

3-Day Mickelson Trail Adventures

Four Ways to Ride. Choose the Support That Fits You.

Comfort • Single-Shuttle • Self-Supported • Fully Supported

Planning a multi-day ride on the George S. Mickelson Trail doesn't have to be complicated.

We've planned four ways to enjoy the entire trail over three riding days, with manageable daily distances and time to savor the scenery. Choose the adventure that fits your riding style, budget, and preferred support.

Whether you want just one shuttle to get you started, prefer strategic shuttle support along the way, want access to your vehicle each evening, or would rather let us take care of your luggage, we'll handle the transportation you choose so you can concentrate on enjoying the trail.

Book early—especially for September! Multi-day shuttle appointments fill quickly.

2027 Pricing Included

Touring in the Black Hills
Private Mickelson Trail Bicycle Shuttles

Questions or ready to reserve? Call 605-430-2029

Which Adventure Is Right for You?

Adventure	Why choose it?
Comfort Ride — Our Most Popular	Stay in Custer, travel light, and enjoy having your own vehicle available each evening.
Single-Shuttle	The simplest, most economical option for independent cyclists carrying their overnight gear.
Self-Supported	Ride from town to town with strategically arranged shuttle support while carrying your gear.
Fully Supported	Travel from town to town without carrying luggage; we handle the transfers.

These itineraries are designed around three riding days, with shuttle arrangements beginning the day before your first ride. Lodging and meals are at the rider's expense unless specifically noted.

OPTION 1

Comfort Ride

Travel light and have access to your own vehicle every evening.

This option balances independence with shuttle support. You carry only what you need during the day's ride, while your vehicle - and everything you've packed in it - is available each evening.

Day 1 - Arrive in Custer

Make Custer your home base for your three-day Mickelson Trail adventure. Check into your hotel, enjoy the evening, and get ready to ride. You'll return to Custer each evening, so there's no need to pack up and change hotels during your trip.

Day 2 - Deadwood to Mystic | 32.6 miles

Drive your vehicle from Custer to the Mystic Trailhead in the morning. We'll meet you there and shuttle you and your bicycles to Deadwood. Ride 32.6 miles from Deadwood back to your vehicle at Mystic, with time to stop in Rochford along the way. When you finish your ride, load your bikes and drive back to your hotel in Custer.

Our Local Tip - Plan Lunch in Rochford
Rochford is 24.3 miles from Deadwood and is the best - and essentially only - place to purchase food along this day's ride. For a meal, you'll find Moonshine Gulch Saloon and the hot dog/steam burger stand. Happy Dog Cafe is a great stop for coffee and sweet treats, and Rochford also has a very small convenience store for basic necessities.

Day 3 - Mystic to Custer | 30.2 miles

We'll pick you and your bicycles up at your hotel in Custer and shuttle you to the Mystic Trailhead. From there, ride 30.2 miles back to Custer and finish right at your home base for the trip.

Awesome Suggestion! Many of our guests extend their adventure by an extra day, taking time to explore spectacular Custer State Park and Mount Rushmore before their final ride to Edgemont. With your own vehicle available, it's easy to enjoy a full day of Black Hills sightseeing before getting back on the trail!

Day 4 - Custer to Edgemont | 43.8 miles

Choose Your Final-Day Shuttle — Please Select One

OPTION A — Morning Vehicle Placement (Recommended): Drive your vehicle to Edgemont in the morning. We'll meet you there and shuttle the driver and any accompanying passengers back to Custer (no bicycles transported). Your bicycles remain in Custer, ready for your 43.8-mile ride to Edgemont, where your vehicle will be waiting at the finish.

Why We Recommend This
With your vehicle waiting at the finish, you can enjoy your final day at your own pace without worrying about reaching Edgemont at a particular pickup time.

OPTION B — Afternoon Bicycle Pickup: Leave your vehicle in Custer and begin riding directly from town. We'll meet you and your bicycles in Edgemont at your scheduled afternoon pickup time and shuttle everyone back to Custer. Please choose Option A or Option B when reserving; your choice determines your shuttle arrangements and, for groups of 3–4, the adventure price.

Food Along the Way
The only food service along this section is in Pringle at the Hitch Rail Bar & Restaurant, which is closed on Mondays.

What's Included

- Mystic to Deadwood shuttle
- Custer to Mystic shuttle
- Edgemont to Custer passenger-only shuttle for morning car placement, or afternoon pickup with bicycles (pricing varies for 3–4 cyclists)
- Bicycle transportation on each shuttle that requires it

2027 Adventure Pricing
Prices are TOTAL for your group — not per person.
1–2 cyclists: $570 + tax | 3–4 cyclists: $870 + tax (Option A) or $1,020 + tax (Option B)

OPTION 2

Single-Shuttle Adventure

The simplest and most economical way to ride the entire Mickelson Trail.

If you're comfortable carrying your overnight gear and don't mind a longer day 2 ride, this is the most affordable way to ride the entire trail. Park your vehicle in Edgemont and we'll shuttle you and your bicycles to Deadwood. From there, the adventure is yours - ride south over three days and finish right back at your vehicle.

Day 1 - Edgemont to Deadwood by Shuttle

Leave your vehicle in Edgemont and meet us for your private bicycle shuttle to Deadwood. We'll transport you, your bicycles, and your gear approximately two hours north to Deadwood. Check into your hotel, enjoy the evening, and get ready to start riding the next morning. Lodging and meals are at your own expense.

Day 2 - Deadwood to Hill City | 47 miles

Ride south from Deadwood to Hill City, carrying the clothing, toiletries, medications, and other overnight essentials you'll need for your trip.

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Day 3 - Hill City to Custer | 15.8 miles

Ride from Hill City to Custer for a shorter day on the trail. You'll ride directly past the entrance to Crazy Horse Memorial along the way. Since today's riding mileage is lighter, you may want to allow extra time to stop and visit Crazy Horse Memorial and explore its world-class Native American museum and cultural exhibits before continuing your ride to Custer for the night.

Day 4 - Custer to Edgemont | 43.8 miles

Ride 43.8 miles from Custer to Edgemont for your final day on the Mickelson Trail. This section trends downhill overall and makes for a rewarding finish. Your vehicle will be waiting for you in Edgemont when you finish.

Food Along the Way
The only food service along this section is in Pringle at the Hitch Rail Bar & Restaurant. It is closed on Mondays, so Monday riders should carry enough food for the day.

What's Included

- Private Edgemont to Deadwood bicycle shuttle
- Transportation for you, your bicycles, and your gear

You arrange lodging in Deadwood, Hill City, and Custer, along with meals, trail passes, and everything you need along the way.

2027 Adventure Pricing

Prices are TOTAL for your group - not per person.

1-2 cyclists: $250 + tax | 3-4 cyclists: $400 + tax

OPTION 3

Self-Supported Adventure

Independent riding with strategic shuttle support along the way.

Your vehicle stays in Edgemont while you make your way south from Deadwood. You'll carry your clothing, toiletries, medications, and other overnight essentials on your bicycle.

Day 1 - Edgemont to Deadwood by Shuttle

Meet us in Edgemont, where you'll leave your vehicle. We'll load you and your bicycles and shuttle you approximately two hours north to Deadwood. Check into your hotel, explore historic Deadwood, enjoy dinner, and get a good night's rest. Lodging and meals are at your own expense.

Day 2 - Deadwood to Mystic | 32.6 miles

Ride 32.6 miles from Deadwood to Mystic. You'll tackle the trail's famous 12 mile 4% grade climb out of Deadwood before enjoying some of the most beautiful scenery on the remaining downhill run from the Dumont trailhead into Mystic. When you reach Mystic, we'll meet you at the trailhead and shuttle you to Hill City for the night.

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Day 3 - Mystic to Custer | 30.2 miles

We'll pick you up at your Hill City hotel in the morning and shuttle you back to Mystic. Ride 30.2 miles to Custer, where you'll spend the night.

Day 4 - Custer to Edgemont | 43.8 miles

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Food Along the Way
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What's Included

- Edgemont to Deadwood shuttle
- Mystic to Hill City shuttle
- Hill City to Mystic shuttle
- Bicycle transportation on all shuttle legs

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Prices are TOTAL for your group - not per person.

1-2 cyclists: $510 + tax | 3-4 cyclists: $960 + tax

OPTION 4

Fully Supported Adventure

You ride. We take care of your luggage.

This is our most convenient three-day option. Your vehicle stays in Edgemont, and there's no need to carry clothing and overnight necessities on your bicycle. We'll move your luggage from hotel to hotel while you enjoy the trail.

Day 1 - Edgemont to Deadwood by Shuttle

Meet us in Edgemont. We'll load you, your bicycles, and your luggage and shuttle everything to Deadwood.

Day 2 - Deadwood to Mystic | 32.6 miles

Ride 32.6 miles to Mystic, planning your food stop in Rochford. While you're riding, we'll pick up your luggage from your Deadwood hotel and deliver it to your Hill City hotel. When you arrive in Mystic, we'll shuttle you and your bicycles to Hill City.

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Day 3 - Mystic to Custer | 30.2 miles

Leave your luggage at your Hill City hotel. We'll shuttle you and your bicycles back to Mystic. While you ride 30.2 miles to Custer, we'll transfer your luggage to your Custer hotel.

Day 4 - Custer to Edgemont | 43.8 miles

Leave your luggage at your Custer hotel and enjoy your final 43.8-mile ride to Edgemont. We'll collect your luggage in Custer and personally hand it back to you in Edgemont at the meeting time and location arranged when you make your reservation. Please plan your final ride accordingly. IMPORTANT: Keep your vehicle keys with you while cycling. Never pack them in transferred luggage!

Food Along the Way
The only food service along this section is the Hitch Rail Bar & Restaurant in Pringle, which is closed on Mondays.

What's Included

- Edgemont to Deadwood shuttle
- Mystic to Hill City shuttle
- Hill City to Mystic shuttle
- Daily luggage transfers from Deadwood to Hill City, Hill City to Custer, and Custer to Edgemont
- Bicycle transportation on each shuttle

2027 Adventure Pricing

Prices are TOTAL for your group - not per person.

1-2 cyclists: $1,050 + tax | 3-4 cyclists: $1,500 + tax

A Few Things We've Learned Along the Way

Watch the Weather

Black Hills weather can change quickly, and afternoon thunderstorms can be intense. Check the forecast several days before your ride and again the morning you leave. Carry rain gear and layers, even when the morning looks beautiful.

Stay Hydrated

The Black Hills have a dry climate, and it's easy to underestimate how much water you're losing while riding. Many trailheads have potable water available. We recommend refilling whenever you have the opportunity.

Know Your E-Bike

Know your realistic battery range before attempting a long section. Hills and higher levels of assist can affect battery life. Charging opportunities are available in Rochford, which can be helpful on longer riding days.

Don't Depend on Cell Service

Cell service is limited or nonexistent along portions of the trail. If a call won't go through, sometimes a text will. If you can get word to us when something unexpected happens, we'll do everything reasonably possible to help, but it may take time to reach you.

Give Yourself Enough Daylight

Take your time and enjoy the trail, but keep track of your progress and sunset time. Don't plan on finishing after dark unless you're properly equipped for night riding.

Trail Pass

A Mickelson Trail pass is required for riders age 12 and older. Trail passes can be purchased at the trailheads. Be sure to bring cash to purchase your pass. Daily pass: $5. Annual pass: $20.

Don’t Take the Shortcut!

Just 3.5 miles outside of Deadwood at the Kirk trailhead you may be tempted to ‘take the shortcut’—after all, it's shorter! We suggest you save yourself from the surprise 17% grade and **stay right** toward Sugarloaf.

Book Early - Please Call to Reserve

Our 3-Day Mickelson Trail Adventures range from a single starting shuttle to multiple days of coordinated shuttle service, and availability can become limited as our schedule fills. We strongly recommend booking early. Because the logistics for these Adventures can be more involved, please call us at **605-430-2029** to discuss your trip and make your reservation.

3-Day Adventure Cancellation Policy

Please book early, especially for September dates. These adventures reserve multiple shuttle appointments over several days.

Cancel 14 days or more before the first scheduled shuttle: no charge. Cancel less than 14 days before the first scheduled shuttle: 25% of the adventure price. No-show without cancellation: 50% of the adventure price.

Weather-related cancellations are not subject to cancellation fees. Rescheduling is subject to availability. Mutually agreed schedule adjustments are not cancellations and do not incur cancellation fees.

No deposit is required. Payment is collected at the first shuttle; applicable cancellation or no-show fees are invoiced separately.

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