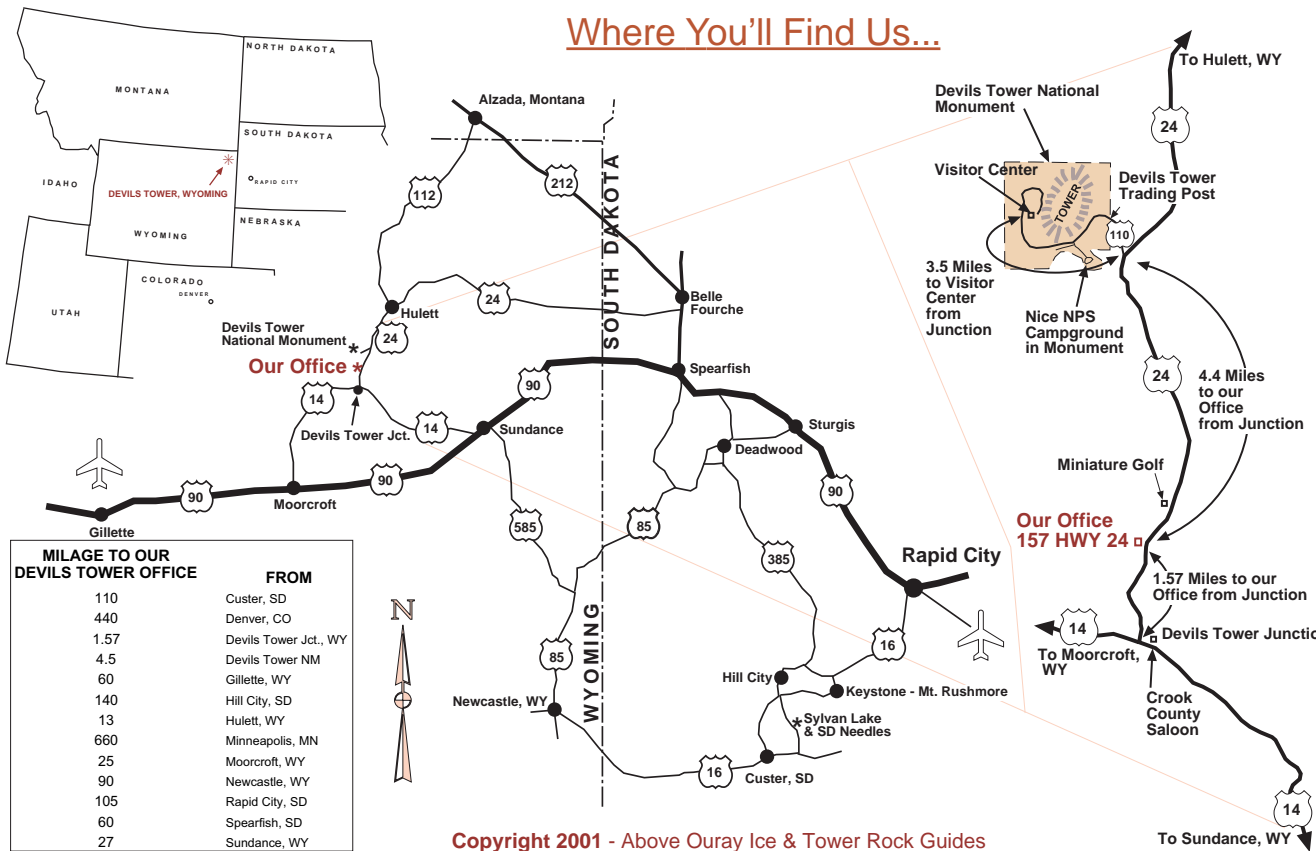


## Where You'll Find Us...



MILAGE TO OUR DEVILS TOWER OFFICE	FROM
110	Custer, SD
440	Denver, CO
1.57	Devils Tower Jct., WY
4.5	Devils Tower NM
60	Gillette, WY
140	Hill City, SD
13	Hulett, WY
660	Minneapolis, MN
25	Moorcroft, WY
90	Newcastle, WY
105	Rapid City, SD
60	Spearfish, SD
27	Sundance, WY

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- Wool/Synthetic Cap that fits under Helmet comfortably

### INSULATION LAYER

- Lycra/Nylon/Polyester Shorts
- Capilene T-Shirts
- Capilene Long-Sleeved Shirt
- Lycra/Nylon/Polyester Long Pants
- Synchronia or Pile Jacket or Sweater

### PROTECTION LAYER

- Approach Boots
- Lightweight Rain/Wind Hooded Jacket with carabiner carrying loop
- Lightweight Rain/Wind Pants with carabiner carrying loop
- Dark Color Cotton Bandana

### SERVICES

#### AIRPORTS NEAR DEVILS TOWER, WYOMING

- ⇒ Rapid City, South Dakota (Best Rates & Service), 120 Miles from Tower
- ⇒ Gillette, Wyoming, 60 Miles from Tower
- ⇒ Denver, Colorado, 450 Miles from Tower

#### GROUND TRANSPORTATION TO DEVILS TOWER, WYOMING

- ⇒ Rental Car from Rapid City, SD & Gillette, WY - Contact Major Car Rental Companies
- ⇒ Jerri at Powder River Transportation Bookings from both Rapid City, SD & Gillette, WY - 800.442.3682ext223 or 307.682.0960ext223, [jmegoloff@vcn.com](mailto:jmegoloff@vcn.com)

### MOTELS

- ⇒ Devils Tower Inn Bestwestern, 9 Miles from Tower, 307.467.5747

### GUEST RANCHES

- ⇒ Diamond L Guest Ranch, 20 Minutes from Tower, Horseback Riding, 307.467.5236, [www.DiamondLRanch.com](http://www.DiamondLRanch.com)

### CAMPGROUNDS

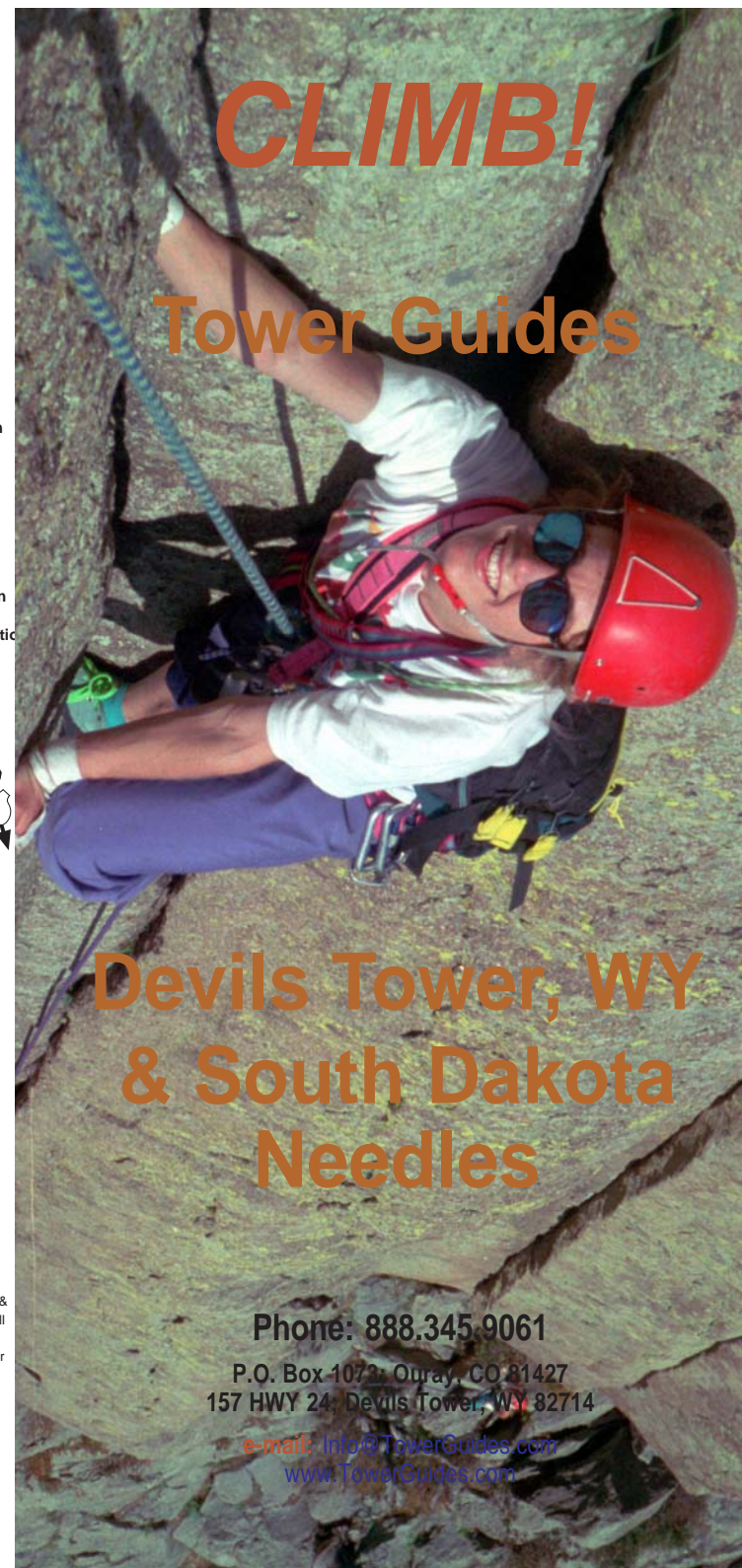
- ⇒ Devils Tower Fort, 307.467.5655
- ⇒ Devils Tower View, 307.467.5737
- ⇒ National Monument Campground, Located at the Tower

### CLIMBING EQUIPMENT, INFO, & GUIDE BOOKS

- ⇒ Above Ouray Ice & Tower Rock Guides Office; 157 HWY 24; Devils Tower - See Map, [www.TowerGuides.com](http://www.TowerGuides.com)

An up to date version of this document can always be found at: <http://www.TowerGuides.com/pdfs/deto.pdf>

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Our company is the most experienced and safest guide service and climbing school located at Devils Tower in the Black Hills of Wyoming. Based at Devils Tower nearly two decades longer than anyone, we are now in our **22nd Season** of providing **fun, rewarding**, and, most importantly, **safe** rock climbing experiences and Devils Tower Summit Climbs for all ages and abilities. Also, **we are the only Guide Service and Climbing School located at Devils Tower with a perfect safety record.** In addition, during the last 28 years, we have been Devils Tower's only local CMGF Certified Rock Guide owner operated Climbing School & Guide Service. Our guides have safely taken more people to the summit of Devils Tower than anyone and have also established many of its most difficult climbs. This information is for your use as a planning and packing tool for rock climbing at either Devils Tower, Wyoming or in the South Dakota Needles. Make sure you include items that you need which aren't listed.

### CLIMBING/GUIDING/INSTRUCTIONAL SEASON

We are in operation at Devils Tower year around. However, our office/store at the Tower is usually only open from April until November during the best rock climbing months of the year. June is the best climbing month of year. The climbing season in the South Dakota Needles is generally good from May through October. The season is a little shorter in the Needles since it is about 2,500 feet higher in elevation than Devils Tower. If you want to plan your trip to include a few climbing days in the Needles and at the Tower, you should schedule it between the end of May and the end of September.

### EXPERIENCE & FITNESS NEEDED "TOWER KRAFT"

The following are the minimum skills needed to summit & descend Devils Tower by its easiest route with one of our highly skilled and trained professional guides. Most people can obtain the Safety & Movement Skills needed to successfully climb to the Summit of Devils Tower and descend by completing our two day Tower Kraft Course outlined below. If you have no, limited, or only gym climbing experience, you will need to complete these two days of Private or Group Rate Rock Kraft Instruction before attempting your Privately Guided Climb to the summit of Devils Tower on the third day. Yes, people can go from having no climbing experience to attempting to climb to the summit of Devils Tower after completing our two day Tower Kraft Course outlined below.

#### MINIMUM TOWER KRAFT SAFETY SKILLS REQUIRED

- ⇒ Basic Rope Handling Skills (Figure 8 Follow-through & on a Bite, etc.)
- ⇒ Climbing Signals (Single & Multi-Pitch)
- ⇒ Belaying Skills (For Leader and Second)
- ⇒ Rappelling Skills (Single & Multi-Pitch)
- ⇒ Multi-Pitched Climbing Skills
- ⇒ Artificial & Natural Protection Removal/Cleaning Skills

#### MINIMUM TOWER KRAFT MOVEMENT SKILLS REQUIRED

- ⇒ Crack Climbing Movement Techniques at about the 5.6 or 5.7 Level to include-Finger, Hand, Fist, Toe, Foot, & Heel-Toe Jamming, Arm Bars, Chimneying, Stemming & Bridging.
- ⇒ Face Climbing ability at the 5.6 or 5.7 Level.

#### MINIMUM TOWER KRAFT FITNESS LEVEL REQUIRED

- ⇒ Good Aerobic and Strength Fitness is very helpful (the better shape you're in the more fun you'll have!).

### MEETING LOCATION AND TIME

Rock climbing programs at Devils Tower originate at our office near the entrance to Devils Tower National Monument at 157 HWY 24, Devils Tower Wyoming, and rock climbing programs in the South Dakota Needles originate at the Sylvan Lake Store located right next to Sylvan Lake in Custer State Park between Custer and Hill City, SD. Guided climbs at Devils Tower start very early in the morning, and Rock Kraft Courses are conducted in the afternoon on the Towers shady northern side. Rock climbing programs in the Needles begin in the morning. Whether you are climbing at the Tower or in the Needles, please check in with us the day before your climb or lesson to confirm meeting time and location.

### CLIMBING IN THE SOUTH DAKOTA NEEDLES

You can book or schedule any of our courses in the magnificent Needles area of South Dakota in the heart of the Black Hills near Harney Peak in Custer State Park. You can schedule a trip to include some face climbing on spectacular spires in the Needles combined with some of the worlds best crack climbing at Devils Tower. There is an abundance of climbing at all difficulty levels in the Needles making it a fun and fantastic place to develop your Basic Rock Kraft Skills or do some challenging free climbing to spectacular summit tops to prepare for climbing Devils Tower. Please call us today for more details on our rock climbing programs and guiding in the Needles.

### CLIMBING ON DEVILS TOWER

First off, Devils Tower, located in the very northeastern corner of Wyoming, in the northwestern section of the Black Hills, has crack climbing like no Place on Earth, and climbing it is a very special, challenging, rewarding, and unique experience. The Tower is made of rock harder than Granite called Phonolite Porphyry. The climbing routes follow fissures created by the massive columnar jointed columns on the Tower. Jack Durrance and Harrison Butterworth established the easiest free route to summit of the Tower on September 8, 1938. This route, DURRANCE, is rated a 5.6 or 7 on a scale beginning at 5.0 and currently ending at 5.14. Climbing on this route is spectacular and exciting with good rests on nice ledges at the end of each pitch. Finger, hand, fist, foot, heel-toe, arm-bar, and chimney crack climbing techniques are helpful in ascending the Tower. Using these techniques, coupled with face climbing, is the best way to climb up through the maze of columns to the Tower's summit. By using these techniques, you'll find yourself making confident airy bridges and stems between the massive columns. Once on the summit, you'll enjoy the panoramic view of a lifetime reaching into neighboring states. To return to the ground, one must complete several spectacular rappels back to the forest floor. Once back on the forest floor, your mind will begin to focus on new found feelings of self confidence, accomplishment, and a new or heightened respect, understanding, and appreciation for nature and the sheer awesomeness of the Tower. Climbing Devils Tower is truly an unforgettable experience of a lifetime!

### RATES

Please call 888.345.9061 for rate and booking information. Group, Limited Group Size, and Private Guiding Rates available.

### ROCK CLIMBING GEAR

Tower Guides will provide all of the Technical Climbing gear for your adventure including rock shoes. You may want to consider using a few of the following items of your own for comfort and safety reasons. Use of Tower Guide's equipment provided for you, either group or personal, is subject to our Terms & Conditions.

### PERSONAL CLIMBING GEAR YOU MIGHT WANT TO BRING WITH YOU (NOT REQUIRED)

- Comfortable UIAA Helmet
- Harness
- Comfortable** Rock Shoes - Not tight gym shoes
- Munter or Large Locking
- Pearabiner (Carabiner)
- Belay/Rappel Device for 9 to 11mm Ropes (ex. A.T.C.)
- Chalk Bag

### PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

- Small Day Pack to carry equipment, food, and water to the base of the climbs.
- First Aid Kit.
- Mashable High Energy Foods
- 1 - 1 Qt. Water Bottle to drink water from at base of cliff and while approaching it.
- 1 - Hydration Pack w/2 Liter Blatter Minimum
- Sun Screen & Sun Glasses with attachment strap
- Camera set up for carrying and using in a vertical environment with extra Film.
- Alarm Clock for early morning starts.**

### CLOTHING

As in many outdoor activities, wearing or not wearing the proper clothing for the environment your activity is taking place in can mean the difference between being comfortable, uncomfortable, or in serious danger. If you are climbing Devils Tower for the first time and have limited or no crack climbing experience, you'll definitely want to climb with cool loose fitting protective long pants and a long sleeve shirt. You may be a bit warmer during summer months, but you'll enjoy the extra protection. Weather at Devils Tower can be quiet variable and unpredictable even during summer months. Severe thunder showers with hail are common, and snow is not uncommon in June or September. As a result, it is good to come prepared for a variety of weather conditions. We recommend wearing synthetic clothing, not cotton, while you are outside. For more expert guidance in choosing quality clothing systems, we recommend contacting the helpful folks at [Patagonia's Guide Line](http://Patagonia's Guide Line), 800.638.6464, [www.Patagonia.com](http://www.Patagonia.com). If you don't have a particular item, we may be able to rent or loan you the item you don't have. Just Call!

#### INNER LAYER

- Capilene Long Underwear (Top and Bottom)
- Capilene Liner Gloves