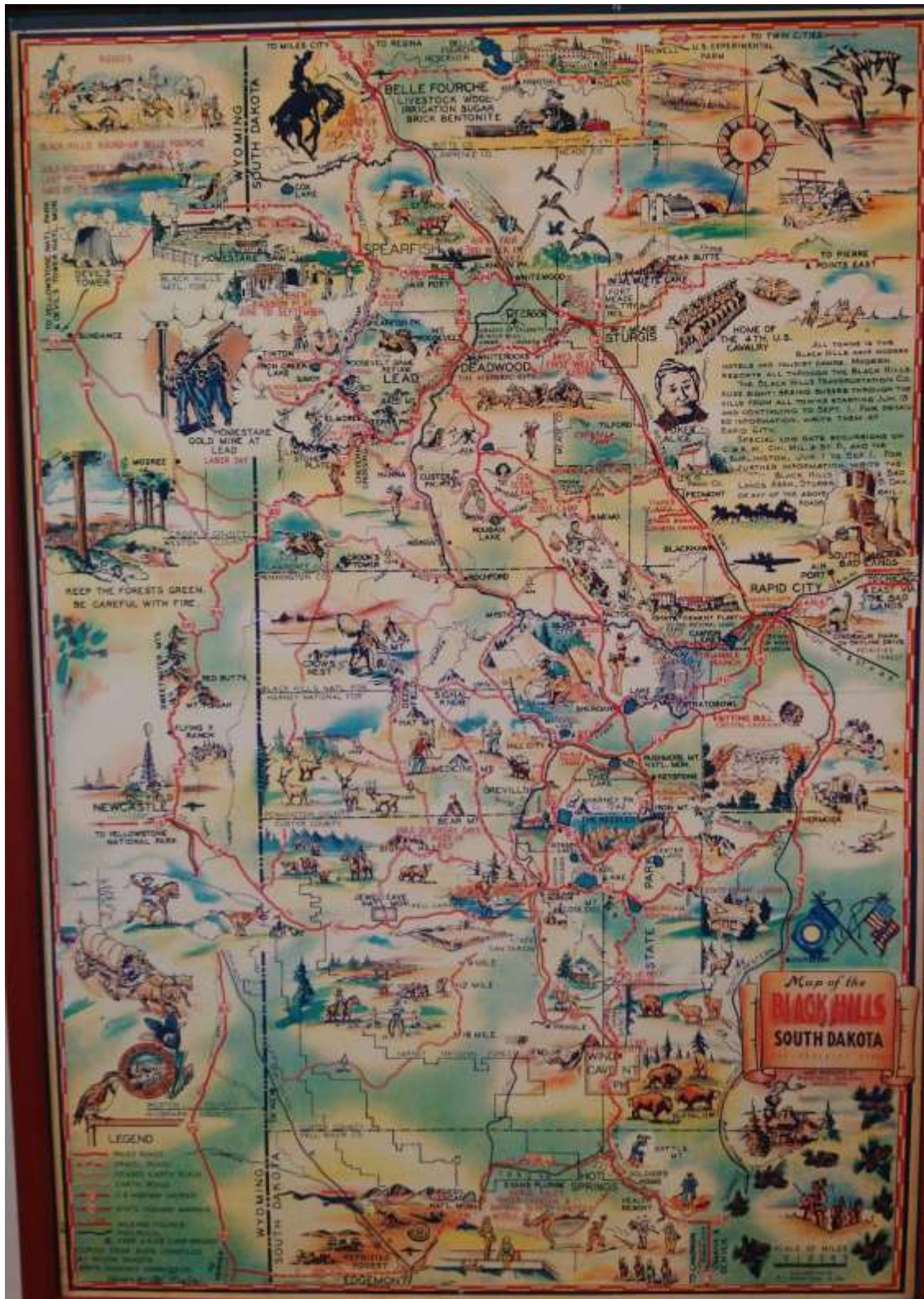
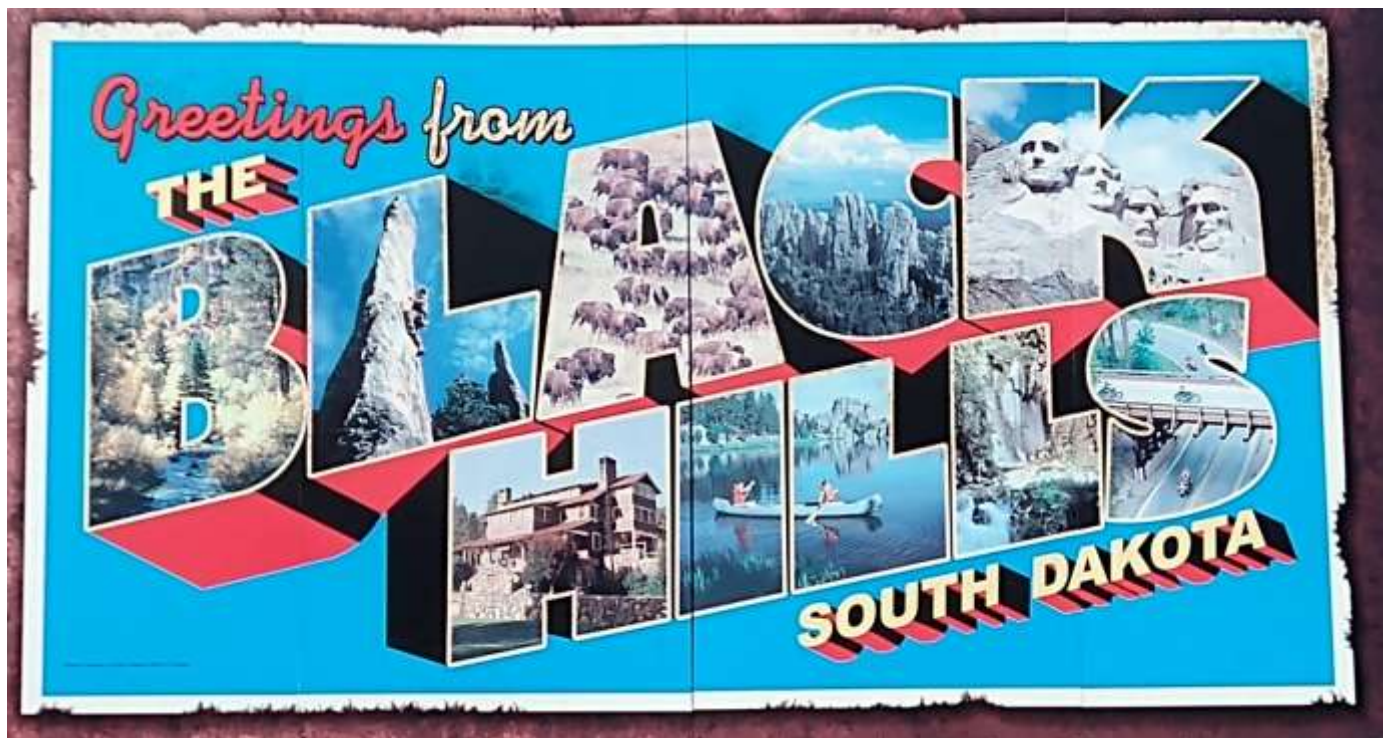


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## Spearfish Canyon Through Time. Bridal Veil Falls

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### A National Scenic Byway

Imagine a place where the beauty of nature isn't just seen but felt, where every turn of the road opens up to yet another awe-inspiring view. The Spearfish Canyon Scenic Byway offers just that—a memorable journey through the heart of the Black Hills, showcasing the majesty of towering limestone cliffs, captivating waterfalls, and the serene beauty of the wilderness. Whether you're an avid nature lover, an adventurous hiker, or someone looking to find peace away from the hustle and bustle of city life, this 22-mile route promises an escape into nature's wonders.



**Bridal Veil Falls, with its 60-foot drop, offers a picturesque backdrop for hikers and nature enthusiasts alike. A short hike on a gently winding trail brings you up close to this natural spectacle.**





## Spearfish Canyon Flora and Fauna

1. **American Dipper (*Cinclus mexicanus*)** – Earning its name from its habit of bobbing up and down while perched on streamside rocks, the American dipper is a small gray bird native to the Black Hills.
2. **Beaver (*Castor canadensis*)** – Beaver dams raise water tables and slow stream flow, providing habitat for a variety of plants and animals.
3. **Botany** – There are more than 500 species of plants known to occur in Spearfish Canyon.









## Spearfish Canyon Trails

1. **Roughlock Falls Trail** – This trail follows Little Spearfish Creek up to Roughlock Falls. Length = 1 mile (one-way), moderate
2. **Spearfish Falls Trail** – This trail descends into Spearfish Canyon and then follows Spearfish Creek to Spearfish Falls. Length=1.5 miles (round trip)












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A TRAIL TO DEADWOOD'S PAST



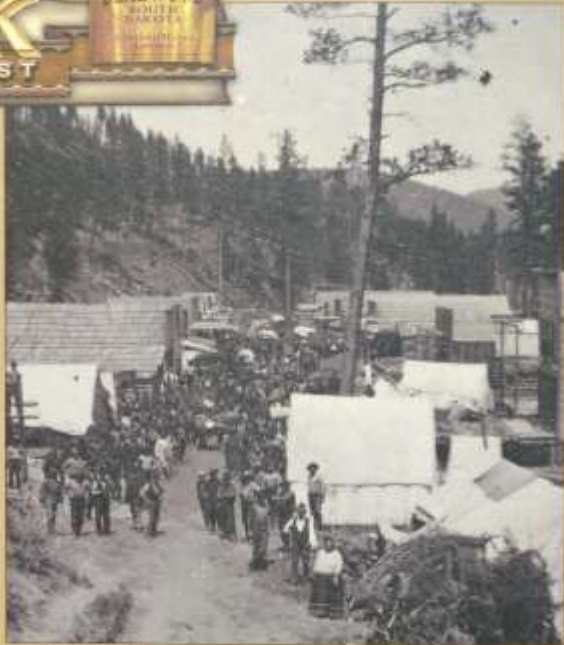
## Deadwood 1876

Thousands of people suddenly burst into Deadwood Gulch in 1876. Some came to try their luck at mining; others hoped to strike it rich with supply stores, restaurants and saloons.

"Six weeks ago the site of Deadwood City was a heavy forest of pine timber, now it extends nearly a mile along Deadwood and Whitewood and contains nearly two thousand of the most energetic, driving people on the continent. Every branch of business is represented, ... houses are going up on every hand-immense [sic] trains are constantly arriving loaded with goods of all kinds." *Black Hills Pioneer, June 1876*



Prior to 1881, what we now know as Deadwood was actually a collection of individual mining camps: Montana City, Fountain City, Cleveland, Ingleside, Elizabethtown, Christown, South Deadwood and Deadwood City. When the Dakota Territorial Legislature officially incorporated Deadwood as a city, these camps were combined into a single municipal government. Later, other camps and small hamlets were annexed into Deadwood including the small southern village of Pluma. Many of these old mining camp names are still in use today to describe some of Deadwood's residential neighborhoods.



The photographer stood at about Lee Street to capture the flurry of activity on Main Street. Many of the habitations of the boom town were canvas tents, or made of peeled logs, or were dugouts in city river banks.

**Sign: Thousands of people suddenly burst into Deadwood Gulch in 1876. Some came to try their luck at mining; others hoped to strike it rich with supply stores, restaurants and saloons.**













## Black Hills Gold

The Black Hills are located in western South Dakota. The area is well known for Mt. Rushmore as well as Deadwood, a legendary old west town in the Black Hills.

In 1874 a military expedition led by General George Armstrong Custer entered the Black Hills. It was during this time when gold was discovered in the area, when

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**Bill Clinton**



**Jimmy Carter**



**Ronald Reagan**



**George Washington**











“dearly beloved,  
we are gathered here  
today to get through  
this thing called life.”

—PRINCE

**EXTRA**

## **CUSTER STATE PARK**



**We were told that this was the best place to see the buffalo (bison). So, we took the loop trail to see the buffalo, and other roadside animals.**



**Elsa and I wanted to see the buffalo herd up close, so we ventured up to the fence that seemed to be a good protective barrier.**





**Buffalo "scat"**











**Donkeys at a roadside stop.**



**This one donkey seemed to like Elsa. The donkey probably thought Elsa would feed him.**





