



STURGIS TRAIL SYSTEM



ABOUT THE BLACK HILLS TRAIL FUND

2013

Sturgis Backcountry Trail System proposed to City of Sturgis, Meade County, US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and other partners.

2014

First trails of new system completed out of Lions Club Park and Fort Meade Trailhead.

2015

City of Sturgis approves future construction of trails accessing Sturgis Reservoirs, Bureau of Land Management completes environmental work for 7th Cavalry Trail System, 7th Cavalry construction begins.

2016

7th Cavalry Trail System largely completed, constructed entirely by volunteers without heavy equipment. Layouts finalized for Sturgis Trail System routes. City watershed boundaries professionally surveyed.

2017

First trail into Sturgis Reservoirs opened to public, Deadman Trailhead completed, final signage placed on completed 7th Cavalry Trail System.

2018

Three additional trails accessing Sturgis Reservoirs completed, environmental analysis for Forest Service portion of Sturgis Trail System completed.

2019

All additional trails making up Sturgis Trail System completed and signed.

2020

Work with City of Sturgis and Forest Service on signage, maintenance details, ensuring volunteer maintenance will be successful. Planning future interconnects.

Volunteers and Donors created the Sturgis Trail System, officially designated Trail 78, over the last seven years. The trails represent \$650,000+ in combined donations and volunteer labor.

But now comes the hard part, maintaining trails to a high standard for the generations to come is a costly endeavor, even with volunteers.

Black Hills Trails, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, has proven volunteer design, construction, and maintenance works. Volunteers continue to be willing and able to keep area trail systems great.

The Black Hills Trail Fund is being established to ensure the Sturgis Trail System and future Black Hills Trails projects will be maintained forever. Every dollar contributed to the fund can maintain one foot of trail in perpetuity. \$250,000 will maintain the entire Sturgis Trail System for generations to come

Contributions will be placed in a professionally managed endowed fund. The earnings each year will be used to ensure volunteers have everything they need to get the maintenance job done. Funds will be dedicated primarily to maintaining the trail systems they were raised for.

Help us keep these trails great, and continue to connect communities with trail, connect volunteers with purpose, and connect everyone to an outdoor lifestyle. Your contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.



Volunteer time commitment is more than **1 full-time employee** since 2013 **20,000+ hours**

Make your mark on the Sturgis Trail System. Be a part of the maintenance solution that will **keep these trails amazing.**

Using volunteer-based maintenance each **\$1** can maintain **1 foot** of trail indefinitely.