

## South Dakota Uniqueness

Area codes are plentiful in the US now. The Chicago area has nine phone area codes just to themselves. In South Dakota, you're never at a loss for businesses', in-state friends', and neighbors' area codes....

The state of South Dakota has one area code!!! Yes, (605) will get you anyone in the ENTIRE STATE!

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Our menus are more likely to include venison, buffalo, and pheasant (with a side of buckshot).

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Our gardens tend to be "caged." Otherwise, deer walk up and help themselves! That "deer statue" in someone's front yard—even in Rapid City—is probably real!!

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In the Hills, we sometimes measure rainfall as "moisture." (Sometimes the rainfall is so scarce it can't be measured in inches.)

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We can rake pine needles rather than leaves in the Hills. (In the rest of the state, I don't know if they have to rake much of anything at all!)

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"Oh, give me a home, where the buffalo roam...."

In South Dakota, you'll actually see buffalo roam. Does that mean we have the best place to live in the world? (We think so, of course. ☺)

Some people say American buffalo are actually bison. But "buffalo" is more fun to say, so I'm sticking with buffalo.

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Hope you can come visit us and experience South Dakota for yourself someday! By the way, "Dakota" means "Friend." You can also find friends in South Dakota!!

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