

Hidden Gems of Western South Dakota

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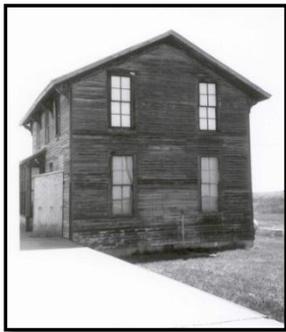
Butte/Lawrence County Fairground

Located just southwest of Nisland.
Butte County

A little tough to find, but once you wind your way through Nisland to the Belle Fourche River bottom, you'll find a most beautiful polygonal pavilion and fairgrounds.



Pollock Depot



Located south of the railroad tracks in Pollock.
Campbell County

You don't need scuba gear to see the Pollock Depot relocated from the Missouri River bottom when the Oahe Dam was built.



Sitting Bull Monument

Located across the river from Mobridge, follow the signs.
Corson County

Is Sitting Bull really buried here? It remains a mystery, but what you will find on site is Korczak Ziolkowski's statue of the Lakota leader carved out of rock from the Black Hills.

Buffalo Gap Historic District

Located in Buffalo Gap.
Custer County

Not quite a ghost town, Buffalo Gap's many early buildings, pre-dating 1895, promote an Old West feel.

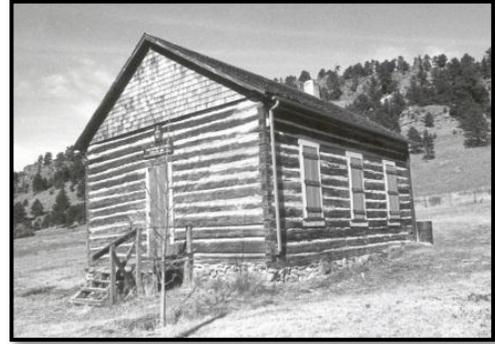


Cold Springs Schoolhouse

Located southeast of Custer off State Road 336 in Black Hills National Forest.

Custer County

This 1887 one-room log school redefines 'Old School'.



Beaver Creek Bridge

Located in Wind Cave National Park on SD Hwy 87 one-half mile north of US Hwy 385.

Custer County

Peter Norbeck, former South Dakota governor and U.S. Senator, had a keen sense of creating vistas to delight tourists. This is reflected in his request that the bridge be designed so it would not block the beautiful scenery of Beaver Creek Canyon. This is the only surviving example of an open-spandrel, concrete-arch bridge in South Dakota. Photo courtesy of Dave Ehlers.

Dakota Club Library

Located in downtown Eagle Butte.

Dewey County

This first library on the Cheyenne River Reservation was originally a homesteader's sod house before the WPA transformed it in the 1930s.



Battle Mountain Sanitarium



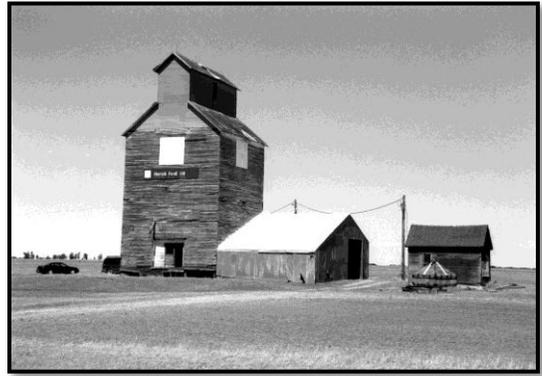
Located on a hill in downtown Hot Springs, the "Veteran's town." Fall River County

A must-see National Historic Landmark complex designed by architect Thomas Rogers Kimball. The sandstone domiciliary and accompanying buildings are one-of-a-kind.

Herrick Elevator

Located on the north side of Highway 18 at Herrick.
Gregory County

King of the Gregory County skyline, the Herrick Elevator represents an era gone by.



St. Augustine Church and Dallas Carnegie Library

Church located beside the water tower (you can't miss it), library one block north.
Dallas
Gregory County

Two for the price of one! Check out this quaint Romanesque Revival Church that is now a museum and the Greek Revival Carnegie Library.



Waddell Block

Located in downtown Philip.
Haakon

This commercial building was one of the few to survive the devastating 1920 fire that destroyed most of Philip's business district. Ralph Waddell built it in 1910 for his land business.





Oahe Chapel

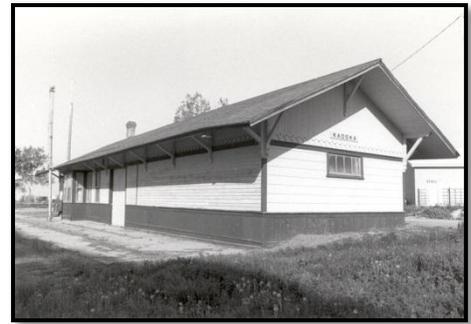
Located on the east side of the Oahe Dam, 4 miles north of Pierre on SD Hwy 1804.
Hughes County

This chapel was built at the Oahe Mission about six miles upstream in 1877. Saved from inundation when the dam was constructed, the chapel is still used for services and weddings in the summer.

Kadoka Depot

Located on the south side of town by the railroad tracks.
Jackson County

This Milwaukee Road railroad depot was built in 1906, the year it reached Kadoka. The depot is now a museum.



Immanuel Lutheran Church

Located 14 miles north of Murdo.
Jones County

Built in 1924, this church was in decline a short ten years later as the Great Depression forced homesteaders off their prairie homes. It no longer holds regular services, but is a reminder of Scandinavian influence in Jones County.

White River Bridge



Located ½ mile northwest of White River on a county road crossing the White River.
Mellette County

This bridge is the longest concrete slab bridge in the state at 314 feet.

Fort Pierre Chouteau

Located 1 mile north of the City of Fort Pierre off SD Hwy 1806.
Stanley County

Site of one of the most important trading posts on the northern plains, Fort Pierre Chouteau was dedicated a National Historic Landmark in 1991. It was named for Pierre Chouteau Jr. of Saint Louis, who was one of the partners of the American Fur Company's Western Department.



Sully County Courthouse

Located in downtown Onida.
Sully County

This Neo-Classical courthouse was completed in 1912 and is an excellent example of the style.00 at the time.

St. Charles Borromeo Church, Saint Francis Mission

Located at Saint Francis.
Todd County

Missions on American Indian reservations provoke mixed emotions, but they're part of our history for better or worse. St. Francis Mission was the largest Catholic mission school in the nation in 1900.





Tripp County Veterans Memorial

Located on the grounds of the Tripp County Courthouse in Winner.

Tripp County

The centerpiece of this memorial is a 1924 John Paulding sculpture of a World War I doughboy emerging from the trenches into 'no man's land.' Surrounding the historic bronze statue are memorials to all of the county's veterans.



Wewela Hall

Located in Wewela.

Tripp County

The railroad went north of Wewela, so it never boomed like its neighbors. Although it peaked in 1918, enough people remained to build Wewela Hall in 1926. Over the years it was used for everything from dances to funerals. Today, the families that still remain take care of it.



Mobridge Masonic Lodge

Located on Main Street just south of the city park.

Walworth County

Egyptian Revival architecture is nearly non-existent in South Dakota, but the Mobridge Masonic Lodge built in 1923 represents the rare style well. Masons were known for introducing cosmopolitan forms of architecture into their otherwise architecturally vanilla communities, and this building is no exception.

Ziebach County Courthouse

Located in Dupree.
Ziebach County

George Hugill and Wilfred Blatherwick designed this Classical Revival Courthouse. While the architectural details are rather minimal, it is still the most visually striking building in Ziebach County.

