

TRNHA NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2018

Dr. Brenda Todd Selected as Superintendent of Knife River Indian Villages NHS

Dr. Brenda Todd has been selected as the next superintendent of Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site in Stanton, North Dakota. Todd is a 10-year veteran of the National Park Service and is currently the Program Manager at the Public Lands History Center at Colorado State University. Her new assignment will begin February 4, 2018.

"We're pleased to welcome Brenda to Knife River and the Midwest Region in this new role," said Regional Director Cam Sholly. "Her background and experience in tribal engagement, archaeology, and community engagement will complement the outstanding team there and continue the very positive direction of the park."

Todd has a proven track record of facilitating meaningful tribal involvement and consultation in decision-making. She holds a Ph.D. in anthropology with a specialization in archeology from the

University of Colorado, Boulder. She has worked with tribes and agencies throughout the country and conducted fieldwork in the Southwest and Midwest.

Her tenure with the National Park Service began in the Office of Indian Affairs and American Culture in the Intermountain Regional Office. She served as a Cultural Resource Specialist and later became a Project Manager with the Denver Service Center Planning Division. While at the center, Todd worked with over 30 parks on management challenges and oversaw the development of the Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site Draft Archeological Resources Management Plan.

"While working on the Knife River plan, I was taken by the peaceful beauty of the park and its amazing archeological resources, its history, and the local the community," Todd said. "I am thrilled to implement a plan that I had a significant role in developing. I look forward to bringing my passion for the park, its resources, and working with Native peoples and other partners to my role as superintendent."

Brenda and her husband, Adam Reynolds, are avid outdoor enthusiasts and enjoy hiking with their two dogs, backpacking in national parks, and traveling to learn about history and experience different cultures.

In 1974, Congress established Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site to preserve, research, and interpret an area rich with history and culture including the remains of three large Hidatsa villages.



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NPS Announces Fee - Free Days for 2018!

The National Park Service announced today that the public will be invited to experience all national parks, [without entrance fees](#), on four days in 2018.

The four entrance fee-free days for 2018 will be:

- **January 15th - Martin Luther King Jr Day**
- **April 21st - First Day of National Park Week**
- **September 22nd - National Public Lands Day**
- **November 11th - Veteran's Day**

“National parks connect all of us with our country’s amazing nature, culture and history,” said National Park Service Deputy Director Michael T. Reynolds. “The days that we designate as fee-free for national parks mark opportunities for the public to participate in service projects, enjoy ranger-led programs, or just spend time with family and friends exploring these diverse and special places. We hope that these fee-free days offer visitors an extra incentive to enjoy their national parks in 2018.”

Normally, 118 of the 417 national parks charge an entrance fee. The other 299 national parks do not have entrance fees. The entrance fee waiver for the fee-free days does not cover amenity or user fees for activities such as camping, boat launches, transportation, or special tours.

The annual \$80 [America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass](#) allows unlimited entrance to more than 2,000 federal recreation areas, including all national parks that charge an entrance fee. There are also free or discounted passes available for senior citizens, current members of the military, families of fourth grade students, and disabled citizens.

Other federal land management agencies offering their own fee-free days in 2018 include the [U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service](#), [Bureau of Land Management](#), [Bureau of Reclamation](#), [U.S. Forest Service](#), and [Army Corps of Engineers](#).



Photo by Cheri Atkins



Photo by Nathan Schaffer

The National Park System includes more than 84 million acres and is comprised of 417 sites, including national parks, national historical parks, national monuments, national recreation areas, national battlefields, and national seashores. There is at least one national park in every state.

Last year, 331 million people visited national parks spending \$18.4 billion which supported 318,000 jobs across the country and had a \$35 billion impact on the U.S. economy.

What is a Cooperating Association?

History of Cooperating Associations

Associations share a rich history with the National Park Service that began soon after creation of the Service in 1916. Beginning in the 1920s, Service naturalists and historians partnered with private citizens in forming nonprofit organizations to assist park areas and serve park visitors. From the beginning, these nonprofit organizations supported park programs and projects that were not readily achievable through the use of federal funds and personnel. The first of these organizations was the Yosemite Museum Association (now Yosemite Association) established in 1923 to lead a fundraising effort for a museum in Yosemite Valley. Upon successful completion of that project, the Association expanded its mission to support other kinds of education and scientific needs at that park.

Unknowingly, the founders of Yosemite Association had established a precedent-setting partnership—one that would be emulated throughout the country as other Service managers recognized the potential benefits of working with private-sector partners to support museums, libraries, exhibits, publications, and other aspects of the interpretive, educational, and scientific research programs in parks.



The collective results of cooperating association activities have had a profound impact on the Service and park visitors. Reports compiled over the years demonstrate the remarkable increase in association revenues and the aid that the associations donate to the Service. In 1951, for example, total gross revenue from all association activities was just over \$187,000 and aid to the Service was about \$18,000. By 1971, gross revenue had grown to more than \$3,700,000, with aid totaling over \$500,000. In 2012, the 72 associations reported total gross revenue of more than \$177,294,000, with donations to the Service of \$11,443,458.

While these developments promoted independence and effectiveness, they also meant that greater effort by both Associations and the NPS would be needed to ensure cooperation and collaboration. Today, frequent communication, mutual respect, shared vision, and collaborative goal setting characterize the most successful partnerships.

Association Activities (Continued on page 4)

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Historically, Associations have focused on the “educational work” identified by Congress, and their activities have primarily supported interpretation and visitor services through the production and sales of books and other materials and products to the public. However, an organization that serves the Cooperating Association function may also serve other functions in support of the NPS as long as these functions are performed under appropriate legal instruments. Organizations throughout the system are now undertaking a variety of activities.

Activities that are authorized by the standard Cooperating Association Agreement include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Providing services to park visitors through the sale and free distribution of educational materials in a variety of print and nonprint media.
- Sponsoring the development and production of materials that directly or indirectly increase the understanding and appreciation of individual park units and the Service.
- Acquiring materials for use in interpretative programs and exhibits, including historical objects, library and archival materials, equipment, and related items necessary to the educational and visitor service functions.
- Supporting the design and construction of visitor centers, museums, and related interpretive exhibits; rehabilitation of existing exhibits; and design and construction of other facilities necessary to complete the development of park areas, when use of those facilities is consistent with the Association's purposes.
- Participating in activities of organizations whose goals and objectives are compatible with those of the Service by providing logistical support and staff leadership.
- Employing Association interpretive and cultural resource staff and sponsoring internships.
- Managing Association marketing and public relations programs.
- Publishing magazines and scholarly journals.



Experience Your America by joining the National Park Service!

The National Park Service preserves the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. You can make a difference by bringing your unique experience, background, and perspective to our work.

" We are committed to promoting a workforce where the viewpoints and talents of every employee are valued, welcomed and appreciated." - former NPS Director Jon Jarvis

Opportunities for All

We offer opportunities to work in more than 400 national parks and offices—from Maine to Guam, the Virgin Islands to Alaska, and anyplace in between. We partner with communities across the country to preserve their history and create places for outdoor fun.

There are many different ways you can become involved. Are you looking for a full-time, permanent job? We've got those. Or maybe you'd prefer to work in parks for a few months as a seasonal ranger? We've got some of those, too. (See [USAJOBS](#) for listings of both permanent and seasonal jobs.) Are you a student looking for a meaningful internship or someone with some extra time who'd like to volunteer? You can find [internship](#) and [volunteer](#) opportunities to suit your needs and interests. Come work with us—in an "office" like no other.

[Learn more about the Land Management Workforce Flexibility Act](#), which allows qualified individuals serving under time-limited appointments in a land management agency to compete for permanent positions in the competitive service.



[APPLY](#) - Learn more about applying for permanent and seasonal jobs in the National Park Service and other federal agencies.

[Jobs for Students](#) - Find internship and volunteer opportunities with the National Park Service for high school, college, and graduate school students.

[Information for New Employees](#) - Already hired? Find information to help you begin your orientation process.

[Volunteer](#) - Discover the many ways to volunteer, from one-time to recurring opportunities for youth, families, groups, and individuals.

Information in this article taken from <https://www.nps.gov/aboutus/workwithus.htm>

FAQ of Seasonal NPS HIRING

How do I know if I am qualified?

Each job announcement will state the minimum qualifications and requirements for the position. This can be either experience or education or a combination of both. In addition, many jobs have additional requirements known as "selective placement factors," which are skills you must bring to jobs. Jobs may also have "Quality Ranking Factors" (QRF), which are desirable but not required.

I want to know my application status.

You can check the status of your submitted documents through USAJobs or Application Manager. An acknowledgement email is sent when documents are received by the system. Faxed documents can take up to 48 hours to process to your record.

I got a referral email, what does that mean?

You have been found qualified and have been referred to selecting official for consideration. Not all applicants who are referred are contacted for interviews.

My experience is not directly related to the job, how can I get more qualified?

Consider volunteering at a park or searching for internships through NPS partners. Volunteer experience is qualifying for experience. Remember to provide the number of hours that were volunteered or worked as an intern.

[Click here for more Frequently Asked Questions about summer employment with the National Park Service.](#)

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Theodore Roosevelt Books

Any book with Theodore Roosevelt in the title!

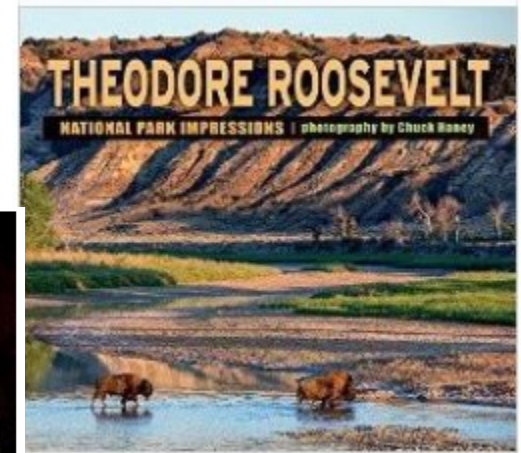
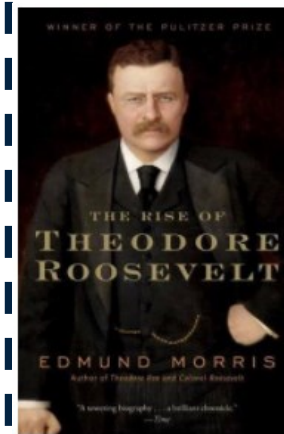
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Bring the coupon and your membership card to one of our stores or use coupon code "MemberJan" on our website to receive the discount. Expires January 31, 2018



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Online Only Special - January 2018

Each year TRNHA hosts photo contest in Theodore Roosevelt National Park which allows us to collect some amazing images of the park. We want to share these images with you and so we have created some canvas prints (only available online). Check out them out!

The canvas prints are printed with HP Latex that are fade resistant. Inks are water based and solvent free so rest assured there are no harsh chemicals in your home. All canvas prints are wrapped and shipped in fitted packaging.



Theodore Roosevelt National Park Canvas Prints

Available in varies sizes including: 8"x12", 16"x24", 20"x30", 24"x36", Panoramic Canvas Set (Set of 3 - 16"x20")

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(not good with any other offers)

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Wildland Fire: What is it and how is it managed?



When you think of the term wildfire, what comes to mind? Do you imagine a destructive fire burning everything in its path? Do you think of a natural process that is important to the health of the ecosystem? Do you picture the days and weeks after the fire as fresh, green growth sprouts from the ashes?

Fire is a natural process that can be dangerous and beneficial depending on the circumstances. Theodore Roosevelt National Park's Fire Management Plan helps to promote the positive aspects of fire while preparing for and reducing the impact of the negatives.

History of Fire Management

For most of the 1900s, wildfires were extinguished immediately. The assumption was that this protects lives, property, and natural areas. This changed following the unusually intense fire season of 1988. After decades without fire, fuels built up as woody plants grew and died. Wildfires in these fuel-rich areas burned with uncontrollable intensity. This brought the realization that wildfire management was very misdirected, and land-management agencies like the National Park Service began to rethink their policies.

The National Park Service Organic Act of 1916 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 tool to promote ecosystem health. Further, National Park Service policy requires parks with burnable vegetation 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 allows not only for fire preparedness and prevention, but for the use of fire as a natural and man-implemented tool.

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Wildfire in Theodore Roosevelt National Park

Like many forests, the North American prairie is a fire-dependent ecosystem. Fire plays a role in removing plant material and promoting new growth, essential to maintain habitat diversity. In the grasslands of Theodore Roosevelt National Park, the absence of fire allows woody plants such as sagebrush and junipers to become established, displacing the grasses and forbs that many animals require to survive.

Wildfires occur in Theodore Roosevelt National Park on average once or twice per year. Variables contributing to wildfires include weather, lightning, and human activity. Lightning is the most common cause of wildfires. The Badlands terrain and sparse vegetation cause many wildfires to extinguish themselves. Other naturally-caused wildfires may be declared as wildland fire use. We allow these to burn to achieve natural resources management goals. Fires are extinguished by firefighters if they are started by humans, threaten human lives or property, or cannot otherwise be declared as wildland fire use.

Fire is essential for grasslands diversity. This diversity changes over time in a process known as succession. Early successional plants include forbs and grasses, which later give way to shrubs, woody plants and trees. A natural grassland has a mosaic of areas in different stages of succession. Returning fire to the landscape in a responsible way allows Theodore Roosevelt National Park to sustain a mixed-age grassland, increase forage and habitat diversity for wildlife, and reduce the impact and intensity of wildfires. These fires are known as prescribed burns.

Prescribed Fire

Theodore Roosevelt National Park's prescribed fire program addresses three interrelated goals. A prescribed fire can address one or more of these goals simultaneously. To maximize benefit and reduce risk, a burn is performed at a precise time of year and under favorable weather conditions.

1. Resource benefit burning is intended to impact specific species, and may be done to the benefit or the detriment of a certain species. Examples include promoting grass growth by reducing woody plants, or controlling invasive plants like leafy spurge.
2. Hazard fuel reduction removes fuels like woody plants that contribute to uncontrollable wildfires. Hazardous fuel build-up leads to the destructive wildfires which destroy homes and lives.
3. Wildland-urban interface fires remove fuels adjacent to populated areas to protect lives and property. The goal is to lower the chance of an uncontrollable wildfire. Hazard fuel reduction and wildland-urban interface management goals are also achieved by mechanical means like cutting and haying.



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Wildland Fire Continued

Fire Management Plan

The Fire Management Plan of Theodore Roosevelt National Park maintains the processes and benefits of natural wildfires. Prescribed fires help combat invasive plants, control prairie succession, and benefit wildlife grazing. The park utilizes vegetation data to monitor how these fires affect plant species years after a burn. This data is crucial for future fire management decisions.

More Information on Wildland Firefighting

[Northern Great Plains Fire Management](#)

[National Interagency Fire Center](#)

[National Park Service Fire & Aviation Management](#)



Meet the North Dakota Group Fire Manager

Name: Rod Skalsky

Job Title: Fire Management Officer

Years with NPS: 22

Favorite Part of the Job: Implementing Rx burns in areas that will see great benefit from them.



The below photo was taken one month after the Jones Creek controlled burn in 2014, notice how the bison have found their way to this green valley.

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Darkhouse Spearfishing Workshop at Upper Souris NWR

Individuals interested in darkhouse spearfishing can sign up for a workshop offered Feb. 3 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge office northwest of Minot.

Sponsored by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, participants will learn about ice safety, the tradition of darkhouse spearfishing and required gear. In addition, there will be time spent on the ice for spearfishing with a mentor.

Registration is limited to 18 participants, with a minimum age of 12. Cost of the workshop is \$25, and all equipment is provided.

For more information or to register, contact Game and Fish Department education coordinator Brian Schaffer at 328-6312. Online registration is not available.



What is Darkhouse Spearfishing?



Darkhouse fishing consists of cutting a large hole in the ice and deploying a fish decoy. Fisherman will then sit in the dark ice shack often referred to as a dark house. The angler waits for a fish to swim into the view of his hole while holding a large spear. They wait for the fish to appear and then plunge the spear into the water at the fish. This method is often used for lake fishing in the winter. Northern pike and nongame fish are the only legal species for darkhouse spearfishing in North Dakota.

Fisherman are reminded to use caution as ice conditions in North Dakota are variable, with areas of open water in several places.



TRNHA Summer Employment Opportunities

All of our current vacant positions are seasonal beginning in early May. Click on the job title for details about the position you wish to apply for with TRNHA.

Visitor Service Clerk (4 positions available)

- The primary duty of the service clerk will be customer service at the Painted Canyon Visitor Center located along I-94 in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Clerks provide park information, sell merchandise, stock shelves, and insure that the visitor has the best experience possible. This position is an excellent opportunity for someone who is independent, has strong social skills, and is well-organized.

Operations Assistant (1 position available)

- The primary duties of the Operations Assistant will include assisting the Executive Director with management of store inventory, web sales, membership program, special events, and store operations including training staff. This position is an excellent opportunity for someone who is well-organized, self-motivated, and has strong social skills.

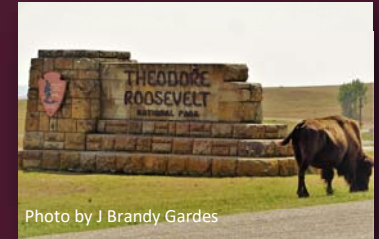
Weekend Visitor Service Clerk (part time) (1 position available)

- The primary duty of the service clerk will be customer service at the Painted Canyon Visitor Center located along I-94 in Theodore Roosevelt National Park on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Clerks provide park information, sell merchandise, stock shelves, and insure that the visitor has the best experience possible. This position is an excellent opportunity for someone who is independent, has strong social skills, and is is well-organized.



5 Reasons you will love working for TRNHA!

1. You will be working in Theodore Roosevelt National Park.



2. The view from Painted Canyon is AMAZING!



3. Bison Everywhere!
4. You get to meet people from all over the World!
5. Awesome co-workers!



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2018 TRNP Calendars

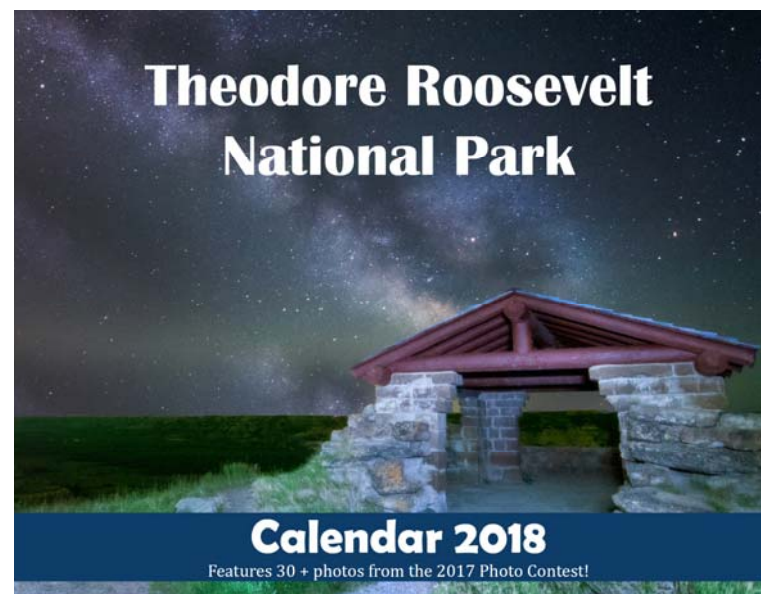
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Bison TRNP Mug

11 oz black ceramic coffee mug - 3.75" diameter

This item is made to order please allow an additional 5-7 days for shipment.

[Click here to go to our store and order!](#)

\$9.99

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National Park Service Partners with Eastern National to Create Passport to Your National Parks®

New book enhances kids' park experience with educational, interactive content, and dedicated space to collect official park cancellations.

WASHINGTON - Kids now have their own version of the popular national park passport book. Designed to complement and encourage participation in Junior Ranger programs, [Passport To Your National Parks® Junior Ranger Edition](#), will be available in time to celebrate National Junior Ranger Day on April 21, 2018, the first day of National Park Week. The book is a collaboration between the National Park Service and Eastern National, a not-for-profit partner of the National Park Service.

“National Parks are a great place for families to spend quality time together and tools like the Junior Ranger Passport help engage kids at a young age and turn them into national park enthusiasts,” said U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke. “I love taking my kids and grandkids to parks to teach them about our nation's history and wild places. Educating kids about everything our national parks have to offer is critical as we pass on the legacy of our public lands to future generations. The passport facilitates that education and also allows them to take a piece of our parks back home with them until their next visit.”

“This new book will be a fun way for young visitors to learn about, and connect with, their national parks,” said National Park Service Deputy Director Dan Smith. “And, just like the regular version of the book, it will provide a great keepsake to serve as a reminder of park visits.”

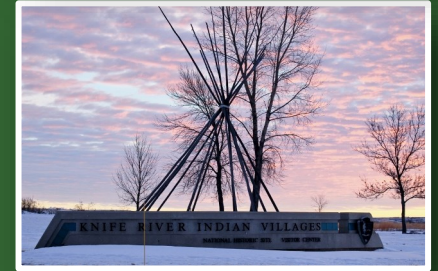


Books will go on sale at Theodore Roosevelt National Park and Knife River Indian Villages NHS around April 27th

Part of the [Passport To Your National Parks®](#) program, the Junior Ranger Passport book features dedicated pages to collect official park cancellations, or ink stamps, indicating the name and date of a park visit. Intended for children ages 5-12, the new book is full of vivid artwork from renowned illustrator Dave Klug and includes contemporary, interactive and educational content. Kids can personalize their books and commemorate their park experiences with a free starter set of colorful park-themed stickers, as well as collect a new set of stickers that will be released for sale each year.

Coinciding with the release of the new book, official Junior Ranger cancellations are available at more than 300 national parks with Junior Ranger programs. The specially designed cancellations resemble the badges earned by visitors who complete Junior Ranger programs

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and include the name of each park. Park rangers can administer the cancellation stamp at their discretion to anyone who takes the Junior Ranger oath to “Explore, Learn, and Protect.”

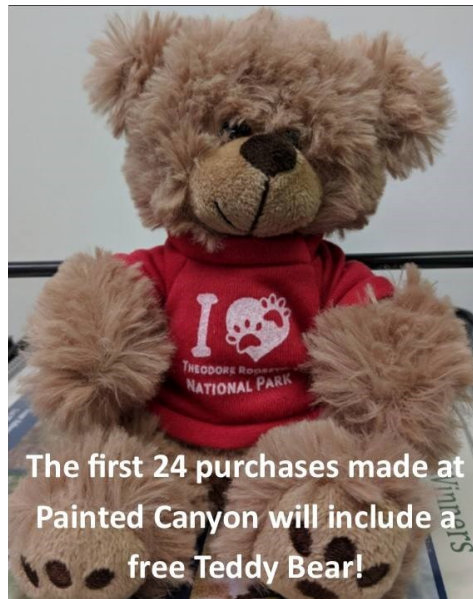
“We’re pleased to offer a new activity for kids that combine the Passport program to the National Park Service Junior Ranger Program,” said Kevin C. Kissling, president and CEO of Eastern National. “With the new Junior Ranger Passport book and cancellation, kids are encouraged to ‘Explore, Learn and Protect’ while they collect cancellations during their national park visits.”

The Passport To Your National Parks® program has introduced millions of visitors to the national park system since its launch by Eastern National in 1986. This popular program consists of a guidebook that highlights each unit of the national parks and provides space for dated ink “cancellation” stamps, which allow visitors to commemorate their experiences. Visitors can also purchase annual stamp sets, which feature photos from ten new national park sites each year.



PAINTED CANYON OPENING DAY—Join us for Cookies at the Canyon!

Painted Canyon is opening for the season on May 5th and we want to see you there. Come out and say hi to TRNHA staff. We will be serving cookies beginning at 1:00 pm MT in the visitor center. Come out enjoy the view and a cookie! Sign up for a chance to win one of our great prizes: Medora Package, mugs, T-shirts, and more! (Drawing held Monday the 7th winner will be contacted via email or phone.



The first 24 purchases made at Painted Canyon will include a free Teddy Bear!

GRAND PRIZE WINNER! (Medora Package Value \$150)

Annual Park Pass to TRNP

2 Tickets to the Medora Musical

Gift Certificate to the Little Missouri Dining Room & Saloon



Prescribed Fires Planned at Theodore Roosevelt National Park

The National Park Service plans to implement prescribed fire projects in Theodore Roosevelt National Park's North and South Units between April 24 and May 25.

Portions of two separate areas covering nearly 16,000 acres could receive burn treatments this spring.

The first area is located in the South Unit and falls within the interior of the Scenic Drive. The second area is in the North Unit and consists of everything from the Scenic Drive south to the Little Missouri River, extending from River Bend Overlook west to Oxbow Overlook

A primary objective of the burns is to restore fire to areas of the park that have historically been subjected to natural periodic wildfire. Nearly one third of the topography within the burn units includes clay buttes, moist drainages, and areas of bare ground that will not burn. These natural firebreaks greatly reduce the total area that actually burns and help firefighters contain the fire to desired areas, avoiding impacts to fire sensitive vegetation and culturally important sites. The resulting mosaic of burned and unburned areas is the desired outcome and would be expected in a naturally occurring fire.

If favorable weather and vegetative conditions continue this spring to allow for safe burns, local fire departments and law enforcement agencies will be notified and signs will be placed along neighboring roadways and at park visitor centers to notify the public. National Park Service personnel will be assisted by other federal land management agencies to carry out the prescribed burns. Portions of the park's South Unit Scenic Drive as well as Jones Creek and Paddock Creek trails may be temporarily closed as necessary for visitor safety.

Information will be available on the park's website at www.nps.gov/thro, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TheodoreRooseveltNationalPark and on twitter @TRooseveltNPS. An excellent source of fire information specific to Theodore Roosevelt National Park and the Northern Great Plains can be found at www.nps.gov/ngpfire/thro.htm.



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TRNP Changes Entrance Fee to Address Infrastructure Needs

MEDORA, ND: The National Park Service (NPS) announced today that Theodore Roosevelt National Park will modify its entrance fees to provide additional funding for infrastructure and maintenance needs to enhance the visitor experience. Effective June 1, 2018 entrance fees to the park will be \$30 per car or \$25 per motorcycle. An annual park pass will cost \$55. The price of the annual America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Annual Pass and Lifetime Senior Pass will remain \$80.

Entrance fee revenue remains in the National Park Service ensuring a quality experience for all who visit. In Theodore Roosevelt National Park, at least 80 per cent of entrance fees stay in the park and are devoted to spending that supports our visitors. We share the other 20 percent of entrance fee revenue with other national parks which do not collect fees. Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site near Williston and Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site near Stanton are among the parks that do not charge entrance fees, but may fund projects from the 20 percent fees that come from other fee collecting parks.

In response to public comments on a national fee proposal released in October 2017, there will be a modest increase for all entrance fee-charging parks, rather than the higher peak-season fees initially proposed for only 17 highly visited national parks.

“We are committed to providing a high quality visitor experience,” said Wendy Hart Ross, superintendent of the North Dakota National Parks. “Fee monies have enabled us to acquire a temporary visitor contact station in the North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park, install roadside interpretive exhibits in all units of Theodore Roosevelt National Park, improve audio visual accessibility for the park film at Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, and provide an all-weather access road to Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site. Without recreational fee funds, we would not be able to provide these and other improvements for our visitors.”

National parks have experienced record breaking visitation, with more than 1.5 billion visitors in the last five years. The combination of aging infrastructure and increased visitation has put a strain on park roads, bridges, campgrounds, water lines, bathrooms, and other visitor facilities and led to a \$11.6 billion deferred maintenance backlog nationwide.

Entrance fees collected in fiscal year 2016 by the National Park Service totaled \$199.9 million. The NPS estimates that once fully implemented, the new fee structure will increase annual entrance fee revenue by about \$60 million. The additional entrance fee revenue at Theodore Roosevelt National Park will fund the rehabilitation of the historic Peaceful Valley Ranch, campground restroom upgrades, and new signs for the entire park.

Theodore Roosevelt National Park has had an entrance fee since its establishment in 1947. The current rate of \$25 per vehicle or \$20 per motorcycle has been in effect since 2017. The park is one of 117 National Park Service sites that charge an entrance fee; the other 300 national parks will remain free to enter. The following table shows the new fee schedule that will change beginning June 1.

Theodore Roosevelt National Park				
	Per Vehicle	Per Person	Per Motorcycle	Park Specific Annual Pass
Current	\$25	\$12	\$20	\$50
June 1, 2018	\$30	\$15	\$25	\$55

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National Park Week: Three Bookmark-Worthy Resources to Help You Plan

FROM PADDLING THROUGH OLD-GROWTH FORESTS TO WATCHING METEOR SHOWERS, THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AND NATIONAL PARK FOUNDATION HAVE IDEAS FOR HOW TO CELEBRATE

Washington, D.C. (March 20, 2018) While you're beginning to daydream about warmer, longer days, the National Park Service and the National Park Foundation are preparing to help you #FindYourPark during National Park Week, April 21 through April 29. Carrying the theme "Park Stars" – which celebrates everything from starry skies to superstar volunteers – parks, programs and partners nationwide invite people everywhere to explore stories, experiences, and sites that brighten the National Park System.



"National parks are some of the best places to see stars in the world," said National Park Service Deputy Director Dan Smith. "Some illuminate the night sky and others are unique features such as panoramic vistas, otherworldly geological formations, historic artifacts and homes, and majestic wildlife. During National Park Week, enjoy a star party, junior ranger program, ranger hike, or other activity that enlightens the senses."

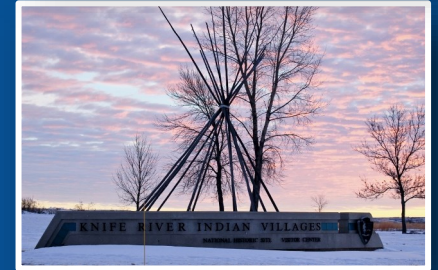
"Explore the many different ways you can experience national parks, while also contributing to the parks community," said National Park Foundation President Will Shafroth. "You can volunteer at a local park event, share a park visit with a loved one, or donate to help preserve these national treasures."



Here are three bookmark-worthy resources to help you plan your National Park Week adventures:

NationalParkWeek.org. Your go-to resource for all things National Park Week, including an important reminder that 11 parks are offering free admission on April 21.

[National Park Service calendar of events](#). There are exciting events taking place all across the country. Admire the Lyrid meteor shower at Devils Tower National *Continued on page 2*



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Monument, experience local traditions at Cane River Creole National Historical Park, paddle through an old-growth forest at Congaree National Park, go birding at Chiricahua National Monument, make fossil impressions at Niobrara National Scenic River, or walk a trail in Gateway National Recreation Area.

[National Park Foundation free park guides](#). Whether you're a hiker, a historian, a romantic, a family with friends, a crowd-lover, or someone seeking solitude, the National Park Foundation's FREE Owner's Guide series is jam-packed with ideas to help you plan your National Park Week adventure!

ABOUT THE NATIONAL PARK FOUNDATION

Celebrating 50 years, the National Park Foundation is the official charity of America's national parks and nonprofit partner to the National Park Service. Chartered by Congress in 1967, the National Park Foundation raises private funds to help PROTECT more than 84 million acres of national parks through critical conservation and preservation efforts, CONNECT all Americans with their incomparable natural landscapes, vibrant culture and rich history, and ENGAGE the next generation of park stewards. In 2016, commemorating the National Park Service's 100th anniversary, the Foundation launched The Centennial Campaign for America's National Parks, a comprehensive fundraising campaign to strengthen and enhance the future of these national treasures for the next hundred years. Find out more and become a part of the national park community at www.nationalparks.org.

Signs of Spring and a Friendly Facebook Challenge!



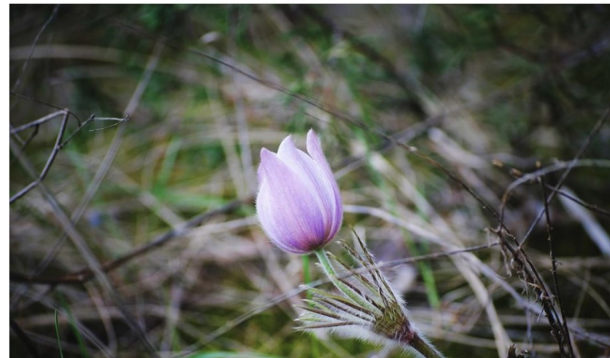
Theodore Roosevelt National Park

March 11 at 1:18pm · 🌐

In North Dakota, it sometimes feels like winter will never end, which might be why we get so caught up in looking for signs of spring. A friendly competition has developed among park staff and our neighbors, looking for the year's first pasqueflower (also called crocus). The first to see one blooming in the park wins bragging rights for the entire year. Who will take home the prize this year? Will it be you?

#FindYourPark #NewBeginnings

NPS photo / Laura Thomas



Theodore Roosevelt National Park

March 13 at 2:35pm · 🌐

In the badlands, March is marked by "firsts." The first day of spring is just a week away. The first mountain bluebirds were spotted last week. We're eagerly awaiting the western meadowlark's first pure, warbling song and the first pasqueflower to bloom. Soon the year's first frolicking bison calves will be born. This month, we watch as the park comes alive from its long winter sleep. What "firsts" do you most look forward to this spring?

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Be sure to follow Theodore Roosevelt National Park on Facebook to stay up to date on what's happening!

CALLING ALL VISITORS!

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2018 Photo Contest

Winners will be awarded in 4 photo categories!

1. Landscape
2. Animals of TRNP
3. Share Your Adventure
4. Flowers and Plants



Photo by Shannon Scott

HOW TO ENTER

Submit up to two photos (taken between September 1, 2017 and August 31, 2018) online at www.trnha.org/pictureyourselfintrnp.html of any subject found within the three units of Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Category Prize - The winner in each category will be submitted for the Overall Winner Award. They will also be featured in a 2019 calendar and receive various prizes.

Overall Winner - The overall winner's photograph will be the featured photograph on the 2019 park annual pass. Additionally, the winner will have their photo on the cover of the 2019 Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park Calendar and will receive prizes valuing \$75.

Our favorite photos will be featured in the 2019 Calendar with the top 4 photographs receiving prizes.



For registration information and contest details, please visit:

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Archeological Resource Plan Released for Knife River Indian Villages NHS

The National Park Service (NPS) is pleased to announce the release of the Final Archeological Resources Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement (Final Plan/EIS) for Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site. The central North Dakota park preserves, protects, researches and interprets archeological and natural resources related to Northern Great Plains Indian peoples. This document is a first of its kind cultural resources management plan and is the culmination of a five year effort to address long-standing threats to the site's archeological resources.

This Final Plan/EIS provides a framework for proactive, sustainable archeological resource management for the next 30 years. The planning process involved extensive input from tribal government representative, coordinating agencies, agency specialists, and the public to address four major threats to the park's archeological resources: riverbank erosion, burrowing mammals, vegetation encroachment and the location of park infrastructure. Under the preferred alternative, park managers would address riverbank erosion, burrowing mammals, and vegetation encroachment using an adaptive management process designed to provide a suite of tools for resources management, a monitoring protocol that detects changes to important indicators, and the flexibility to adapt management actions as data is collected. Park infrastructure would be moved to an alternative location inside or outside of park boundaries. The plan highlights the importance of ongoing tribal involvement in decision-making, management, research, and interpretation of park resources.

The Final Plan/EIS is now available on the NPS Planning website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/KNRifinalEIS>. Following a 30-day no-action period, a record of decision will be prepared for signature by the NPS Midwest regional director. The National Park Service values your interest in the Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site and looks forward to implementing this plan with your continued support.



PAINTED CANYON OPENING SOON!



Photo by Gary Varney

Mark your calendars and plan your stop at Painted Canyon! Weather permitting the gates will come down on May 5th. Stop by the visitor center, check out our new merchandise, and say hi to TRNHA's staff!



Photo by Nathan Schaffer

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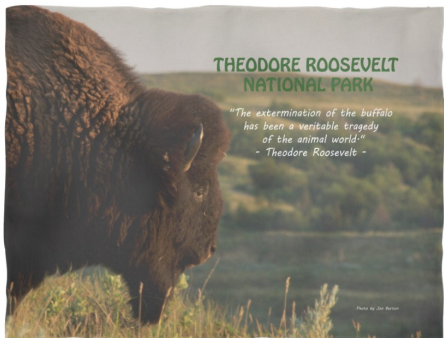
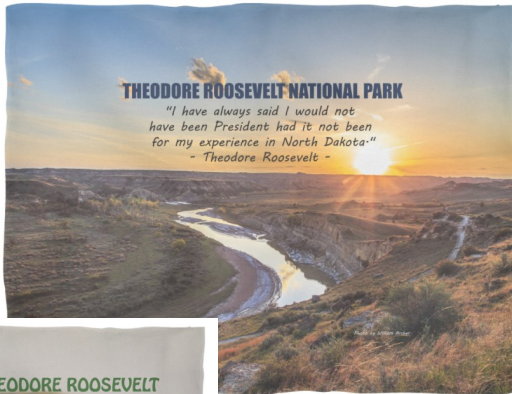
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Knife River Indian Villages NHS and the Hidatsa People



In 1832, artist George Catlin painted this portrait of a Hidatsa elder titled, Eh-toh'k-pah-she-pee-shah, Black Moccasin, Aged Chief

The Hidatsa say that long ago they were three distinct groups. Each originated from a different place and had its own dialect.

The Awatixa (meaning "Village of the Scattered Lodges") say they always lived along the Missouri near the Knife River. They tell of thirteen young couples that Charred Body brought from the sky to make a village overlooking the Missouri River. The thirteen lodges spread into thirteen villages which became the Hidatsa clans. Archeological evidence has confirmed the oral tradition revealing the "Flaming Arrow Site" approximately twenty miles south of the Knife River and dating to c. 1100 CE.

The Awaxawi (meaning "Village on the Hill") tell of living in the earth and climbing to the surface on a vine. They met the Hidatsa-proper near Devils Lake in eastern North Dakota and Awatixa along the Missouri River.

The Hidatsa-proper (meaning "People of the Willows") also lived within the earth and came to the surface near Devils Lake in North Dakota. Hidatsa warriors met corn growers along the Missouri River and decided to move there. When they arrived, the Mandan asked them to move north up the river but not so far as to become enemies.

Both archeology and cultural traits support Hidatsa oral history and origin as far east as central Wisconsin. The Awaxawi and Hidatsa-proper migrated westward sometime in the late 1500s and early 1600s.

The three Hidatsa groups settled in three separate villages at the confluence of the Knife and Missouri Rivers. After a Sioux raid destroyed the Awatixa and Awaxawi villages in 1834, these groups joined the Hidatsa-proper near their Hidatsa (Big Hidatsa) Village. For this reason, the three groups today are together known as the Hidatsa.

In 1837, a smallpox epidemic struck the Knife River Indian Villages. The Hidatsa dispersed onto the plains, avoiding the worst effects, but still suffered a nearly 50% mortality rate. In 1845, the remaining Hidatsa, along with most of the surviving

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Mandan, moved 40 miles upriver to establish Like-a-Fishhook Village, their last traditional earthlodge village.

Today, the Hidatsa are part of the Three Affiliated Tribes or Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation. They are centered on the Fort Berthold Reservation in west central North Dakota but live all over the United States and the world.

The Villages

Awatixa Xi'e Village, also known as the Lower Hidatsa Village, was established as early as 1525 CE and continuously occupied until about 1780-1785. Home to the Awatixa Hidatsa subgroup, the village covered an area of about 10 acres and contained at least 50 earthlodges. An estimated 500-600 people lived in the village until it was abandoned after a smallpox epidemic swept through the villages. The survivors moved away to other villages and established the short-lived Rock Village before returning to the area to establish the Awatixa or Sakakawea Village.

Today, the village site is accessible to visitors from a short quarter-mile trail that extends from the Visitor Center to the village. This Village Trail leads to the Awatixa or Sakakawea Village a half-mile later.



Awatixa Village, also known as Sakakawea Village, was occupied from c. 1790-1834 CE. The Awatixa Hidatsa subgroup established the village after a smallpox epidemic forced them away from the Awatixa Xi'e or Lower Hidatsa Village. It originally contained as many as sixty earthlodges with a population that fluctuated widely. In 1834, a Sioux raid burned the village to the ground. The survivors are thought to have established the short lived Taylor Bluff Village on the opposite bank of the Knife River.

Today, the Awatixa Village is also called Sakakawea Village after the woman who resided there in 1804 and joined the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The village is also the most threatened among the Knife River Indian Villages. The Knife River has eroded away part of the village, leaving only thirty-one visible earthlodge depressions. This cut-bank erosion does however allow visitors to view many cultural features and artifacts in cross-section from a trail that extends along the Knife River below the village.

Hidatsa Village, also known as Big Hidatsa Village, was the farthest north of the Knife River Indian Villages. The Hidatsa-proper subgroup established the village sometime around the year 1600 CE. The

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village covered roughly 15.5 acres and contained over 100 earthlodges. It is estimated that between 820 and 1200 people lived in the village. Notable visitors include David Thompson (1795), Lewis and Clark (1804-1806), George Catlin (1832), and Karl Bodmer (1833-1834). The Hidatsa abandoned the village in 1845, moving upriver 40 miles to establish Like-a-Fishhook Village, their last traditional earthlodge village.

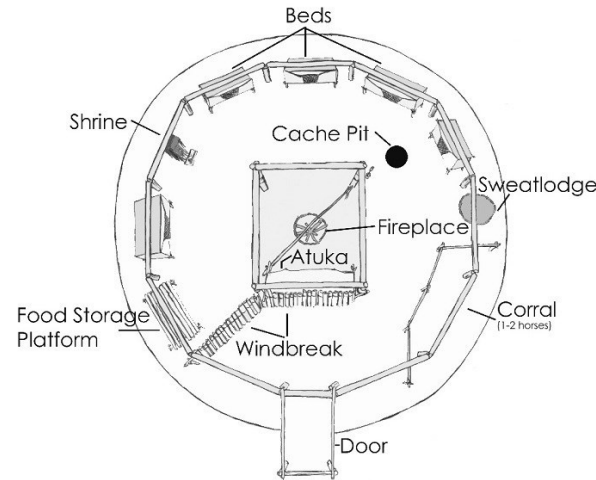
In 1964, the site was designated a National Historic Landmark to protect and preserve one of the best remaining earthlodge village sites in the Northern Plains. Today, the Hidatsa Village remains a site of profound spiritual, cultural, and archeological importance. Visitors can access the village site from a short quarter-mile trail located at the north end of the park.

The Earthlodge

With their mastery of agriculture, tribes living in the Upper Missouri River Valley developed a unique earth and wooden home to fit their sedentary lifestyle. The result of centuries of innovation and adaptation, the circular earthlodge of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara people was the perfect home for life on the Northern Plains.

Within traditional Hidatsa society, women owned and maintained the earthlodge or awahte. An older woman with the sacred and practical knowledge of earthlodge construction supervised the entire building process. The women cut four cottonwood posts and beams and, with the help of the men, erected a central support structure. The women then erected an outer circle of posts and cross beams, leaned split logs to form a wall, and lifted the rafters into place. On top of this framework, the women laid bunches of willow branches, dried prairie grass, and thick sod to complete the structure. The finished earthlodge would be between thirty and sixty feet in diameter, ten to fifteen feet high, and took approximately seven to ten days to complete from start to finish. The women rebuilt the earthlodges approximately every ten years.

An earthlodge housed between ten and twenty people, usually sisters and their families. Beds were located around the outer ring in the areas between support poles. Personal items were kept under the beds while general use items were kept on raised platforms similar to bed frames. A typical earthlodge also contained a corral for prized war and hunting ponies on one side of the door.



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TRNP Spring Beauty by Theodore Roosevelt

Theodore Roosevelt is known for more than just being a great president, he had a passion for nature and often wrote about it. Below are a few quotes that we think best describe spring in Theodore Roosevelt National Park

1. "...wild flowers should be enjoyed unplucked where they grow."



2. "Spring would not be spring without bird songs, any more than it would be spring without buds and flowers, and I only wish that besides protecting the songsters, the birds of the grove, the orchard, the garden and the meadow, we could also protect the birds of the sea-shore and of the wilderness."



3. "Around the prairie-dog towns it is always well to keep a look-out for the smaller carnivora, especially coyotes and badgers...and for the larger kinds of hawks. Rattlesnakes are quite plenty, living in the deserted holes, and the latter are also the homes of the little burrowing owls."



4. "This broken country extends back from the river for many miles and has been called always by Indian, French voyager and American trappers alike, the Bad Lands."

5. "I grow very fond of this place, and it certainly has a desolate, grim beauty of its own, that has a curious fascination for me."

6. "It was here that the romance of my life began."



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June 2018

64th Annual Birdwalk & Breakfast

The 64th Annual Birdwalk in Theodore Roosevelt National Park will be held in the park's South Unit on Sunday, June 3rd. Join us for a leisurely one-hour stroll beginning bright and early at 6:30 a.m. MDT. Come rain or shine we will gather in the Campground to add to our life lists. TRNHA archives show not one birdwalk over the past 63 years has been cancelled.

This event welcomes both novice and experienced birders alike. Participants will meet at the Cottonwood Campground registration area. Each year, 40-50 species are observed during this popular outing and during the last 20 years over 80 different species have been sighted.

Following the walk, at approximately 8:00 a.m. TRNHA will host breakfast at the Cottonwood Campground Picnic Area. In order to help defray the cost of breakfast we will be requesting a free-will donation. Those interested in attending the breakfast are encouraged to make reservations in order to assist in planning the event. To make reservations for the breakfast, call 701-623-4884 or e-mail info@trnha.org.



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Do YOU Have What it Takes?

By: Kevin Kitzhoffer

"Though small in number, their influence is large. Many and long are the duties heaped upon their shoulders. If a trail is to be blazed, it is "send a ranger." If an animal is floundering in the snow, a ranger is sent to pull him out; if a bear is in the hotel, if a fire threatens a forest, if someone is to be saved, it is "send a ranger." If a Dude wants to know the why, if a Sagebrusher is puzzled about a road, it is "ask the ranger." Everything the ranger knows, he will tell you, except about himself."

-Stephen Mather, 1st Director of the National Park Service

So you think you have what it takes to work at a National Park? Are you ready to wear the green-and-grey uniform? What about the iconic "flat hat"? Most importantly, are you ready to become a steward to the most spectacular, historical, and culturally-significant places in America? If you said "yes" to all of these questions, you might be ready to join over 20,000 men and women who work for the National Park Service. For over a century, they have performed a variety of tasks in order to uphold the mission of preserving unimpaired the natural and cultural resources set aside by the American people for future generations. They are a unique group of people who come from all different backgrounds and have very different skillsets. They are tasked with a large responsibility, and not all parts of the job are easy, but they all are united under one title: the park ranger.

Just as our parks reflect the diversity of American life, so too, do our park rangers. Parks are complex systems, and many require a large staff in order to keep them open and accessible to the public. Every park ranger has a unique job to perform, but at the same time, they contribute to the bigger picture of preserving our parks for the enjoyment of this and current generations. Leading the way at most parks is a **superintendent**. He or she oversees the entire operation of the park and makes sure both staff and visitors are at their happiest. A superintendent is assisted by an entire **administration team** that takes care of budgeting, human resources, information technology, and even day-to-day tasks that ensure the park is running efficiently.



Law Enforcement Rangers are a crucial part of keeping parks operating smoothly and safely. They protect both the visitors and the park's resources from harm. By making sure everyone is following the rules, the park can remain a peaceful and beautiful place for visitors to enjoy. The pathway to becoming a Law Enforcement Ranger typically includes some sort of formal training, seasonal work, and then finally, full-time status. The **maintenance staff** includes skilled technicians, drivers, and laborers that ensure that all buildings, facilities, and roads are kept in top shape and in working order. The next time you are at a park and walk into a clean picnic area or rest station, be sure to thank the maintenance staff!

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Visitor-Use Assistants collect entrance fees, issue park passes, and provide information to visitors coming arriving at the park. For some visitors, the VUA is the first and only contact with a ranger they will ever have during their stay at the park. As a result, a VUA must be well-informed, observant, and welcoming. For visitors looking for a more informative and educational experience while at a National Park, they may seek out an **Interpretive ranger** to help answer their questions or teach them about the curiosities in the park. Overall, an Interpretive Ranger's responsibility is to connect visitors to the park and create the next generation of park stewards. They do this by leading interpretive hikes, developing intriguing programs that are engaging to visitors, and even giving talks around the campfire to discuss the wonders and stories that are found in every park.

Finally, the **Resource Management team** includes the biologists, geologists, anthropologists, and even Geographic Information Specialists (GIS) that ensure that all of the resources in the park are healthy or well-maintained. Everything you enjoy seeing in a park, such as animals, plants, artifacts, and scenery are preserved and protected by these staff members.

We all have a different image that comes to mind when we hear the word "ranger" and to define the term in a concise way is no easy feat. Rangers are the personification of the parks and they do their best to make them places of wonder, admiration, and joy. Just as iconic as the parks themselves, rangers sometimes take on the larger-than-life characteristics we attribute to superheroes or folk legends.



However, it is important to remember that a ranger can be anyone we know, from our neighbors to our friends. A park ranger can even be YOU if you are willing to take on the responsibility. Being a guardian of America's greatest treasures isn't always the easiest task, but ask any ranger, and you'll be assured that it is absolutely worth it.

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Meet TRNHA's 2018 Summer Staff!



TRNHA is pleased to welcome back a few familiar face and to welcome a new face to our summer crew. Be sure to stop by Painted Canyon or our office in Medora and say hi to Linda, Stephanie, Rylann, Remington, and Kevin! They are excited to see you and answer all your questions. Also they have some great merchandise on the shelves!



South Unit Road Construction

Major road construction is planned for the park's South Unit in the summer of 2018. **Work is scheduled to begin Monday, May 7.** The construction zone will begin at the park entrance and extend 3 miles into the park. Included in the project will be the demolition and repaving of the South Unit Visitor Center parking lot and sidewalks.

All visitors will be impacted by the construction upon entering and when leaving the South Unit. This includes campers bound for [Cottonwood Campground](#), though the campground itself will not be under construction.

Delays are expected on weekdays only. We will do our best to keep wait times as short as possible, preferably under 30 minutes.

Please obey traffic signals. Portable traffic signals are being used to safely route traffic through the construction areas. Running red lights will take you into oncoming traffic or into the path of heavy machinery. Always wait for a green light, keeping in mind wait times could be up to 30 minutes.

Expect rough road surfaces. Where the road surface has been removed, vehicles will travel on a temporary surface of compacted dirt and/or gravel. Crews will do their best to keep temporary road surfaces in good shape, but there may be times, especially after rain, when the surface will not be suitable for some vehicles, specifically motorcycles and large RVs and trailers. Conditions will change frequently; the park is unable to provide up-to-the minute road condition information. [All current information we can offer will be available on this page.](#)



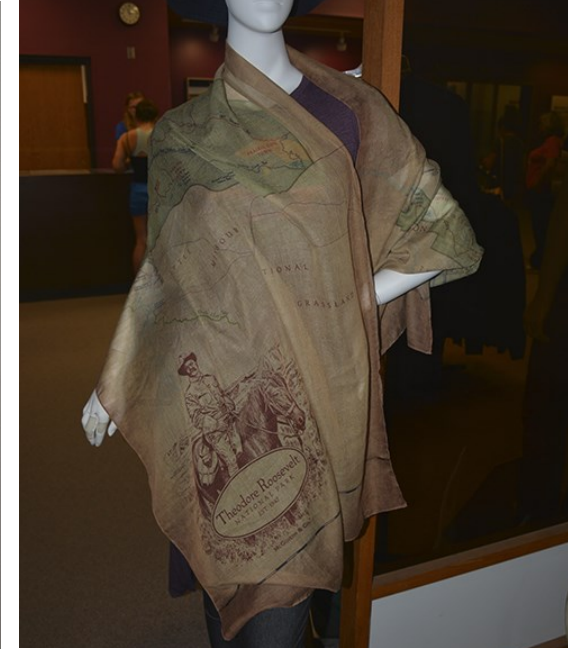
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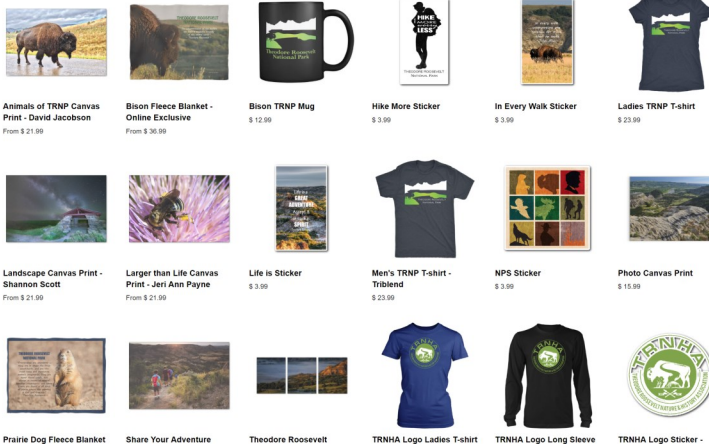


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TRNHA NEWSLETTER

July 2018

Visit Theodore Roosevelt National Park: A Great Plains Gem

by: Kyle Nossaman

Theodore Roosevelt National Park, nestled in the Badlands in the southwest corner of North Dakota, is a colorful, dynamic, unpopulated playground for outdoor enthusiasts.

From packrafting to backcountry hiking, mountain biking, and wildlife viewing (read: hundreds of wild bison, horses, deer, pronghorn antelope, prairie dogs, hawks, etc.), our visit to the North and South Units of Theodore Roosevelt National Park was filled to the brim.

We stuck around from April 21 to 26, the tail end of the park's off-season. This coincided with the peak flow of the Little Missouri River. The campgrounds were quiet and empty, and the weather was primo: highs in the 60s and lows in the 40s.

Before our trip, people told us to be sure to visit the North Dakota Badlands. But we envisioned them being a lesser version of the more recognizable (and well known) South Dakota Badlands (i.e., Badlands National Park). The Badlands of Theodore Roosevelt National Park were mind-bogglingly beautiful – rugged, giant sedimentary rock formations with colorful layers stretch for miles. And with no regulations requiring visitors to stay on established trails, the park is an adventurer's playground.

Our Preparation

After some brief research on nps.gov and in our book (recommended), it was very apparent that no reservations or permits were going to be needed for our off-season stay. Even the town of Medora, North Dakota (the entrance to the South Unit), doesn't really open for the season until early to mid-May.

Upon arriving at the North Unit, we stopped in the visitor's center for a map, some trail recommendations, and to inquire about the river level. Beyond that, we planned each day's activities the night before.



Theodore Roosevelt National Park: Best Adventures

1. Caprock Coulee Trail at sunset (North Unit) A moderately difficult 4.2-mile loop, the Caprock Coulee Trail is one of the more popular day hikes in the North Unit. We started around 7:30 p.m. with headlamps in our bags, racing the clock to fit in one more trail before day's end.

The trail winds in and out of the Badlands formations. It dives deep into steep canyons and back out to an overlook of the Little Missouri River. We arrived just at sunset (highly recommended) as pink, purple, blue, orange, and yellow illuminated the valley below and distant rocks. [Continued on page 2](#)



Editor's note: This article is part of a #NationalParksFieldTrip series, written by GearJunkie editor Kyle Nossaman as he and his wife visit national parks during a full year on the road.



TRNHA 2018 EVENT SCHEDULE



June 3, 2018 64th Annual Birdwalk
Cottonwood Campground , Theodore
Roosevelt National Park



Teddy Bear Picnics in the Park!

July 10th - South Unit

July 24th - North Unit



Visit Theodore Roosevelt National Park: A Great Plains Gem (continued)

2. Sperati Point to South Achenbach Trail, packraft the Little Missouri River back to Juniper Campground (North Unit) After asking about the river level at the visitor's center and looking closely at the park map, we discovered that the South Achenbach Trail goes down from Sperati Point (a nice overlook) and across the Little Missouri River. You can trace the river north all the way back to Juniper Campground, the only campground in the North Unit.

With an Alpaca Gnu and a couple of Aqua-Bound Manta Ray Carbon 4pc paddles in our gear stash, it was an obvious adventure to take on. With the 8-pound packraft in one backpack and paddles, food, and water in another, we hiked about 4 miles down to the river and floated 10 quick miles in two hours back to our campsite. Beware: The river is muddy and really only floatable in the spring.



3. Buckhorn Trail (North Unit) A rarely traveled 11.4-mile loop in the wilderness area of the North Unit, Buckhorn Trail made for an epic day. It's a fantastic remote trail that puts you alongside prairie dog towns, grazing bison, and bighorn sheep through Badland canyons and atop grassy plateaus.

The trail is difficult to follow due to bison trails and miniature streams that tend to look like hiking trails. Few and far between are signposts that mark the way. It's an excellent challenge to navigate in the wilderness, and the trail encompasses everything the park has to offer. Bring ample water and hone your orientation skills before tackling it.

4. Petrified Forest (South Unit) In the South Unit, many consider the 36-mile scenic loop drive the main attraction. It's enjoyable and worthwhile, but the Petrified Forest in the northwest corner of the park is a better way to get out there and see new scenery. The ancient forest is only accessible via a long, one-way hiking trail from within the park or by exiting the park in your vehicle and driving 7 miles north on a dirt road.

Once a luscious everglade forest, the place is now a desert basin filled with petrified wood. The wood is rock hard, with massive stumps and tiny shards dotting the landscape. It's extremely unique, and a 10-mile hiking loop takes you along the areas with the most petrified wood. If you want to skip the 10-mile loop, at least do an out-and-back along the North Petrified Forest Trail.

Tips and Tricks

Bring binoculars – there's wildlife everywhere! Bison, prairie dogs, deer, pronghorn antelope, bighorn sheep, longhorns, hawks, and other species are around every corner. Every hike and drive feels like a safari.



Wear hiking shoes that can withstand a lot of mud. The ground is soft, dried mud, and though it may look dry, it can be extremely squishy. Our shoes became caked with mud, adding pounds of weight and slowing us down. Expect to get dirty, especially after a recent rain.

Don't be fooled by the small size of the North Unit compared to the South Unit. We found the North Unit to be less crowded and more varied, with great hiking trails and epic views of the Little Missouri River. Plan to spend some time up there, about 1.5 hours north of the South Unit.

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Visitor Center Hours

Theodore Roosevelt National Park

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

Painted Canyon Closed for Season
(OPENING MAY 5th!!)

North Unit 9:00 am to 5:00 pm CT
(North Unit open Friday to Monday only)

Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site

8:00 am to 4:30 pm CT

Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge

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

What's Happening

April 21-28, 2018
National Park Week



Looking to Entertain the Kids?

TAKE A STEP INTO THE WILD WEST!

Kids of all ages are welcome to join us at Theodore Roosevelt National Park for Annual Teddy Bear Picnics!

July 10, 2018 - 10:30 am MT to 12:45 am MT

Peaceful Valley Ranch - Theodore Roosevelt National Park
South Unit - Medora, ND

Event Schedule

10:30 to 12:00—Join us for some fun crafts and learning activities about the life of a cowboy in the wild west!

12:00 to 12:45—Since there are no tables, make sure to bring your own blankets for a taco in a bag picnic. After lunch, we will have a visit from a special guest and of course Teddy Bears!



There is construction on the first 4 miles of the road, plan for approximately 30 minute delays



July 24, 2018 - 11:30 am CT to 1:15 pm CT

Juniper Campground Picnic Shelter - Theodore Roosevelt National Park
North Unit, Watford City, ND

Event Schedule

11:30 to 12:15—Join us for a picnic in the wild west! We will be serving a walking taco lunch with activities to follow! There are tables but for a real cowboy picnic please consider bringing a blanket.

12:15 to 1:15—We will have fun crafts and learning activities about the life of a cowboy in the wild west! All participants will receive Teddy Bears and be sure to stick around for a visit from a special guest!



RSVP is not required but is greatly appreciated to plan for lunch!

For more information contact:
Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association
701-623-4884 - info@trnha.org

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Join us in Medora for our 4th of July Celebration

Parade at 3:30 pm

Fireworks following the Musical (around 10)

The fireworks will be shot from the west side of the Little Missouri River, near the Medora Campground. The best viewing area for guests will be at Medora's Chimney Park. Spectators can setup lawn chairs, blankets, etc. in the park on the East side of the river.



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Consider visiting the park in late April, like we did. The weather is getting warmer, the river is at its highest, and you have the whole park to yourself.

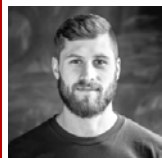
What We Wish We Had Known

Water is unavailable in the park. You have to bring water in bulk from nearby towns before entering (due to excess minerals in the water). The nearest towns are easily accessible via 10- to 20-minute drives.

The Maah Daah Hey Trail, a well-known long-distance mountain biking trail, cannot be biked within park boundaries. Though it does cut straight through the South Unit, you can only ride the trail south and north of the park. If you're looking to tackle the whole 150-mile route, plan to hop on the Buffalo Gap Trail, which skirts the South Unit and reconnects with the MDH just to its north. We opted for 12 miles of fun and scenic riding on a section called The Deuce. This part of the Maah Daah Hey Trail is just south of Medora.

Medora is a tiny western town at the entrance of the South Unit. On a map, it looked like a decent-sized city where we could find Wi-Fi, grocery stores, and hangout spots. The one convenience store, the town's only gas station and grocery retailer, had some water jugs and a few camp necessities. Otherwise, because the season doesn't start until May, the town was dormant with one open restaurant. During peak months, though, it looks like it could really come alive with a fudge shop, a movie theater, museums, and more.

Knowing almost nothing about the park before our visit, it very quickly surprised us with its variety, beauty, abundant wildlife, and epic adventures. Don't stop with the tourist trap of the scenic drives. Instead, get out there and explore the vast playground in any number of ways. You won't be disappointed.



An Arkansas native, Kyle Nossaman moved to Minneapolis after graduation and joined GearJunkie as an assistant editor and account manager. When he's not hard charging through the city on his fixed gear bike, you'll find him mountain biking, running, hiking, snowboarding, cheering on the Razorbacks or adventuring with his wife.

More on the author and this article can be found at <https://gearjunkie.com/theodore-roosevelt-national-park>

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4. Volunteer - [Contact us](#) and ask how you can help with special events, serve on our board of directors, or help out at a sales outlet!
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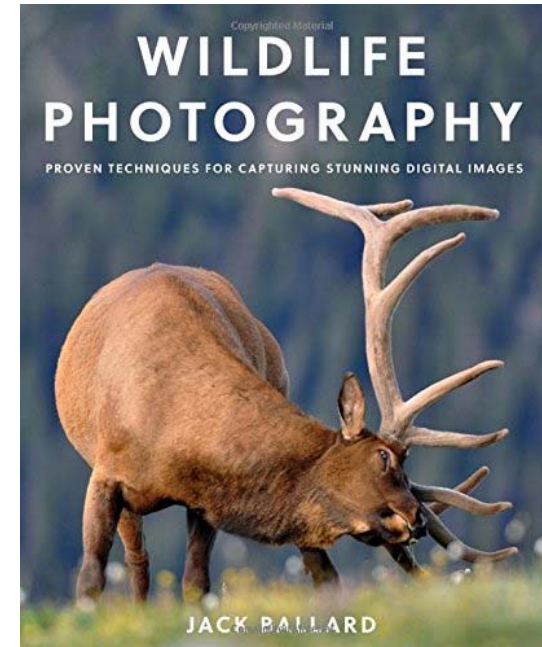
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Teddy Bear Picnics



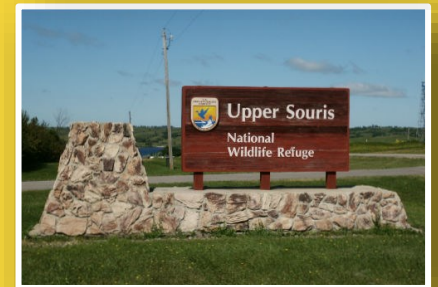
In 2010, TRNHA decided to create a fun event for young park visitors that honored Theodore Roosevelt and encouraged them to explore the great outdoors. So, was born Teddy Bear Picnics in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. The picnics started out small with just snacks and outdoor activities in the South Unit next to the Maltese Cross Cabin. TRNHA staff soon realized how fun these events could be and decided to expand, first by adding a North Unit picnic and then adding lunch.

Our very first picnic in 2010 brought in just 17 people, but this year's picnics brought in 62 people to the South Unit and a record 232 to the North Unit. We were surprised by the turnout and are very excited to see the growth of this fun event. However, as this event continues to gain popularity the need for funding also increases. Lucky for us we have found some great sponsors to help us purchase food, teddy bears for every kid, and supplies for our activities. Dean and Debbie Rodne, Wild Tribute, and Conoco Phillips were this years sponsors providing funds to assist us with this great event.

Meet our Sponsors:

The Rodne's are a local family who have been great supporters of TRNHA and Theodore Roosevelt National Park. A few years ago Debbie suggested we give Teddy Bears out to the children in attendance at this event and offered to purchase them. Every year since the family has donated \$500 to be used for teddy bears or other supplies. We can't thank this wonderful family enough for helping us build this great event.

Wild Tribute and TRNHA began working together in 2016 to bring amazing t-shirts, mugs, stickers, and more to our National Park Stores. Wild Tribute was founded to honor our national parks and public lands. Not only do they provide us with a great product but they also give back, as 4% of their annual income is given to public lands. This year we received a donation which was used to assist us in purchasing more teddy bears and supplies for our walking taco lunch. We love our Wild Tribute merchandise and are incredibly thankful for their continued support which allows us to keep this event free to the public.



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Dakota Nights September 7-9

Join astronomers, rangers, and historians as they come together for a three-day festival celebrating North Dakota's starry nights and rich heritage! Stand under the expansive night sky that influenced cultures of American Indian tribes, inspired modern space exploration, and is still yours to experience today!

Theodore Roosevelt National Park and Historic Medora welcome you to evenings of star viewing, special presentations, rocket building and launching, children's activities, and much more as we celebrate Dakota Nights!

Most activities are included with your park entry fee, except when otherwise noted.

Park in Medora. Rocket kits are \$10.



Teddy Bear Picnics (Continued from page 1)

Our final sponsor, is a long time partner of TRNHA. Conoco Phillips came to us several years ago with the question, "How can we help you serve the local community?" and so began the relationship of them donating to support special events in the parks we serve. This year the funds received were used to prepare for the North Unit Picnic. Since our theme was "Take a Step into the Wild West", funds from Conoco Phillips were used to purchase roping supplies, horse shoes, crafting supplies, and of course help with lunch expenses. We can't thank them enough for always being there to help out with our in house events!



The Story of the Teddy Bear!

Did you know that the Teddy Bear was invented in honor of President Theodore Roosevelt? It all began when Theodore Roosevelt was on a bear hunting trip near Onward, Mississippi on November 14, 1902. He had been invited by Mississippi Governor Andrew H. Longino, and unlike other hunters in the group, had not located a single bear.

Roosevelt's assistants, led by Holt Collier, a born slave and former Confederate cavalryman, cornered and tied a black bear to a willow tree. They summoned Roosevelt and suggested that he shoot it. Viewing this as extremely unsportsmanlike, Roosevelt refused to shoot the bear. The news of this event spread quickly through newspaper articles across the country. The articles recounted the story of the president who refused to shoot a bear. However, it was not just any president, it was Theodore Roosevelt the big game hunter!

A political cartoonist by the name of Clifford Berryman read the article and decided to lightheartedly lampoon the president's refusal to shoot the bear. Berryman's cartoon appeared in the Washington Post on November 16, 1902. A Brooklyn candy shop owner by the name of Morris Michtom saw the cartoon and had an idea. He and his wife Rose were also makers of stuffed animals, and Michtom decided to create a stuffed toy bear and dedicate it to the president who refused to shoot a bear. He called it 'Teddy's Bear'.

After receiving Roosevelt's permission to use his name, Michtom mass produced the toy bears which were so popular that he soon founded the Ideal Toy Company. To this day the Teddy Bear has worldwide popularity and its origin can be traced back to Theodore's fateful hunting trip in 1902.

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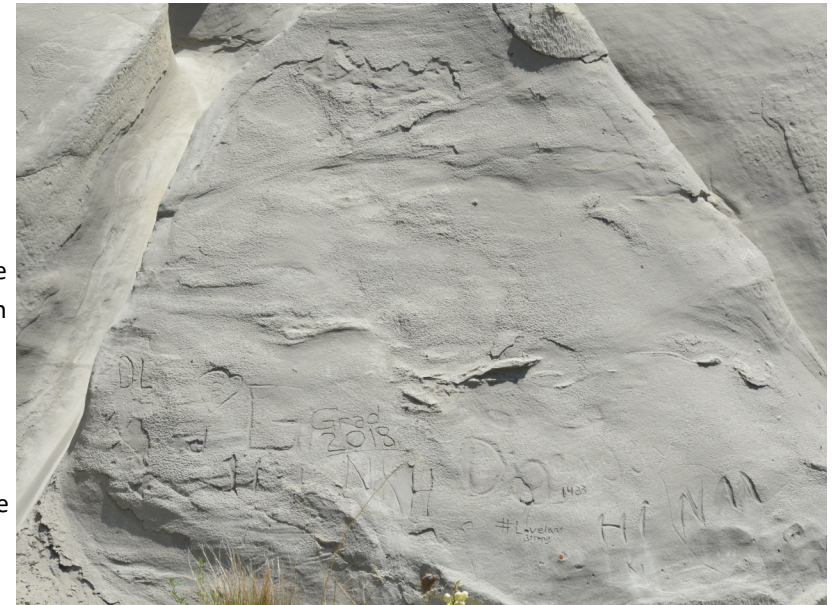
Love This Place. Leave No Trace

By: Kevin Kitzhoffer

We have all stared in amazement at the seemingly endless, rolling bluffs of the Little Missouri Badlands. Our jaws have dropped as we gaze at the varied and colorful rock faces. We've hiked to the tops of their peaks and pondered the infinite capacity of our own human spirits. What Theodore Roosevelt National Park can teach us is the indelible connection that man has with nature. Theodore Roosevelt loved this place, and so do we.

Oftentimes, however, that "love" of place doesn't always translate to a "respect" of that same place. Every once in a while, a visitor will take it upon themselves to disrespect the natural landscape by carving their initials into a tree, or spray-painting their name onto a rock. We see it happen at parks everywhere, and Theodore Roosevelt National Park is no exception. What these perpetrators seem to be forgetting is that nature does not belong to just one person. In our parks and public lands, nature is a shared treasure and available for all to enjoy. These landscapes are being preserved not just for the benefit of current generations, but for the future generations yet to come. While at Theodore Roosevelt National Park, we want to see the beautiful, natural landscape in its most pristine form (just like Theodore Roosevelt did). The cannonball concretions are better left without pictures scribbled into their surface. The cottonwood trees are more lovely when they don't have letters carved into their trunks. The vistas from Wind Canyon are more awe-inspiring when a heart or smiley face is not written on the sides. When practiced by all, outdoor ethics and proper Leave No Trace principles help prevent this vandalism at the park and keep it from being loved to death. All it takes is a little respect of nature and a small portion of self-restraint. Always remember that you, too, can play a role in preserving the land by reminding others of responsible park etiquette and by reporting any activity you may see to park staff immediately.

The most wonderful thing about our National Parks, including this one, is that they are preserved in perpetuity for all to enjoy. People from all walks of life can visit a National Park and find an intimate connection to it. Our parks give meaning to hallowed places and infuse us with our own, unique American identity. However, as parks continue to receive record visitation in the 21st century, we must focus on what makes them so special and how we can safeguard their natural and historic features for centuries to come. The National Park Service is assigned with the task of preserving the most significant places in America, and with a little help from all of us, we can keep them preserved for future generations. It is the greatest good we can give to our children, and Theodore Roosevelt himself would certainly agree!



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TRNHA NEWSLETTER

September 2018

Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge

Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) is one of over 540 refuges in the National Wildlife Refuge System - a network of lands set aside and managed by the US Fish and Wildlife Service specifically for wildlife. The Refuge System is a living heritage, conserving wildlife and habitat for people today and generations to come. Upper Souris NWR lies in the beautiful Souris River Valley of northwestern North Dakota and extends for nearly 35 miles along the Souris River corridor. This 32,092-acre Refuge, managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, is an important unit in a series of national wildlife refuges in the great waterfowl migration corridor known as the Central Flyway.

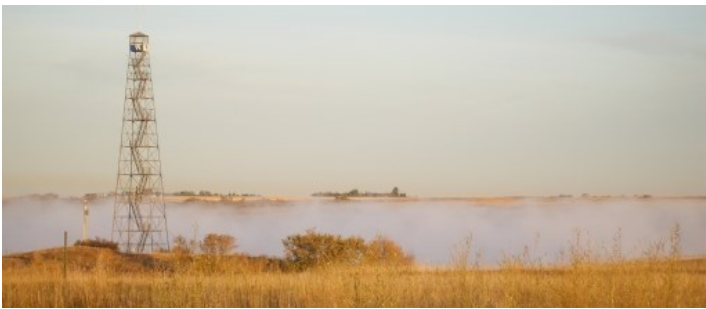
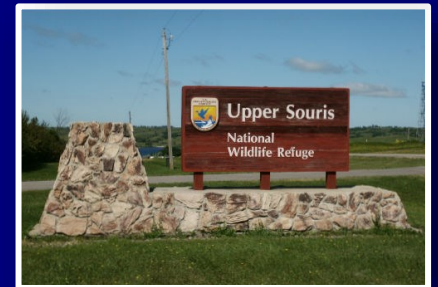
The purpose for establishing the Refuge in 1935 was "...as a refuge and breeding ground for migratory birds and other wildlife..." The Refuge habitat is managed for diversity to provide the life requirements of all wildlife. Grasslands are periodically grazed, hayed, burned and rested to provide good nesting and escape cover for wildlife and to rejuvenate the vegetation.

Lake Darling, a 9,600-acre lake named in honor of Ding Darling, is the largest of several water impoundments on the Refuge. Its primary purpose is to furnish a regulated supply of water to smaller marshes downstream and especially to the larger marshes on the J. Clark Salyer Refuge, 110 miles downstream. The lake is designed to hold a two-year supply of water to safeguard marshes downstream against the threat of drought. The dam also makes it possible to reduce the flooding and to regulate releases during periods of low flow. Both operations benefit people in the valley below the dam.

The proper management of water permits an active fisheries program on the Refuge. This is a cooperative effort between the Refuge and the Missouri River Fish and Wildlife Management Assistance Office. Northern pike, walleye, yellow perch and smallmouth bass may be caught in the lake and Souris River.

One successful Refuge management program has been the reestablishment of a resident Canada goose flock. These magnificent birds were once common, but they gradually disappeared with loss of habitat due to change in land use. The first "honkers" were reintroduced in 1940 and the flock has grown to about 250 birds.

Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge lies in the beautiful Souris River Valley of northwestern North Dakota and extends for nearly 35 miles along the River.



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SOUTH UNIT ROAD CONSTRUCTION

In order to accommodate the busy Labor Day holiday weekend, the road construction schedule in the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park will temporarily change.

Construction will cease on Friday, August 31 at 12:00 noon MDT. No construction will occur during the weekend. Visitors can expect rough road surfaces but no delays Friday afternoon through Monday, September 3.

Construction will resume its regular schedule on Tuesday, September 4 at 7:00 a.m. MDT and proceed throughout the week. Road work will again be suspended at 5:00 p.m. MDT on Friday, September 7 through Sunday, September 9, to accommodate the park's sixth annual Dakota Nights Astronomy Festival.

Once construction resumes again at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, September 10, it will continue daily until work is completed in mid-October on the 3.5 mile stretch of road from the park entrance at Pacific Avenue in Medora to the prairie dog town on Johnson's Plateau. During construction periods, pilot cars and traffic signals will be in use and delays are anticipated to be no longer than 30 minutes.

Information and updates will be available on the park's website at www.nps.gov/thro, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TheodoreRooseveltNationalPark and on twitter @TRooseveltNPS.

Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge

VISITING THE REFUGE

Upper Souris is a special place for wildlife and people. Yet, as a Wildlife Refuge, it is a place where the needs of wildlife come first. To ensure that this happens, regulations have been established to provide wildlife and their habitats with adequate protection from visitors. Although these regulations may be inconvenient to some or seem overly restrictive, they are necessary to protect wildlife populations and habitat and, in some instances, to safeguard visitors.

Visitors are responsible for knowing the Refuge regulations listed in our brochures and on our signs. By observing these rules, visitors will make the Refuge a better place for themselves and the wildlife they come to enjoy. The Refuge is open daily from 5:00 AM to 10:00 PM.

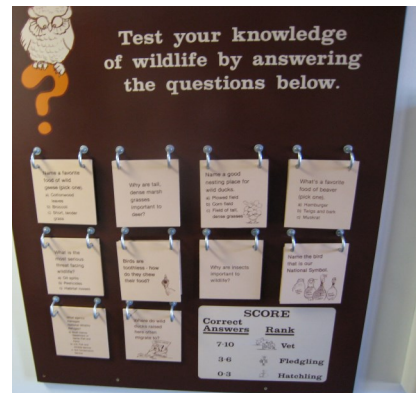
Interpretive exhibits and a book sales outlet at the Office/Visitor Center allow visitors to learn more about the Refuge and its management. Refuge brochures covering fishing, hunting, canoe trails, the scenic drive, mammals, birds and native grasses are available at the Office/Visitor Center, as well as the information site southwest of the dam.

The Office/Visitor Center and the rest rooms at Landing #3 are wheelchair accessible. The Outlet Fishing Area has wheelchair accessible tables, grills and a fishing pier, as well as rest rooms, sidewalks and parking. The Prairie-Marsh Scenic Drive has a wheelchair accessible overlook of the beautiful Souris River Valley. The bridge and part of the shoreline at the Grano Crossing is wheelchair accessible.

More information and a map can be found in our Upper Souris NWR [general brochure](#).

The Refuge headquarters and visitor center is located southeast of the Lake Darling Dam and is open between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The 32,092-acre Refuge offers a wide variety of activities which can be enjoyed from 5:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily.

Interpretive exhibits and the Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association (TRNHA) book store outlet is located at the Refuge Headquarters and visitor center. Visitors can obtain various Refuge brochures as well as learn more about the Refuge by viewing antler sheds, animal pelts, fossils and other collections.



Annual Dakota Nights Astronomy Festival

Theodore Roosevelt National Park and the town of Historic Medora invite inquiring minds of all ages to attend the sixth annual Dakota Nights Astronomy Festival Friday, September 7 through Sunday, September 9. Join park rangers, astronomers, and space enthusiasts of all types to celebrate North Dakota's beautiful night skies.

"People have been marveling at the night skies for thousands of years," said Chief of Interpretation Eileen Andes. "Dakota Nights celebrates the beauty and fragility of this awe-inspiring resource and makes it accessible and fun for people of all ages. You don't have to be an astronomy expert; our festival has something for everyone."

Visitors are invited to enjoy presentations by special guest speakers at 7:00 p.m. MDT each evening at the park's Cottonwood Campground amphitheater. Friday evening's speaker is Dr. Corinne Brevik, Associate Professor of Physics at Dickinson State University, who will speak about planets and solar systems beyond our own. Star lore historian and storyteller Mary Stewart Adams will speak about dark night skies and their connection to human imagination on Saturday evening. On Sunday evening, Park Ranger Andrea Martinson will help visitors get acquainted with the park's nocturnal wildlife. After each evening's presentation, astronomers will share the mysteries of the universe while star gazing in a field of more than a dozen telescopes at the historic Peaceful Valley Ranch.

Daytime activities include model rocket building and launching, kids' crafts and activities, "sun gazing," solar system hikes, presentations, and hourly shows in Dickinson State University's Discovery Dome.

The Dakota Nights Astronomy Festival is a partnership between Theodore Roosevelt National Park and Historic Medora. "Dakota Nights Astronomy Festival would not be possible without our partners and the many volunteers who join us in celebrating the night sky," said Andes. Partners include Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association, Medora Chamber of Commerce, Medora Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, Chateau De Mores State Historic Site, and Dickinson State University.

All festival events are free, though park entrance fees apply. A complete listing of all activities and an event map are available on the park's website at www.nsp.gov/thro. Theodore Roosevelt National Park is on social media! Follow us on Twitter @TRooseveltNPS and "like" us on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/TheodoreRooseveltNationalPark

The banner features a dark blue background with white text. At the top left, it says "Theodore Roosevelt National Park" in a white sans-serif font. In the top right corner is the National Park Service arrowhead logo. The main title "Dakota Nights" is written in a large, stylized, black serif font. Below it, "ASTRONOMY FESTIVAL" is written in a smaller, black, all-caps sans-serif font. To the right of the title, the dates "SEPTEMBER 7th 8th 9th 2018" are listed in a white sans-serif font. Silhouettes of people are shown at the bottom: on the left, a person stands next to a telescope on a tripod; on the right, a group of people is gathered, with one person pointing towards the sky. At the bottom left, it says "Presented by Theodore Roosevelt National Park & The City of Historic Medora" in a white sans-serif font.

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TRNHA Board Member Search

Do you love North Dakota's National Parks? Do you want to share your passion for these parks while helping TRNHA support Theodore Roosevelt National Park and Knife River Indian Villages NHS? If so, we may be looking for you! TRNHA is looking for candidates to serve on our Board of Directors. Our organization is governed by seven member volunteer board of directors who is elected by our membership. Each newly elected board member will serve a 3-year term. We have 3 board positions which will be up for election in October.

While all our volunteers are important this one might be at the top of the list. TRNHA is governed by a group of volunteers. When becoming a board member you commit to three years of supporting our organization and park partners.

Board members must meet the following criteria:

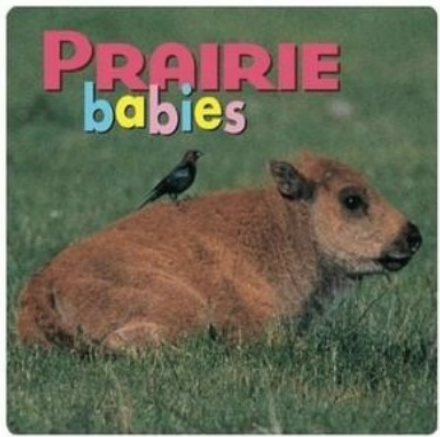
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Member Only Coupon September 2018



Prairie Babies

20% Off

(15% member discount plus additional 5% coupon for a total of 20% Off)



Bring the coupon and your membership card to one of our stores or use coupon code "MemberSept" on our website to receive the discount. Expires September 30, 2018

Online Only Special September 2018

FREE SHIPPING ON ALL ONLINE ORDERS!

[Click here to view our online store](#)



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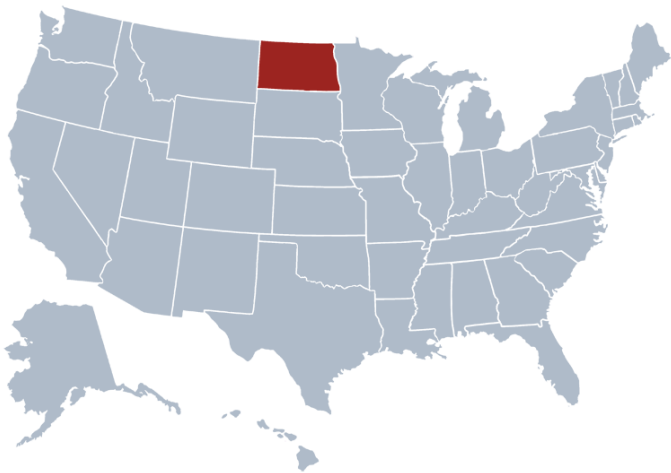
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North Dakota, NICE! *By Kevin Kitzhoffer*



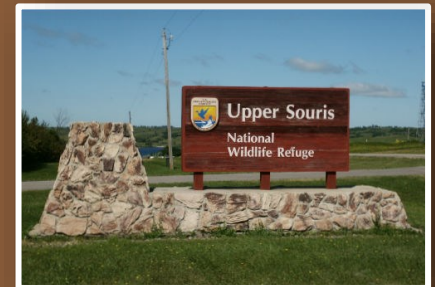
Out of all 50 states, North Dakota has got to be the most humble. Straightforward, simple, and never too extravagant are qualities that sum up the state perfectly. It's no wonder that North Dakota is the last stop for many folks who want to visit every state in the country. (If you find that hard to believe, the visitor center in Fargo sells a t-shirt to prove it!) Despite its reputation, however, the state deserves more credit for its humility. Those who really get to know North Dakota realize that there is more than just an interstate highway running through it. There are treasures throughout the state that give it an essence that is no less than "legendary." In fact, Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association supports three of North Dakota's most beloved places: Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge, Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, and Theodore Roosevelt National Park.



Map by North Dakota Tourism

For the avid bird-watcher, Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge is the premier spot in North Dakota for observing migratory birds and other wildlife. Just north of Minot, this refuge sits along 35 miles of the beautiful Souris River Valley. Important to both North Dakotans and their feathered friends, the American Bird Conservancy has even designated the refuge as a Globally Important Bird Area.

Established in 1974 as a National Historic Site, Knife River Indian Villages preserves the historic and archaeological remnants of Native Americans who lived in the area centuries ago. Northern Plains Indians, such as the Hidatsa, occupied this area along the Missouri River and the remains of their dwellings (including an actual Earth Lodge) allow one to step back in time. This area was especially significant for Lewis & Clark, who met Sakakawea (Sacagawea) here during their expedition.



Learn More about ND!

Check out these websites to learn more about what to do in our GREAT STATE!

www.ndtourism.com/things-to-do

www.midwestliving.com/travel/north-dakota/20-things-to-do-north-dakota/

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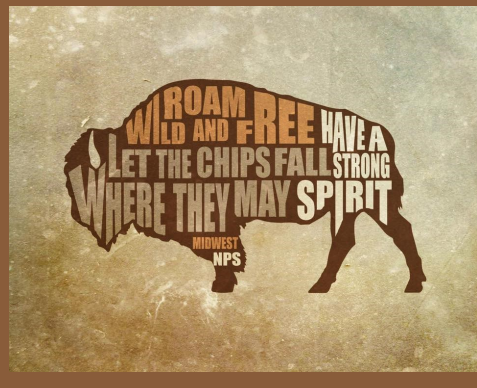
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North Dakota, NICE! *(continued from page 1)*

Finally, Theodore Roosevelt National Park protects over 70,000 acres of North Dakota's most striking natural scenery: the Little Missouri Badlands. Special to both Theodore Roosevelt, and generations of people who came after, these rugged badlands have the power to quiet the most restless of souls and even inspire those who are not ordinarily moved. The sight of bison in this seemingly lifeless area reminds one of the spirit of nature and its majestic beauty. It only takes one look from the top of these endless bluffs to realize their silent vastness. The character of the badlands, much like North Dakota itself, will humble you.

A hearty traveler need not listen to what has been said about modest North Dakota. A visit to this amazing state must be done on one's own terms and always with a sense of adventure. There are treasures to be found around every corner, and Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association is here to showcase and support them.

National Parks of the Midwest Region

From New York to North Dakota, you're never far from a great outdoor adventure. Experience your America at a walking pace on the North Country National Scenic Trail.

The Northern Plains National Heritage Area interprets the scenic, cultural and historic heritage of native peoples, the passage of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, the fur trade, steamboats on the Missouri, as well as the area's agriculture and energy production.

Dakota is the Sioux word for "friend" or "ally."

North Dakota's parks offer visitors adventures such as hiking, biking, kayaking, birding, winter sports, history, and more!

Fort Union Trading Post

Between 1828 and 1867, Fort Union was the most important fur trade post on the Upper Missouri River. Here, the Assiniboine and six other Northern Plains Indian Tribes exchanged goods from around the world.

Theodore Roosevelt

Theodore Roosevelt came to the Dakota Territory in 1883. He could not have imagined how his adventure in this remote and unfamiliar place would forever alter the course of the nation. The rugged landscape and strenuous life that TR experienced here would help shape a conservation policy that we still benefit from today.

Knife River Indian Villages

Earthlodge people hunted bison and other game, but were in essence farmers living in villages along the Missouri and its tributaries. The site was a major Native American trade center for hundreds of years prior to becoming an important market place for fur traders after 1750.

Lewis & Clark

Between May 1804 and September 1806, Lewis & Clark traveled from the plains of the Midwest to the shores of the Pacific Ocean. Learn more about their journey at the trail's headquarters in Omaha.

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Did You Know?

The National Park Service is administratively divided into seven regions. Each region provides oversight and guidance to the park units within its geographic area.

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North Dakota is situated near the middle of North America with a stone marker in Rugby, North Dakota marking the "Geographic Center of the North American Continent".

Sitigweas (Siakedgg wi wi) was a Lemhi Shoshone woman who is known for her help to Lewis and Clark. She traveled with the expedition thousands of miles from North Dakota to the Pacific Ocean, and helped establish cultural contacts with Native American populations.

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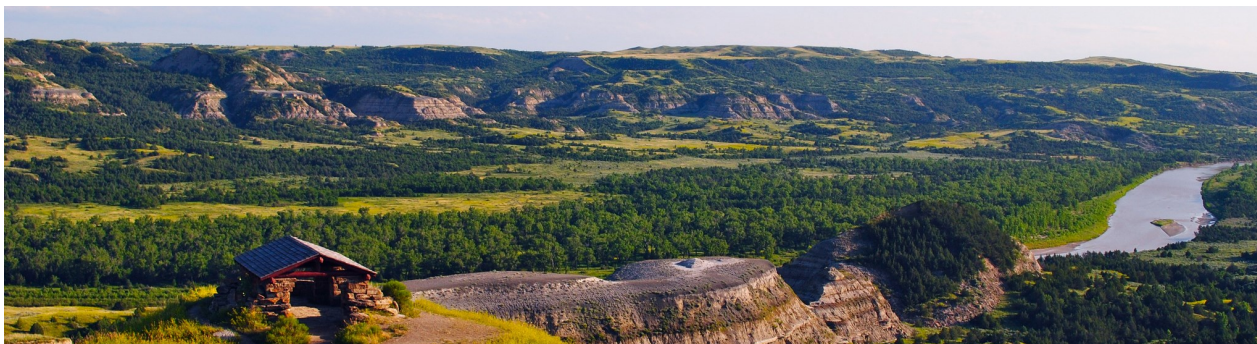
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Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association is pleased to announce the results of its 2018 Board of Directors election. At present the Board consists of seven directors, who serve staggered 3 year terms. This year we had three directorships available to fill. We are pleased to appoint Jan Dodge, Justin Ell, and Jodi Johnson to our board of directors. The newly elected board members will take their seats on the board and officers will be elected at our annual board meeting on November 10th.



Other Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteering for Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association is a way to show your support and to assist us in meeting our mission of supporting Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, and Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge.

Volunteer opportunities exist for:

Event Assistant

Whether you are interested in helping for a week, a day, or just a few hours we always welcome assistance with our special events. Events include Teddy Bear Picnics, Birdwalks, parade participation, and more!

Store Assistant

During the summer months we spend a lot of time stocking shelves, selling merchandise, and answering visitor questions. We would love a helping hand, preference will be given to those who can commit to 2 weeks or more and have housing.

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Debbie Rodne - Medora, ND

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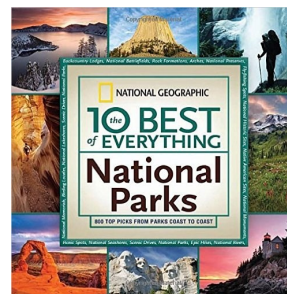
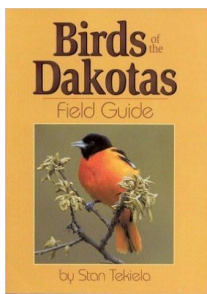
The holidays are just around the corner and TRNHA wants to be your go to for unique gifts. Therefore we are going big with coupons this month.

Shop online and receive these discounts!

www.shoptrnha.org

Code	Spend	Get
NovFree	\$0 to \$25	Free Shipping
Nov5	\$25 to \$50	\$5 off
Nov10	\$50 to \$100	\$10 off
Nov20	\$100 +	\$20 off

To receive your discount, you must enter the check out process and enter the code listed based on the amount of your purchase. **Discounts are only available online!** (Discount cannot be combined with any other discount and will not be applied to purchases of memberships)



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TRNHA: Looking back at 2018

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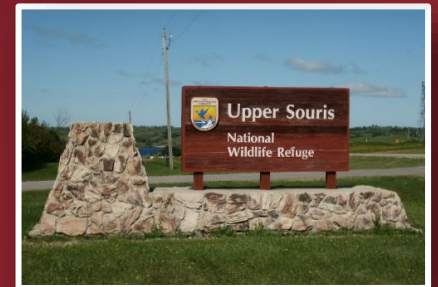
Looking back on 2018, we are inspired and humbled by the dedication and commitment of our members, partners, and staff. The past couple years has exceeded all expectations and we cannot thank everyone enough for their dedication to and love of North Dakota's public lands.

This past year we had the honor of hosting several events including Teddy Bear Picnics, a birdwalk, seasonal opening events, and much more. Aid funds were used to support Lifeways at Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, Dakota Nights Astronomy Festival, visitor center services, and several other educational events.

As we move into 2019 we are full of anticipation of what the year may hold. Increased visitation and membership purchases in 2018, has awarded us with additional funds to support our parks. We have calendar full of events including participating in local community events, hosting community appreciation nights, our 65th Annual Birdwalk, a couple teddy bear picnics, and more! Funds given back to the park this year will support visitor center services, interpretative programs, education, educational displays, safety, and research.

2018 was a remarkable year, thanks to the generosity of our members and shoppers. Sales at our Park Stores continue to increase which has led us to significantly more funds to support our parks. In 2019, we will be able to given a record amount of funds back to support our parks! Thank you for making it possible!

[Learn more about 2018 in our Annual Report!](#)



2018 TRNP Photo Contest Results

The National Park Service and Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association announced the winner of the annual “Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park” photo contest on December 1st. We received 251 photos, making choosing the winner very difficult.

However, we were pleased to award Larry Paulson of Plymouth, MN with top honors for “Sunset in the North Unit”. Larry’s photo will appear on Theodore Roosevelt National Park’s 2019 Annual Park Pass and is the cover photo on our 2019-2020 (16 month) calendar.

Category Winners included:

Animals of TRNP - Jeremy Witte, Dickinson, ND

Landscape - Larry Paulson, Plymouth, MN

Plants - Annelizabeth Burton, Minot, ND

Share Your Adventure - Shannon NG, Grand Forks, ND

These photos will appear with the many other photos in our 2019 Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park Calendar, which are on sale in our bookstores or online at www.trnha.org.



GRAND PRIZE Winning Photo by
Larry Paulson

The 2019 photo contest will be for photos take between September 1, 2018 and August 31, 2019. The official contest will be announced in April and we will begin accepting photos at that time.

Visit our Facebook page to view all 251 of the photo submissions and see the fan favorite winner on our Facebook page! <https://www.facebook.com/TheodoreRooseveltNHA>



NPS Announces Entrance Fee Free Days

The [National Park Service](#) will waive all entrance fees on five days in 2019.

The five [entrance fee-free days](#) for 2019 will be:

- Monday, January 21 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Saturday, April 20 – First Day of National Park Week/National Junior Ranger Day
- Sunday, August 25 – National Park Service Anniversary
- Saturday, September 28 – National Public Lands Day
- Monday, November 11 – Veterans Day

“The entrance fee-free days hosted by the National Park Service are special opportunities to invite visitors, volunteers and veterans to celebrate some important moments for our parks and opportunities for service in those parks,” said National Park Service Deputy Director P. Daniel Smith.

The National Park System includes more than 85 million acres and includes national parks, national historical parks, national monuments, national recreation areas, national battlefields, and national seashores. There is at least one national park site in every U.S. state.

Last year, 331 million people visited national parks spending \$18.2 billion, which supported 306,000 jobs across the country and had a \$35.8 billion impact on the U.S. economy.

Only 115 of the 418 parks managed by the National Park Service charge entrance fees regularly, with fees ranging from \$5 to \$35. The other 303 national parks do not have entrance fees. The entrance fee waiver for the fee-free days does not cover amenity or user fees for activities such as camping, boat launches, transportation, or special tours.

The annual \$80 [America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass](#) allows unlimited entrance to more than 2,000 federal recreation areas, including all national parks. There are also free or discounted passes available for senior citizens, current members of the U.S. military, families of fourth grade students, and disabled citizens.

Other federal land management agencies offering their own fee-free days in 2019 include the [U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service](#), [Bureau of Land Management](#), [Bureau of Reclamation](#), [U.S. Forest Service](#), and [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers](#).

About the National Park Service. More than 20,000 National Park Service employees who care for America’s 418 national parks and work with communities across the nation to help preserve local history and create close-to-home recreational opportunities. Visit us at <http://www.nps.gov>, on Facebook www.facebook.com/



Winter photos from 2018 Photo Contest

Submitted by (T to B):

Shelby Reardon

Stephen McDonough

Jennifer Reynolds (bottom 2 photos)

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December Online



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Use code: Dec2018

