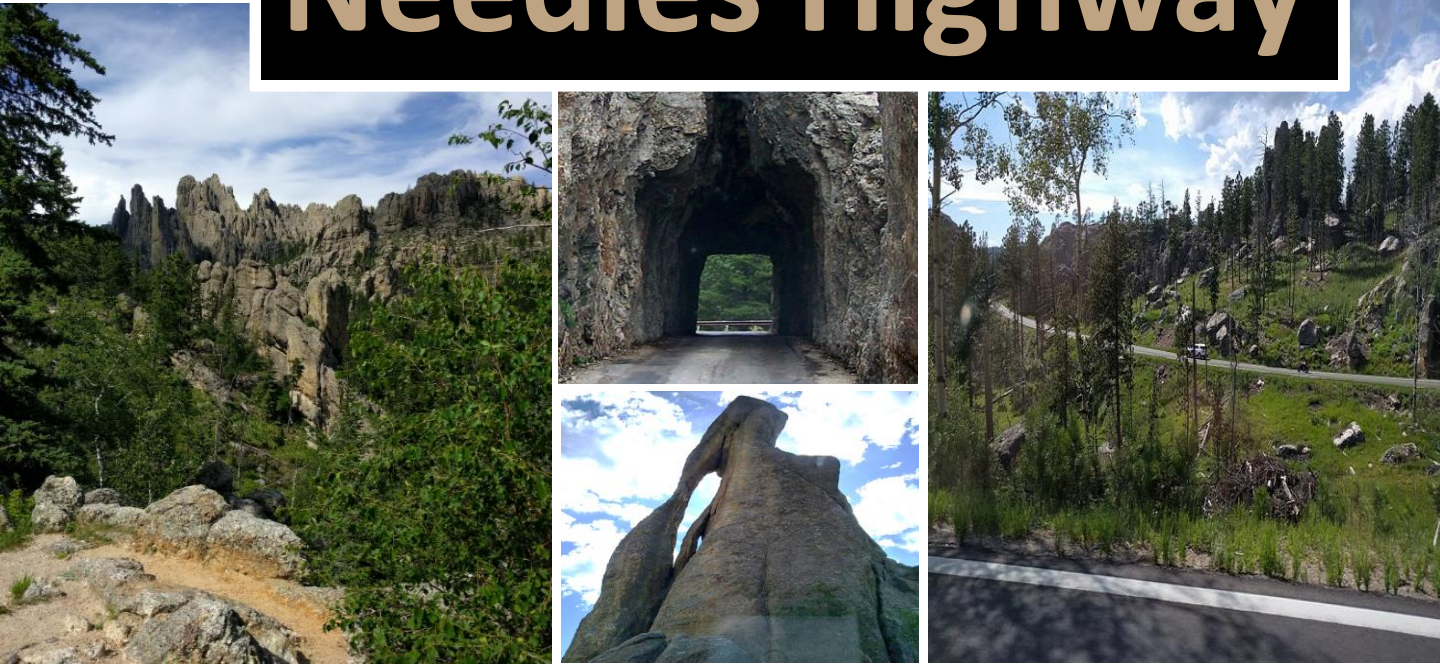
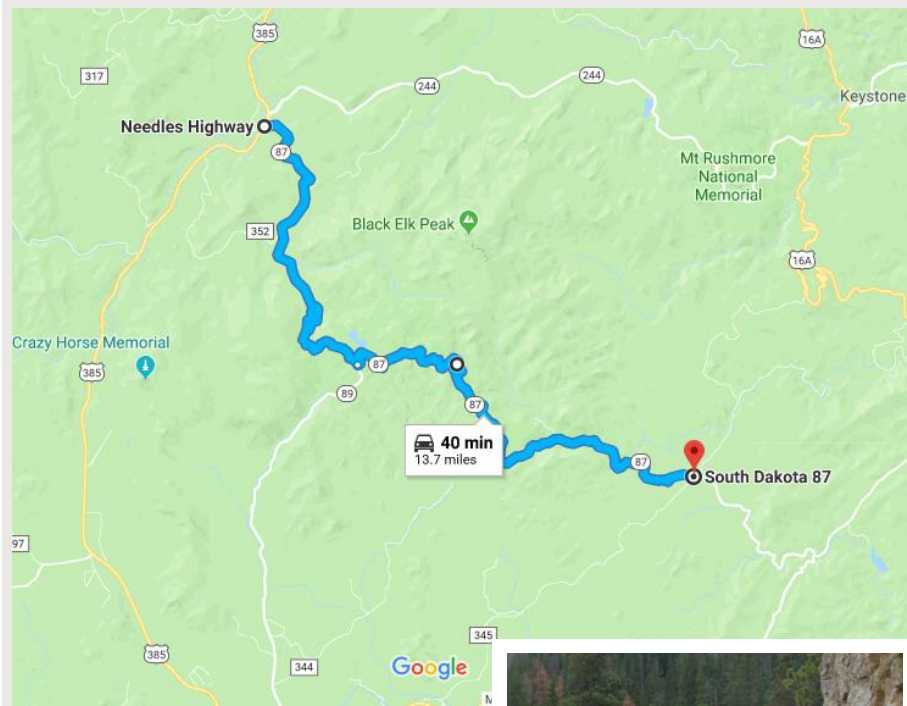


Spotlight on

Needles Highway



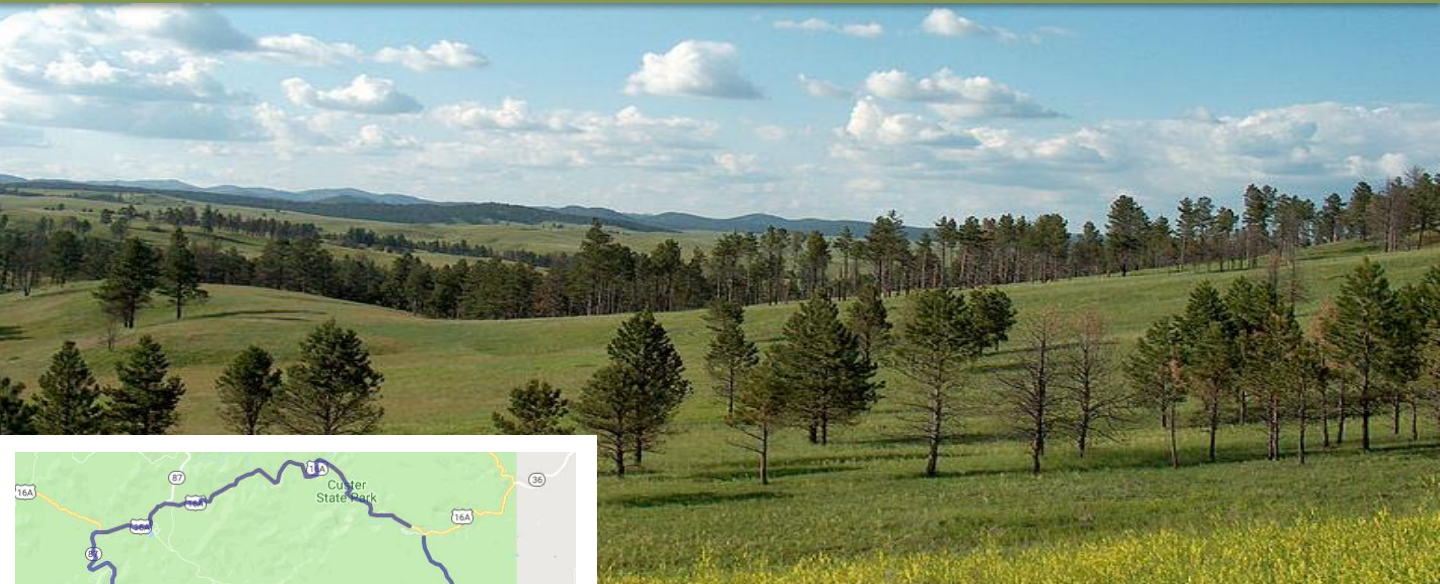
A particular favorite stretch of motorcycle road is known as “Needles Highway.” This approx. 14 mile stretch of road is named for the **incredible spires of solid granite** (appearing like “needles”) that surround the road and enchant the travelers lucky enough to take in this scenery. Additionally the road travels through two incredibly narrow



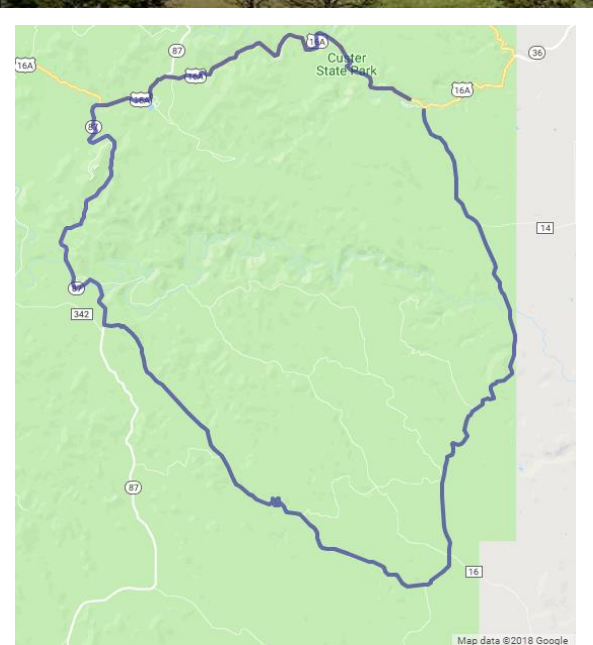
tunnels that have been blasted through pure granite walls and only **allow single vehicles** to travel through at a time. The [Needles Highway is part of the Central Hills Loop](#) (described above) and starts south of Hill City, SD where Highway 385 & Route 87 meet. From there take Route 87 south for 14 miles!



Custer State Park ... Miles & Miles of Motorcycle Riding Bliss



[Custer State Park Wildlife Loop Road](#) is a 32-mile loop encircling the awe-inspiring Custer State Park located just east of Custer, SD. The reason the name of the motorcycle road mentions “wildlife” is due to the fact that the park contains over a thousand free roaming bison that are not only majestic to see in person but also demand extra attention while driving through the park.



Another great ride starts in the popular town of Keystone, SD and heads south into Custer State park along US Highway 16A and is aptly named ['16 A to and Thru Custer State Park'](#). The route is loaded with great twists and turns and some motorcycle riders warn that this route is not for those who are new to riding or ‘faint of heart.’

In addition to the great curves, this route is considered to have spectacular scenery from start to finish of this 26-mile favorite.



Motorcycle riders need to pay particular attention to wildlife that travel near and often *ON* the roadways

Spotlight on

Mt. Rushmore

The Mount Rushmore National Memorial has a museum, two theaters, and a gift shop. A short film explaining the history of the memorial & how it was built shows every 20 minutes and you can take a very nice & low intensity hike right up to the monument itself.

One of the **surprise treats for motorcycle riders** who take Route 244 (aside from the fact that it is simply a great curvy mountain road) is that at one point, 244 swings right up to the southern exposure of Mount Rushmore and you get a great view of George Washington's profile from the road. Learn more at www.nps.gov/moru/index.htm



Spotlight on

Crazy Horse

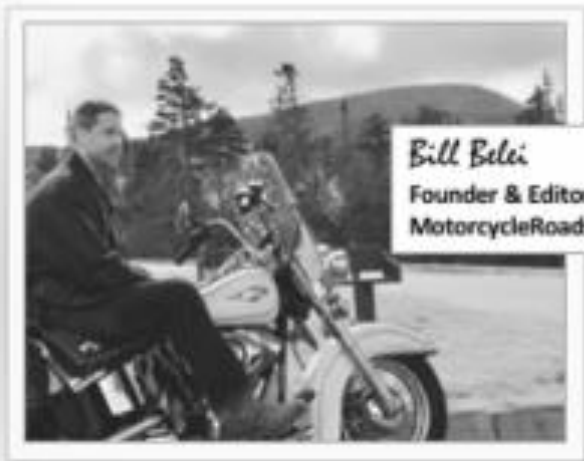
The Crazy Horse Memorial is monument being carved out of Thunderhead Mountain in the Black Hills as a tribute to North American Indians. The monument has been in construction since shortly after WWII (1948) and is privately funded.

For many Sturgis Motorcycle Rally attendees, the trip to Crazy Horse is a standard stop. The site offers a visitor center, museum, gift shop & great views of the monument. Learn more at www.crazyhorsememorial.org





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