

SD Highway 14 • Brookings to Pierre

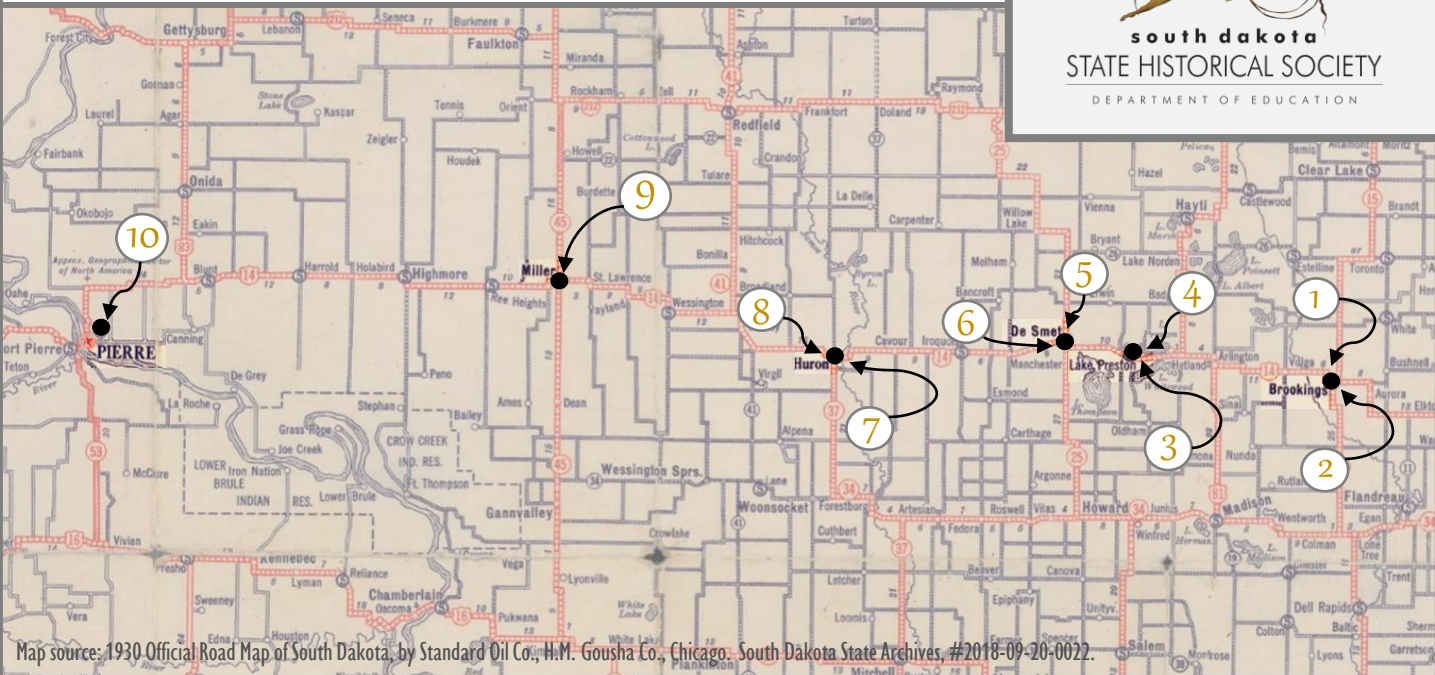
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1 State Agricultural Heritage Museum, Brookings

Built in 1918, the Stock Judging Pavilion was used as the livestock teaching facility for the South Dakota State University. Today, the building serves as the State Agricultural Heritage Museum that aims to educate on different aspects of agriculture throughout the state of South Dakota.

Located at 977 11st St., along Medary Ave. on the west side of SDSU's campus. Parking on west side of the building. Summer hours: Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 1-5 pm



2 Brookings Commercial Historic District

With the earliest buildings dating back to 1894, the Brookings Commercial Historic District embodies the growth, development, and timeless architecture of Brookings' commercial center during the city's early history and on to the thriving present. Also find the Children's Museum of South Dakota (in the historic Central Elementary School building) a block east on the corner of 4th St. and 5th Ave.

Along Main Ave. south of 6th St./US Highway 14 to the railroad tracks.



3 Thorsnes Park, Lake Preston

Throughout its history, starting back in 1922, Thorsnes Park has been a gathering place for summer fun. With a swimming pool, baseball diamond, playground, and campground, this city park has plenty of ways to entertain!

Located at the intersection of US Highway 14 and S. Park Ave. Parking in lot off S. Park Ave.



4 Lake Preston Museum

Built in 1908, this building originally served as the First Methodist Episcopal Church. In 2014, ownership was transferred to the city, and it has since served as the home of the Lake Preston Museum. The museum features a variety of exhibits that highlight the local area's history. Visitor info: lakepreston.sd.com/museum

Located at 106 2nd St. NE, less than a block southeast of downtown. On-street parking. Open Memorial Day to Labor Day: Sat, Sun, & Tues 1-4pm

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Surveyor's Shanty/Railroad Camp Shanty, De Smet

Built in 1878, shortly before being moved to its current location, this shanty was once the home of the Ingalls family and later immortalized in *By the Shores of Silver Lake* by Laura Ingalls Wilder. Now a museum, the interior features some possessions from the Ingalls family from when they lived there during the winter of 1879-1880.

The Shanty is located at 105 Olivet Ave. SE, about a block east of the Kingsbury County Courthouse.

The Ingalls Home is located at 210 3rd St. W, about 1.5 blocks west of downtown De Smet.

Find info about visitor tours from the Laura Ingalls Wilder Memorial Society, discoverlaura.org/visit

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Ingalls Home, De Smet

Built in 1887 by Charles "Pa" Ingalls, this home where Laura Ingalls Wilder's parents, Charles and Caroline, and her sister Mary lived after Charles became a professional carpenter. The house is a landmark to the local community due to its history with the Ingalls family, considered some of the town's earliest pioneers.

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Dakotaland Museum, Huron

Located on the South Dakota State Fair Grounds, the Dairy Building was building in 1913 to showcase dairy products during the State Fair. Around 1960, the Dairy Building became the State Fair Pioneer Museum, which later transformed into the Dakotaland Museum. The museum focuses on Beadle County history.

Located on the south end of the South Dakota State Fairgrounds at 930 3rd St. SW. Open Memorial Day to Labor Day, more at: thedakotalandmuseum.org/visit

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The Pyle House Museum, Huron

Built in 1894, this house museum is dedicated to prominent political figures, John, Mamie, and their daughter Gladys Pyle. John had served as the state's Attorney General and attorney/counselor to the State & U.S. Supreme Court. Around 1910, Mamie got involved with the woman's right movement and was instrumental in the passing of the state suffrage law in 1918. Their daughter, Gladys, followed into politics and was the first woman in South Dakota to be elected to the state legislature and was the first woman in the nation elected to the U.S. States Senate.

Located at 376 Idaho Ave. SE, on the corner with 4th St. SE. Guided tours available by appointment, contact the Dakotaland Museum.

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Hand County Courthouse, Miller

With construction finished in 1926, the Hand County Courthouse not only houses the county's government operations, but impressive architectural features. Designed by architect John G. Ralston, the courthouse is a representative of the Art Deco style, with ornamental plasterwork, leaded glass windows, "Blue Alaska" marble, and so many other unique features that make this a place to stop at.

The courthouse is west of downtown at 415 W. First Ave. Parking lot west of the courthouse building. Public interior spaces are open during working hours.

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South Dakota State Capitol Building, Pierre

Built in the Neo-Classical design, the State Capitol is well-known for its impressive architecture along with being the epicenter of the South Dakota government. Self-guided tour booklets are available inside. Adding to the picturesque view of the Capitol is the nearby Capitol Lake, Fighting Stallions Memorial, and Flaming Fountain Memorials.

Located at 500 E. Capitol Ave. Parking and public entrance (required to go through security) on the north side. Public interior spaces are open during working hours.