

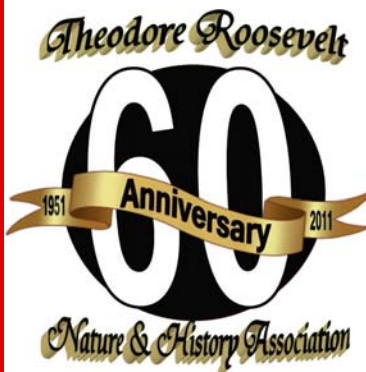
TRNHA NEWSLETTER

February 2011

TRNHA Celebrates 60 Years of Service

On December 9, 1951 a group of park enthusiasts gathered to declare directors, charter members and present a provisional constitution. The Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association beginnings were quiet and simple. Since that cold December day we have dedicated our organization to aid the interpretive, scientific, and historical needs of Theodore Roosevelt National Park and have accrued over \$850,000 in assistance. We expanded that mission to include Fort Union Trading Post NHS (formed their own association in 1993), Knife River Indian Villages NHS, Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge and, Sully's Hill National Game Preserve (supported Sully for ten years before their friends group assumed that role in 2007).

Our commitment has produced many publications, funded countless interpretive programs and special events, established traditions such as the annual birdwalk and chuck wagon breakfast, encouraged and supported research, established libraries, offered visitors items that commemorate and continue telling the story of their visit,



financed Student Conservation Association personnel and housed countless volunteers. All of this has been TRNHA's greatest pleasure and dutiful fulfillment of our mission.

We tip our hats to the National Park service and the US Fish and Wildlife areas we support and thank them for their commitment to their sites. TRNHA approaches this milestone with the same commitment as those who began this organization.

Each month we will feature events, transitions and moments in TRNHA history. Stay tuned and enjoy our nostalgic trip over the past sixty years.

Calendar of Events

February 12, 2011
4th annual Winter Adventure at Knife River Indian Villages NHS
Registration is \$60 person and the fee includes two hearty meals, use of snowshoes, all activity supplies, and presentations. Registration is limited to twenty one participants. You can register by calling the State Historical Society at (701) 328-2724.



February 19, 2011
Saturday Matinee at Theodore Roosevelt National Park
Visit the South Unit Theater at 1:30pm MST for an old time movie experience featuring *Theodore Roosevelt a Cowboy's Ride to the White House*.

February 20& 21, 2011
Encore movie presentations in the South Unit and North Unit Visitor Centers at 2:00pm MST (3:00pm CST)

Visitor Center Hours

Theodore Roosevelt National Park
South Unit Visitor Center
8:00-4:30 MST
North Unit Visitor Center
9:00 am -5:30pm CST
Friday, Saturday, & Sunday
Painted Canyon
Closed November 11th
will reopen April 1st

The drives in both units of the park will be open as long as the weather permits.

Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site
8:00 am -4:30 pm CST
Upper Souris NWR
8:00 am - 4:30 pm CST
Monday-Friday



Meet Us at the Movies



Saturday Matinee

TR - A Cowboy's Ride to the White House

February 19, 2011 - 1:30pm MST

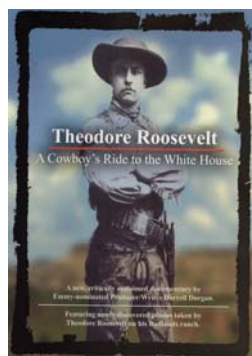
Theodore Roosevelt National Park

South Unit Visitor Center

Medora, ND

As part of a yearlong celebration of Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association's 60th anniversary we present a special viewing of the critically acclaimed documentary by Emmy-nominated producer/writer Darrell Dorgan. Theodore Roosevelt: A Cowboy's Ride to the White House will be presented Saturday February 19, 2011 at 1:30pm MST. Darrell Dorgan will introduce the film and will also be available for a question and answer session after the viewing.

This is the exciting story of a physically challenged young man from Harvard who came to the western frontier in 1883. Theodore Roosevelt bought a ranch, learned how to ride, shoot, hunt and acquired the skills that would make him a war hero and American President. It was in the Badlands of Dakota where young Roosevelt became a cowboy and learned about democracy and the American West.



Filmed on location at the Roosevelt ranches in the heart of the beautiful and wild Badlands of North Dakota.

The growing-of-age life experiences of the nation's 26th President, brought to life by nationally acclaimed historians H.W. Brands, Douglas Brinkley, Clay Jenkinson, and great-grandson Tweed Roosevelt.

TRNHA will present an old time theater experience and refreshments will be provided. Tours of Theodore Roosevelt's Maltese Cross Cabin, TR's first home in the ND Badlands, will be conducted at various times throughout the day. Encore viewings of the movie at both the North Unit and South Unit will be featured on February 20 & 21, 2011 at 2:00pm MST (3:00pm CST) in honor of Presidents Day weekend.

Ranger Recommends

February's featured Ranger is Nathan King, acting District Interpretative Ranger at Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Nathan returned to the park in November for a 3rd winter. His vast knowledge of Theodore Roosevelt and park history has helped many visitors make their park experience memorable.

Nathan says "There is no shortage of biographies about Theodore Roosevelt, one of America's most compelling political figures. What is often understated in these biographies is the importance of Theodore Roosevelt's home life, particularly the balance, devotion, and support of his wife Edith.

Edith Carow was Theodore Roosevelt's childhood friend, but it was not until after

Roosevelt's first wife died that their relationship became romantic. Theodore and Edith's love for each other was deeply rooted in their friendship, comparable intellect, and shared love of books and family.

As his wife, Edith was a calming force in Theodore Roosevelt's otherwise ebullient public life. While TR wanted to be "the bride at every wedding and the corpse at every funeral," as his daughter Alice wryly put it, Edith was more comfortable in the background managing the household, the finances, and their children.

Edith Roosevelt was a very strong, smart, and sensible woman, and her life was filled with triumphs and tragedies. Sylvia Jukes Morris's Edith Kermit Roosevelt: Portrait of a First Lady is the best re-

source for getting to know this amazing woman. In knowing Edith, you will get to know Theodore Roosevelt better, too."

If you are interested in purchasing this book or any other items in this newsletter, please visit one of our Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History bookstores or visit our online store.



Edith Kermit Roosevelt:
Portrait of a First Lady

Regular Price: \$16.95
Members Price: \$14.41

www.trnha.org/bookstorehome.htm

Don't forget to stop by and see if Pete saw his shadow at: www.trnha.org/wherespete.html

For Pete's loyal followers we apologize for him being out of commission for a little while but with all of the cold weather and snow he's been a little weak and has been sleeping a lot lately. But we promise he will be making a full come back, so stayed tuned for more adventures!



Team Leaders and Volunteers Key to Elk Reduction Success

Would you trudge through knee-deep snow, sub-zero temperatures, and frigid wind, in pursuit of elk? Would you do it for 6-10 miles, 6-10 hours a day, three days a week for twelve weeks? Would you do it while providing for the safety of 4 strangers with firearms? If you were a Theodore Roosevelt National Park elk reduction team leader, this would describe your daily work.

Killing elk in a national park is a very unusual job. It is controversial and difficult. But the park had to take action to prevent the population growing to unmanageable levels. Before the reduction, the elk population in the park was estimated at over 1100. While weather conditions over the last few years have allowed those elk to flourish, periods of drought with an elk population that high could lead to damage to the park vegetation and competition with other species.

After a thorough Environmental Impact Statement and several years of planning, a decision was made to remove elk from the park using teams comprised of a National

Park Service team leader and up to 4 volunteer members of the public. The volunteers served as members of the park staff for 4 days each. At no time were volunteers hunting or pursuing elk alone in the park.



Elk reduction team leader, Trent Hieb, trudges through knee deep snow on a cold January day.

The elk reduction is over for this year, and it exceeded all expectations. The park staff had hoped to remove at least 250 female elk from the population, including those taken inside the park and elk killed outside the park during hunting season. But 406 elk were shot inside the park, and with the added numbers from the hunting season nearby, approximately 550 elk were removed from the population. Over 34,000 pounds of clean elk meat was donated to Native American Indian Tribes and Sportsmen Against Hunger, an organization that stocks food pantries statewide.

The strong success of the elk reduction effort was due to careful planning, a strong implementation plan, and the fortitude of the 5 team leaders. This was no "walk in the park" and the extreme North Dakota conditions tested their physical stamina and endurance as well as that of the volunteers. The teams were successful at not only reducing the number of elk but also maintaining positive working relationships and implementing strong safety procedures resulting in no injuries or accidents. The amount of credit they deserve cannot be overstated.

Teacher - Ranger - Teacher offers a Professional Development Opportunity!



What is the Teacher-Ranger-Teacher program?

The challenge for the National Park Service is to provide opportunities for all Americans to connect to their national heritage as embodied by the national parks. The Teacher-Ranger-Teacher Program focuses on the education community and engages teachers from schools that are not currently being reached by park programs. Through place-based experience, this program aims to offer opportunities for teachers to deeply connect with park resources, and a chance to gain a better understanding of civic engagement; of the relevance of these places have for all Americans; and the diversity of the sites that have been set aside by and for the American people. They, in turn, can provide opportunities for their students and other teachers to find their own connections to the parks.

What would I do at the park?

Teacher-Ranger-Teachers at Theodore Roosevelt National Park become part of the park's Division of Interpretation. The participant will be given the opportunity to present at least one formal interpretive program during their time at the park. The Teacher-Ranger will also staff either the North or South Unit Visitor Center, work with Junior Rangers, and curriculum-based education programs for presentation by other interpreters.



During their time at the park, the Teacher-Ranger is encouraged to shadow employees from other park divisions, such as resource management, protection rangers, and trail maintenance to learn as much as possible about Theodore Roosevelt National Park and its resources.

The Teacher-Ranger will be given time during the week to prepare lesson plans for the upcoming school year. The Teacher-Ranger will also have the opportunity to attend the Teacher Summer Institute held in Medora June 15-16.

What is the time commitment?

Start and end dates are flexible, but the Teacher-Ranger is expected to commit to eight weeks of service between May and August. Park administrators will make exceptions on a case-by-case basis.

How can I afford to do this?

The park will provide the National Park Service uniform for the Teacher-Ranger to wear while on duty. In addition, they will receive a stipend of \$300 per week.

Who is eligible?

The park accepts applications from all public or private teachers working with students in grades K-12. Teachers from all disciplines are encouraged to apply.

Priority is given to teachers who work in underserved districts or whose students have limited exposure to the National Park Service. The park's goal is to introduce all kids in North Dakota to the National Park Service.

What is expected of me after completing this program?

The Teacher-Ranger should leave Theodore Roosevelt National Park with enough information to develop tailored, curriculum-based programs that help students better understand both the work and the mission of the National Park Service, as well as specific natural and cultural history topics related to North Dakota.

In April, during National Park Week, the Teacher-Ranger wear the National Park Service uniform to school and present lessons to introduce students and staff to the National Park Service and Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

How do I apply?

Download the [Teacher-Ranger-Teacher Application form](#). Call Chief of Interpretation Eileen Andes at 701-623-4730 x3411 or e-mail us for more information.

February's Member Only Coupon

Edith Kermit Roosevelt: Portrait of a First Lady
by: Sylvia Jukes Morris



SALE PRICE \$15.25

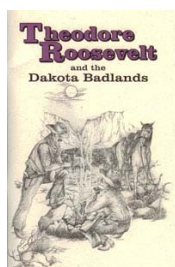
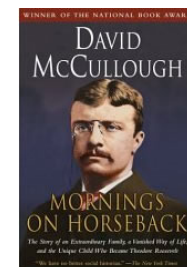
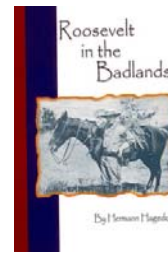
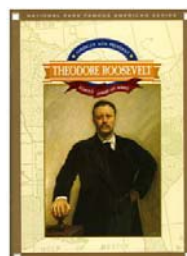
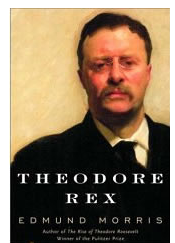
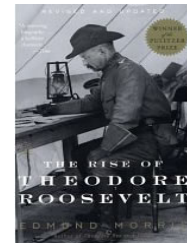
(Price listed is before 15% membership discount for a final price of \$12.97)

Regular Price: \$16.95

Must show coupon and membership card in TRNHA bookstore or contact TRNHA (701) 623-4884 to order by mail.

Expires: February 28, 2011

Be sure to stop by and check out the Theodore Roosevelt books pictured below plus many more!



Wendy Ross named new Superintendent for Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site

OMAHA, Neb. — Wendy Ross, currently a Management Assistant at Glacier National Park (NP) in Montana, has been named the new Superintendent for Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site (NHS) in Stanton, North Dakota. She replaces Brian McCutchen, who transferred in August 2010 to George Rogers Clark National Historical Park in Indiana. Ross will take this new position effective March 27.

“Wendy’s experience in working with park partners and park neighbors makes her an excellent choice to lead Knife River Indian Villages,” said North Dakota Group Superintendent Valerie Naylor of Theodore Roosevelt NP. “We look forward to having Wendy as part of the North Dakota Group of National Parks.”

Ross has a life-long association with the National Park Service. Her first work with the Service was as a volunteer during summer months between 1985-1990 as a Research Assistant at Cape Cod National Seashore, Massachusetts; Great Smoky Mountains NP in Tennessee; Mount Rainier NP in Washington; and Theodore Roosevelt NP in North Dakota. She accepted her first permanent position with the NPS in 1995 as a Resource Management Biological Technician at Yellowstone NP. Following subsequent assignments as Supervisory Visitor Use Assistant and Lead Resource Biological Technician at the park, Ross became a Natural Resource Management Specialist at Shiloh National Military Park in Tennessee under the NPS Intake Trainee Program. In 2000, she took a position as District Resource Management Specialist at North Cascades National Park in Washington. Initially assigned to Glacier NP as an

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Lead, Ross assumed her current position serving as the park’s representative for private lands, external issues, and international affairs in 2008.

At Glacier NP, Ross led a multi-agency team of specialists in writing an EIS analyzing a request by Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway to use explosive avalanche control within the park. Project analysis included consultation with the Blackfeet and Salish Kootenai Tribes as well as coordination with the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Montana Department of Fish and Game, Montana Transportation Department, and the Great Northern Environmental Stewardship Area conservation group. While at Shiloh NMP, she fostered a partnership with University of Tennessee biologists and hydrologists to research endangered bats, threatened songbirds, fresh-water mussels, invertebrates, and to obtain baseline water quality data for the park.

“I look forward to the challenges and rewards presented by serving as one of the stewards of Knife River Indian Villages,” Ross commented on her new assignment. “I welcome the opportunity to collaborate with associated tribes, partners, staff, and local communities to contribute not only to the site’s preservation, but also to its use as a bridge between cultures and generations.” She further shared, “My husband and I are eager to become participants in the local community and to explore central North Dakota.”

Born in Tacoma, Wash., Ross earned her Bachelor of Arts in Northern Studies

through Middlebury College in Vermont. She follows her father, Pete Hart, not only among the ranks of Middlebury College alumni, but also as NPS Superintendents. Hart was a 33-year veteran upon his retirement from the Service in 2001, and served as Superintendent at Theodore Roosevelt NP from 1990-1995. Prior to her NPS service, Ross served as a volunteer with the Peace Corps, facilitating an agricultural loan program between the European Economic Community and rural farmers in Radawana, Sri Lanka. As a result, she speaks the Sinhalese language fluently. Ross is wed to Scott Ross, a professional electrician and native of Cheyenne, Wyo. They are avid outdoor enthusiasts and enjoy spending time skiing, biking, hiking, fishing and camping, as well as raising a 17-year-old cat and two 8-year-old golden retrievers.



Knife River Indian Villages NHS, established as part of the National Park System in 1974, features archeological and historic remains of the Plains Indian culture and agricultural way of life along the Upper Missouri. Visitors can step into a reconstructed earthlodge and imagine boiling buffalo meat in a clay pot or pounding corn with a mortar and pestle, view everyday and ceremonial clothing, bags, and implements, and listen to the memories of traditional Hidatsa Indian life. The Sakakawea site’s earthlodge depressions hint of the life of a vibrant village, alive with games, ceremonies, and trade.

National Park Fee Free Days 2011

America's Best Idea – the national parks – gets even better with several fee-free days at more than 100 national parks that usually charge entrance fees.*

Mark your calendar for these fee-free days in 2011:

April 16-24(National Park Week)

June 21(First day of summer)

September 24(Public Lands Day)

November 11-13(Veterans Day weekend)



Making the fun even more affordable, many national park concessioners are joining the National Park Service in welcoming visitors with their own special offers.



President's Day Word Find

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and help us support North Dakota's National Parks, Historic Sites, and Wildlife Refuges!**

Membership Donations are used to help fund:

- The publishing of free trail guides, informational brochures, plant and animal checklist, junior ranger activity books, and the park newspaper.
- Support Volunteers and Student Conservation Resource Assistants.
- Acquiring publications for reference libraries at three park sites.
- Money for scientific research and oral history projects. TRNHA had recently helped fund an ongoing Mountain Lion study in Theodore Roosevelt National Park.
- Funding for interpretive training, materials, and supplies.
- Sponsoring special interpretive programs and events such as the Northern Plains Culture Fest and birding festivals.
- Provide Support Staff in the Visitor Centers.

Reasons to become a member of TRNHA

1. 15% Discount on sales items at our five bookstore locations: Painted Canyon, South Unit, & North Unit (All in Theodore Roosevelt National Park); Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, and Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge.
2. TRNHA membership is honored by most National Park Cooperating Associations with a reciprocal discount.
3. Monthly e-newsletters and association updates.
4. Receive newsletters and program announcements on the activities of the Association and the areas it serves.
5. Special member only offers. *(Please check our website for monthly specials www.trnha.org)*
6. All members are entitled to vote for TRNHA Board of Directors.
7. The pleasures of knowing that your membership contributes to the support of National park and refuge sites in North Dakota.

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