



Badlands Packing List

Creating a segmented packing list for guests visiting the Black Hills and Badlands that caters to different activities can enhance their experience and ensure they're well-prepared. Here's a suggested list:

SIGHTSEEING

- ❖ **Comfortable walking shoes.**
Shoes with excellent grip and preferably ankle support. Even if your tour doesn't have much or any hiking, these shoes are needed. Otherwise, locals will point and laugh.
- ❖ ****Sunscreen and lip balm****
To protect against the sun, especially at higher elevations. Generally, it's low humidity in and around the Black Hills. Hydrate and protect your skin.
- ❖ ****Camera or smartphone with extra batteries/memory cards****
- ❖ ****Light backpack**:**
For carrying essentials like water, snacks, and souvenirs.
- ❖ ****Sunglasses****
South Dakota was officially called the Sunshine State. It's often very bright, so stay cool.
- ❖ ****Binoculars****
For better views of distant wildlife and landscapes.
- ❖ ****Guidebook of the area****
Helps in identifying historical and cultural sites.
- ❖ ****Hydration pack or reusable water bottles****
Staying hydrated is crucial.
- ❖ ****High-energy snacks****
Like nuts, trail mix, or granola bars.
- ❖ **-GPS**
If you plan on driving anywhere on your own, [DOWNLOAD OFFLINE MAPS](#). In many areas, cellphone coverage is weak or nonexistent. *By downloading an offline map, your phone only depends on GPS, not cell signal. If you don't know how to do this ask your most beloved nerd, and cash in on a favor.*

RAIN GEAR AND EXTRA CLOTHING

Weather can change quickly, so be prepared. Layering is key. We visit completely different ecosystems at various altitudes.

WEATHER

- ❖ ****All-weather jacket****
To handle rain or wind.
- ❖ ****Poncho****
For sudden downpours. Umbrellas create humiliating experiences in the Black Hills and Badlands.
- ❖ ****Warm hat and rainproof pants****
Versatility for changing conditions.
- ❖ ****Comfortable outdoor clothing****

PREMIUM FUN AND EDUCATIONAL APPS

- ❖ ****Nature apps like iNaturalist****
Helps identify local flora and fauna.
- ❖ ****Trail apps like AllTrails****
Provides detailed maps and user reviews of trails.
- ❖ ****Birdwatching apps like Audubon Bird Guide****
Offers detailed information on various bird species.
- ❖ ****Merlin Bird Identification****
Record the bird songs from the Merlin app to identify just about any species and provide a wealth of information on each one.
- ✕ ****Star-gazing apps like Star Walk****
Helps in identifying stars, constellations, and other celestial bodies.
- ✕ ****Weather apps like *Carrot****
Yes, strange name, strange app, fun to use. Set the time of the weather forecaster and keep away from children. This app has been the most accurate of late, with lots of layering options to help understand local weather and make adjustments based on your schedule.
- ✕ ****Educational apps like National Geographic****
Enhances the learning experience about nature and science.

We mostly recommend those items that are going help to make you comfortable on any type of tour. If you're dressed right, we can have a lot more fun!

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