bingo

November Events

- 1-3 Hill City Girlfriends' Weekend, Hill City
- 7-9 Girlfriend Weekend, Hill City
- 10 Hill City Senior Sunday Breakfast, Hill City Center, Hill City 8am-12
- 11 Veterans Day – National Park fee-free day
- 28 Trees & Trains Exhibit, SD State Railroad Museum, Hill City
- 28 Snacks with Santa 2-4pm at the Hill City Center
- 28 Roasted Chestnuts & Cider, Alpine Inn, Hill City 5pm
- 28 Hill City Olde Tyme Christmas Parade, Main Street 6pm
- 28 1880 Train Holiday Express Classic, First Class and 21 & older Spiked!, 1880 Train, Hill City
- 28 Kris Kringle Vendor Fair, High School, Hill City

28 Olde Tyme Christmas at participating businesses, Hill City

December Events

- 1-30 Trees & Trains Exhibit, SD State Railroad Museum, Hill City
- 8 Hill City Senior Sunday Breakfast, Hill City Center, Hill City 8am-12
- 15 Lions Club/Vitalant Blood Drive, Hill City Center, Hill City
- 20 Lions Club bingo, Hill City Center, Hill City, 5pm food, 6pm bingo

This is a partial list of events that have been submitted to the Chamber of Commerce