

ELI Weekly

Great Places to Visit: Part 2--Mount Rushmore

Last week you learned about the Grand Canyon. This week, the destination is not in the southwest, but rather northwest of Missouri, in the state of South Dakota. There you will visit Mount Rushmore, the famous mountain with U.S. Presidents' faces carved into it. You may have seen it in pictures. It represents 150 years of U.S. history and depicts the faces of four influential U.S. Presidents: George Washington (1732-1799), Thomas Jefferson (1743-1836), Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865), and Theodore Roosevelt (1859-1919).



Gutzon Borglum

Around three million visitors go to Mount Rushmore each year to gaze at the beautiful monument that has grown in fame as a symbol of American freedom and hope for people from all cultures and backgrounds. It is located in the Black Hills region of South Dakota, and was originally planned as a way to increase tourism to the area. After being approved by Congress, carving on the granite rock began in 1927, and finished in 1941. The main sculptor hired to complete the project was named Gutzon Borglum, and he, along with 400 others, created the 60-foot carvings.

In 1933, the National Park Service took the project under its jurisdiction. Washington's face was completed in 1934 (on July 4, no less!), Jefferson's in 1936, Lincoln's in 1937, and Roosevelt's in 1939. Sadly, in 1941, Borglum died, but his son, Lincoln Borglum, took over the project. Originally, the carvings were supposed to include the upper body of each figure, but a lack of funds forced the project to close. Overall, the project cost about \$1 million. No carving has been done on the mountain since, and none is planned for the future.

Mount Rushmore is South Dakota's biggest tourist attraction. It is located inside a National Park which includes a museum and a theater that shows a 13-minute film about Mount Rushmore. It looks like a great sight to see!



View from the North Rim

Activities This Week

Fri., July 18-Sun.. July 20

Springfield Cardinals Baseball

If you haven't been to a Cardinals game yet, now is a great time to catch all the action!

Fri.: 7:10 p.m., Sat. and Sun.: at 6:10 p.m. Tickets cost \$6.00; At Hammons Field

Friday, July 18

Movie at Founders Park--"Surf's Up"

Free--get tickets at the Ice Park, the Doling & Chesterfield Family Centers, or the Busch Municipal Building. Otherwise, tickets costs \$5.00

For more events and activities, visit: <http://calendar.missouristate.edu/>

Also, ALWAYS check the Student Activities Board across from the 2nd floor Computer Lab



Announcements



- Academic Lecture THIS week:
Monday, July 14
Tchaikovsky New World Symphony --Music Levels 3, & 4

Did You Know....



A few interesting facts about Jordan:

Petra, an ancient city, is a city that was carved into rock cliffs over 2,000 years ago. It remained unknown to Europeans until the 19th century. Petra is also known as the "Rose Red City," because of the color of its cliffs.



The country's official name is the 'Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.'

The Wadi Rum is a valley cut into sandstone and granite rock. It has been inhabited by different groups since prehistoric times. It is one of Jordan's most important tourist destinations. It is also where the movie "Lawrence of Arabia" was filmed.



What's Showing at The Moxie?

The Moxie is downtown's independent cinema located near the corner of Walnut and Campbell.

This week:

- Then She Found Me
- The Foot Fist Way
- Bigger, Stronger, Faster



See Schedule on the Student Activities Board

Weather Forecast

Degrees: High/Low

Forecast for July 14-20

	<u>Fahrenheit</u>	<u>Celsius</u>
Monday:	85/63	29/17
Tuesday:	90/65	32/18
Wednesday:	88/67	31/19
Thursday:	91/68	33/20
Friday:	87/69	31/21
Saturday:	89/70	32/21
Sunday:	90/70	32/21



Weather forecasts are *always* changing, so for the most up-to-date forecast, go to: www.weather.com, or watch the local news or weather channel.