

TRNHA NEWSLETTER

January 2013



Park's Elk Population Maintenance Efforts Completed For the Year

The maintenance phase of managing the elk population in Theodore Roosevelt National Park has been completed for this year. A total of 69 elk were removed by park staff between October 30 and December 6.

The park has reduced elk numbers in accordance with the Elk Management Plan, which was finalized in 2010. This was the third year of the reduction.



"The elk removal effort was successful again this year," said Superintendent Valerie Naylor. "The National Park Service team is to be commended for doing an exceptional job of completing this year's project without injuries and with minimal impact to park visitors."

The backcountry in the South Unit, which was closed three days per week during the elk removal effort, is now open to visitors all of the time.

Meat from the animals taken during the maintenance phase was packed out of the park and donated to Sportsman Against Hunger through the North Dakota Community Action Partnership. To date, 7,808 lbs. of meat has been donated. Another 2,244 lbs. will be donated later this week.

More information about the Elk Management Plan is available on the park's website at www.nps.gov/thro.

Upcoming Events

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Theodore Roosevelt National Park Photo Contest Winner Announced

The National Park Service and the Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association announced the winner of the first Annual "Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park" Photo Contest on Saturday.

Kim Wehner of Kennewick, WA won the Grand Prize with her scenic photo entitled, "Little Missouri." Wehner's photo will be featured on the park's 2013 Annual Park Pass.

Sandra Swanson of Inver Grove Heights won First Prize with "Painted Canyon Overlook," Second Prize was awarded to Rolan and Lisa Honeyman from Dickinson, ND for "Bison On the Move" and Fourth Prize for "Elk Rut." "Bison Battle" by Teresina Wheaton of Knoxville, TN was the Third Place winner. The top ten photos will be on display in the park's South Unit Visitor Center through December 16. Prizes were donated by the Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association.

"Congratulations to Kim Wehner and the rest of the prize winners," said Superintendent Valerie Naylor. "We would also like to thank everyone who participated in the photo contest. We sincerely appreciate Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association's partnership in the contest and look forward to another one next year."

The 2013 Theodore Roosevelt National Park Annual Pass, which is good for one year from the month of purchase, will be on sale starting January 1. The cost is \$20.00.

For information about events and activities in Theodore Roosevelt National Park, please visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/thro. You can also follow us on Twitter @TROoseveltNPS and "like" us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TheodoreRooseveltNationalPark.



10 Finalist



Grand Prize Winner
by Kim Wehner
Kennewick, WA

1st Place Winner
by Sandra Swanson
Inver Grove Heights, MN



Top 10 Finalist!



2nd Place Winner
by Roland & Lisa Honeyman
Dickinson, ND ←



3rd Place Winner
By Teresina Wheaton
Knoxville, TN →



4th Place Winner
by Roland & Lisa Honeyman
Dickinson, ND ←



5th Place Winner
by Sharon Wehner
Kennewick, WA →



6th Place Winner
by Kim Wehner
Kennewick, WA ←

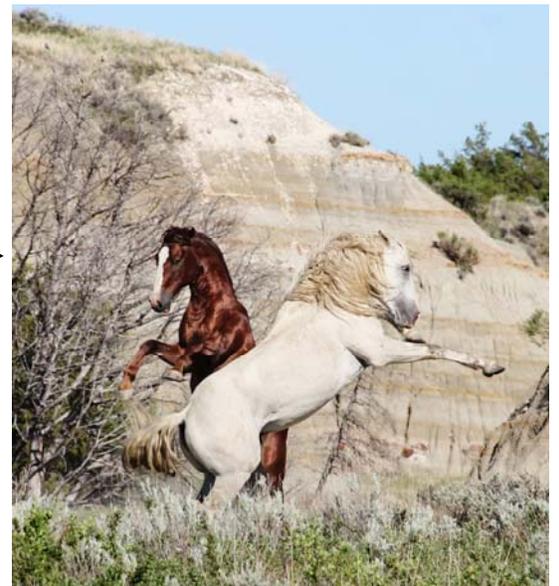


7th Place Winner
by Douglas Schulze
Henderson, NV →



8th Place Winner
by Justin Clark Pollard
Rome, GA ←

9th Place Winner
by Jessica Olsen
North Pole, AK →



Start Snapping pictures!
2013 Contest information will be
announced in April, but photos
can be taken now!

Cause & Effect

A Message from The Superintendent of Theodore Roosevelt National Park

Everyday North Dakota's National Parks face challenges or changes that directly effect the parks and their visitors. However those who support, visit, and work in or near the parks might not realize the effects, both positive and negative, these events have on the park. We have decided to dedicate this section of our newsletter to focus on these "Causes and Effects". Please feel free to share your comments or concerns with North Dakota's parks and the TRNHA staff by sending an e-mail to: info@trnha.org.

As with every new year, 2013 will bring some new opportunities and some new challenges to your national parks. There are many exciting things going on at Theodore Roosevelt NP and Knife River Indian Village NHS, and you will see some new programs, new ideas, and new ways to reach our visitors in the new year.

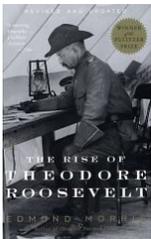
2013 also brings with it some uncertainties - primarily about budgets and changes related to the energy boom.

But there are two things that don't change - our commitment to protecting the national parks for present and future generations, and the support of our major partners such as TRNHA. Your commitment to supporting the park is critical, and will continue to be essential in the coming year.

We take this opportunity to thank you for keeping abreast of park issues and supporting the park at the TRNHA. Happy New Year!

Ranger Recommends—2012 Favorite Books!

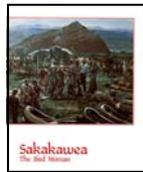
January



Rise of Theodore Roosevelt by Edmund Morris

Regular Price: \$36.00
Members Price: \$30.60

February



Sakakawea: The Bird Woman by Russell Reid

Regular Price: \$2.50
Members Price: \$2.13

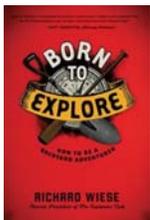
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Mammals of North Dakota By Robert Seabloom

Regular Price: \$36.00
Members Price: \$30.60

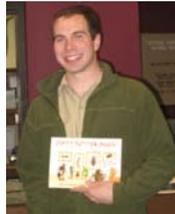
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Born to Explore by Richard Wiese

Regular Price: \$18.99
Members Price: \$16.14

May



Dirty Rotten Bugs by Gilles Bonotaux

Regular Price: \$14.95
Members Price: \$12.71

June



Becoming Teddy Roosevelt: How a Maine Guide Inspired America's 26th President by Andrew Vietze

Regular Price: \$14.95
Members Price: \$12.71

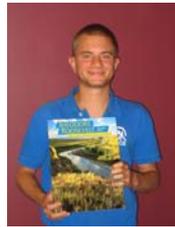
July



Grassland Plants of South Dakota and the Northern Great Plains by James R. Johnson & Gary E Larson

Regular Price: \$19.95
Members Price: \$16.95

August



Theodore Roosevelt National Park Story Behind the Scenery by Kaye, Schoch, VanCamp, DenDooven

Regular Price: \$10.95
Members Price: \$9.31

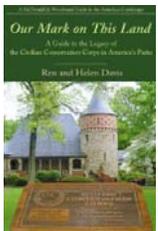
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Explore! Theodore Roosevelt National Park by Levi T. Novey

Regular Price: \$15.95
Members Price: \$13.56

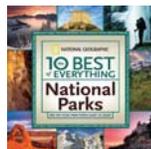
October



Our Mark on This Land by Ren & Helen Davis

Regular Price: \$29.95
Members Price: \$25.46

November



The 10 Best of Everything National Parks: 800 Top Picks From Parks Coast to Coast by National Geographic

Regular Price: \$21.95
Members Price: \$18.66

December



Outdoor Navigation with a GPS by Stephen W. Hinch

Regular Price: \$16.95
Member Price: \$14.41

Snowflake Sudoku

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SUPPORT YOUR PARKS BY BECOMING A MEMBER

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.
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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.

Yes! I would like to become a member of Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association!

Are you a new or renewing member?

- New Renewal

What type of membership?

- Individual \$20.00
 Family \$30.00
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With your purchase of a new or renewing membership you can buy our Theodore Roosevelt National Park tote bag for just: **\$9.95 (reg. \$19.95)**

- I want to take advantage of the tote bag offer. I have enclosed a payment of \$11.95. (\$9.95 + \$2.00 Shipping)



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(TRNHA)

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ROOSEVELT PURSUES THE BOAT THIEVES

Theodore Roosevelt was particularly fond of retelling the story of his pursuit and capture of the boat thieves in the badlands. He put the story on paper in his 1888 book *Ranch Life and the Hunting Trail*. In early spring of 1886, just as the ice was beginning to break up on the Little Missouri River, three thieves cut Roosevelt's boat from its mooring at the Elkhorn Ranch and took it downriver. Roosevelt, out of personal pride and duty as a Billings County Deputy Sheriff, chased after them with his ranch hands Bill Sewall and Wilmot Dow.

As you read the story, imagine the thrill of the entire event for Roosevelt. A spring flood is no trivial matter, and navigating a river jammed with ice and powerful currents is treacherous work. The weather was viciously cold. The men he was chasing were armed and dangerous. How might you have reacted to the theft of a replaceable boat when capturing the thieves was so time-consuming and dangerous? The story begins with the ice breaking up on the Little Missouri River at the Elkhorn Ranch in March, 1886:

"It moved slowly, its front forming a high, crumbling wall, and creaming over like an immense breaker on the seashore; we could hear the dull roaring and crunching as it ploughed down the river-bed long before it came in sight round the bend above us. The ice kept piling and tossing up in the middle, and not only heaped itself above the level of the banks, but also in many places spread out on each side beyond them, grinding against the cottonwood-trees in front of the ranch veranda...."

"At night the snowy, glittering masses, tossed up and heaped into fantastic forms, shone like crystal in the moonlight; but they soon lost their beauty, becoming fouled and blackened, and at the same time melted and settled down until it was possible to clamber out across the slippery hummocks."

"We had brought out a clinker-built boat especially to ferry ourselves over the river when it was high, and were keeping our ponies on the opposite side.... This boat had already proved very useful and now came in handier than ever, as without it we could take no care of our horses. We kept it on the bank, tied to a tree, and every day would carry it or

slide it across the hither ice bank, usually with not a little tumbling and scrambling on our part, lower it gently into the swift current, pole it across to the ice on the farther bank, and then drag it over that..."

On the other side, Roosevelt discovered evidence of mountain lions hunting deer among the bluffs. He followed the trail, but, after losing the trail, he headed back, determined to hunt the mountain lions the next day.

"But we never carried out our intentions, for next morning one of my men, who was out before breakfast, came back to the house with the startling news that our boat was gone – stolen, for he brought with him the end of the rope with which it had been tied, evidently cut off with a sharp knife; and also a red wool mitten with a leather palm, which he had picked up on the ice."

"We had no doubt as to who had stolen it; for whoever had done so had certainly gone down the river in it, and the only other thing in the shape of a boat on the Little Missouri was a small flat-bottomed scow in the possession of three hard characters who lived in a shack, or hut, some twenty miles above us, and whom we had shrewdly suspected for some time of wishing to get out of the country, as certain of the cattlemen had begun openly to threaten to lynch them. They belonged to a class that always holds sway during the raw youth of a frontier community, and the putting down of which is the first step toward decent government...."

"The three men we suspected had long been accused – justly or unjustly – of being implicated both in cattle-killing and in that worst of frontier crimes, horse-stealing; it was only by an accident that they had escaped the clutches of the vigilantes the preceding fall. Their leader was a well-built fellow named Finnigan, who had long red hair reaching to his shoulders, and always wore a broad hat and a fringed buckskin shirt. He was rather a hard case, and had been chief actor in

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a number of shooting scrapes. The other two were a half-breed, a stout, muscular man, and an old German, whose viciousness was of the weak and shiftless type....We had little doubt that it was they who had taken our boat..."

"Accordingly we at once set to work in our turn to build a flat-bottomed scow wherein to follow them....In any wild country where the power of law is little felt or heeded, and where every one has to rely upon himself for protection, men soon get to feel that it is in the highest degree unwise to submit to any wrong...no matter what cost of risk or trouble. To submit tamely and meekly to theft or to any other injury is to invite almost certain repetition of the offense, in a place where self-reliant hardihood and the ability to hold one's own under all circumstances rank as the first of virtues."

"Two of my cowboys, Sewall and Dow...set to work with a will, and, as by good luck there were plenty of boards, in two or three days they had turned out a first-class flat-bottom, which was roomy, drew very little water, and was dry as a bone; and though, of course, not a handy craft, was easily enough managed in going downstream. Into this we packed flour, coffee, and bacon enough to last us a fortnight or so, plenty of warm bedding, and the mess-kit; and early one cold March morning slid it into the icy current, took our seats, and shoved off down the river."

Roosevelt had also brought along a copy of Tolstoy's *Anna Karenina*, and a camera to document the capture.

"There could have been no better men for a trip of this kind than my two companions, Sewall and Dow. They were tough, hardy, resolute fellows, quick as cats, strong as bears, and able to travel like bull moose."

"For three days, the three men navigated the icy, winding river among the colorful clay buttes hoping to take the thieves captive without a fight. A shootout was a concern, for Roosevelt noted that "the extraordinary formation of the Bad Lands, with the ground cut up into cullies, serried walls, and battlemented hilltops, makes it the country of all others for hiding-places and ambushes." However, Roosevelt was certain that the thieves would not suspect that he was in pursuit, for they had stolen virtually the only boat on the river. Roosevelt, Sewall, and Dow battled against the elements, too, enduring temperatures down to zero degrees Fahrenheit. Along the way, they "passed a group of teepees," the "deserted winter camp of some Gros-ventre Indians, which some of my men had visited a few months previously on a trading expedition."

Through numbing cold, they continued their pursuit.

"Finally our watchfulness was rewarded, for in the middle of the afternoon of this, the third day we had been gone, as we came around a bend, we saw in front of us the lost boat, together with a scow, moored against the bank, while from among the bushes some little way back the smoke of a camp-fire curled up through the frosty air. We had come on the camp of the thieves. As I glanced at the faces of my two followers I was struck by the grim, eager look in their eyes. Our overcoats were off in a second, and after exchanging a few muttered words, the boat was hastily and silently shoved toward the bank. As soon as it touched the shore ice I leaped out and ran up behind a clump of bushes, so as to cover the landing of the other, who had to make the boat fast. For a moment we felt a thrill of keen excitement and our veins tingled as we crept cautiously toward the fire, for it seemed likely that there would be a brush..."

"The men we were after knew they had taken with them the only craft there was on the river, and so felt perfectly secure; accordingly, we took them absolutely by surprise. The only one in camp was the German, whose weapons were on the ground, and who, of course, gave up at once, his two companions being off hunting. We made him safe, del-

egating one of our number to look after him particularly and see that he made no noise, and then sat down and waited for the others. The camp was under the lee of a cut bank, behind which we crouched, and, after waiting an hour or over, the men we were after came in. We heard them a long way off and made ready, watching them for some minutes as they walked toward us, their rifles on their shoulders and the sunlight glinting on the steel barrels. When they were within twenty yards or so we straightened up from behind the bank, covering them with our cocked rifles, while I shouted to them to hold up their hands – an order that in such a case, in the West, a man is not apt to disregard if he thinks the giver is in earnest. The half-breed obeyed at once, his knees trembling for a second, his eyes fairly wolfish; then, as I walked up within a few paces, covering the centre of his chest so as to avoid overshooting, and repeating the command, he saw that he had no show, and, with an oath, let his rifle drop and held his hands up beside his head."

Roosevelt kept watch over the captives as Sewall and Dow chopped fire-



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Harvard College Library Theodore Roosevelt Collection

wood. "I kept guard over the three prisoners, who were huddled into a sullen group some twenty yards off, just the right distance for the buckshot in the double-barrel." Unable to tie up their captives, for doing so meant, "in all likelihood, freezing both hands and feet off during the night," the captives were made to remove their boots, "as it was a cactus country, in which a man could travel barefoot only at the risk of almost certainly laming himself for life."

"By this time they were pretty well cowed, as they found out very quickly that they would be well treated so long as they remained quiet, but would receive some rough handling if they attempted any disturbance."

"Next morning we started downstream, having a well-laden flotilla, for the men we had caught had a good deal of plunder in their boots, including some saddles.... Finnigan, who was the ringleader, and the man I was especially after, I kept by my side in our boat, the other two being put in their own scow, heavily laden and rather leaky, and with only one paddle. We kept them just in front of us, a few yards distant, the river being so broad that we knew...any attempt to escape to be perfectly hopeless."

Upon reaching an impassable ice jam in the river, Roosevelt, Sewall, and Dow debated how to proceed. Unwilling to abandon their supplies, they chose to wait for the icy river began to flow again.

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"The next eight days were as irksome and monotonous as any I ever spent: there is very little amusement in combining the functions of a sheriff with those of an arctic explorer. The weather kept as cold as ever."

"We had to be additionally cautious on account of being in the Indian country, having worked down past Killdeer Mountains, where some of my cowboys had run across a band of Sioux – said to be Tetons – the year before. Very probably the Indians would not have harmed us anyhow, but as we were hampered by the prisoners, we preferred not meeting them; nor did we, though we saw plenty of fresh signs, and found, to our sorrow, that they had just made a grand hunt all down the river, and had killed or driven off almost every head of game in the country through which we were passing."

"...If the time was tedious to us, it must have seemed never-ending to our prisoners, who had nothing to do but to lie still and read, or chew the bitter cud of their reflections.... They had quite a stock of books, some of a rather unexpected kind. Dime novels and the inevitable 'History of the James Brothers'... As for me, I had brought with me 'Anna Karénina,' and my surroundings were quite grey enough to harmonize well with Tolstoi."

Low on supplies by the time they reached the C Diamond ranch, Roosevelt, Sewall and Dow decided to split up; Sewall and Dow would continue downriver and Roosevelt would march the prisoners overland to Dickinson. Before Sewall and Dow proceeded downriver, Roosevelt borrowed a pony and rode to the nearest ranch, where he hired the settler to drive his prairie schooner with "two bronco mares." The settler "could hardly understand why I took so much bother with the

thieves instead of hanging them offhand." Roosevelt "soon found the safest plan was to put the prisoners in the wagon and myself walk behind with the inevitable Winchester."

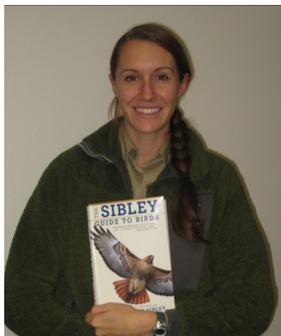
"Accordingly I trudged steadily the whole time behind the wagon through the ankle-deep mud. It was a gloomy walk. Hour after hour went by always the same, while I plodded along through the dreary landscape – hunger, cold, and fatigue struggling with a sense of dogged, weary resolution...."

"So, after thirty-six hours' sleeplessness, I was most heartily glad when we at last jolted into the long, straggling main street of Dickinson, and I was able to give my unwilling companions into the hands of the sheriff. Under the laws of Dakota I received my fees as a deputy sheriff for making the three arrests, and also mileage for the three hundred odd miles gone over – a total of some fifty dollars."

That Roosevelt went to such lengths to bring these three criminals to justice was uncommon in his time and place. Such magnanimity was not overlooked by the captives. Writing to Roosevelt from prison some time later, Mike Finnigan closed a letter, "P.S. Should you stop over at Bismarck this fall make a call to the Prison. I should be glad to meet you."



RANGER RECOMMENDS



December's featured ranger is Laura Thomas, a seasonal interpretive ranger at Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Laura came to North Dakota from Virginia. Her vast knowledge and love of the outdoors combined with her months of exploring the North and South Unit make her an excellent source for park information.

Laura recommends, *Sibley Guide to Birds* by David Sibley. She says, "A few weeks before making the move to Theodore Roosevelt National Park I felt compelled to do some research. I picked up a biography of Theodore Roosevelt and was immediately impressed with his passion for birding. I was surprised to learn that Roosevelt had been birding since before the age of 10!

Roosevelt's own remembrances of traipsing about the Adirondacks with hefty field guides in tow inspired me to pick up a field guide of my own. This past April, I purchased my very first bird guide. I learned quickly how easy it is to become confused and discouraged in my first unsuccessful attempts at identifying the birds I saw in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Then I came across the Sibley Guide to Birds in our visitor center, with its detailed drawings and descriptions, I was finally able to make some headway!

The Sibley Guide to Birds has many features that are helpful to rookie and seasoned birders alike. They show both the top and bottom of each bird's wing in flight, and note distinguishing features to help you differentiate between species that have a similar appearance.

My favorite thing about this guide is that the varying plumages of every species are depicted. What frustrated me most about other field guides was that they generally only show adult male and female plumages. Sometimes a juvenile bird looks almost nothing like its adult counterpart – which is interesting to me now, but was frustrating for me before I had this

guide book.

I have come to find that Theodore Roosevelt National Park is a perfect place to watch birds! We're situated so that we see both eastern and western species – like the Eastern and Western Kingbirds. There is a wide assortment of birds that take advantage of the many different habitats in the badlands. For example, we have my favorite bird, the Rock Wren, who delights in dry, open rocky ledges and also my husband's favorite bird, the Belted Kingfisher, who prefers sheltered waters. With the help of the Sibley Guide to Birds I have been able to identify over 70 species of birds in Theodore Roosevelt National Park!"

If you are interested in purchasing this book, please visit one of our Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History bookstores or visit our online store at www.trnha.org

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TRNHA NEWSLETTER

March 2013



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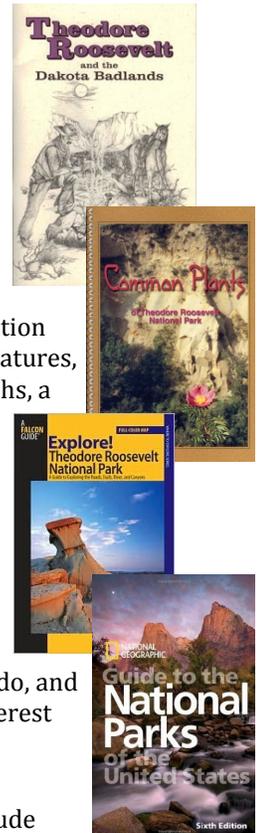
Theodore Roosevelt and the Dakota Badlands by Brooks and Mattison The story of Roosevelt's role in developing the Badlands open range cattle industry, and passing of one of the West's last frontiers.

Common Plants of Theodore Roosevelt National Park by Robert Sisk & Jan Tysdal-Sisk A complete guide to the common plants found in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. This book is also a great identification guide for the northern Great Plains. Book includes: Trees, Grasses, Shrubs, & Wildflowers.

Explore Theodore Roosevelt National Park by Levi Novey In addition to providing general logistical information for park visitors, this guide includes interpretive information about Theodore Roosevelt National Park and its features, suggested hikes, stories and legends about the life of Theodore Roosevelt, contemporary and historic photographs, a color foldout map, and information about additional cultural and recreational opportunities in close proximity to the park.

National Geographic Guide to the National Parks of the United States The guide opens with an essay by Yellowstone authority Paul Schullery, a section on how to use the guide, and a national locator map. The parks are presented alphabetically region by region, with individual maps and geographical profiles. Colorfully illustrated descriptions offer tours tailored to the time available, whether it's an hour or a week, and tell visitors the best spots to enjoy hikes, spectacular vistas, wildlife, and more. An Information & Activities page provides practical advice on visiting—park contact information, camping and lodging, accessibility, pet restrictions, things to do, and special advisories. Excursions to nearby wildlife refuges, monuments, forests, and other areas of exceptional interest follow many of the park entries.

Free Park Handouts & Brochures Theodore Roosevelt National Park produces several free handouts that include park information, wildlife information, birding list, and more. We can cater the packet to your interest or just send you a variety.



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MEET TRNHA'S NEWEST FACE

We would like you to join us in welcoming Courtney Gaalema as Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association's Administrative Assistant. Courtney comes to us with great enthusiasm to share her passion for nature and Theodore Roosevelt National Park. She has a bachelors degree in Outdoor Recreation and Resource Management from Indiana University and an extensive background in customer service.

Courtney came from Indiana two years ago to work as a seasonal fee collector for the park. Upon arriving in North Dakota she not only fell in love with the Badlands but also met her fiancé, which has led to her spending the past two summers greeting visitors as they enter the park. We are excited to welcome her to our staff!



CURRENT EMPLOYMENT VACANCY

LOCATION OF EMPLOYMENT: Painted Canyon Visitor Center, Theodore Roosevelt National Park. (Applicants must have personal transportation) *Seasonal Government housing may be available for rent.*

MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT: All applicants must be at least 18 years of age.

SALARY: GS level 3, step 1 (\$12.16 per hour)

HOURS: Full time employment (40 hours/week) with Sunday and Monday off. Work hours will be approximately 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

STARTING DATE: Late April/Early May 2013

ENDING DATE: October 2013

ALL INTERESTED APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT (application packet available at: <http://www.trnha.org/pcpacket.pdf>)

Resume
TRNHA Application
Visitor Service Questionnaire

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION: All applications can be submitted to Tracy Larsen by e-mail at tlarsen@trnha.org or by mail at PO Box 167, Medora, ND, 58645

Painted Canyon Visitor Service Clerk

TRNHA is seeking to fill a full-time seasonal position as a Visitor Service Clerk. This position is an excellent opportunity for someone who is independent, has strong social skills, and is well-organized. The incumbent will have continuing contact with park visitors and NPS employees.

Job Purpose: The visitor service clerk will be responsible for operating the Painted Canyon bookstore, managing inventory and maintaining TRNHA funds. The position reports to the Executive Director and will work at the Painted Canyon Visitor Center of Theodore Roosevelt National Park located along I-94.

Job Duties:

- ◆ Day to day bookstore operations, including completing sales transactions, stocking merchandise, assisting park visitors with area information, promoting TRNHA, and preparing daily receipt records.
- ◆ Employee must maintain a professional appearance and be punctual.
- ◆ Manages TRNHA inventory and notifies the Administrative Assistant of any merchandise needs. The visitor service clerk will also conduct a monthly inventory of all merchandise on hand.
- ◆ Provides feedback and takes the initiative to improve Association operations
- ◆ Offers assistance to NPS seasonal personnel on TRNHA cash register procedures and policies and reports to the Executive Director any improper handling of TRNHA funds.
- ◆ Keeps the TRNHA sales area stocked, organized, and clean.
- ◆ Provides accurate and helpful information about the park, the area, and the Association to visitors.
- ◆ Operates a base radio station and reports to the NPS on weather condition, emergencies and unusual situations.
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RANGER RECOMMENDS

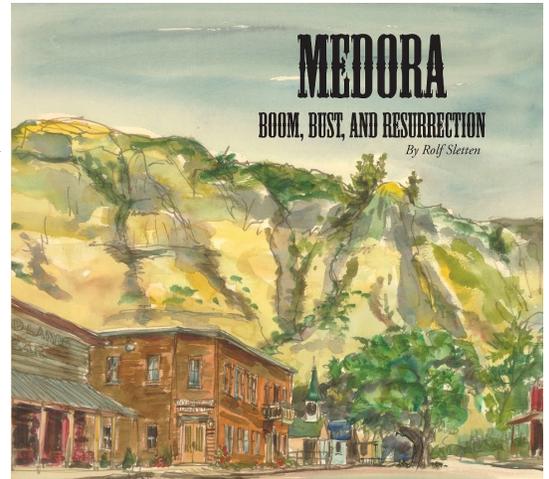


March's featured ranger is Emily Nelson, a member of the resource management team and a seasonal interpretive ranger at Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Emily grew up in Illinois and moved to North Dakota from Minnesota in July 2010 with her husband, Nathan. She joined the park's Division of Resource Management in April 2011 as Museum Technician, and has also operated the Air Quality Monitoring Station since September 2011. In summer 2012 Emily began

working with the interpretive division as a ranger. She says she enjoys talking with the variety of people who visit the park, from those who are in North Dakota for the first time to the people who have been coming to the park for years

Emily Recommends a new book by Rolf Sletten called *Medora: Boom, Bust, and Resurrection*. She says, "This book is much more than a history of Medora. It is full of stories and pictures that will likely make anybody, even someone on their very first visit to the area, feel as though they are a local and "in the know" about this place. Some of the people and places featured in the book are familiar, like Theodore Roosevelt, the Marquis de Mores, the Rough Rider Hotel, and the National Park. Other people and places might be less well known. Those are the stories that you might not hear unless you have lived here for most of your life, or have gotten to spend a good bit of time talking to someone who has. This book is great for those people who are curious about what life in Medora was like a hundred years ago, fifty

years ago, and what it's like today. I would recommend this book to anyone who feels like the time they got to spend here wasn't quite enough.



Medora: Boom, Bust, and Resurrection. By Rolf Sletten

Regular Price: \$29.99
Members Price: \$25.49

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Don't Forget Your Camera! The 2013 Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park Contest will be announced soon. Keep your eyes open for complete contest details in our April Newsletter!

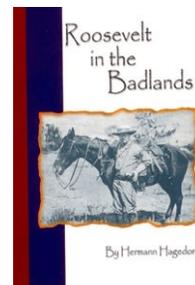
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Roosevelt in the Badlands by Herman Hagadorn

Sale Price \$12.00

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This book relives TR's adventures through the eyes of the men and women who lived and worked alongside Roosevelt, as well as, through TR's personal recollections of life in the North Dakota Badlands.

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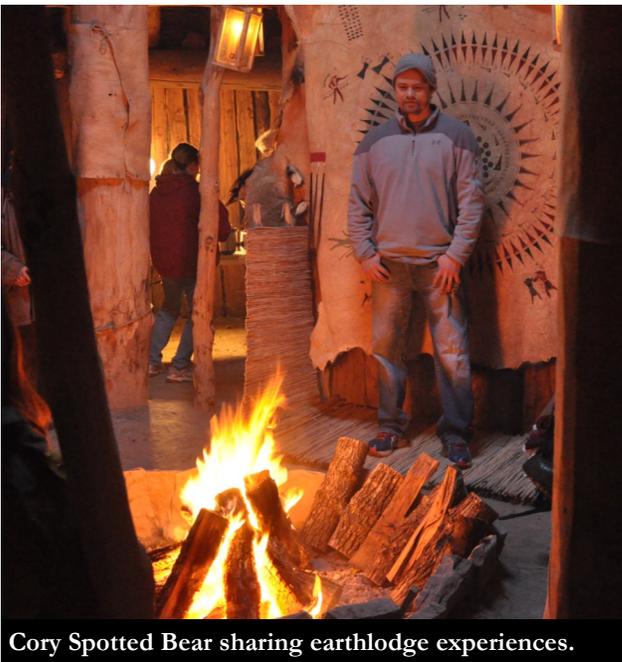
Winter Outbound at Knife River Indian Villages



Winter Outbound begins the day at Ft. Clark SHS



Fire starting in the earthlodge.



Cory Spotted Bear sharing earthlodge experiences.



Storytelling & flute music with Matt Schanandore.



Walking along the Knife River.



Tossing the atlatl.

Spring Baby Word Find

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FOAL

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GOSLING

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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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April 2013



Did You Know...National Park Week is April 20 – 28



WASHINGTON – The National Park Service and the National Park Foundation invite everyone to get to know their national parks during National Park Week. This year's dates are April 20 – 28, with free admission to all national parks April 22 – 26.

"This year's theme, 'Did you know...?' provides a fun way to discover the wonders of America's national parks," said National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis. "For example, did you know that there are national parks in 49 of 50 states? Did you know that national parks include seashores, battlefields, and historic homes? Did you know that the country's highest peak, lowest point, tallest tree, deepest lake and longest cave are in national parks? Did you know that you probably live within an hour or two of a national park? National Park Week is a great time for all Americans to visit a nearby national park to camp and hike, watch wildlife, stroll a Civil War battlefield, and connect with our heritage and each other."

National Park Week is also a good time to explore local parks, trails, and architectural gems sustained through National Park Service programs such as the Rivers Trails Conservation Assistance program and the National Register of Historic Places.

The annual celebration includes special events such as Junior Ranger Day on April 20 and Earth Day on April 22. Find a list of ranger-led programs and plan your adventures at www.nationalparkweek.org. You can also use the website to share your park experiences and photos and help support parks.

"National Park Week is a perfect time to celebrate America's best idea – our national parks," said Neil Mulholland, President and CEO of the National Park Foundation. "We are proud to stand with our partners at the National Park Service in presenting this annual event and hope everyone takes advantage of this opportunity to enjoy and support these outstanding places."



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PICTURE YOURSELF IN THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATIONAL PARK 2013 PHOTO CONTEST

America's National Parks are world renown for possessing some of the most compelling historical and natural environments ever captured on film. With an incredible combination of wildlife and scenic landscapes Theodore Roosevelt National Park is one of America's best. The park is once again teaming up with Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association to bring you a beautiful glimpse into what the park has to offer. The 2nd Annual *Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park Photo Contest* starts April 19, 2013 and we want your photos!

The winning photo will be featured on the 2014 Park pass and alongside the other 11 finalist in a 2014 Theodore Roosevelt National Park calendar. A panel of judges will narrow the photos down to the top 12 and then award prizes to the top 4 photos that best represent the park. Photos must be taken between September 30, 2012 and August 31, 2013 to be eligible for the contest. For official rules, entry forms, and other information please visit: www.trnha.org/pictureyourselfintrnp.html or <http://www.nps.gov/thro/parknews/2013-park-pass-photo-contest.htm>

HOW TO ENTER

Each Entry consists of an entry form, up to two images, and a photo release form if necessary. To enter, visit <http://www.trnha.org/pictureyourselfinTRNP.html> or <http://www.nps.gov/thro/parknews/2013-park-pass-photo-contest.htm>; complete an entry form with the required information, including your name, address, telephone number, email address, and photo caption; and submit along with your photograph in accordance with the instructions that follow.



Photo by Kim Wehner

All photos must have been taken between September 10, 2012 and September 1, 2013. There are no specific categories to the contest, however photos must be recognizable as taken in Theodore Roosevelt National Park and may contain any natural, cultural, or historical subject within the three units of the park.

Photographs must be in digital format. Only online entries will be eligible. No print or film submissions will be accepted for entry into this Contest. The photograph need not be taken with

a digital camera; scans of negatives, transparencies, or photographic prints are acceptable. All digital files must be in JPEG or JPG. All photo files should be named using the following filename format: mm/dd/yy_firstname.jpg.

The photograph, in its entirety, must be a single work of original material taken by the Contest entrant. By entering the Contest, entrant represents, acknowledges, and warrants that the submitted photograph is an original work created solely by the entrant, that the photograph does not infringe on the copyrights, trademarks, moral rights, rights of privacy/publicity or intellectual property rights of any person or entity, and that no other party has any right, title, claim, or interest in the photograph.

The photograph must not, in the sole and unfettered discretion of the Sponsor, contain obscene, provocative, defamatory, sexually explicit, or otherwise objectionable or inappropriate content.

Tips for Contest Participants

1. First and foremost, remember that you don't have to be an advanced or professional photographer to enter .
2. Judges will be looking for the photo that best represents the park. If you looked at the photo a year from now would you be able to identify it as a picture taken in Theodore Roosevelt National Park?
3. We are looking for something eye catching or memorable.
4. Follow the rules! Be sure you submit all the paperwork and photos as requested or you will be disqualified.
5. Be sure when photographing you are abiding by all park rules.
6. Remember all of the animals in Theodore Roosevelt National Park are wild and have the potential of harming you so give them their space. If the animal changes their behavior chances are you are too close.



RANGER RECOMMENDS (TRNHA STAFF PICKS)

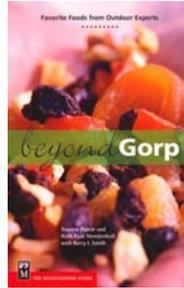
At TRNHA we take pride in every item we put on our shelves. Each item that can be purchased in our bookstores is thoroughly inspected and goes through a review process. Every book or item is carefully inspected first by a staff member, then by a board member, and finally by park staff. The new item must be approved each step of the way and if it isn't we don't carry it. We pride ourselves on making sure that every product is the highest quality product and that our visitors can take it home to continue to learn or share their experience of their visit to North Dakota. With that being said we have decided that who better to recommend a book than a member of our staff. So April's "Ranger Recommends" is a TRNHA staff pick! Hope you enjoy our choices!



Beyond GORP

by: Yvonne Prater and Ruth Dyar Mendenhall

Beyond Gorp is more than just a cookbook, it's an adventure! Each recipe is accompanied by an entertaining story about an outdoor expedition. While I have not tried any of the recipes yet, I can tell this book will be attending my next camping trip!



Regular Price: \$15.95

Member Price: \$13.56

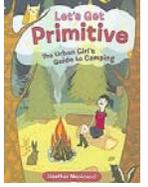
Reviewed by:
Tracy Larsen, Executive Director

Let's Get Primitive

by: Heather Menecucci

"Let's Get Primitive: The Urban Girl's Guide to Camping." Growing up in Indianapolis, Indiana, I am a bona fide city girl myself.

This is a practical, yet entertaining guide into a female's view of the world of camping. The author, Heather Menecucci, covers everything from choosing a campsite to the importance of the principles of Leave No Trace ethics. I can definitely relate to the advice and stories that are shared throughout the read. I only wish I would have read a book like this during my early days of exploring the great outdoors. This book contains something for everyone, even delicious campfire recipes that I can't wait to try on my next camping adventure!



Regular Price: \$14.95

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Courtney Gaalema, Administrative Assistant

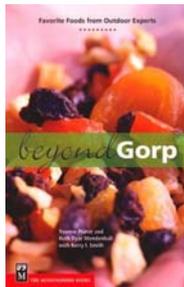
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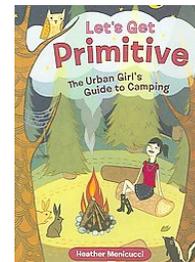
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Spring into Theodore Roosevelt National Park

The crossword puzzle grid consists of the following numbered squares:

- 1:** Down, 10 squares
- 2:** Across, 10 squares
- 3:** Down, 4 squares
- 4:** Down, 10 squares
- 5:** Across, 8 squares
- 6:** Across, 6 squares
- 7:** Across, 12 squares
- 8:** Across, 14 squares
- 9:** Down, 10 squares
- 10:** Across, 3 squares
- 11:** Across, 5 squares
- 12:** Across, 6 squares
- 13:** Across, 3 squares
- 14:** Across, 3 squares

Across

2. A bird that loves to sing
5. Typically, the first flower to bloom in April
7. A snake to watch out for!
8. Trail rides start here!
10. A baby bighorn sheep
11. A common woody plant found in Theodore Roosevelt National Park
13. A baby badger
14. You may need an umbrella for this type of weather!

Down

1. The most abundant habitat type in Theodore Roosevelt National Park
3. The number of units in Theodore Roosevelt National Park
4. Roosevelt's first ranch home
6. The name of the river that runs through Theodore Roosevelt National Park
9. Was a place of refuge for Theodore Roosevelt; now a part of TRNP

Across: 1. Grasslands, 3. Three, 4. Maltese Cross Cabin, 6. Little Missouri, 9. Elkhorn Ranch, 12. Eagle
Down: 1. Meadows, 2. Meadowlark, 5. Pasque Flower, 7. Prairie Rattlesnake, 10. Lamb, 11. Sagebrush, 13. Cub, 14. Rain

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- New Renewal

What type of membership?

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May 2013



59th Annual Birdwalk & Chuckwagon Breakfast

Sunday June 2, 2013

The Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association would like to invite you to our 59th Annual Birdwalk on June 2, 2013. Come rain or shine we will gather in the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park and add to our life lists. TRNHA archives show not one birdwalk



over the past 59 years has been cancelled. From humble beginnings to a fervent tradition, it has been proven we are not fair-weather birders. Join the celebration and bring a friend, the more the merrier. We will introduce new titles for the 2013 season and give away numerous prizes.

We gather at 6:30 a.m. (Mountain Time) in the Cottonwood Campground in the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Immediately following the Birdwalk, at approximately 8:00 a.m. (Mountain Time), TRNHA will host the 52nd Annual Chuckwagon Breakfast at the Cottonwood Campground picnic area.

For the past 19 years Genie's Kitchen Crew from Wibaux, Montana has served up heaping helpings of butter milk pancakes, country sausage, cowboy coffee, juice and their ever popular rhubarb honey syrup. In order to help defray the cost of breakfast we do request a free-will donation.

Reservations are preferred to accurately plan for the breakfast. Please call (701) 623-4884 or email us at info@trnha.org by May 30, 2013.



Upcoming Events

Theodore Roosevelt National Park

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May 11, 2013

6th Annual Photography Workshop at Knife River Indian Villages NHS

The workshop will be held from 10:00-2:00 CDT at the visitor center. Nate Welk from Bismarck will be leading the event. People of all ages and experiences are invited to attend the workshop and there is no fee. For more information, you can call the park at 701-745-3300 or visit the website www.nps.gov/knri

May 25, 2013

Painted Canyon Opening for Season

June 1, 2013

"Walk on the Wild Side" with Bob and Jan Sisk at Ridgeline Trail in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. 2:00 p.m. MDT. For more information: 701-623-4884

June 2, 2013

59th Annual Birdwalk a& 52nd Annual Chuckwagon Breakfast in the Cottonwood Campground in the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. The breakfast is free will donation and reservations are requested to accurately plan for breakfast. RSVP to info@trnha.org or 701-623-4884 before May 30, 2013

Cause & Effect

A Message from The Superintendent of Theodore Roosevelt National Park

Keeping the Fire Going Through Tough Times

As National Park Service employees, our mission is to protect park resources and serve park visitors. No matter what happens, we want to provide the best possible experiences for visitors – great scenery, wonderful customer service, outstanding interpretation and education, clean and well-maintained facilities, safe conditions and frequent patrols, a healthy environment, and great behind-the-scenes work keeping all of this going.

Tough budget times are hard on the staff because it is part of our nature as public servants to want to provide everything we have provided to visitors in the past and more. We don't want to ever shorten hours, cancel programs, settle for substandard restrooms, or provide less than stellar service.



This year has presented an extraordinary challenge. With sequestration, the National Park Service as a whole is working to maintain adequate services while dealing with large budget cuts. At Theodore Roosevelt National Park and Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site we all work together to ensure the healthiest park resources and the best possible visitor service. The Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association works closely with the parks to provide financial and

staffing support.

Despite our efforts to try to maintain “business as usual” visitors will see service reductions in the North Dakota National Parks this year. Some of the changes will be subtle, but others will be major. For example, the Painted Canyon Rest Area and Visitor Center in the South Unit is not opening to vehicle traffic until May 25 this year. For the past few years, it has opened on April 1, and this year it was originally slated to open on April 19. The North Unit Visitor Center will be closed several days per week well into May, and summer hours will be shorter at the South Unit Visitor Center. Late openings and shortened hours have a large effect on TRNHA, as there is less opportunity to sell publications and provide funds to assist the parks, which then further inhibits the capacity of the parks to provide services.

In all decisions, we must keep the visitors, the park staff, our park partners, and the resources of the parks in mind. No matter what happens, we will continue do our best to provide as much service as possible to visitors while protecting the parks for future generations.

Valerie Naylor
Superintendent, TRNP

Walk on the Wild Side



Saturday June 1, 2013

2:00 p.m.

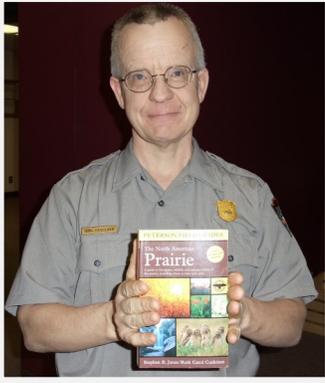
Ridgeline Nature Trail

Theodore Roosevelt National Park



Join Jan and Bob Sisk, author and photographer of TRNHA publication Common Plants of Theodore Roosevelt National Park, for a discovery walk at Ridgeline Nature Trail in the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Be ready to explore and identify many flowering plants and other surprises along the way. Difficulty rating for this trek is moderate.

Ranger Recommends



Eric recommends the book, *Peterson's Field Guide: North American Prairie* by Stephen R. Jones and Ruth Carol Cushman.

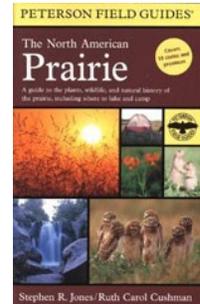
Eric says, "I checked this book out at the Watford City library for a friend at the Senior Center, who is a former teacher and a rancher on the prairie. My friend loved the descriptive essays so much he bought the book. This book goes into great detail about 48 prairie sites in the United States and Canada. An essay is written for each site and they are bursting with interesting details and poetry. The book is an enjoyable read and reminds us that on the prairie: "*Magic happens when, under a prairie sky, you are lulled to sleep by owls and awakened by meadowlarks.*"

I plan to use the book to discover the sometimes out of the way spots. This

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Peterson's Field Guide: North American Prairie

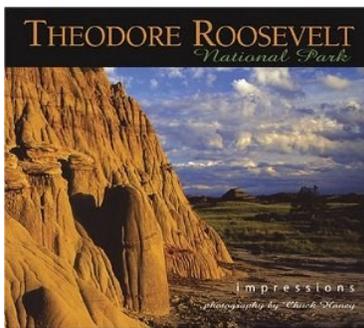
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2013 Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park

Photo Contest Reminder



America's National Parks are world renown for possessing some of the most compelling historical and natural environments ever captured on film. With an incredible combination of wildlife and scenic landscapes, Theodore Roosevelt National Park is one of America's best. The park is once again teaming up with Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association to bring you a beautiful glimpse into what the park has to offer. The 2nd Annual Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park Photo Contest started on April 19, 2013 and we want your photos!

The winning photo will be featured on the 2014 Park pass and alongside the other 11 finalists in a 2014 Theodore Roosevelt National Park calendar. A panel of judges will narrow the photos down to the top 12 and then award prizes to the top 4 photos that best represent the park. Photos must be taken between September 30, 2012 and August 31, 2013 to be eligible for the contest.

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TRNHA NEWSLETTER

June 2013

June is National Great Outdoors Month

Did you know that June is National Great Outdoors Month? A presidential proclamation encourages the people of the United States to get outside; to set aside time to reconnect with nature along with their families. In North Dakota, there are beautiful public lands, lakes, and parks to enjoy. From Theodore Roosevelt National Park in the west to the Turtle Mountains in the north, North Dakota is surely a wonderful place to explore, embrace, and enjoy. Of course, one doesn't have to travel long distances across the state or country to partake in what the outdoors have to offer. There are plenty of ways for you and your family to take advantage of the great outdoors right in your hometown.

To start your summer off right outside, try to follow these helpful tips:

- You don't need a fancy pair of hiking boots to explore the parks and trails in your community; a reliable pair of sneakers will usually do just fine.
- Encourage your family to get outside and walk, hike, or jog for at least an hour. Try adding in games to make it more enticing!
- Cycling is a great way to boost fitness levels and can be enjoyed by the entire family. Rent or use your own bicycle to explore your city or town with a new perspective!
- First aid kits are a good thing to have prepared for any outdoor adventure.
- Talk to the locals! There may be secret trails or beautiful spots not in your travel guide!
- Remember that you don't have to stay on land to enjoy the great outdoors; you can get a great workout by trying a new activity like swimming, kayaking, rafting, or canoeing.



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8:00 am to 4:30 pm CT Monday-Friday

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Theodore Roosevelt National Park Special Events

July 10, 2013 Teddy Bear Picnic—Join us at the South Unit Visitor Center for a Teddy Bear Adventure! For more information: <http://www.trnha.org/tbpicnic.html>

Knife River Indian Villages

June 22, 2013 Join flint knappers as they demonstrate their skills in creating arrowheads, knives, and other tools. Event hours are 9:00-4:00 CDT.

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Cause & Effect

A Message from The Superintendent of Theodore Roosevelt National Park

An Ever Changing Land

One issue that affects the park that we cannot control, mitigate, organize, plan, or negotiate is the weather.

It has been an interesting spring in Theodore Roosevelt National Park, with unprecedented rainfall during seasonal training and the first days of the busy season. Our training trip to the Elkhorn Ranch was thwarted by heavy rain and the training on the night sky was thwarted by clouds. Other trips were wet and soggy.



The North Unit received 8.88 inches of rain in May, well over half the average annual precipitation for the park and more than has ever before been recorded in May. The North Unit Scenic Drive, which has had several periods of closure

and two major repairs during the past few years, once again started to slump and sink due to the May moisture. The road is very susceptible to the expansion and contraction of bentonite clay and the normal erosion of the badlands.

This spring, we enacted a temporary closure of the Scenic Drive above the Caprock Coulee pull out until we could assess the damage and ensure the safety of the road. The North Unit Visitor Center also is shifting due to the instability of the badlands formations. We recently had a structural engineer assess it to determine what needs to be done to make it whole. The building was repaired and lifted after a similar problem occurred in 2000, but it is unclear whether we will be able to do that again. In the meantime, we can continue to use the building.

As the North Unit video presentation says – this is an ever-changing land. The badlands are not controllable, so we adapt to that which is out of our control.

In any national park, there is always a lot going on behind the scenes, and we do our best to maintain excellent service to park visitors despite all of the unforeseen issues that we must address. We appreciate the staff and members of TRNHA who pitch in with moral support and direct assistance during all of the highs and lows.

Have a great summer!

Valerie Naylor

Seasonal Training Update



In order to keep the park running smoothly throughout the busy summer season Theodore Roosevelt National Park requires many seasonal staff members. The park hires a variety of seasonal rangers to do various jobs including but not limited to interpretive, maintenance, law enforcement, fee collecting, and resource management.

While some seasonal rangers return year after year, each year a new batch of employees join us in sharing the beauty of Theodore Roosevelt National Park with those to visit. Because

there are so many new staff members they are treated to various trainings to prepare them to present programs, inform visitors, keep visitors safe, and manage the park's resources and facilities.

The interpretive staff training consists of two weeks of exploring the park. While taking in the sites they learned about wildlife management, law enforcement procedures, various park sites, maintenance procedures, and local geology, botany, and zoology. All staff members also became first aid and CPR certified

Law Enforcement Rangers packed up their bags shortly after arriving and headed to Nebraska for an intense week of training with other rangers from around the region. The training prepared them to help protect the people, wildlife, and

resources of Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Every seasonal position requires it's own training schedule in order to prepare staff for the great summer ahead. Throughout the summer all employees will continue to learn and share their knowledge with everyone who visits the park! We invite you to come out and meet the seasonal rangers. Let them teach about all things Theodore Roosevelt National Park!



Ranger Recommends



June's featured Ranger is Theodore Roosevelt National Park Visitor Use Assistant, Jessica Kane. Originally from Wisconsin, Jessica transferred to Theodore Roosevelt National Park from Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado. Jessica has prior national park experience in law enforcement and interpretation. Her kind and helpful personality and interest

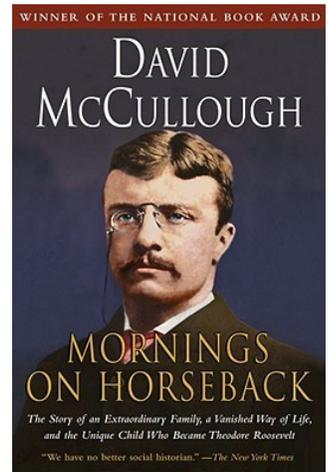
in the outdoors make her a great addition at Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Jessica recommends the book, *Mornings on Horseback* by David McCullough

Jessica says, "Mornings on Horseback, by David McCullough, is a detailed account not only of Theodore Roosevelt but his family and friends. The biography focuses on his years before he became President of the United States by going into great detail about his relationships with his parents and how they influenced him in his early years. I found the chapter on Theodore's transformation from a sickly child to a strong healthy man empowering. By reading newspaper articles, personal letters and diary notes relevant to the Roosevelt family the book allows you to step back in time and become a Roosevelt. "

Mornings on Horseback

by David McCullough

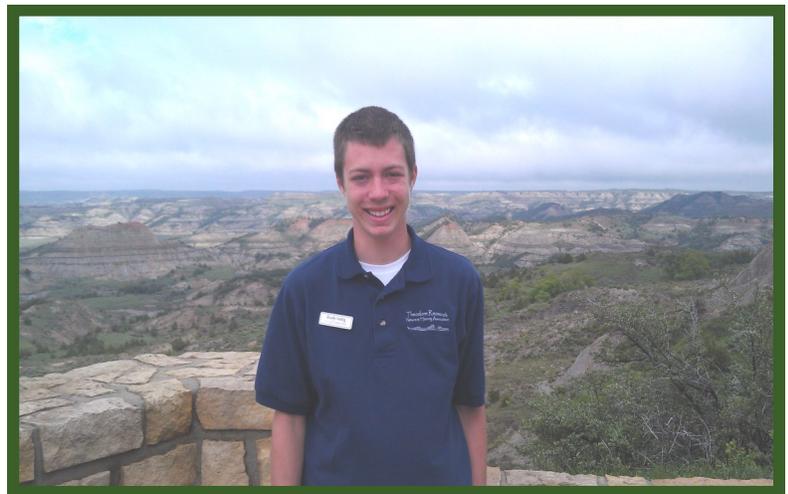


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Meet Brady - TRNHA's 2013 Painted Canyon Clerk

TRNHA is pleased to announce that Brady Fettig has joined our staff as the 2013 Painted Canyon Clerk. Brady is a North Dakota native, raised in Dickinson he has had several opportunities to visit Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Growing up Brady developed a love for the great outdoors and an interest in some day being a national park ranger. He is currently a student at the University of Mary majoring in Biology with a minor in Criminal Justice. His welcoming personality, dedication, and interest in wildlife make him a great addition at Theodore Roosevelt National Park and to TRNHA. Please join us in welcoming Brady to TRNHA! Stop by say hi and check out our great new products!



Knife River: Successful Spring Photography Workshop

Thirty seven eager participants joined photographer Nate Welk for the Sixth annual spring workshop on Saturday, May 11. Participants came from Fargo, Dickinson, Minot, Bismarck, and surrounding communities.

Nate instructed participants on photography basics including shutter speed, exposure, aperture, and rule of thirds. After learning a little more about their cameras and photography in general participants

took to the field to take some great photos.

Once everyone returned with their photos they were downloaded and critiqued. Everyone had fun and said they would like to come for the next workshop. The Fall-in-the Field Workshop will be offered on Saturday, September 28, 2013, at the park.

2013 Bird Walk and Chuckwagon Breakfast



After several days of rainy weather mother nature decided to give us a break with perfect weather for our 59th Annual Birdwalk and 52nd Annual Chuckwagon Breakfast. 65 birders and wonderful group leaders trekked through the rain soaked campground and managed to spot 56 different species of birds.

The birders worked up an appetite and were treated to feast of buttermilk pancakes, sausage, cowboy coffee and Genie's famous honey rhubarb syrup. We gave away many new items that adorn our bookstore shelves and Genie, our long time caterer and owner of the Wibaux Taste Hut, once again donated 6 jars of her tasty syrup. A big thank you to Genie's crew for always making sure no one goes home hungry.

Mark your calendar for next years 60th Annual Birdwalk celebration June 1, 2014. We will be planning a weekend of fun birding and nature activities, so come early and stay late!



Walk on the Wild Side

With mud on their boots and sun on their faces, 18 hearty hikers trudged along a mud covered Ridgeline trail with Bob & Jan Sisk on June 1st in search of beautiful wildflowers. Bob and Jan are the authors and photographers of *Common Plants of Theodore Roosevelt National Park*. They have a passion for the beauty of nature and love to share it with those who want to learn.

For several years now Bob and Jan have volunteered their time to come to the park and take visitors and park staff on a flower adventure. They identify the beautiful flowers that are blooming along the trail as well as others that will soon be blooming. Keep your eyes open for next years adventure!



Badlands Conservation Alliance Volunteer Day a Success!

A group of 23 volunteers from the Badlands Conservation Alliance worked on Saturday, May 18th to help the park staff ready Painted Canyon to open on May 25th. They removed shutters, placed benches and emblems, cleaned exhibits, swept walkways, washed windows, and replaced fence rails.

"We are appreciative of the volunteer assistance in getting the area open for the summer," said Naylor. "It was hard work, and the

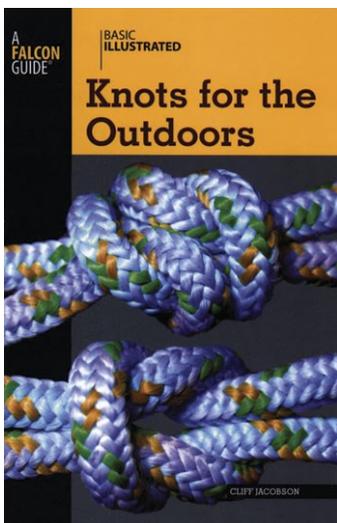
Badlands Conservation Alliance volunteer group worked quickly and efficiently with only minimal direction from park staff."

Due to all of the volunteers' help, Painted Canyon had a great opening day. Thanks to everyone who participated!



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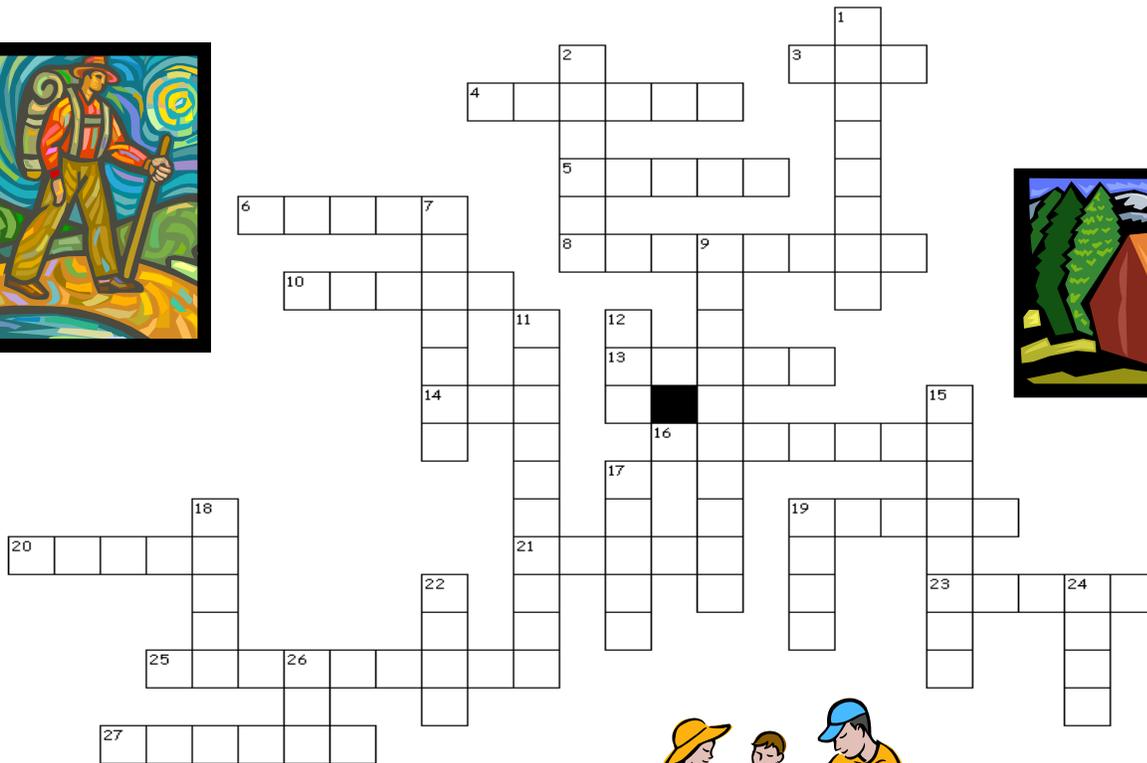
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Across

3. This will help guide you on your trip.
4. A yummy campfire treat!
5. Use one of these while hiking.
6. Wear these on your feet when you hike.
8. Wear this to prevent sunburns.
10. Some animals dig these in the ground.
13. Another word for rock.
14. When your energy runs low, _____.
16. Campground in the North Unit.
19. Follow this path to outdoor fun!
20. Look out for these on trails!
21. Important to drink during hiking trips.
23. Quiet as a _____.
25. National Park Service symbol.
27. Jump over this wet spot on the trail.

Down

1. Use this to carry all of your gear!
2. Travel in bands.
7. Find this if it starts to storm.
9. Bring these to see far away.
11. Campground in the South Unit.
12. A campfire turns wood into _____.
15. A popular snack to eat while hiking.
17. You _____ a tent.
18. Step over a log. Walk _____ a branch.
19. Tired? Need a rest? Sit in its shade!
22. Your trip begins when you take a _____.
24. It's fun to sing one when you hike.
26. WHOOO is the wisest bird?

Across: 3. map, 4. smores, 5. stick, 6. boots, 8. sunblock, 10. holes, 13. stone, 14. eat, 16. Juniper, 19. trail, 20. bison, 21. water, 23. mouse, 25. arrowhead, 27. puddle. Down: 1. backpack, 2. horses, 7. shelter, 9. binoculars, 11. Cottonwood, 12. ash, 15. trail mix, 17. pitch, 18. under, 19. tree, 22. step, 24. song, 26. owl

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Wilderness Hike to Discover the North Unit's Hagen Plateau

The Hagen Plateau, one of the most picturesque areas in the Little Missouri Badlands, is the focus of the second Wilderness Hike of the summer on Sunday, July 7 in the North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Enroute to the plateau, the Backcountry Ranger will lead the hike past unique geological formations and ascend and descend the plateau via bison trails and visit a prairie dog town on the large plateau.



"Hikers can take advantage of the results of the record rainfall this season and see the park at its greenest," said Superintendent Valerie J. Naylor. "There are outstanding opportunities for photography as well."

In addition to experiencing the natural and geological history, visitors will ex-

perience the solitude of the Wilderness. Depending on group size and weather, the outing will last from 3 to 6 hours, and cover 2 to 6 miles. Hiking may be strenuous at times; participants should wear attire appropriate for wilderness travel, especially sturdy boots and durable clothes.

Hikers will meet at the picnic area in the Juniper Campground at 9:00 a.m. CDT. Participants should bring plenty of drinking water, food, sunscreen, and insect repellent. Binoculars, cameras and a favorite poem or quote are also encouraged. In the case of extreme weather, the hike may be cancelled; please call the North Unit Visitor Center at 701-842-2333 for the latest information.

Additional wilderness hikes are scheduled for the first Sunday of the months of August and September. (August 4 and September 1).

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A Message from The Superintendent of Knife River Indian Villages

No Vacancy

The tiny town of Stanton, once dying with vacant businesses lining the main street, is now a thriving center of activity for an influx of plant workers. License plates from all over the country including Minnesota, Wisconsin, Arkansas, Missouri, and New Jersey fill all of the available parking spots in Stanton's downtown district. The phrase "no room in the inn" applies to the area's lodging facilities from Beulah to Washburn. Services are running at full capacity. Prepared food is only served in a few establishments. Restaurants, bars, and stores are constantly busy with few breaks between crowded periods.

The main long-term tenants are workers that are in the area for annual power-plant maintenance shut downs. Trade workers, boilermakers, pipe fitters and welders spend several months repairing and replacing equipment. In addition to the power plant shutdown, the coal gasification plant in Beulah has closed for a "blackout" shutdown. This total shutdown requirement occurs every ten years and is a full overhaul of the plant's systems.

The Coal Country Inn opened in late March and the occupancy rate has been almost 100%. The Roughrider Hotel in Hazen and the AmericInn in Beulah have had few vacancies over this period. Sakakawea Park in Stanton has been overflowing with long-time occupants living in RV's and tents. People were even using the tennis courts for a camping space. Longtime return visitors to the area have had a difficult time finding a place to park a camper or stay for a weekend. Road construction crews have filled campgrounds along the eastern shore of Lake Sakakawea.

At last count, seven multi-unit mobile homes had been moved into the mobile home park in southwest Stanton. The mobile home park has had a few long-term homes for decades and is now nearing full capacity. Scattered RVs and mobile homes across from the frac sand distribution facility give the appearance of northwest North Dakota mancamps. Transport cars covered in graffiti are lined up along the railroad tracks giving the 350 person town of Stanton an inner city vibe.



Many of the workers and their families have visited Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site and enjoyed special events and activities. Over seventy people attended last weekend's Second Annual Knap-In. Flint knapping techniques were demonstrated and taught by artisans who craft flint knives and points. The park is an educational and fun place to visit providing a much needed diversion for workers with a few hours to explore. Village trail walks remain solitary experiences for those looking to spend time immersed in history and stories of this special place.

The outages are coming to an end July 1, opening up room, camping spot, and trailer spot vacancies for visitors to the area. A new demographic is discovering the Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site. Park staff is finding new opportunities to connect with long-term workers and short-term visitors in the area. Stanton is once again becoming a cross-roads for people from different cultures and places as the villages were when they were occupied.

Knife River Knap-In

It was a perfect weather day and approximately 75 people joined flint knappers at the park on Saturday, June 22.

Visitors from Hunter, Bismarck, Minot, and the local area watched Bill, Irene, and Marv demonstrate the art of flint knapping. Many visitors put on their safety glasses and tried their hand at the craft.

Irene taught four mini sessions to people who wanted to try knapping. As Knife River flint is getting harder to acquire, knappers are using different materials. Several people that do knapping brought bottles to make glass arrow heads. Everyone had fun at the event and most people spent at least two hours participating in the knap-in.



Ranger Recommends



July's featured ranger is Ellie Brown, an SCA interpretive intern. Ellie grew up in Brunswick, Maine as a self-proclaimed "nature girl." Some of her hobbies include running, hiking, camping, and photography. Ellie will be a senior in the fall at the University of Southern Maine

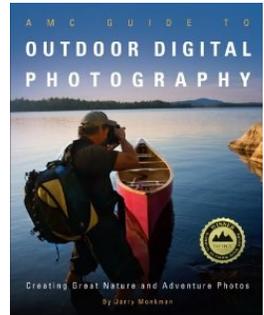
where she is majoring in History and minoring in Photography; she is also the vice president of her sorority, Alpha Xi Delta. Ellie's interest in art, history, and the outdoors as well as her kind, humorous, and helpful personality make her a great addition to Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Ellie recommends, *The AMC Guide to Outdoor Digital Photography* by Jerry Monkman. She says "this book makes photography accessible to anyone."

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Dakota Nights – An Astronomy Festival

The Milky Way rising over your campsite, the moon shimmering off of the river, the fading light of day that draws one's thoughts inward – experiences once common are increasingly hard to come by in our ever brightening world. Reacquaint yourself with the night by joining Theodore Roosevelt National Park and Historic Medora in celebrating western North Dakota's starry, dark night skies!

Friday, September 27 – Sunday, September 28, Theodore Roosevelt National Park and Historic Medora will be hosting speakers including North Dakota's very own NASA astronaut: Rick Hieb! A veteran of three space flights, Mr. Hieb flew on STS-39 in 1991, STS-49 in 1992, and STS-65 in 1994. He has logged over 750 hours in space and holds

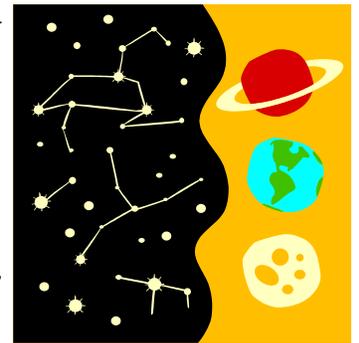
the record for the longest spacewalk in history! Other speakers include Dakota Goodhouse sharing traditional stories and Kevin "the Dark Ranger" Poe sharing his knowledge of nocturnal animals and their adaptations to darkness.

The weekend will be full of exciting activities for children and adults alike. Build your own rocket and launch it high in the sky! (Rockets

must be purchased). Visit the Discovery Dome for fun and engaging shows! Hike the solar system with a park ranger or view the sun through a solar scope! Each night, view the heavens through professional-grade telescopes with knowledgeable guides leading the way! Day or night, Dakota Nights promises to be full of fun, wonder, and awe.

All events are free and open to the public (rockets for rocket building must be purchased). Standard entrance and camping fees apply. Saturday, September 28 is National Public Lands Day – a *National Park Fee-Free Day* nationwide. Entrance fees will be waived at Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Festival details and schedule can be found at www.nps.gov/thro.



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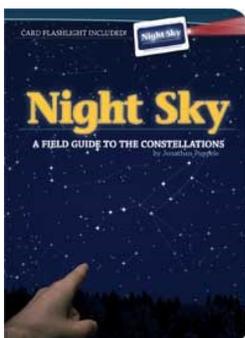
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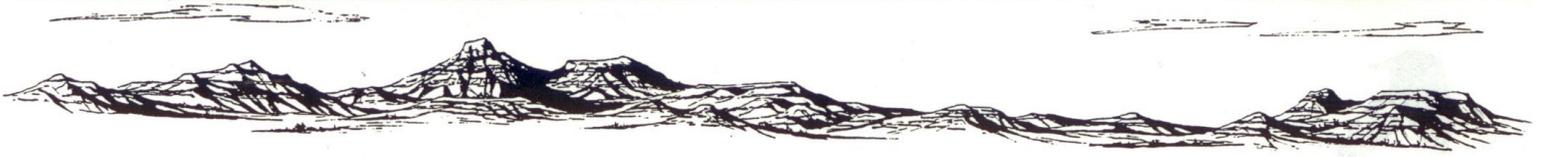


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August 2013



North Unit Visitor Center Relocated

The visitor center in the North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park will be closed this month, and visitor contact functions will be moved to the campground. Unprecedented rains in recent years have caused unstable badlands soils to shift and caused the building to move.

“Just like roads and major highways in the badlands, the visitor center has been shifting and sinking,” said Superintendent Valerie Naylor. “Badlands soils are notoriously unstable, and this is an extremely unfortunate consequence of natural processes.”

Although average annual precipitation in the North Unit is less than 15 inches, rainfall was 21.31 inches in 2009, 22.86 inches in 2010, 24.78 inches in 2011, and 12.29 inches in 2012. The North Unit has already received over 17 inches of precipitation in the first half of 2013.

The Visitor Center consists of 4344 square feet, including basement offices. Built in 1991, it has served visitors for over 20 years. In 2002, the building was raised, repaired, and stabilized due to shifting and settling. The building was fairly stable until 2011, when it shifted again. Interior walls are cracking and moving and the floor is buck-

ling. It is unlikely that it can be repaired.

The National Park Service (NPS) has been monitoring the building regularly since last fall.

An NPS architect and independent structural engineering firm evaluated the building in late May 2013. Although there is no immediate hazard, an extreme weather event could cause the building to shift further.

“We must move operations out of the visitor center,” said Naylor. “It is a beautiful building and we are deeply saddened to abandon it, but the safety of visitors and staff is our top priority.”

By July 17, exhibits, book sales, and visitor information functions will move to the Campender's Cottage at Juniper Campground.

Rangers will continue to greet visitors at the park entrance station. The park will work to secure a temporary building as a visitor center and offices until a new building can be planned and built in a more stable location.



Upcoming Events

Theodore Roosevelt National Park

South Unit 8:00 am - 6:00 pm MT

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North Unit 9:00 am - 5:30 pm CT

Knife River Indian Villages NHS

8:00 am to 4:30 pm CT

Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge

8:00 am - 4:30 pm CT Monday-Friday

Ranger talks and events can be found by visiting each park's website.

Theodore Roosevelt National Park

September 27-29, 2013: Dakota Nights, an Astronomy Festival

Astronauts, Rangers, and Historians come together for a three day festival celebrating North Dakota's dark skies. At the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Keep on the lookout for more updates!

Knife River Indian Villages NHS

August 17: Hands on History Come try your hand at atlatls, bows & arrows, and other early weapons.

September 28: Fall in-the-field Photography Workshop Whether you are a professional or you are just getting started, join the group for the practical application of photographic lessons. All camera formats are welcome - from "point and shoot," to digital SLR, to film. Workshop hours are 10:00-2:00 CDT.

Ranger Recommends



August's featured ranger is Marlo Mallery. Marlo has spent the beginning of her third season with the interpretation division at Theodore Roosevelt National Park, trying to figure out what is in the sealed packages labeled *Songs for Junior Rangers, Volume 1* that are selling off the shelves of the TRNHA bookstore. This is what she has discovered:



"*Songs for Junior Rangers, Volume 1* includes an audio cd, lyric book, and poster-map. It is the Junior Ranger's job to follow clues in the lyric book and map out National Park Service sites across the nation. Most lyrics are written by Freeman Tilden award winner Jeff Wolin, but the

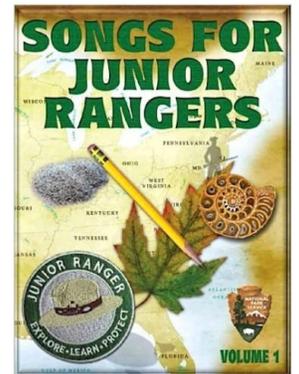
album also features a piece by Navajo singer-songwriter Krishel Augustine. Songs are about Junior Rangers, history, wildlife, etc... Just as the topics vary, the music varies as well. The music is performed by a variety of talented artists styled in folk, jazz, hip-hop, rock 'n' roll, and everything in between.

With 20 full-length and upbeat songs this album would be great for a family road trip or for children's activities. But no matter how many badges you or your Junior Ranger have earned, you will learn something new and hear something fun (like hearing yourself sing the catchy tune about *Bison bison* for the rest of the day)!"

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Regular Price \$9.95

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Wilderness Hike to Focus on North Unit's Petrified Forest

An adventure to the geologic past will be the focus of the third Wilderness Hike of the summer on Sunday, August 4 in the North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. This is an opportunity to visit the North Unit's Petrified Forest, a remote and seldom visited area of the park which has become the favorite destination of summer wilderness hikes.

"Theodore Roosevelt National Park contains the third largest concentration of petrified wood in the U.S.," said Superintendent Valerie J. Naylor. "Visitors often don't realize that both the North and South Units contain significant petrified forest areas."

In addition to observing geologic features, visitors will experience the natural history and solitude of the Theodore Roosevelt Wilderness.

Depending on group size and weather, the outing will last from 3 to 6 hours, and will cover 2 to 6 miles. As this strenuous hike will travel through rugged terrain, participants are strongly urged to wear attire appropriate for wilderness travel, especially sturdy closed-toed boots and durable clothes.



Participants should meet at the picnic area in the Juniper Campground at 9:00 a.m. CDT. Hikers should bring plenty of drinking water, food, sunscreen, rain gear, and insect repellent. Binoculars, cameras and a favorite poem or quote are also encouraged. In the case of extreme weather, the hike may be cancelled; please call the North Unit Visitor Center at 701-842-9071 for the latest weather information.

The final wilderness hike of the 2013 summer season will be offered on Sunday, September 1.

For more information about the park and other upcoming activities, please visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/THRO.

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Temporary Sales Clerk Position Available

TITLE: Painted Canyon Sales Clerk

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LOCATION OF EMPLOYMENT: Painted Canyon Visitor Center, Theodore Roosevelt National Park. The visitor center is located on Interstate 94 approximately 7 mile east of Medora, North Dakota. (Applicants must have personal transportation)

MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT: All applicants must be at least 18 years of age.

SALARY: GS level 3, step 1 (\$12.16 per hour)

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STARTING DATE: August 26, 2013

ENDING DATE: October 31, 2013 (possibly longer)

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: The position shall be directly supervised by the Association Executive Director. Co-supervision by the National Park Service (NPS) will be offered in NPS operations, procedures, equipment operations, and practices.

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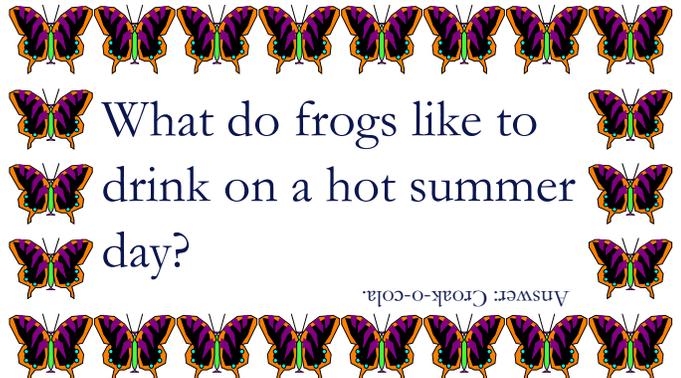
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APPLICATION AVAILABLE AT: www.trnha.org/completepacket.pdf

Watford City Parks and Recreation Day Camp Outdoor Fun Day



On Tuesday July 23, 2013 TRNHA had the honor of having a group of children from Watford City Parks and Recreation join us for an afternoon of fun in the North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. TRNHA staff was joined by board member Jan Dodge and SCA Jon-Paul Hoydocy. Participants learned about sensing the work around them, the many types of habitat found in the park, and were lead on a hike where we played scavenger hunt bingo. Prizes and snacks were given out and a good time was had by all!



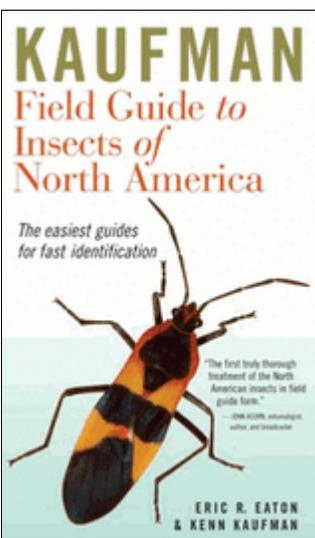
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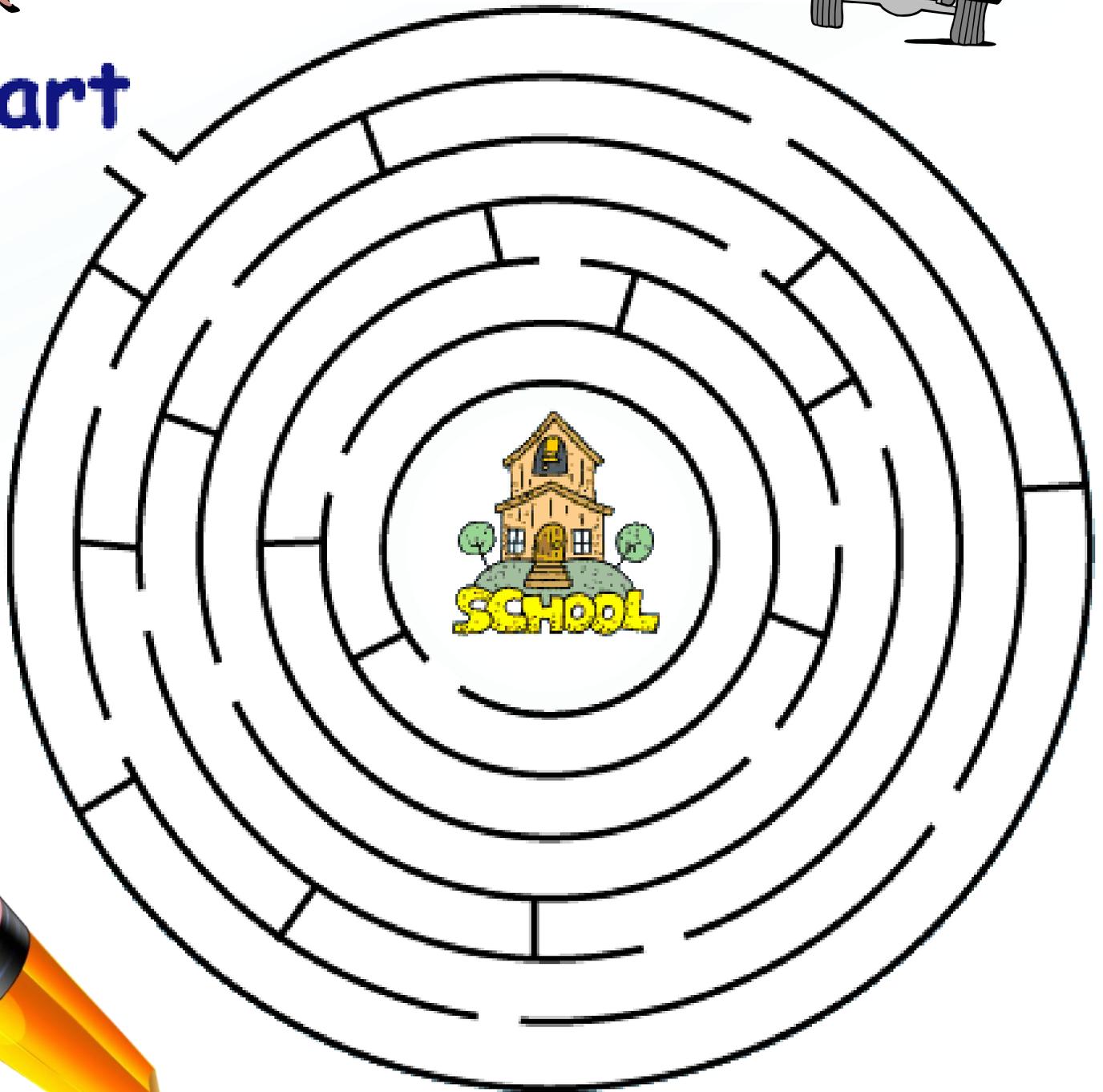
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Mon - Fri 8:00 - 4:30 CT

Fire - Friend or Foe?

When you think about the word "wildfire," what do you imagine? Do you imagine a destructive fire burning everything in its path? Do you also imagine the fire's aftermath as fresh, green growth returns shortly after the fire? Both are true. Fire is a natural process that can be both dangerous and beneficial depending on the circumstances. Theodore Roosevelt National Park's fire management program helps to promote the positive aspects of fire while preparing for, reducing the chance of, and extinguishing wildfires.

The National Park Service Organic Act of 1916 broadly mandates that national parks are to conserve and manage resources in a manner that will leave them "unimpaired for future generations." In that regard, fire is an important natural process and a tool to promote sustained health of plant and animal regimes. Further, current National Park Service policy requires that park areas with burnable vegetation must have a fire management plan. Other fire policies and procedures are defined by the National Interagency Fire Center. Theodore Roosevelt National Park's Fire Management Plan contains operational plans for fire preparedness, preplanned dispatch, prescribed fire, and fire prevention.

Wildfires occur in Theodore Roosevelt National Park on average once or twice per year. Many variables contribute to the incidence of wildfires including weather, lightning, and human activity. Lightning is the most common cause of wildfires. Many fires that start in the uneven badlands terrain extinguish themselves as they run out of fuel on the sparsely vegetated slopes. Other naturally-caused wildfires may be declared "Wildland Fire Use" fires that can be used to achieve natural resources management goals. Fires started by humans, that threaten human lives or property, or that otherwise cannot be declared "Wildland Fire Use" fires are extinguished by firefighters.

For most of the 20th Century, wildfires were extinguished immediately with the assumption that doing so would protect lives, property, and natural areas. However, following the unusually intense fire season of 1988, agencies including the National Park Service began to rethink their policies. After many decades without fire, fuels had built up as woody plants grew and died. When wildfires started in these fuel-rich areas, they burned with great intensity. In the grasslands, just as in the forests, periodic fire plays a role in removing plant material and in promoting new growth, both essential for maintaining a mosaic of habitat age and promoting diversity. In



**Bison grazing on new growth
after a controlled burn.**

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Fire - Friend of Foe

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places like the grasslands of Theodore Roosevelt National Park, the absence of fire allows woodier plants such as sagebrush and junipers to become established, displacing many of the grasses and forbs that many animals require to survive.

Fire is essential for grasslands diversity. From one year to the next, the makeup of plant species in grasslands can change dramatically as early successional forbs and grasses give way to other plants. By returning fire to the landscape in a responsible way, prescribed fire allows Theodore Roosevelt National Park to sustain a mixed-age grassland, to increase forage and habitat diversity for wildlife, and to reduce the impact and intensity of wildfires.

Theodore Roosevelt National Park's prescribed fire program addresses three important and interrelated goals: to benefit the natural resources, to reduce hazard fuels, and to address the wildland/urban interface. "Resource benefit burning" is intended to impact certain species or groups of species, and may be done to benefit or to be harmful to one or more species. Examples are to promote grass growth by reducing woody plants, or to control non-native plants like leafy spurge. "Hazard fuel reduction" removes the buildup of fuels, such as woody plants, that contribute to larger, hotter wildfires. Lastly, "Wildland/Urban interface" fires remove fuels adjacent to populated areas to protect lives, property, and to aid in controlling wildfires. Hazard fuels and Wildland/Urban interface management goals can also be achieved by mechanical means including cutting and haying. A prescribed fire can address one or more of these goals simultaneously, and a burn is typically performed at a precise time of year and under favorable weather conditions to attain the maximum benefit.



Firefighters setting a prescribed fire
Wildland firefighters igniting a prescribed fire

The prescribed fire program in Theodore Roosevelt National Park has been successful in returning the land to a proper fire return interval, resulting in a turnover of habitat from woody plants to new growth on a timescale that approximates the frequency of natural fires. Prescribed fires have helped to set back unwanted non-native plants, reduce woody vegetation encroachment in prairies, and to positively affect wildlife grazing patterns. The Park utilizes vegetation data and maps to chart the incidence of plant species and regimes before a prescribed fire and how they change years after the burn. The vegetation data and maps are studied and used to adapt future fire management decisions to achieve desired results.

In allowing fire to play a vital role in the ecosystem while preparing for, preventing, and extinguishing dangerous wildfires, Theodore Roosevelt National Park's Fire Management Program addresses both the positive and negative aspects of wildfire. The program has been successful at using fire to establish healthy and vigorous ecosystems that reflect the natural landscape, to combat non-native plants, to reduce fuels, and to protect human lives and property from uncontrolled wildfires.

Ranger Recommends - Jesse



It's been a busy summer at Theodore Roosevelt National Park. While wrapping up the season and "tying up loose ends," seasonal interpretive ranger Jesse Sexton decided to check out the book *Knots for the Outdoors* by Cliff Jacobson.

Jesse says "*Knots for the Outdoors* is a well illustrated guide to tying the basic knots any outdoorsman would love. This book covers the basics and starts off with what to look for when purchasing rope materials. The book then goes into practical knots, from bowlines to truckers' hitches, while giving the reader a chance to practice their skills. If you're an avid adventurer or a novice in the wilderness pick up *Knots for the Outdoors* and you won't be disappointed."

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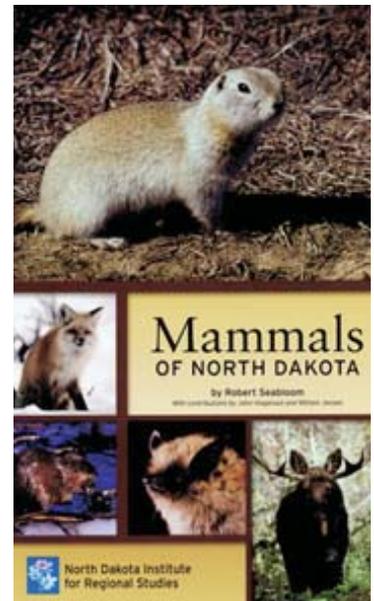
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Making Progress

This is always a hectic time of year at the park, as we try to close out the fiscal year (FY) budget before the end of September. "FY 13" was a tough one financially, but we were able to maintain most operations so that visitors were not greatly inconvenienced.

Many other critical things, great things, and fun things are happening in the park this fall – so much that it is making our heads swim.

Although Painted Canyon did not open until May 25, we are able to keep it open through the end of September with TRNHA and park staff. Because of a grant from North Dakota Tourism funneled through the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation, we will be open at Painted Canyon until October 31st.

The North Unit Visitor Center presented a challenge and was closed in mid-July due to structural integrity issues. Yet, we moved most operations to the camptender's cottage in Juniper Campground and are still able to serve the visitors and sell interpretive materials.



We are embarking on a major, multi-year wayside exhibit project, which will eventually lead to the redesign and replacement of all roadside exhibits in the South Unit (including Painted Canyon) and the North Unit. Park Ranger Laura Thomas has been hired to coordinate this huge project and work on the exhibit designs, working with all park divisions and with the NPS Harper's Ferry Center.

We are also finishing up a "Foundation Document" which will guide the park for the next 15-20 years. This document is a short version of a General Management Plan for the park. It, too, is a large project. Fortunately, we have NPS planners from elsewhere doing much of the writing.

We are starting a Historic Structures Report (HSR) for Peaceful Valley Ranch. Peaceful Valley is extremely important to the history of the park, from TR's time to the present, but the buildings are in poor condition. The HSR will tell us what needs to be done to restore the buildings for the future.

We are also embarking on a Historic Resource Study, which will outline the historic resources in all three units of the park. This too is important and will start in September.

There will be a major safety audit in the park in mid-September. Staff have been preparing for this and making sure that everything is in place for the auditors.

We are planning and preparing for the Dakota Nights Astronomy Festival on September 27-29. This is a big event, which could become an annual event. We appreciate the co-sponsors – the Medora CVB, Medora Chamber of Commerce, TRNHA, and Friends of Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Add a feral horse roundup, which takes a huge amount of planning, a possible bison mini-roundup, and busy visitor operations during the month of September, and you can see that this month may set a record for Theodore Roosevelt National Park busy-ness. Despite a decreasing budget, we are still accomplishing much for the park and the visitors.

Thanks for YOUR continued support of the park. We will come up for air in October!

Valerie Naylor
Superintendent

Dakota Nights

Schedule of Events

Friday, September 27, 2013

7:00 PM - Dakota Goodhouse (Cottonwood Campground Amphitheater)

8:00 PM - Telescopes and Constellation Tours (Peaceful Valley Ranch)

Saturday, September 28, 2013

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5:00 PM - We Choose Space (Discovery Dome)

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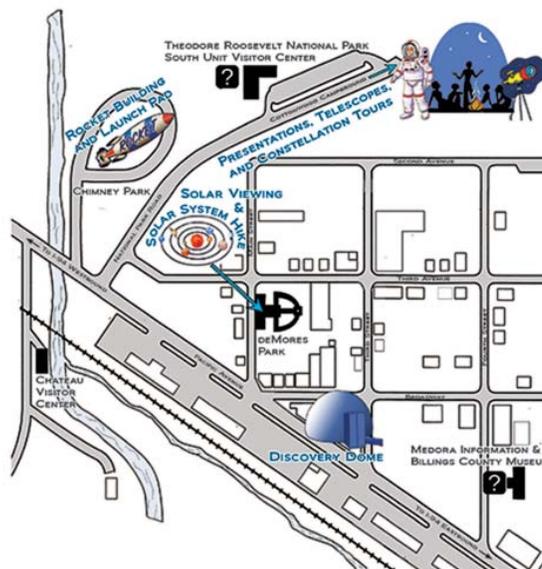
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CLOSED DUE TO GOVERNMENT CLOSURE

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Government shutdown forces closures of 401 National Parks

WASHINGTON – Because of the shutdown of the federal government caused by the lapse in appropriations, the National Park Service has closed all 401 national parks and suspended operation of dozens of community assistance programs.

All park grounds, visitor centers, hotels, campgrounds, and park roads – except for thru ways – are closed. All programs are canceled and permits issued for special events on park grounds nationwide are rescinded.

Park visitors in all overnight campgrounds and lodges have been given until no later than 6:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on Thursday, October 3 to make other arrangements and leave the park.

National parks will remain closed until the government reopens.

The National Park System hosts more than 282 million people per year, and more than 715,000 people per day in October. Those visitors spend about \$76 million per day in communities near national parks.



Examples of impacts of a shutdown of the National Park Service include:

- 15,000 people a day planning to visit the Statue of Liberty will have their reservations cancelled.
- All mule trips in Grand Canyon National Park, an iconic tradition dating back more than 125 years, will be cancelled.
- More than 7,500 people a day coming to enjoy Old Faithful and the other splendors of Yellowstone National Park will be turned away.
- The cancellation of thousands of interpretive and education programs and special events at parks across the country.

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An October shutdown is costing the National Park Service an estimated \$450,000 per day in lost revenue from fees collected at entry stations and fees paid for in-park activities such as cave tours, boat rides and camping.

The shutdown will affect more than 20,000 National Park Service employees, who are furloughed until an appropriation is passed (3,000 employees continue to work, providing essential services, including security, emergency services and firefighting). Additionally, approximately 25,000 concession employees are employed in national parks during the summer and about half of them are still on the job in early October.



Because it will not be maintained, the National Park Service website will be down for the duration of the shutdown, closing off access to 750,000 web pages about national parks and programs. NPS.gov is used extensively for educational purposes and travel planning by 91 million unique visitors every year.

For updates on the shutdown, please visit www.doi.gov/shutdown.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR CONTINGENCY PLAN ONE PAGER SUMMARY

As stated in its original authorizing legislation, the National Park Service mission is to “preserve unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the national park system for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations.”

The National Park Service manages over 84 million acres in all 50 States and Territories in 401 park units that preserve, protect, and share the history of this land and its people. Nearly 287 million people visited the national parks in 2012 and NPS works to provide visitor services in partnership with over 250,000 volunteers.

Services and programs that will remain operational.

- Law enforcement including the U.S. Park Police and emergency and disaster assistance.
- Firefighting and monitoring.
- Border and coastal protection and surveillance.
- Limited management of ongoing projects that are funded from non-lapsing appropriations.
- Access to through roads.

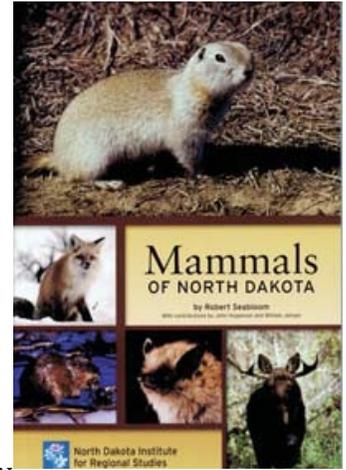
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- All national parks will be closed and secured.
- Visitor centers and other facilities will be closed.
- Education programs and special events will be canceled.
- Permits for special events will be rescinded.
- Guests staying in hotels and campgrounds will be notified of the closure and given 48 hours to make alternate arrangements and leave the park.

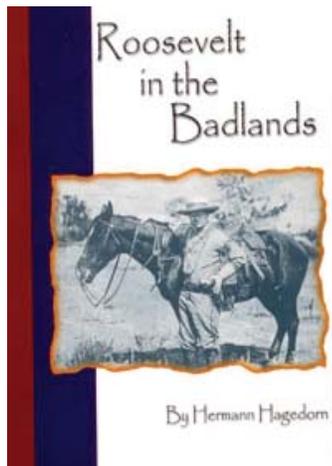
Ranger Recommends

October's featured ranger is Emily Nelson, a ranger at Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Emily grew up in Illinois and moved to North Dakota from Minnesota in July 2010. She is completing her third year at Theodore Roosevelt National Park, and will be moving west on her next adventure this month. We would like to wish her the best of luck.

Emily says, "I recommend the book *Mammals of North Dakota* by Robert Seabloom. Since my first visit to North Dakota in 2006, I have been fascinated by the variety of wildlife you can discover here. The badlands are unlike anything I have seen before, and it's still a thrill to spot a herd of pronghorn grazing in an open area, or to see a bighorn sheep high up on a rocky ledge. I have a definite appreciation for how Theodore Roosevelt must have felt upon his first visit to North Dakota in 1883, and can understand why he grew to love this place so much. Seabloom's book, *Mammals of North Dakota*, has been a big help in learning about the animals, common and not, that inhabit the badlands and the ways that they have adapted to this unique and often challenging climate and terrain. I have used this book numerous times in conversations with visitors who want to know more about an animal they have seen, or who would like to discover the best places and times of day for seeing different species of wildlife.



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SAFETY IS TOP PRIORITY AT THE WILD HORSE ROUNDUP

Visitors love the feral (wild) horses that roam the South Unit of TR National Park. They are as popular as the bison among some members of the public. However, reducing the number of horses in the park on a periodic basis is essential to the health of both the park and the horses. Although some members of the public think that we should leave all of the horses in the park to breed indefinitely, the park cannot support hundreds or thousands of horses.

Safety of people and horses was the #1 priority at the park's feral horse roundup during the last week of September. Park staff, Colorado State University (CSU) researchers, and other cooperators safely rounded up 196 horses with a helicopter and processed them through the park's South Unit livestock handling facility.

Although many people picture a noisy and wild roundup, our roundups are cool and calm. The helicopter does not push the animals too hard. Many members of the staff are trained in low-stress livestock handling, and the roundup is smooth, quiet, and low-stress for both the animals and the employees. This year, the park used a new hydraulic chute that made it safer and easier for the people and the animals, and cut down even further on the noise.

Horses were weighed, measured, and checked for overall health and body condition. The mares involved in a contraceptive research program were tested for pregnancy using a special ultrasound scope handled by a professor from CSU. All horses had a bit of hair pulled for a genetic study. And all had blood drawn for required tests.

Everything was picture-perfect and no horses or people were injured. At all times, 2-4 veterinarians were on site, along with researchers from CSU and knowledgeable park staff. To increase safety, visitors are not allowed at the roundup, but members of the media came to film and write about the event.

The roundup is a big operation, with many procedures to ensure safety of staff and horses. All of the planning paid off, and we could not have asked for a better result.

The 103 horses removed from the park were transported safely to Wishek, North Dakota where they were to be sold at auction on Saturday, September 28. Horse preservation groups from all over the country were working independently to ensure that the horses went to good homes and were not sold for slaughter.



On Thursday evening, 93 horses were set free to join about 18 other horses in the park that did not participate in the roundup. It was a beautiful sight to watch them leave the holding pasture and head off into the park. The current horse population in the South Unit is now approximately 111.

The contraceptive research will determine whether birth control will be effective as a means to limit the number of horses in the park. If so, then the need for large roundups could decrease in the future.



Visitors at Knife River have gone to the Birds!

Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, visitors to Knife River Indian Villages enjoyed an exhibit of various bird species displayed on posters in the lobby. The "State Birds" poster was a favorite. Most visitors immediately searched for their state bird. The public had fun determining which birds are featured the most in many states (Western Meadowlark and the Cardinal.) Other subjects depicted on the posters included: Raptors of North Dakota, Grassland Birds of North Dakota, Wetland Birds of North Dakota, and Woodland Birds of North Dakota.

In a fun and informal poll, visitors were asked to vote for their favorite bird. The highest votes went to the Bald Eagle who won by 12 votes. Second was the Mountain Bluebird with 9 votes, followed by a tie of 6 votes for the Cardinal and the Western Meadowlark. The poll was not scientific, so the votes for Big Bird and Grilled Chicken were not counted except for laughs.



Visitors were also given an opportunity to test their bird knowledge by answering the questions that were posted throughout the lobby. Let's test your knowledge: "Do You Know which bird nests underground?" (see below for answer)

The Knife River staff was thrilled at how much the visitors enjoyed the posters and the conversations that ensued because of the exhibit.

Burrowing Owl

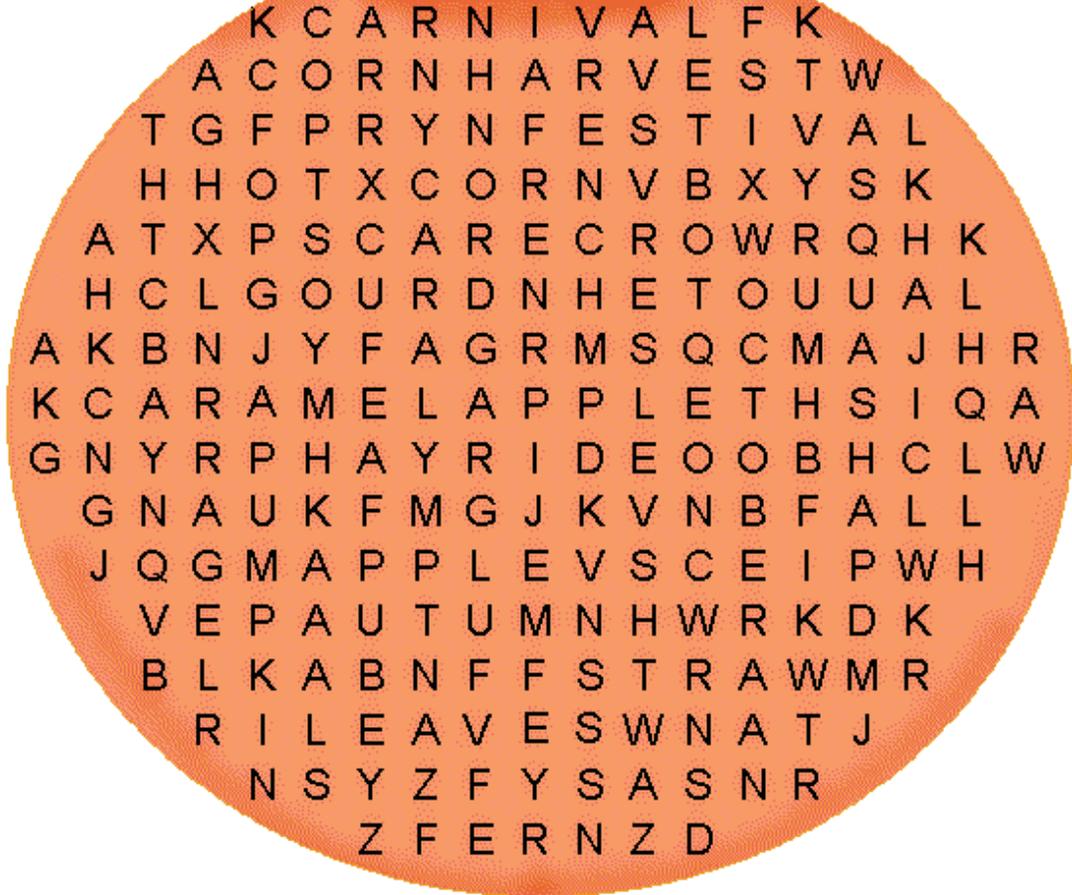
Photos in the Fall!

On a brisk autumn day 18 participants attended the Fall-in-the Field Photography Workshop, led by Kevin Cederstrom of Carson, at Knife River Indian Villages on Saturday, September 28. Kevin is a photojournalist and currently works as a freelance photographer for numerous national and regional newspapers. He shared some basic principles of photography and some of his images including a winter landscapes, sunsets, and farm equipment.

Kevin emphasized that a photographer should be very familiar with their camera and simplicity of subject matter when taking photos. He stressed that simpler is better and reminded participants that a photo should tell a story. Attendees were then sent into the field to take photos. When they returned, their images were shared with the group and Kevin made comments for improvement. A wide variety of images were taken by participants including some in the park, around the town of Stanton, and in the surrounding area. The wide variety of subject matter was a surprise to the group.

The dates for the 2014 Photography Workshops are Saturday, May 10, and Saturday, September 27.





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South Unit 8:00 am to 4:30 pm MT
Painted Canyon - Closed Season
North Unit 9:00 am to 5:30 pm CT
(North Unit visitor center closing November 11)

Drives through the park remain open, but portions may close due to snow.

Knife River

Indian Villages NHS
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Upper Souris NWR

Mon - Fri 8:00am - 4:30 pm CT

Photo Contest Finalist to be Celebrated

America's National Parks are world renown for possessing some of the most compelling historical and natural environments ever captured on film. With an incredible combination of wildlife and scenic landscapes Theodore Roosevelt National Park is one of America's best. The park has teamed up with Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association to bring you a beautiful glimpse into what the park has to offer. Visitors were asked to submit their best photos of the park to the Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park photo contest. 119 photos were submitted and the winning photo will be featured on the 2014 Annual pass.

The National Park Service and Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association are pleased to announce that we have narrowed it down to 12 finalists. Finalists were selected by a panel of judges and the winner will be announced at the South Unit Visitor Center in Medora on December 7, 2013.

We would like to invite you to join us as we recognize the finalist and announce the winner at 2:00 pm on December 7th in the theater of the National Park visitor center. The top twelve photos will be on display in the South Unit visitor center throughout the weekend of Medora's Annual Old Fashioned Cowboy Christmas and will be featured in a 2014 calendar, which will go on sale that day. All finalists will be recognized and receive a signed certificate of appreciation from the park superintendent. Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association will award the top 4 finalists with prizes they have donated. Hope to see you there!

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Park's Elk Population Maintenance Program Requires Mid-Week Backcountry Closures

The National Park Service will resume the maintenance phase of the Elk Management Plan in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. A limited number of elk will be removed by park staff from November 5 through December 5. Volunteers will not be necessary during this phase.

The South Unit's backcountry trails will be closed on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during the time elk are being removed. Roads and overlooks, as well as Cottonwood Campground, will be open daily. The four front-country trails in the South Unit - Buck Hill, Wind Canyon, Ridgeline Nature Trail, and Coal Vein Trail - will also remain open. The park's North and Elkhorn Ranch Units will not be affected.

"We don't anticipate any conflicts between the elk management team and the public," said Superintendent Valerie Naylor. "However, safety is always our top concern, so we are closing the backcountry for three days per week when elk removals are taking place."

Based on recent survey results, it was determined that a limited reduction would be necessary this year to ensure that future population growth remains within the target range of 100-400 animals, as specified in the Elk Management Plan. During the maintenance phase in 2012, 69 elk were removed.

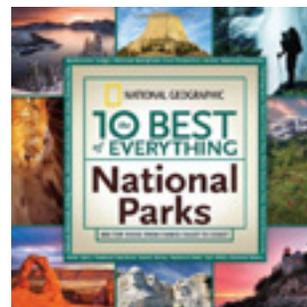
Meat from the animals taken during the maintenance phase will be packed out of the park and donated to local American Indian tribes and Sportsman Against Hunger through the North Dakota Community Action Partnership, in much the same way it has been done in the last three years. Park staff will continue to use only non-leaded ammunition during the reduction.

More information about the Elk Management Plan is available on the park's website at www.nps.gov/thro.

Ranger Recommends

November's featured Ranger is Joshua Bernick, supervisory visitor use assistant at Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Josh came to the park in 2010 from Yosemite National Park. Josh has worked for the park service since 2005 and has worked in 6 National Parks. Josh's vast knowledge of National Parks and history make him a wonderful asset for visitors who are interested in learning more!

Josh recommends the book *The 10 Best of Everything National Parks: 800 Top Picks From Parks Coast to Coast* by National Geographic.



He says, "Ten Best is a book you can pick up and thumb through the pages and always find something interesting. I love the national parks and found many unusual and useful topics that I have explored and want to explore again, thanks to this book. It may be considered a coffee table book but it's more than that. It is entertaining and educational with lovely photos to boot! A National Park enthusiast must have!"

If you are interested in purchasing this book, please visit one of our Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History bookstores or visit our online store at: www.trnha.org

Cause & Effect

A Message from the Superintendent of Theodore Roosevelt National Park

Everyday North Dakota's National Parks face challenges or changes that directly effect the parks and their visitors. However those who support, visit, and work in or near the parks might not realize the effects, both positive and negative, these events have on the park. We have decided to dedicate this section of our newsletter to focus on these "Causes and Effects". Please feel free to share your comments or concerns with North Dakota's parks and the TRNHA staff by sending an e-mail to: info@trnha.org.

And Then Came the Shutdown

As National Park Service employees, serving visitors is our mission, so it was very difficult for us to shut down the North Dakota national parks for the first 16 days in October. At Theodore Roosevelt NP, fall colors were peaking, temperatures were pleasant, and wildlife watching was at its best. Knife River Indian Villages NHS missed out on a good time to do distance learning programs when schools contact the park at the beginning of the school year and the weather is good. Knife River also had to cancel several scheduled educational programs which are very important activities in the fall.

During this time, we were unable to serve about 20,000 visitors at Theodore Roosevelt National Park (based on last year's numbers for October 1-16.) In addition, we lost approximately \$10,000 in fee revenue. At Knife River, at least 500 people including the students were unable to visit the park.

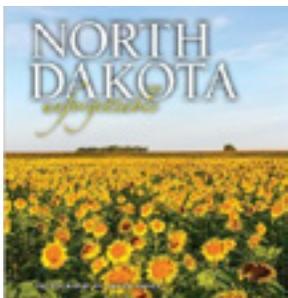
Closure of the parks was mandatory. The parks do not run themselves and they cannot operate without the government employees who keep them going. In many areas, including North Dakota, cooperating associations and other park partners, as well as gateway communities and park neighbors, took deep financial hits when the parks were closed. TRNHA lost at least \$12,000 in sales during the shutdown.

We appreciate TRNHA working closely with the parks during difficult times to minimize the effects on park visitors. We recently received our visitor satisfaction ratings for this year and we achieved 98% at Theodore Roosevelt National Park and 99% at Knife River. This shows that we have done a good job of maintaining visitor satisfaction despite budget hardships, shortened visitor center hours, and the closure of the North Unit visitor center in July due to lack of structural integrity.

In all decisions, we must keep the visitors, the park staff, our park partners, and the resources of the parks in mind. No matter what happens in 2014, we will continue do our best to provide as much service as possible to visitors while protecting the parks for future generations.

Valerie Naylor
Superintendent, TRNP

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EXPIRES: November 30, 2013

November Word Find

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Support Your Park by being a Member of TRNHA!

Just a Few Reasons to become a member

15% Discount on sales items at our five bookstore locations: Painted Canyon, South Unit, & North Unit (Theodore Roosevelt National Park); Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, and Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge.

TRNHA membership is honored by most National Park Cooperation Associations with a reciprocal discount.

Monthly e-newsletters and association updates.

Special member coupons

All members are entitled to vote for TRNHA's Board of Directors

The pleasures of knowing that your membership contributes to the support of National park and refuge sites in North Dakota.

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.

Funding for interpretive training, materials, and supplies.

Sponsoring special interpretive programs and events.

Provide Support Staff in the Visitor Centers.

Yes! I would like to become a member of Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association!

New or Renewing

New Renewing

Membership Level

<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual	\$20.00
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TRNHA NEWSLETTER

December 2013

TRNHA & TRNP TO ANNOUNCE PHOTO CONTEST WINNER

We invite you to join us as we recognize the photo contest finalists and announce the winner at 2:00 pm on December 7th in the Theodore Roosevelt National Park's South Unit Visitor Center in Medora. The top twelve photos will be on display in the South Unit visitor center throughout the weekend. A slideshow featuring all 119 photos submitted to the contest will be shown, followed by an awards ceremony where all 12 finalist will be recognized. Following the awards ceremony 2014 Calendars and Gift baskets will go on sale! Hope to see you there!



Images from the 2012
Photo Contest Awards

*There are no rules for good photographs,
there are only good photographs.*

~Ansel Adams

Visitor Center Hours

Theodore Roosevelt National Park

South Unit 8:00 am to 4:30 pm MT

Painted Canyon Closed for the Season

North Unit Closed for the Season

Scenic Drives in both Units

will remain open as weather permits.

Knife River Indian Villages NHS

8:00 am to 4:30 pm CT

Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge

Mon—Fri 8:00 am to 4:30 pm CT

Upcoming Events

December 6-8, 2013 Medora's Old Fashioned Cowboy Christmas in Medora

February 8, 2014 Winter Adventure at Knife River Indian Villages NHS

For more info please call 701-745-3300

May 30 - June 1, 2014 TRNHA's 60th Annual Birdwalk Celebration

For more info on this weekend celebration visit:

www.trnha.org/birdwalk.html



GIVE THE GIFT OF THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATIONAL PARK

Purchase a Holiday Gift Basket!

TRNP Postcard Packet

TRNP Keychain

TRNP Token

Refuge of the American Spirit DVD
(movie shown at the visitor center)

2014 Theodore Roosevelt National Park Calendar

Theodore Roosevelt National Park Christmas Ornament

TRNP: Story Behind the Scenery E-book



Did You Know?

Theodore Roosevelt National Park is open all winter long. The South Unit Visitor Center is open 7 days a week from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm MT. However it will be closed for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

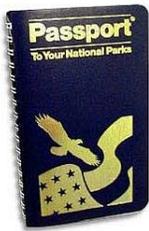
Portions of the scenic drives close when winter weather makes them impassable. You can check the road status by visiting the parks website at www.nps.gov/thro or by calling 701-623-4466.



Knife River Indian Villages remains open 7 days a week from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm CT, only closing on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.



Check out these great National Park Gifts!



\$9.95



\$26.00



\$9.95

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TRNHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association is pleased to announce the results of its 2013 Board of Directors election. At present the Board consists of seven (7) directors. The directors serve staggered, 3-year terms. We had two (2) directorships to fill. Running unopposed for the directorship appointments were Jim Bridger and Debbie Rodne (seeking re-election). The newly elected board members will take their seats on the board and officers will be elected at the annual board meeting on December 7th.

Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association 2014 Board of Directors

Pat Cochran - New England, ND

Barbara Handy-Marchello - Bismarck, ND

Jan Dodge - Keene, ND

Debbie Rodne - Medora, ND

Douglas Walker - Dickinson, ND

Jim Bridger - Medora, ND

Jil Baird - Dickinson, ND



JIM BRIDGER

I am a resident of Medora, ND where I own and operate the AmericInn Hotel and The Little Missouri Restaurant & Saloon. My volunteer activities include being a Commissioner on the Medora City Zoning Board as well as being an Emergency Medical Technician. My position as Director on the Medora CVB has allowed me to aggressively promote tourism in Billings County. Past positions include serving as Director of Franchise Services for AmericInn International where I oversaw 200 hotels and as Medical Examiner for two Counties in Minnesota. My experience in private enterprise has allowed me to gain critical knowledge of budgeting, forecasting, marketing and revenue management while my experience in the medical profession has rewarded me with many opportunities to save lives and to compassionately defend those who have died.

I believe that every family in America should have the chance to witness firsthand the majestic beauty of the Theodore Roosevelt National Park and I am excited to have the potential opportunity to serve on the TRNHA board.



DEBBIE RODNE

Debbie Rodne was raised on the family farm/ranch in Dodge, ND. Debbie and her husband, Dean, farmed and ranched with his family in Dodge until they made their move to a ranch north of Medora in 1987. In 1999, they moved south of Medora where they currently live & work in oilfield related businesses.

She has worked for the United States Postal Service for 18 years and Theodore Roosevelt National Park for 2 years. She has been actively involved in the community of Medora, serving on numerous boards and community organizations. Debbie is currently the Office Manager for the oilfield businesses she owns with her husband.

Debbie's hobbies include reading, walking and horseback riding. She enjoys helping the neighbors, spoiling her granddaughter, Piper, and spending time with her family. Dean & Debbie have four children Rebecca (Mark), Zachary (Jessica), Ethan and Hannah.

She looks forward to continuing her service on the Board of Directors for TRNHA. Debbie says, "Having spent most of my adult life living around the areas surrounding Medora & TRNP, I enjoy serving my community and fellow Theodore Roosevelt advocates in this capacity."

KNIFE RIVER INDIAN VILLAGES ENGAGING YOUTH

Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, the National Park Foundation, the Bureau of Indian Education and White Shield High School started a partnership to form a community dedicated to the academic, cultural and social development of youth by engaging them in meaningful leadership opportunities through Park Stewardship. Project funding from the National Park Foundation Park Stewards Program Grant supported this opportunity by covering transportation costs for students to and from the site, supplies, student materials, and some staffing and technological needs.



This program builds student confidence by developing deeper understanding of scientific and mathematical principles as they apply to real world problem solving skills. The ongoing, real world problem of prairie restoration at Knife River serves as the foundation for developing program lessons. A core group of 6 10th grade students were selected from the 37 student White Shield High School to start the program and to recruit new students as the project unfolds. To date, the students have participated in two visits to Knife River Indian Villages NHS.

2014 Events - Knife River Indian Villages NHS

February 8: Winter Adventure

Knife River Indian Villages NHS in partnership with the State Historical Society of North Dakota (SHSND) presents a day of winter activities including a snowshoe hike into the villages, other activities, and dinner in an earthlodge with special presentations by Native American story tellers and artists. Advanced registration is required and an event fee will be collected by the SHSND.

May 10: Spring Photography-in-the-Field Workshop

Whether you are a professional or you are just getting started, join the group for the practical application of photographic lessons. All camera formats are welcome - from "point and shoot," to digital SLR, to film. Workshop hours are 10:00 to 2:00 CDT.

June 21: 3rd Annual Knap-In

Join flint knappers as they demonstrate their skills in creating arrowheads, knives, and other tools. Event hours are 9:00-4:00 CDT.

July 5, 12, 19: Hands on History Series

Learn about pottery, quillwork, jewelry, and other topics. Come & join in & be apart of the hands on activities

July 8, 15, 22, &29: Kid's Camp

Tuesdays in July, children ages 6 to 12 can participate in special activities at the park.

Each Tuesday focuses on a different theme. Join for one or all four weeks. For safety reasons, those who wish to participate on the 30th must have already attended at least one other week. Please reserve your space in advance by calling 701-745-3300.

July 26: Music for the Villages

Enjoy Native American music performed by traditional artists

September 27: Fall-in-the-field Photography Workshop

Whether you are a professional or you are just getting started, join the group for the practical application of photographic lessons. All camera formats are welcome - from "point and shoot," to digital SLR, to film. Workshop hours are 10:00-2:00 CDT.

*Fee event - For more information on any of the events, please call the park at 701-745-3300. You can also visit the website at www.nps.gov/knri.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATIONAL PARK

Winter Scavenger Hunt Contest!

Remember to Submit Your Photos!

Get out and get some fresh air in the park and share your experience with us. Help us collect pictures of each of the following. We will be sharing the pictures we receive on our Facebook page. Each person who submits a picture to info@trnha.org or shares it on TRNHA's Facebook page will be entered into a drawing to win a 2014 TRNP Calendar! Contest ends 01/01/2014.

Photos submitted must be taken in November or December 2013 in TRNP. Please let us know what scavenger hunt item you photographed. (Quality of the photo does not matter, every person who submits a photo gets their name entered into the drawing)

Don't forget to like us on Facebook so you can see the great pictures submitted:

<https://www.facebook.com/TheodoreRooseveltNHA>

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- _____ 2. Prairie Dog out of its hole
- _____ 3. Deer tracks
- _____ 4. Porcupine
- _____ 5. Chickadee
- _____ 6. Flying bird
- _____ 7. Berries
- _____ 8. Icicle
- _____ 9. Something Green
- _____ 10. Something Fuzzy
- _____ 11. A Tree shorter than you
- _____ 12. A Tree that still has leaves
- _____ 13. Something that starts with the first letter of your name
- _____ 14. An animal's home
- _____ 15. Something red
- _____ 16. Flowing water
- _____ 17. Something with horns or antlers
- _____ 18. Animal tracks in the snow
- _____ 19. Turkeys
- _____ 20. An animal eating



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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)*
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