## "Greetings from Custer, South Dakota, a place we call paradise"

As a destination retreat, we offer you clean, crisp DRY air. An elevation of over 5,000 feet, 226 average days of sunshine. Little congestion (unless it is biker week – Sturgis bike rally) & few bugs, (if you find a mosquito or tick a drink is on us) with loads of things to do!

<b>Custer Temps</b>	Jan	Feb	Mar	<mark>Apr</mark>	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Average high in °F:	37	38	45	<mark>53</mark>	62	72	80	79	70	<mark>57</mark>	44	36
Average low in °F:	15	17	22	<mark>29</mark>	39	47	54	53	43	32	23	15

On average there are 226 days of sunshine in Custer, South Dakota, with each <u>night dropping below 65</u> <u>degrees</u>. So come out for a visit the southeastern area of the Black Hills, known also as the "banana belt of the Hills".

This land called the Black Hills with its scared grounds & wide open spaces is in itself the only island in the United States with its own unique ecosystem. Custer is centrally located within the Black Hills and offers amazing things to see and do. **The Custer Cutoff** is just 3 miles east and 2 miles south of downtown Custer, where you will have your own private and peaceful venue to plan & enjoy your amazing personalized vacation.

Our staff resides on the grounds which we consider family. We cater to each of your individual needs & that of your horses (if you care to bring them with you). We provide a safe & healthy environment for the health & wellness of yourself & that of your pets.

**Our Mission Statement:** This is a place of rest, relaxation & reflection; to restore & recover, to become grounded. The feel is: Earth!

<u>www.blackhillsattractions.com</u> www.TheCusterCutoff.com or www.TaueringPines.com

**Property Management:** This rustic, yet swanky venue is a family friendly retreat. You, your pets & children are your responsibility. Prepare yourselves for hail, wind, rain, sunshine & fun. Civility & concern for the welfare of yourself and that of other guests is our tradition. Our host/hostess or caretaker will be available in the morning and & again in the late afternoon. They will check equines, remove garbage, compost & clean bathrooms. They will repair/replace/fix anything that is not working, so report any concerns you may have or leave a note, call 507-276-8571 or rise & shine with host. There is full property fiber internet. **Wi-Fi, password is:** TaueringPines2020

**Pets/Equines:** Please scoop up dog poop using the fork provided & place at the base of any tree. Dogs are not allowed in any buildings or rental units, (even if kenneled). The only exception is the pet friendly A-Frame Cabin. If your dog is a hole digger, holes must be filled back in before leaving. If you stall your horse, use a hay bag and turn out your equine daily to pick the stall and allow him exercise. Stalls are to be picked, not stripped before you leave. Wood chips are \$17.00 per bag.

**Camp Fires:** All fires must be put out <u>before leaving or going to bed</u>. <u>No garbage</u> is to be burned <u>in any</u> of the fire cooking pits, rings, grills, stoves, or ovens. To start fires, use pine cones provided.

**Summer Kitchen/Rental Units:** Leave the kitchen as you found it – with exception of garbage in the garbage cans, compost, dirty towels. If you leave the kitchen with burnt, spilt food on stove, counter, floor, in refrigerator or dishes in sink ... "Do not do this". For rental units: Leave bedding as is on the

beds, just pull up the bed covers and before leaving notify your host that you are ready for a check out. (It is amazing what you may forget to take with you, and if you decide not to check out, items left will not be shipped back).

**Common Areas**: Common areas are for all guests to enjoy. Please keep common areas clean and free of personal items. These areas that are shared with all guests – be mindful and respectful. Pease turn off all lights that you turned on when retiring from buildings, which are all smoke free. However outside, under the pavilion or front pourch of the studio you will find ash trays for your use.

**Garbage / Waste / Manure:** We have 4 garbage cans that are labeled for "glass, plastic, aluminum & garbage". We allow for one X-large garbage bag per day – which is ample. We also have a black compost bin for all food scraps including coffee grounds located at water hydrant in the court yard as well as in the summer kitchen in blue tubs. Please <u>do not throw refuse on the ground, in porta-potties, in horse pastures, or on the lawn.</u> There are two horse manure compost sites. One is at the north end of the 6-horse stall area with forks & wheel barrel. The other is by the hay shed next to the pine tree. There is a dog "poop fork" next to the A- Frame cabin. Dog poop is to be scooped up & placed under a pine tree at the base of the trunk. Do not use any rake on the flag stones as it removes the chinking.

**Bathrooms** – **Showers** - **Tubs:** We have two porta potties on site, one is located behind the A frame cabin & Pavilion. The other is by the lower 6-horse stalls. Do not put garage in these porta-potties. The other bathroom is the handicap seasonal bathroom which is next to the studio. This bathroom is a divided room with a sitting area and sink and behind the screen is a urinal and commode. Outside of this building is a shower for a wonderful nature experience. The other shower is inside the pavilion next to the summer kitchen & beside the sauna. The last bathroom is located at the Lanai entrance to the B&B Dome garage under the stairs leading to the Loft. There are 8 tubs: 6 near the pavilion, shower and sauna. The other two are on the Lanai for those who want a bit more privacy. All tubs are seasonal and heated with solar power.

**Parking:** At liberty parking. However, we strongly recommend that you park your travel vehicle under the pine trees so when hail arrives (which can be weekly), your car/truck will receive an extra level of safety. Bring your own leveling blocks, electrical adaptors etc. If you have guests come to visit, please inform us prior to their arrival. If they want to use the dump station, garbage facilities, and car charging there will be a nominal fee for them to do so.

**Electric vehicle charging:** We have numerous complementary 50 amps plug ins. There is also a Tesla charging station in Custer behind the Dakota Mart gas station.

**Quiet Hour:** When other guests are sharing the property quite hour is 10:00 pm., unless you are all going to party together.

**Security:** We have a security system in place throughout the property. Please do not tamper with these cameras as they are there for your protection.

A Frame Cabin - Loft - RV – Dome House: Before you leave, please leave the towels etc., hanging and do not strip the beds. Any dishes taken from the summer kitchen are to be returned cleaned and put away from which they were found. Before leaving, find your host as they will perform a walk-through for left behind items (to this date, there has yet to be a time where something was not left behind). So, check

under furniture, outlets for chargers, and personal items in bathrooms, showers, kitchen, common areas, refrigerators, and freezer. Anything forgotten will not be returned. After the walk through on the Dome House the damage deposit will be returned.

**Expected Behavior:** Parents are expected to provide leadership & be an example at all times for minors. The Custer Cutoff is a health & wellness retreat. Any behaviors & activities that conflict with our goals are not tolerated and if need be, guests will be expected to remove themselves immediately.

## **Additional Services available** –*Allow your host a 24-hour heads up for scheduling the following:* Trailer use ~ \$2.50 per mile.

Swedish / Sports Massage with isolated oils & scents: \$60 to \$100.00 Group or individual meals: 12.00 to 30.00 dollars per person (ask for meal / menu options) Sewing – leather – tack repair – shop time \$65.00/hr Laundry full-service: - \$20.00 per load. (Do it yourself with wringer- washer and lesson is free.)

**Use of:** Paddle board / Kayaks / Bikes / Housekeeping / Fire in pavilion or adobe oven / Maps & whereto events / Tubs – ( will show you the in's & outs) / Self-service laundry using the wringer washer & laundry line / Equine evaluation by certified Equine Sports Massage Therapist / Horse grooming / Stall cleaning / Tack & Saddle check / Fishing / Black water dumping using portable unit / Health & wellness activities (Morning classical stretch class, Foot Detox, BioMat, Alpha Stem, Red Light Therapy, Isolated Heated Body Massager, The Wiggler - Healthy Swinger/ Inversion Table, Yoga & Arial. Lastly, if you forgot or need something, just ask. We are happy to help and assist you.

## We look forward to hosting you: 12681&12683 Hazelrodt Cutoff, Custer SD 57730 Call 507-276-8571 for questions or assistance.