

BLACK HILLS & BADLANDS

Road Trip Scavenger Hunt



Hey explorer! You're about to go on an exciting scavenger hunt through the Black Hills and Badlands! From animals to towering monuments, sweet treats, and hidden caves – there's so much to discover! Bring this checklist with you while you explore. Look for the items on the list and check off each item when you see it, do it, or taste it! Earn points for every discovery. Add up your score at the end to see what kind of explorer you are!

Funny Fun!

Spot the following wildlife on your Black Hills and Badlands adventures.

- A bison (5 pts.)
- A prairie dog (5 pts.)
- A white tail deer (1 pt.)
- An elk (7 pts.)
- A mountain goat (2 pts.)
- A jackelope (10 pts.)

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Sights & Attractions!

Visit well-known National Parks, Monuments, and Memorials.

- Take a photo of Mount Rushmore. (5 pts.)
- Visit Crazy Horse Memorial. (5 pts.)
- Find a cave entrance. (5 pts.)
- Rock on! Take a photo of a unique rock formation in the Badlands. (5 pts.)
- Take a photo of a Black Hills National Forest sign. (5 pts.)
- Find a fact about the history of one of the places you visit. (5 pts.)

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Around the Black Hills and Badlands

The region is filled with fun, family adventures! Spend time at fossil dig sites, animal attractions, parks and trails, and museums.

- Dig for fossils. (2 pts.)
- Pet a tortoise. (4 pts.)
- Take a hike! Snap a photo of the sign. (2 pts.)
- Find a waterfall. (5 pts.)
- Take a picture with a dinosaur. (3 pts.)
- Visit a museum. (5 pts.)
- Strike it rich! Find gold in the Black Hills. (5 pts.)
- Find an Old West artifact. (2 pts.)
- Ride a steam engine train. (5 pts.)
- Find a Native American artifact. (2 pts.)

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Fun Foods & Sweet Treats!

Try some of our favorite foods while visiting the Black Hills and Badlands.

- Thomas Jefferson's Ice Cream. (2 pts.)
- Native American Taco. (2 pts.)
- Visit a candy shop. (2 pts.)
- Bison burger. (2 pts.)
- Homemade fudge. (2 pts.)

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Bonus Points!

Name all four U.S. Presidents on Mount Rushmore! (5 pts.)

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2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

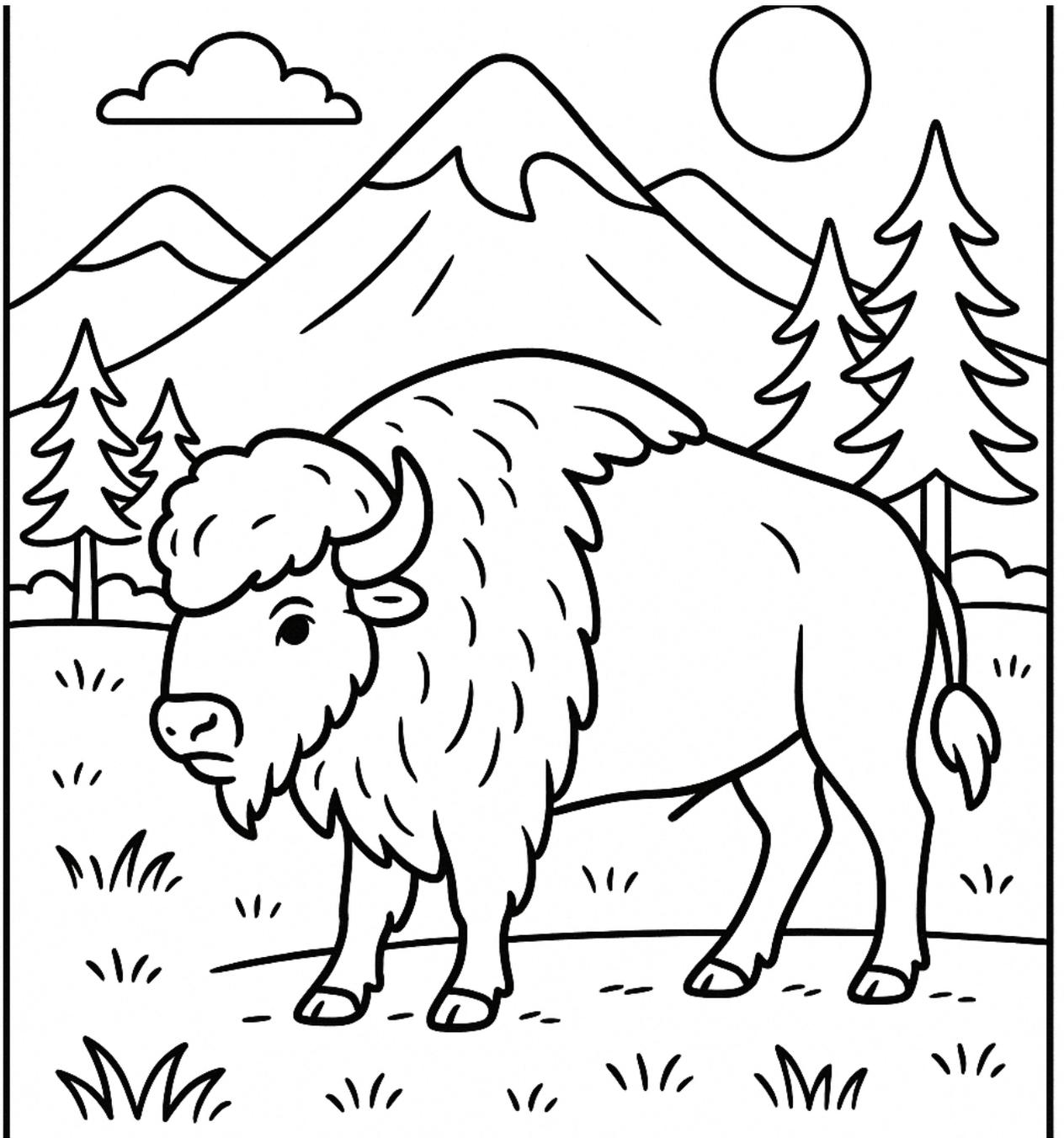
Explain in your own words how the Badlands were formed. (5pts.)

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Explorer Type Based On Your Top Category

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| Wildlife Watcher | Furry Fun |
| Pathfinder | Sights & Attractions |
| Collector | Around the Region |
| Fun-Seeker | Foods & Treats |
| Puzzle Solver | Bonus Challenges |
| Trailblazer | Tie across 3+ categories |

Which one are you?



Bison: Did You Know?

1. A Giant Herd Lives in the Black Hills!

Custer State Park has over 1,300 bison roaming free! Every fall, there's a big event called the Buffalo Roundup, where cowboys and cowgirls ride horses to gather the bison—just like in the Old West!

2. Bison Are Super Important to Native Americans

The Lakota people call the bison Tatanka. Long ago, bison gave them food, clothing, tools, and even shelter. Today, bison are still special and are part of many stories and traditions.

3. Bison Help Nature Grow

Bison aren't just big and cool—they also help take care of the land! When they eat grass and roll in the dirt, they make space for wildflowers, bugs, and birds to live and grow.