

LEARN AND PLAY!

The Mickelson Trail offers many opportunities to learn about the natural and cultural heritage of the area, including:

- 33 interpretive signs along the trail
- Deadwood Trailhead railroad interpretive displays
- Log cabin with interpretive panels at Tracy Park in Hill City
- Custer Chamber of Commerce interpretive displays (across the street from the trailhead)
- Free trail guide available for download at www.mickelsontrail.com
- Staff-guided events
- Annual 3-day bike ride, Mickelson Trail Trek

Opportunities abound to play on and adjacent to the Mickelson Trail, such as:

- Bicycling
- Walking
- Hiking
- Running
- Bird Watching
- Observing Nature
- Fly Fishing
- Cross-Country Skiing
- Snowshoeing
- Horseback Riding (when the trail is dry)
- Snowmobiling (Deadwood to Dumont only)
- Special Events (check the calendar at www.mickelsontrail.com)

ACCESSIBILITY

Most of the trail has a four percent grade or less and is accessible to most mobility-impaired trail users. The surface of the trail and many parking lots are gravel. Toilets are accessible.

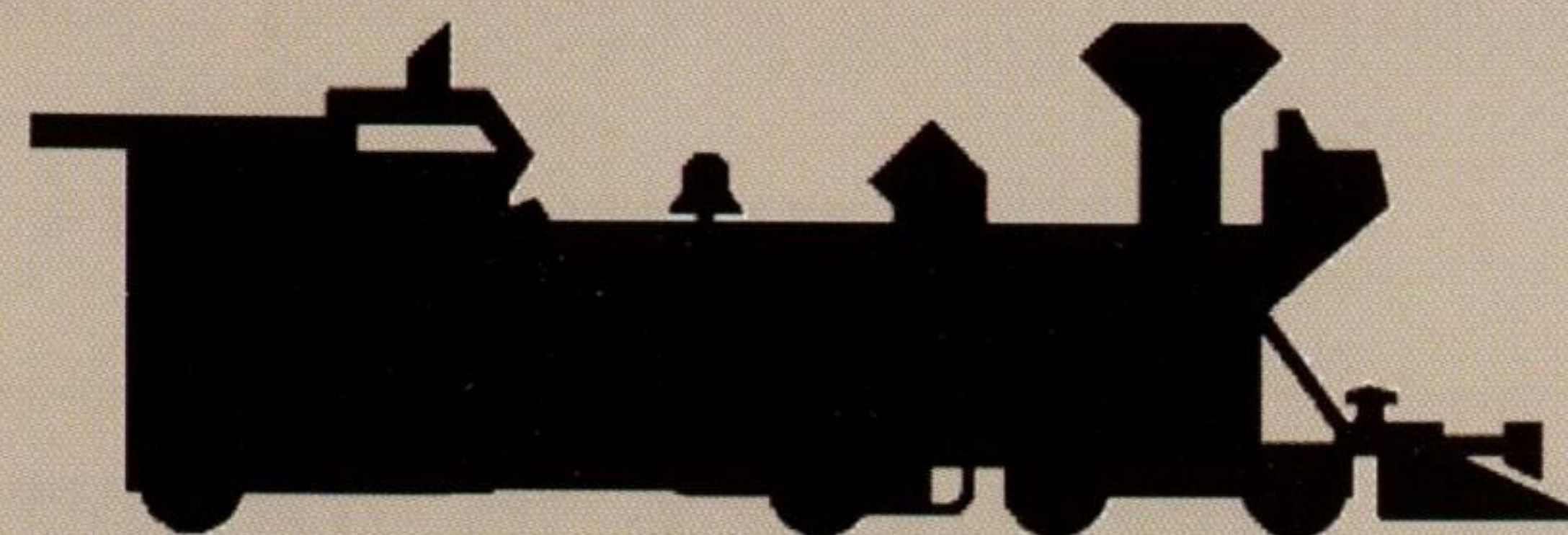
If you have questions about accessibility, please contact the trail office.

TRAIL POLICIES

- All pets must be on a leash 10 feet of length or less.
- Discharging firearms from or across the trail is strictly prohibited.
- Air guns and slingshots are not allowed.
- The trail is closed to all users from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise.
- All trail users age 12 and older are required to have a trail pass, except for those portions of the trail that are within city limits.
- No motorized vehicles, except snowmobiles on the portion from Deadwood to Dumont.
- There is no camping in the trail right-of-ways or at the trailheads. Camping is only permitted in designated campsites.
- Smoking is not allowed on the trail.
- Destruction or removal of natural features prohibited.

TRAIL ETIQUETTE

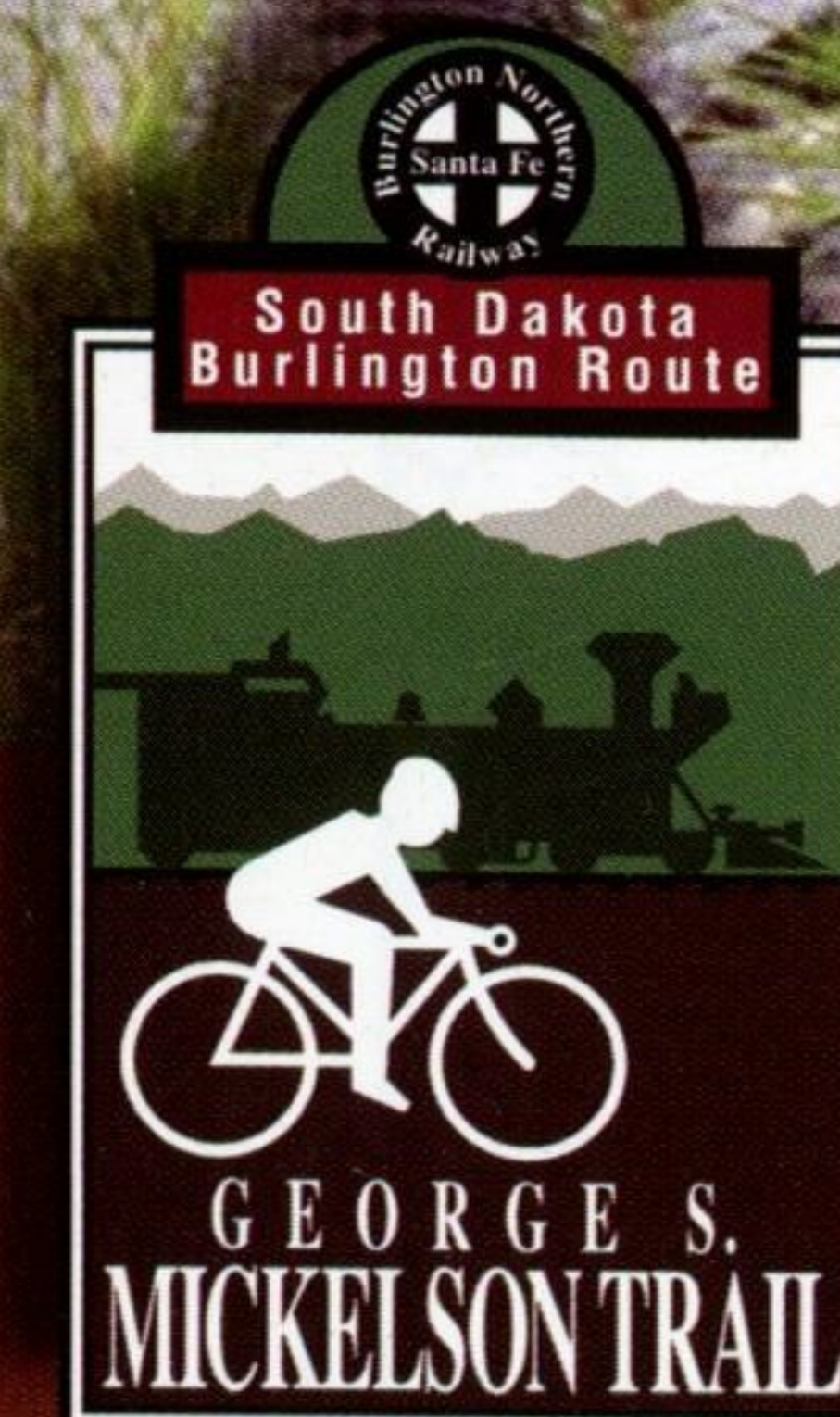
- Stay on the trail and be considerate of other users. Please respect the landowners along the trail. We are guests in their backyards.
- Obey all traffic signs.
- Bicycles must yield to pedestrians and everyone must yield to horses.
- Stay to the right of the trail except to pass.
- Give a clear warning before passing or overtaking other trail users.
- Horseback riding on a wet trail, especially in the spring and fall, can severely damage the trail. Please call the trail office at 605.584.3896 before planning to ride.
- Do not disturb wildlife or farm animals along the trail.



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GEORGE S. MICKELSON TRAIL

BLACK HILLS OF SOUTH DAKOTA



All aboard for over
100 miles on South
Dakota's Hall of Fame
rails-to-trails project

www.mickelsontrail.com

FEES SUPPORT TRAIL UPKEEP

Trail upkeep is made possible through user fees. All trail users age 12 and older are required to purchase a trail pass. A fee is not required within the city limits of towns along the trail route.

Trail passes are available at self-registration sites along the trail and at the following locations and businesses:

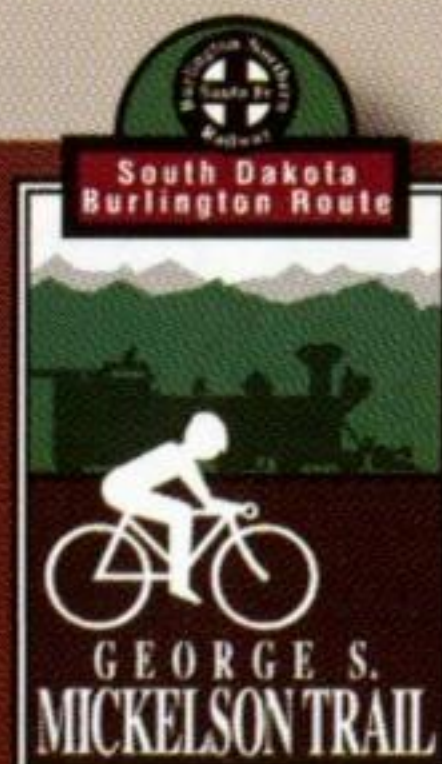
- **Custer:** Custer Chamber of Commerce, Frontier Bikes
- **Deadwood:** Deadwood Inn & Suites, Deadwood Chamber
- **Edgemont:** Remember When, Edgemont Chamber
- **Hill City:** Crooked Creek Resort, Heart of the Hills Exxon, Heart of the Hills Amoco, Mickelson Trail Adventures, Quail Crossing, Rabbit Bicycle
- **Lead:** Black Hills Trails Office, Lead Chamber
- **Rapid City:** Black Hills Visitor Center, GFP Wildlife Office

You can also purchase your trail pass online at www.mickelsontrail.com.

LOCAL INFORMATION

For more information on bike shuttles and repair, meals, lodging, hospitals and public telephones in each town, contact the following:

Central Reservations	800.745.4149
Custer Chamber	800.992.9818
Deadwood Chamber	800.999.1876
Edgemont Chamber	605.662.5900
Hill City Chamber	800.888.1798
Hot Springs Chamber	800.325.6991
Lead Chamber	877.428.5590
Rapid City Chamber	800.487.3223
Spearfish Chamber	800.626.8013
Sturgis Chamber	605.347.2556
Black Hills, Badlands & Lakes Association	605.355.3600



Black Hills Trails Office
11361 Nevada Gulch Rd
Lead, SD 57754
605.584.3896
www.mickelsontrail.com

ABOUT THE TRAIL

The George S. Mickelson Trail follows the historic Deadwood to Edgemont Burlington Northern rail line. This line passed through the heart of South Dakota's Black Hills and was abandoned in 1983. A group of local residents recognized the line's historic value and recreational potential. Because of their initiative, the state's first rails to trails project was underway.

Originally dubbed the Black Hills Burlington Northern Heritage Trail, the project gained early support from then-Governor George S. Mickelson. The governor played an integral role in the trail's early success, and in 1991, he proudly dedicated the first six miles of trail. Following Mickelson's untimely death in 1993, the trail was renamed in his honor.

Governor Janklow's continued support of the trail made its completion possible. After more than a decade, and with the help of the U.S. Forest Service, S.D. Department of Transportation, S.D. Department of Corrections, the National Guard, S.D. Department of Game, Fish and Parks, the Friends of the Mickelson Trail and hundreds of volunteers, the trail was completed in the fall of 1998.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

In order to keep the trail operational, the Mickelson Trail hires four different types of trail volunteers:

- Maintenance Volunteer
- Trail Volunteer
- Non-profit Group Volunteers
- Special Event Volunteers

For more information or to volunteer, call 605.584.3896.

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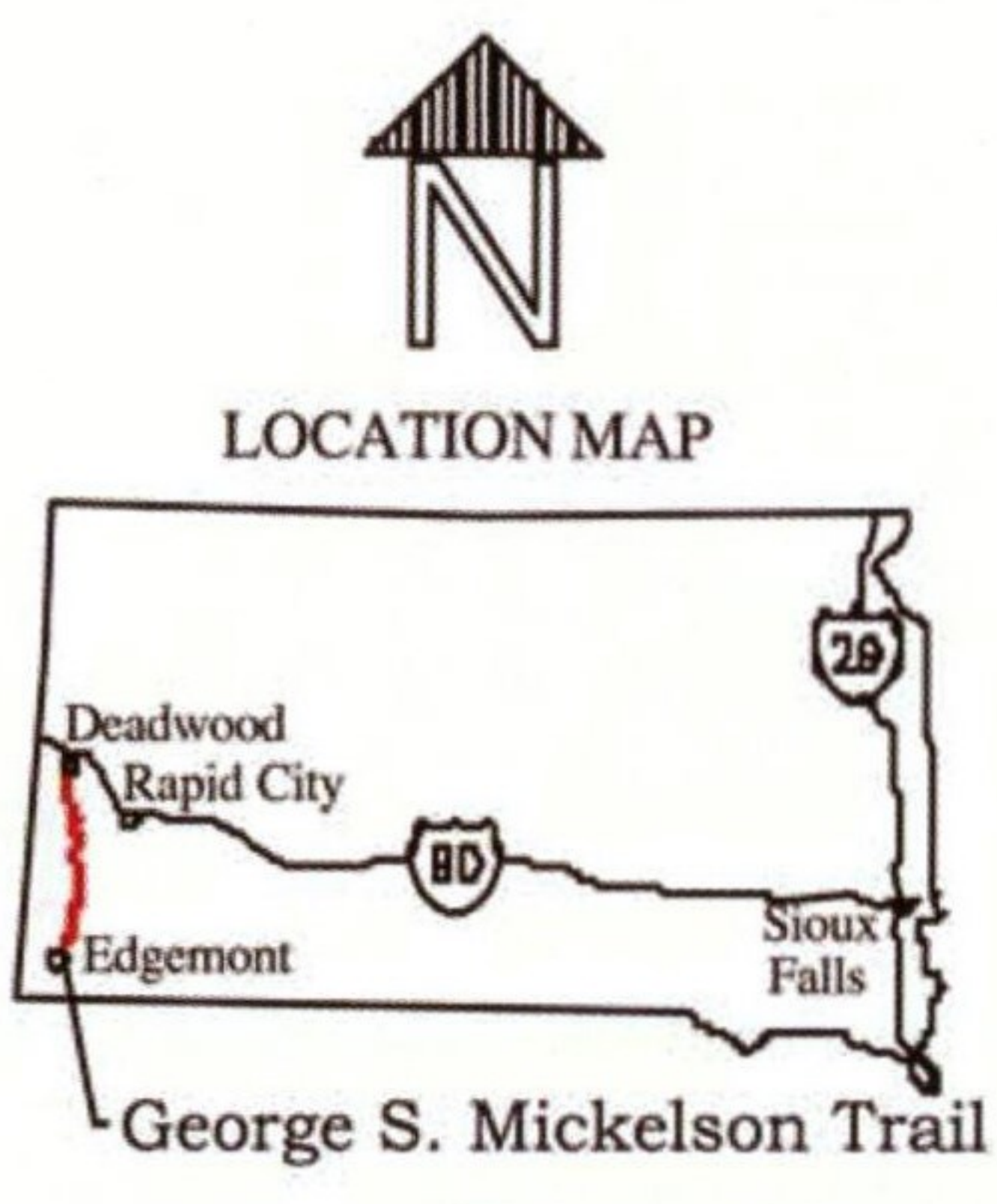
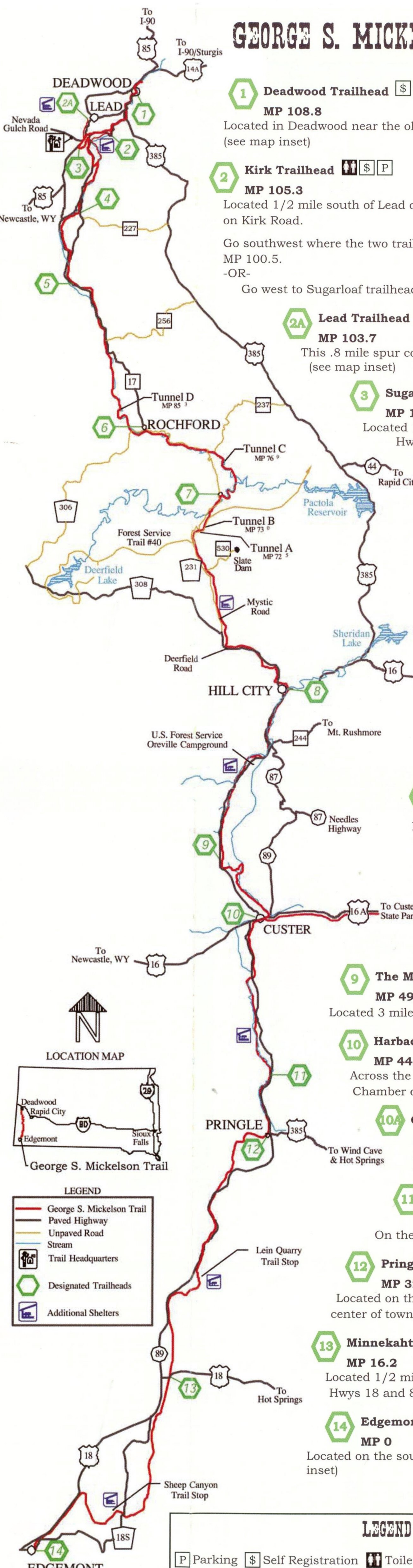
- The trail surface is primarily crushed limestone and gravel. Thin-tire road bikes are not recommended.
- It is important to be alert to quickly changing weather conditions. It can be hot one hour and freezing cold after a hailstorm the next. Bring extra layers of clothing and rain gear.
- Bring sunscreen and a hat, as several portions of the trail are not shaded.
- During the summer, water cisterns are located along the trail. However, be sure to carry plenty of water and snacks with you.
- Keep your equipment in good condition and carry simple repair items and tools.
- Cyclists are encouraged to wear helmets and always follow simple right-of-way procedures.
- Avoid poison ivy (three leaves) and rattlesnakes. Stay on the trail.

DONATE TO THE TRAIL

SD Parks and Wildlife Foundation
523 E Capitol Ave. ~ Pierre, SD 57501
Phone: 605.773.4503 ~ Fax: 605.773.6245
Website: www.ParksWildlifeFoundation.org

Trailheads	Deadwood	Kirk	Sugarloaf	Englewood	Dumont	Rochford	Mystic	Tracy Park	The Mountain	Harbach Park	White Elephant	Pringle	Minnekahta	Edgemont
Deadwood	0	3.5	5.5	10.3	16.2	26.2	34.1	48.7	59.2	64.3	73.1	76.7	92.6	108.8
Kirk	3.5	0	2	6.8	12.7	22.7	30.6	45.2	55.7	60.8	69.6	73.2	89.1	105.3
Sugarloaf	5.5	2	0	4.8	10.7	20.7	28.6	43.2	53.7	58.8	67.6	71.2	87.1	103.3
Englewood	10.3	6.8	4.8	0	5.9	15.9	23.8	38.4	48.9	54	62.8	66.4	82.3	98.5
Dumont	16.2	12.7	10.7	5.9	0	10	17.9	32.5	43	48.1	56.9	60.5	76.4	92.6
Rochford	26.2	22.7	20.7	15.9	10	0	7.9	22.5	33	38.1	46.9	50.5	64.4	82.6
Mystic	34.1	30.6	28.6	23.8	17.9	7.9	0	14.6	25.1	30.2	39	42.6	58.5	74.7
Tracy Park	48.7	45.2	43.2	38.4	32.5	22.5	14.6	0	10.5	15.6	24.4	28	43.9	60.1
The Mountain	59.2	55.7	53.7	48.9	43	33	25.1	10.5	0	5.1	13.9	17.5	33.4	49.6
Harbach Park	64.3	60.8	58.8	54	48.1	38.1	30.2	15.6	5.1	0	8.8	12.4	28.3	44.5
White Elephant	73.1	69.6	67.6	62.8	56.9	46.9	39	24.4	13.9	8.8	0	3.6	19.5	35.7
Pringle	76.7	73.2	71.2	66.4	60.5	50.5	42.6	28	17.5	12.4	3.6	0	15.9	32.1
Minnekahta	92.6	89.1	87.1	82.3	76.4	66.4	58.5	43.9	33.4	28.3	19.5	15.9	0	16.2
Edgemont	108.8	105.3	103.3	98.5	92.6	82.6	74.7	60.1	49.6	44.5	35.7	32.1	16.2	0

GEORGE S. MICKELSON TRAIL



LEGEND

- George S. Mickelson Trail
- Paved Highway
- Unpaved Road
- Stream
- Trail Headquarters
- Designated Trailheads
- Additional Shelters

LEGEND

- P Parking
- \$ Self Registration
- Toilet
- Drinking Water
- Shelter

1 Deadwood Trailhead [P]

MP 108.8
 Located in Deadwood near the old railroad depot on Sherman St. (see map inset)

2 Kirk Trailhead [P]

MP 105.3
 Located 1/2 mile south of Lead on Hwy 85, then 1 1/2 miles west on Kirk Road.

Go southwest where the two trail sections meet to form a loop at MP 100.5.
 -OR-
 Go west to Sugarloaf trailhead.

2A Lead Trailhead [P]

MP 103.7
 This .8 mile spur connects the trail to Lead. (see map inset)

3 Sugarloaf Trailhead [P]

MP 103.3
 Located 1 mile southwest of Lead on Hwy 85. (see loop map inset)

4 Englewood Trailhead [P]

MP 98.5
 Located 6 miles west of Hwy. 385 on Brownsville Road or 1 mile east of Rochford Road.

5 Dumont Trailhead [P]

MP 92.6
 Located 8.7 miles north of Rochford on Rochford Road.

6 Rochford Trailhead [P]

MP 82.6
 Located on the east side of Rochford near the fire station.

7 Mystic Trailhead [P]

MP 74.7
 Located 12 miles north of Hill City on the Mystic Road.

8 Burlington Northern Hill City Trailhead [P]

MP 60.1
 Located in Tracy Park east of the High School. (see map inset)

9 The Mountain Trailhead [P]

MP 49.6
 Located 3 miles north of Custer on Hwy 385.

10 Harbach Park Trailhead in Custer [P]

MP 44.5
 Across the street from the Custer Chamber of Commerce. (see map inset)

10A Custer Spur to Stockade Lake [P]

MP 45
 3.2 mile spur connects the trail to Stockade Lake

11 White Elephant Trailhead [P]

MP 35.7
 On the west side of Hwy 385.

12 Pringle Trailhead [P]

MP 32.1
 Located on the west side of Hwy. 385 in the center of town.

13 Minnekahta Trailhead [P]

MP 16.2
 Located 1/2 mile east of the intersection of Hwys 18 and 89.

14 Edgemont Trailhead [P]

MP 0
 Located on the south end of Main St. (see map inset)

