



3-Day Mickelson Trail Adventures

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

Self-Supported • Comfort • Fully Supported

Planning a multi-day ride on the George S. Mickelson Trail doesn't have to be complicated. We've put together three different ways to ride the entire trail over three days. Choose the option that best fits your riding style, budget, and the amount of support you'd like along the way. Whether you prefer to carry your own gear, have access to your vehicle each evening, or let us take care of your luggage, we'll handle the transportation so you can concentrate on enjoying the trail.

2026 Pricing Included

Touring in the Black Hills
Private Mickelson Trail Bicycle Shuttles

Which Adventure Is Right for You?

	Self-Supported	Comfort Ride	Fully Supported
Best for	Budget-conscious & independent	Most riders	Maximum convenience
Carry overnight gear?	Yes	No	No
Vehicle each evening?	No	Yes	No
Luggage transfer	No	Not needed	Yes
Support level	Essential	Enhanced	Full

A note about the schedule

These itineraries are designed around three riding days. Lodging and meals are at the rider's expense unless specifically noted.

OPTION 1

Self-Supported Adventure

The simplest and most economical way to ride the entire trail.

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.

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 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

Ride 43.8 miles from Custer to Edgemont. This section trends downhill overall and makes for a rewarding final day. 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

- Edgemont to Deadwood shuttle
- Custer to Mystic shuttle
- Hill City to Mystic shuttle
- Bicycle transportation on each shuttle

2026 Private Group Pricing

Prices are TOTAL for your group - not per person.

1-2 cyclists: \$510 + tax TOTAL | 3-4 cyclists: \$660 + tax TOTAL

OPTION 2

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.

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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.

Day 4 - Custer to Edgemont | 43.8 miles

Recommended: Drive your vehicle to Edgemont in the morning. We'll shuttle you and your bicycles back to Custer. Ride 43.8 miles to Edgemont, where your vehicle will be waiting.

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.

Alternate: Leave your vehicle in Custer, ride to Edgemont, and we'll pick you up in Edgemont that afternoon and shuttle you back to Custer.

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 shuttle for the recommended Day 4 plan
- Bicycle transportation on each shuttle

2026 Private Group Pricing

Prices are TOTAL for your group - not per person.

1-2 cyclists: \$570 + tax TOTAL | 3-4 cyclists: \$620 + tax TOTAL

OPTION 3

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. When you arrive in Mystic, we'll shuttle you, your bicycles, and your luggage 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. While you're riding, we'll transport your luggage to Edgemont. When you finish, both your vehicle and your luggage will be waiting for you.

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
- Custer to Mystic 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

2026 Private Group Pricing

Prices are TOTAL for your group - not per person.

1-2 cyclists: \$1,050 + tax TOTAL | 3-4 cyclists: \$1,200 + tax TOTAL

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 involve 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 are more involved than a single shuttle, please call us at 605-430-2029 to discuss your trip and make your reservation.

Ready to Ride?

We're Brad and Kelly with Touring in the Black Hills, and we love helping cyclists experience the George S. Mickelson Trail. These three itineraries are just a starting point.

We also provide private point-to-point bicycle shuttles anywhere along the Mickelson Trail, along with vehicle relocation, luggage transfers, and customized shuttle plans. Whether you're riding one section or spending several days on the trail, we're happy to help.

You enjoy the ride. We'll help with the logistics.

Touring in the Black Hills

Private Mickelson Trail Bicycle Shuttles

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Website: <https://www.touringintheblackhills.com/bicycle-shuttle>