

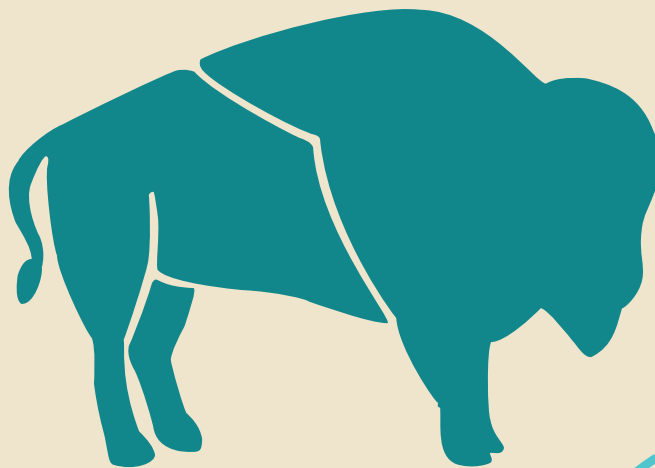


Clue # 1

Start at the sidewalk on Mt. Rushmore Road,
Turn to the right, then, lo and behold,
A shop built with a material that's misunderstood
It seems like rock, but it's petrified wood.

First, feel and enjoy this wood turned to stone
If you think it's amazing, you're not alone.
Now, look up and notice the display window
See if you can count all of the buffalo.

That's it! That's all that you have to do!
Now scan the QR code to find your next clue.



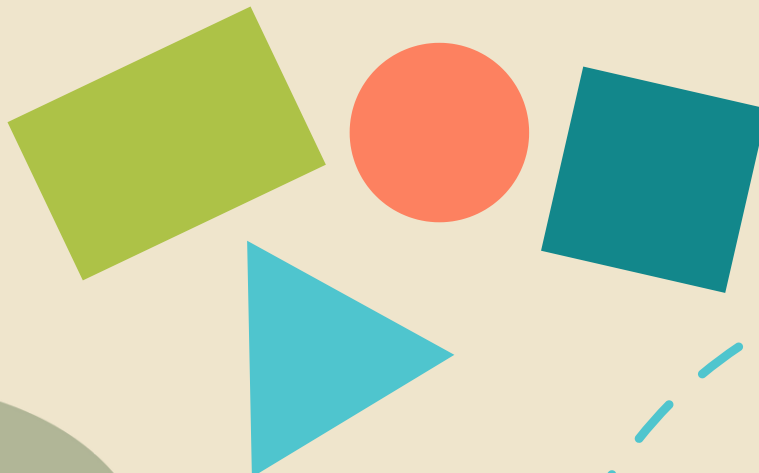


FUN FACT!

Petrified wood is made from tree trunks that were buried in mud, sand, or volcanic ash long ago. Water seeped through the mud and sand, carrying dissolved mineral matter into the empty cells of the decaying logs. It eventually turned to solid stone. The Petrified Forest of the Black Hills is located near Piedmont, SD.

Clue # 2

Rectangle, triangle, circle, square
Find 2 brick ovals up high in the air
There's another one close that's easy to see
When you scan the QR code, you've found clue #3.





FUN FACT!

The Custer Wolf restaurant is in the same building as A Walk in the Woods gift store. It is named after a North American gray wolf who destroyed more than 500 livestock & horses between 1911 and 1925. The federal government sent their top tracker/hunter, H.P. Williams, to kill the wolf. It took him 7 months to succeed in his mission.

Clue # 3

Keep going east on Rushmore until you arrive
At Horatio's Ice Cream, but the clue's not inside.

Go around to the back of the large patio

Don't worry. It's not very far to go.

When you get there, look for an animal
That's related to, but not exactly, a camel.
Don't worry—this llama's not real; it's a sign
Now count with your parents to the number 9.

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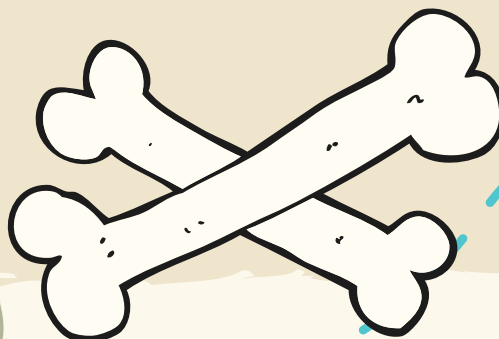
FUN FACT!

Horatio's Ice Cream Shop is located inside what used to be the First National Bank of Dakota Territory Bank, which was established in 1881. The building is a National Historic Site and has tons of cool architecture. The ice cream shop is named after Horatio Ross, a prospector who accompanied Custer's expedition to the Black Hills and is recognized as the first person to find gold in the region.

Clue # 4

As you wander around town, you will lay eyes on
Many fiberglass statues of American Bison.
Continue East, stopping just shy of 7th street
To find one of these bison that's so cool and neat.

It's a blue and black bison with white bones galore,
To find the next clue, simply look on the floor.
That's it! That's all that you have to do!
Scan the QR code to find your next clue.





FUN FACT!

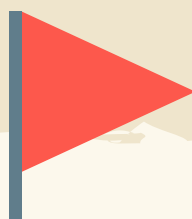
The streets of Custer are lined with life-sized, hand-painted buffalos. For many years, these buffalo were auctioned at the Custer Stampede Buffalo Art Auction held the weekend of the Buffalo Roundup. Colleen Hennessy purchased many of them and moves the herd from her home to the streets of Custer each summer.

Clue # 5

Continue East to cross Mt. Rushmore at 8th street.
At the store on the corner you'll get a really fun treat.
Find the ninth flag from the left; look below for the door.
Discuss the colors of the flags if you want to do more.

Look up to the right to the black and white sign.
What is the most frequent letter you find?
Go into the shop and tell them your letter,
But that's not all; you have to do better.

Tell them the number of times that letter's on the sign,
They will give you a prize to make it worth your time!
That's it! That's all that you have to do!
Scan the QR code to find your next clue.





FUN FACTS!

Sylvan Rocks Climbing School is also based out of this building and trains/guides 500 aspiring rock-climbers each year. The 1st known ascent of The Needles was by Fritz Weissner in 1937. In the 40s and 50s, Herb and Jan Conn established over 200 rock-climbing routes in the Black Hills. They also mapped much of Jewel Cave. Jan Conn still lives in Custer.

Clue # 6

Three little donkeys from a window peek
They'll help you find the clue you seek
You might know them by another name
Found on their building above the window frame.

What else starts with that same sound?
Something you read or something else you've found?
Now scan the QR code and you're on your way
To another clue. So hurry! Don't stay!





FUN FACT!

The Begging Burros, for which this restaurant is named, are wild donkeys that live in Custer State Park. They are often found along the Wildlife Loop, begging for food from visitors as they drive by. The ancestors of these burros were used as pack animals to get visitors from Sylvan Lake Lodge to the summit of Black Elk Peak. When those trips ended, the burros were released to the wild.

Clue # 7

You're getting close to the end, so look really quick
For colors that look like a peppermint stick.
Just keep on walking on those tired feet
Til you come to a place that's really sweet.
Go inside to Scan the QR code,
If you like candy, you just found the mother lode!

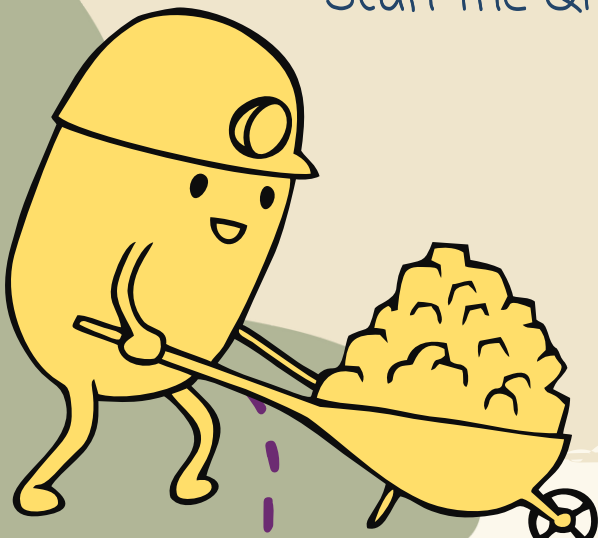


FUN FACT!

The Custer County Candy Company is a family-owned company, opened in 2001 by Lee Lampert. For the first 19 years, it was housed in the building across the street that is now the Custer Wolf. In 2020, it moved to its present site, which was originally the Custer County Bank Building.

Clue # 8

An old grumpy miner is keeping guard
Of things you might find out in your yard.
Not everything that glitters is real gold,
Fools get tricked, or so I'm told.
Just look carefully for a brand new clue.
Scan the QR code—they can't fool you.





FUN FACT!

Pyrite's metallic luster and brass-yellow hue result in it's nickname, "fool's gold." Unlike gold, which bends, Pyrite is brittle and will break. Pyrite used to be used in firearms because it creates a spark when struck against metal. Mica is a shiny, flaky mineral that you will find sparkling throughout the Black Hills. It is mined and crushed into a fine, dry powder that is used in plastics and paints.

Clue # 9

Your hunt is almost over, there's not much left to do
Look for a brick building with columns to find your last clue.
Count up 10 big stairs, then look down and around
See all of the places you've already found.

This place is full of vintage treasures galore,
You're welcome to visit and hunt here some more.
Your Early Learner's Mission is now complete.
Head back to Way Park to pick out your treat!





FUN FACT!

The 1881 Courthouse Museum housed the original Custer County Courthouse from 1881 to 1973. The museum contains exhibits about Lakota culture, the 1874 expedition of Custer, the lives of Victorian-era settlers in the Black Hills, and more. Admission is free for Custer residents, as well as families of active military and veterans. Otherwise, it is \$12 per family.

YOU'RE AWESOME! YOU DID IT!!!

Don't forget to go back to Way Park for your prize!

Ready for another hunt?

If you enjoyed this scavenger hunt, the 1881 Courthouse Museum offers a [Fairy House Scavenger Hunt](#) that is quite fun for kids. They also have a scavenger hunt for older sleuths that requires finding answers in museum exhibits.

