



Visitor Center to Be Remodeled



If you have visited the South Unit visitor center recently you may have noticed some construction happening. Over the past couple months contractors have been working to install a new heating and cooling system in the visitor center and administrative building. As crews are completing this project park staff is moving forward with a little more remodeling.

The visitor center and park store located in Medora will be temporarily closed as staff works to refinish walls, replace ceiling tiles, install new displays, and more. During the closure park rangers will be available to answer questions in the administrative building. For store purchases please visit: www.shoptnrnha.org.

TRNHA staff will be working alongside park staff on this project as well as replacing some of our store displays. We are proud to be assisting with this project by using funds raised through our store sales to replace the information desk, sound system, and installing a new educational display.

For information on this project please follow us on Facebook as we will be sharing updates throughout the remodel.



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Say "Goodbye to the red walls, brown desk, glass wall, and more!"

Welcome to North Dakota

Over the past year Theodore Roosevelt National Park and Knife River Indian Villages NHS have said goodbye to a few people and welcomed a few more. We are excited to introduce you to two of the newest rangers to the North Dakota Group. Please join us in welcoming Josh Wentz and Kim Jung.

Josh Wentz - Chief Ranger at Theodore Roosevelt National Park

Job Title: Chief Ranger

Years working for the National Park Service: 14

Moved to North Dakota: November 2020

What do you love most about the park? My favorite thing about THRO is how easy it is to access pristine backcountry. It's so easy to go on a hike and find a game trail that you've never been on before.

Job Description: In charge with emergency services operations in THRO and assisting the ND park group with law enforcement and safety needs.

Winter Hobbies: I like to ski as much as possible in the winter. I'm also looking forward to getting back into ice fishing and dark house spearing if we get ice on the lakes.



Kim Jung - Facilities Manager at Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site

Your Job Title: Facilities Manager

Years working for the National Park Service: since November 2020

Moved to North Dakota: November 2020

What do you love about your current park? The spiritual peace of KNRI

Describe your job: Paperwork, paperwork, paperwork

Hobbies that keep you occupied during the winter? Walking

Campgrounds get New Restrooms

Many of you have heard that Theodore Roosevelt National Park has been working to replace restrooms in Cottonwood and Juniper Campground. Well we are excited to announce that they have arrived. Shortly before Christmas they were set into to place and now contractors will be working to have them ready to open once spring arrives. Here's a sneak peak of these awesome facilities being put into place.



Goodbye Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge

In the fall TRNHA and Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge made a decision to end our long running partnership. It is our hope that their new partner will be local and able to serve them better than we can from a distance. We wish them the best of luck and have taken this opportunity to update our mission statement.

Mission Statement: *Providing support, services, and educational merchandise to enhance visitor experience and enjoyment through historical, scientific, and educational activities in Theodore Roosevelt National Park and Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site.*

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Celebrating 70 Years

On December 9, 1951 a group of park enthusiasts gathered to declare directors, charter members and present a provisional constitution. Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association beginnings were quiet and simple.

Since that cold December day we have dedicated our organization to aid the interpretive, scientific, and historical needs of Theodore Roosevelt National Park and have accrued over \$1,380,000 in assistance. We expanded that mission to include Fort Union Trading Post NHS (formed their own association in 1993), Knife River Indian Villages NHS, Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge (parted ways in fall 2020 as their friends group assumed the role) and, Sully's Hill National Game Preserve (supported Sully for ten years before their friends group assumed that role in 2007).

Our commitment has produced many publications, funded countless interpretive programs and special events, established traditions such as the annual birdwalk with breakfast and

Teddy Bear Picnics, encouraged and supported research, purchased program and library supplies, provide equipment, remodeled visitor centers, offered visitors items that commemorate and continue telling the story of their visit, financed visitor service interns and provided funds for housing countless volunteers. All of this has been TRNHA's greatest pleasure and dutiful fulfillment of our mission.

TRNHA approaches this milestone with the same commitment as those who began this organization. And we look forward to another 70 years of partnership.

Friday, December 14, 1951.

THE DICKINSON PRESS, DICKINSON, N. D.

Park Association Holds First Regular Meeting

"To stimulate interest in educational activities and encourage scientific investigation and research . . . in subjects bearing on the Theodore Roosevelt Nation Memorial park region," is the purpose of a newly formed organization which held its first regular meeting last Sunday. It is the Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History association.

Chester L. Brooks, park historian is executive secretary for the group and Sunday's 5 p. m. meeting was held at the Brooks home at the Park.

Others officers are Mrs. H. J. Wienbergen, president; Carl B. Olson, treasurer; J. Francis Stine, recording secretary. Included on the board of directors are John B. MacDonald and E. C. Blackorby.

Russell Reid, superintendent of the state historical society of Bismarck and Dr. A. C. Selke, chairman of the social science division of Dickinson State Teachers college, are included on an advisory committee now being organized.

Charter members of the association include: Mr. and Mrs. Blackorby of Dickinson; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Crow, Medora; Mr. and Mrs. Allyn F. Hanks of the memorial park; MacDonald, Dickinson; Mr. and Mrs. Olson, Medora; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey B. Reynolds of the Memorial park; Mr. and Mrs. Stine, Belfield and Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Wienbergen, Dickinson.

The purpose of the Association are listed as:

To stimulate interest in the educational activities and encourage scientific investigation and research in the fields of geology, biology, history, prehistory, and related subjects bearing on the

Theodore Roosevelt Nation Memorial park region.

To assist in the development and maintenance of library facilities for the use of the public, the park personnel and others.

To assist the development, operation and care of museums, trailside exhibits and other interpretive and educational devices.

To assist in obtaining photographs slides, movie films, and other visual aids for explaining and exhibiting facts relating to the Memorial park.

To assist in obtaining land, buildings, equipment, materials and supplies to accomplish the purpose of this association.

To publish in cooperation with the national park service technical or popular treatises dealing with

phases of investigation in or related to Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial park.

To handle, buy, and sell government and private publications on memorial park subjects.

Employ such persons as may be necessary and pay salaries chargeable as items of expense for services actually performed in order to achieve the objectives of the association.

To operate the business, and assets of the association so as to further the educational and scientific program in such a manner that the association shall not distribute any profits except for purpose as authorized under the constitution.

Any person interested in the furtherance of the purposes of the association may become a member by subscribing to its constitution and By-Laws.

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TRNHA Employment Opportunity

TRNHA is a great place to work! We have Park Stores located in Theodore Roosevelt National Park and Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site. All funds raised through our stores stays in North Dakota and supports our park partners. We are excited to be hiring for the 2021 season and hope you will consider joining our team!

Position Title: Retail Sales and Media Coordinator

Status: Year-Round

Reports to: Executive Director

Position Description

TRNHA seeks an enthusiastic, detail-oriented Retail Sales and Media Coordinator to assist with retail operations, communication, and development within all aspects of our organization. This employee will be responsible for inventory, social media, and webpage management. In the busy summer season this employee will assist with park store operations including receiving merchandise, selling merchandise, providing park information, and answering visitor questions.



Position Title: Visitor Services Clerk

Status: Seasonal Summer beginning mid-May

Reports to: Executive Director

Position Description

TRNHA is looking for someone who is energetic and excited to learn and share their knowledge with those who visit the park. The primary duty of the service clerk will be customer service in Theodore Roosevelt National Park at the Painted Canyon Visitor Center located along I-94 and in the South Unit Visitor Center located in Medora. Clerks provide park information, area 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.

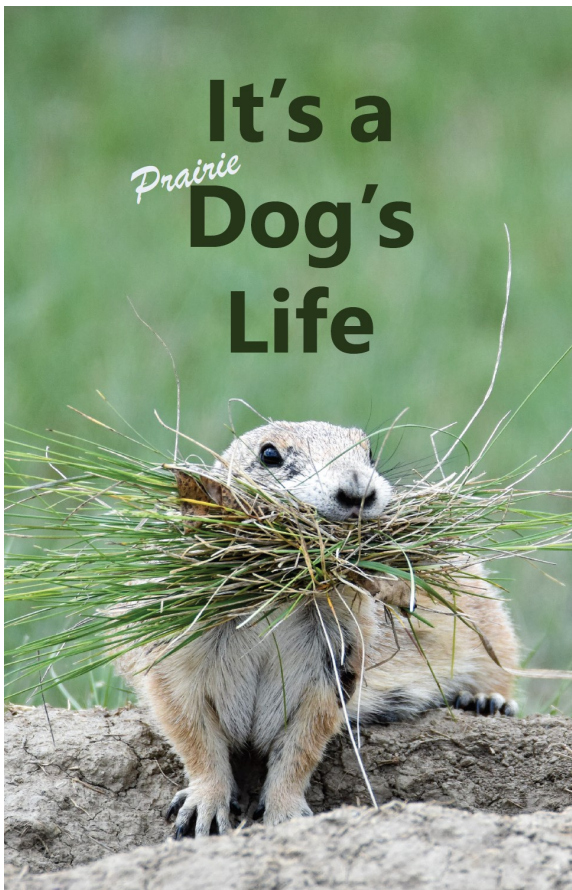
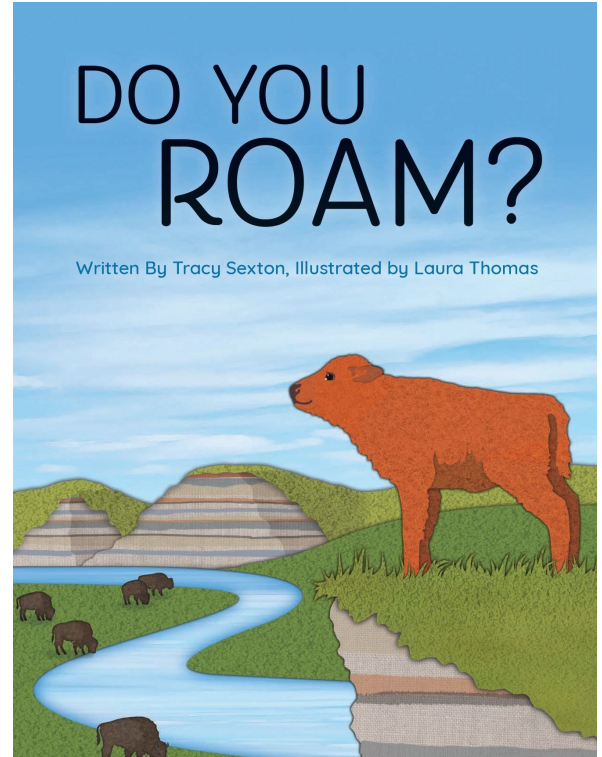
Learn more and apply for these positions at www.trnha.org/employment.htm.

New Publications

“Do You Roam?”

TRNHA is pleased to announce the release of our new children’s book “Do You Roam”. The book was written by our Executive Director, Tracy Sexton and illustrated by a former TRNP Park Ranger, Laura Thomas. It follows a young bison as he explores the prairie, makes new animal friends, and discovers what it means to roam. TRNHA is proud to publish this book and excited to give the profit from the sales back the parks we serve.

This book is now on sale via our website at: www.shoptrnha.org
For wholesale orders and special pricing please email us at: info@trnha.org.



“It’s a Dog’s Life”

In 1970, TRNHA published a book called “It’s a Dog’s Life” which introduced it’s reader to the Black-tailed Prairie Dog. Over the years this black and white book has been reprinted nine times in its current form, but for the tenth printing we decided to change it up. The text remains the same but the book itself has been updated with colored photos and illustrations. We are excited to breath new life to this very informative book and hope to have it in stock next week.

Watch for this book at www.shoptrnha.org

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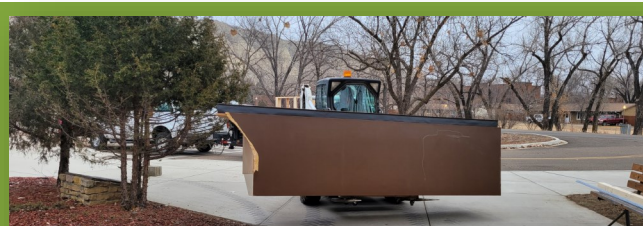
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Remodeling and Rejuvenating

The beginning of year brought a lot of changes to the South Unit Visitor Center in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. TRNHA's Executive Director worked alongside park employees Josh Vance and Chad Sexton on a large remodeling project.

As you may recall the walls in the visitor center have been painted red and wallpapered white since the late 90s. The information desk is believed to have been there since the late 70s. The project kicked off on January 4th with the removal of the desk, wallpaper, merchandise displays, ceiling tiles and more.



Removing all the old items proved to be a big job filling up the dump trailer more than once.



Midway through the first week of work it became clear that this project would be a little more than expected. Mold had found its way into the walls in places and extensive damage had been done to the sheetrock in other places. So the next step of the project became replacing sheetrock and mudding walls.



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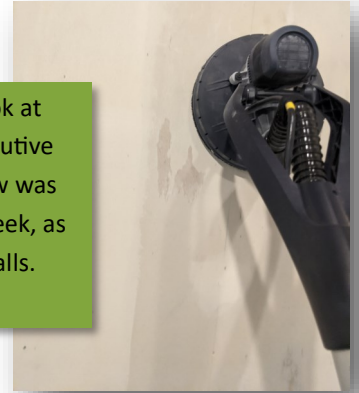
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Once the sheetrock had been replaced it was time to start prepping the walls for texture and paint. Many hours were spent filling holes, mudding and sanding walls. Once the walls were finally ready, it was time to start texturing and prepping to paint.



Just a little look at what our Executive Director's view was for about a week, as she sanded walls.



The texture went on quickly as did the primer, unfortunately then we had to wait for paint to dry. While the paint was drying, projects like sanding heater vents and wood trim, wiring new lights, planning new layouts, and more passed the time. Once the four new colors of painted were finally complete the rejuvenating began as we installed all our new and



updated elements. The lightening was updated, several new interpretive elements were installed, ceiling tiles were replaced and finally the big finale was the installation of a brand new information and retail desk.



TRNHA was honored to be a part of this amazing remodel and to assist with providing park visitors with an amazing place to begin their experience in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. TRNHA funds spent on this project exceeded \$150,000 and included the design and purchase of an educational display, information and retail desk, sound system, slatwall, and many miscellaneous items used for this project. This project was truly your store dollars at work, as all funds donated by TRNHA came from the money park visitors spent in our store! See the next page for before and after photos.

BEFORE AND AFTER



THANK YOU to the following individuals and businesses!

Chad Sexton and Josh Vance for all of the long hours they put in to finish this project and for assisting TRNHA with the display, desk, sounds system, and slat wall installation. This project never would have happened or been completed without them and their expertise.

National Park Service for seeing the need to do this project. TRNHA was just a small part of this project as labor, paint, carpet, lighting, equipment, and more was provided by the National Park Service.

Wild Tribute for a donation of \$2000 that was used to purchase a sound system and other much needed equipment which was used throughout this project.

Sexton Construction for understanding our vision for the new visitor center desk. Larry and Jane built the desk in our tight time frame and came to Medora and installed it when we were ready. The desk exceed our expectations and is an amazing addition to our visitor center.

Split Rock Studios who designed and built the new educational display located at the entrance of the visitor center. It is beautiful and we are excited to have visitors enjoy it.

Employment Opportunities with NPS

If you have never applied for a Federal Job it may be a little confusing to you. All federal jobs are announced and must be applied for via: www.usajobs.gov. You cannot contact the park directly for a job as they have to follow the federal standards.

APPLYING FOR A JOB WITH THE NPS

1. Visit www.usajobs.gov (YES, you must apply online)
2. Search the job title, agency, or location you would like to apply.
3. Click to open the job of interested.
4. On the right hand side click the APPLY button
5. If you do not have an account you will have to set up an account. (Follow the steps to do so)
6. Complete the steps to apply for the job.



Check out these seasonal job openings in North Dakota's National Parks

Laborer (Motor Vehicle Operating) - <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/584071100>

Maintenance Worker - <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/584246200>
<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/584750000>

Laborer - <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/585597900>

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Fire in the Badlands

April first proved to be more than just a fool's day in western North Dakota, it was also the day that kicked off a series of fires in the area of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. A very mild winter combined with extreme winds led to extreme fire conditions.

On Thursday, April 1st a power line started a fire south of Medora, which led to a complete evacuation as the strong winds blew the flames towards the little tourist town. Firefighters worked hard and were able to protect all structures in the path and the fire was declared 100% contained by Monday morning.

Once fire crews had the Medora Fire under control National Park and Forest Service firefighters found themselves headed to another fire. On Saturday, April 3, a fire started in McKenzie County just outside the North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. High winds quickly pushed this fire into the National Park leading to a closure and evacuation on the North Unit. Fire crews worked quickly to try and get the fire in the rugged badlands under control by back burning over 2000 acres in order to protect structures in the area. Maintenance Crews from Theodore Roosevelt National Park have been dispatched to replace over 5 miles of fence that has burnt in an effort to keep the bison corralled in the park.

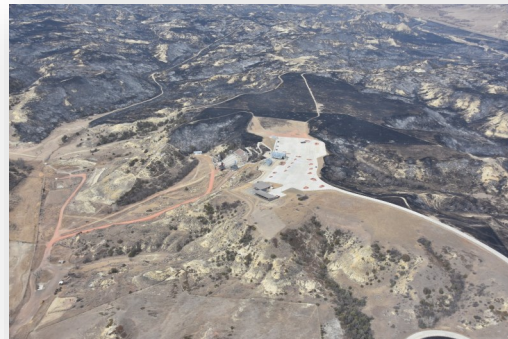


Photo by the Civil Air Patrol: Roughrider Composite Squadron out of Dickinson.



Yesterday the US Forest Service released the following statement: "As of 9:30 AM MDT today, firefighters are reporting 45% containment and an estimated 5000 acres burned for the Horse Pasture Fire in the North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park (TRNP) and the McKenzie District of the Little Missouri National Grassland. The cause of the fire is still under investigation. Light winds last night and expected today have responders optimistic as they continue to contain the wildland fire. At this time, no structure damage has been reported, but the CCC campground and other infrastructure in the park are still at risk, as well as some private residences on the north end of the fire.

The USDA Forest Service has expanded the closure for the area affected by the

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Horse pasture wildfire south of Watford City. This Closure now includes CCC Campground, the Maah Daah Hey Trail from CCC Campground South to National Forest System Road (NFSR) 823, the Long X and Sunset Trail, Summit Campground, and the Summit Overlook. The closure applies to all National Forest System lands including roads and trails, in the area from the North Boundary of Theodore Roosevelt National Park North Unit, West of Highway 85, continuing West until NFSR 851 and South of 17th Street Northwest. This order is to protect public health and safety, and is in effect until further notice.”



Photo by Nick Ybarra

Photos by: US Forest Service
Dakota Prairie Grasslands

This graphic taken from ND Response website. Please visit the site for more information about fire safety and restrictions in North Dakota. <https://ndresponse.gov/burn-ban-restrictions-fire-danger-map>

General Outdoor Activity Guidelines During Dry Conditions

General Public

- Restrict burning to early morning and late evening hours when typically winds are lower and humidity is higher.
- Restrict smoking to areas free of combustible materials. Use ashtrays and proper disposal containers.
- Clear area around fire.
- Pay attention to fire hazards posed by exhaust systems, catalytic converters, and safety chains.
- Carry fire extinguishers and fire tools.
- Extinguish and discard smoking materials appropriately - NOT FROM VEHICLE.

Industry and Business

- Farming: Conduct frequent inspections of farm machinery to reduce debris accumulation. Grease and maintain equipment to reduce hot spots. Consider working fields in morning and evening when winds are down and humidity is up.
- Petroleum Industry: Confine blasting for seismic exploration by 10 feet or more of soil. Inspect and properly maintain equipment. Ensure flaring pads are free from debris that may start on fire and blow off the pad.
- Welding: Use spark arresters as recommended and keep a 10-foot radius surrounding a welding site cleared of combustible material.
- Railroads: Conduct weekly inspection of exhaust arrester systems and brakes.

CALLING ALL VISITORS

We want you to

Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park for our 2021 Photo Contest

Winners will be awarded in 4 photo categories

1. Landscape
2. Animals of TRNP
3. Take a Hike
4. Flowers and Plants



HOW TO ENTER

View the official rules and submit up to two photos (taken between September 1, 2020 and August 31, 2021) 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 2022 calendar and receive various prizes.

Overall Winner - The overall winner's photograph will be the featured photograph on the 2022 park annual pass. Additionally, the winner will have their photo on the cover of the 2022 Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park Calendar and will receive prizes valuing \$75.

Our favorite photos will be featured in the 2022 Calendar with category winners receiving prizes.



For registration information and contest details, please visit:

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TRNHA's 67th Annual Birdwalk

The 67th Annual Spring Birdwalk in Theodore Roosevelt National Park will be held in the park's South Unit on Sunday, June 6. Participants should bring binoculars, field guides, and keen eyes to help record the day's sightings.

The leisurely one-hour stroll begins at 6:30 a.m. MDT and is for novice and experienced birders alike. Participants should 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.



Unfortunately, due to safety and fire restrictions we will not be hosting our annual Chuckwagon Breakfast. However, following the walk, at approximately 8:00 a.m., the Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association will provide a breakfast to-go to all participants. Those interested in receiving breakfast are encouraged to RSVP to insure there are enough breakfasts prepared.

Following the Birdwalk, TRNHA staff will put together the lists of birds viewed and send out to interested participants. To reserve your breakfast and to receive your bird count results via email, please send your name and number of participants to: info@trnha.org.

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Painted Canyon is Open!



One of the sure signs that summer is on the way is the opening of the Painted Canyon Visitor Center. Last week park staff worked hard to get the bathrooms clean and the gates open. And this past week TRNHA staff has been hard at work getting the visitor center ready for your arrival. Be sure to stop in this weekend and check out our new merchandise.

Proceeds from all merchandise sold at Painted Canyon stays in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. The funds are used to enhance your visit. So be sure to bring your wallet when you stop in and say hi to our new staff!

Montana Conservation Corp Completes Work in TRNP

Theodore Roosevelt National Park welcome a group of from the Montana Conservation Corp to the park in late April. The crew of 6 spend a little over a week working on the Lower Paddock Creek Trail. Park staff worked alongside the crew using a horse and mule to assist with hauling large rocks and scoria to repair trail issues. A much needed repair was done by a hardworking group of individuals and the trail is ready for the busy summer season. Thank you to all who worked hard to complete this project.



Fire Restrictions in TRNP

By order of the Superintendent of Theodore Roosevelt National Park and under the authority of Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.5(a), Section 1.5(a)(1), Section 2.13(c), and Section 2.2(a):

Due to ongoing extreme drought conditions in western North Dakota and elevated levels of fire danger the following public use limits and restrictions shall be implemented immediately:

- All areas of Theodore Roosevelt National Park to include the North Unit, Elkhorn Unit, and South Unit are closed to the lighting and maintaining of wood or charcoal fires. Self-contained gas or propane fires are still allowed in campgrounds, picnic areas, and backcountry areas where combustible materials are not present.
- Smoking is restricted to within enclosed vehicles traveling or stopped upon paved or gravel sections of roadway or parking lots.

The discharge of firearms within Theodore Roosevelt National Park and the possession or discharge of fireworks is also illegal.

Cooperation with this temporary public use limit is greatly appreciated. This order will be continually evaluated as conditions change.

This designation will remain in place until rescinded.



Trail Closures in TRNP

By order of the Superintendent of Theodore Roosevelt National Park and under the authority of Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.5(a) and Section 1.5(a)(1):

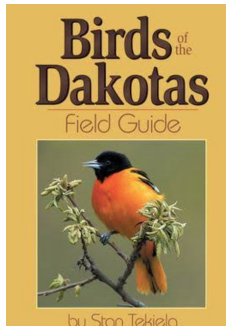
Effective immediately until rescinded the Jones Creek Trail in the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park is closed to all visitor use. The Lower Jones Creek Trailhead and parking area are also closed. This closure is necessary to support ongoing fire suppression activities.

The closure area will be monitored to ensure compliance. Cooperation with this temporary closure order is appreciated.

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Be a Prepared Hiker

As summer arrives many of us are eager to get out and explore nature, visiting a National Park is on many peoples summer trip list. They are excited to explore every inch of the beautiful land that has been set aside to protected and enjoyed. However, what they aren't planning for is a getting lost or taking a trip to the emergency room. And because we want your trip to North Dakota to be full of positive memories we thought we would share a few hiking tips.

Plan for wildlife encounters!

All animals in the park are wild and unpredictable. View them from a safe distance. Bison and other large mammals inhabit the park. They generally appear tranquil, but may attack without warning if they are disturbed. If you come upon a large mammal on the trail give them their space. Remember in Theodore Roosevelt National Park you do not have to stay on the trail so keep your distance and walk around them. It's their home and they have the right away! If they change their behavior they are aware of your presents and uncomfortable give them their space.

Rattlesnakes are present in the park. They do not always give a warning before striking. Be alert while walking, and do not put your hands or feet in a place you cannot see. Rattlesnakes and black widow spiders often live in prairie dog burrows.

Beware of the Weather!

Weather can be a large factor in your visit to Theodore Roosevelt National Park as a storm can roll into or form in the badlands quickly. Check the weather before going out and monitor for changing conditions.

Also the badlands are known for their dry heat which often catches people by surprise. Be sure to carry plenty of water, wear your hat, put on sunscreen, and take breaks in shady areas.

**Reminder—Always
let someone know
where you are
going!**



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Camping in Theodore Roosevelt National Park

The park has two campgrounds (both have one group site and many standard sites) and one group site for camping with horses. All campgrounds are primitive (no hookups, no showers).

Cottonwood Campground lies inside the park, about 5 miles from Medora, ND. It is the South Unit's only campground. Most sites are suitable for tents and RVs (no hookups). Cottonwood Campground fills to capacity each afternoon, mid-May through mid-September.

Juniper Campground is 5 miles from Hwy 85 and is the only campground in the park's North Unit. All sites are open to tent camping and most can also be used by vehicles/RVs (no hookups). Juniper Campground is trending to fill to capacity by late afternoon and definitely fills to capacity on holiday weekends.



Backcountry Permits

Anyone planning to camp overnight in the backcountry obtain a free backcountry permit. There are no established backcountry campsites. Camping in the backcountry is limited to 14 consecutive days.

For the South Unit and the Elkhorn Ranch Unit, backcountry permits can be obtained at the South Unit Visitor Center in Medora. Permits are not issued at the Painted Canyon Visitor Center.

For the North Unit, permits can be obtained at the North Unit Visitor Center. When you have completed your backcountry trip, please stop by the visitor center to advise rangers of your safe return, if possible.

Before obtaining a backcountry permit, some helpful information on hand that will make the process faster:

Planned itinerary (how many in group, how many nights, entry/exit points, and route) – check out the park map on the icon in the banner if unfamiliar with the park.

Vehicle information (make, model, year, and license plate).

Emergency contact (name and number).

Safety Messages

It is highly suggested to carry a map with you in the backcountry. If you are in need of purchasing a topographic map of the park, contact our cooperating association, Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association (TRNHA). TRNHA is currently selling them via phone (701)623-4884 or via website <https://www.shoptrnha.org>. They can either do mail or curbside pickup; whatever is easiest for you.



June 6, 2021 at 6:30 am
Cottonwood Campground
in Theodore Roosevelt National Park

To go breakfast will be available following the birdwalk. To reserve your breakfast and to receive your bird count results via email, please send your name and number of participants to info@trnha.org.



TRNHA's 67th Annual Bird Walk

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Events, Oh How We Missed You!

Welcome back, we missed you! After taking 2020 off TRNHA has been pleasantly surprised with the turnout at our events hosted in the month of June. The month started out with us welcoming back our birding friends for our 67th Annual Birdwalk. In 2020, the event went virtual so we were happy to have our great group leaders and so many familiar faces return for this year's in person event. Thank you to our group leaders who willingly and sometimes forcibly volunteered their time to help us out, we appreciate you more than you will ever know. Mark your calendar for our 68th Annual Event the first Sunday in June 2022.

Later in the month we brought back our Kid's Art in the Park at the North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. TRNHA and National Park Service staff helped over 40 children complete nature crafts including building birdhouses, painting, and beadwork. If you missed all the fun in the North Unit don't worry, TRNHA is hosting an additional Kid's Art in the Park event in the South Unit. The program will be held at the South Unit Picnic Area of Theodore Roosevelt National Park on July 8 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am MT.



Registration is appreciated but not required and can be found at:

<https://form.jotform.com/trnha1951/south-unit-art-in-park-form>

We hope to see you there!



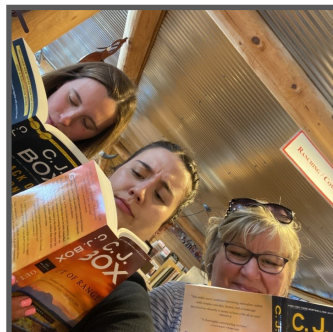
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Welcome and Welcome Back

This summer TRNHA is happy to introduce a great team of smiling faces that you may see working hard at the South Unit visitor centers. Stop by and say “Hi” to our seasonal staff: Emily, Davis, Kelsey, Lori, Mary, Tyler, and Nathan.



We are also excited to welcome back a familiar face, Jesse, who has joined us this past month as the new Retail Sales and Media Coordinator. You may recognize Jesse from his early days as a seasonal interpreter here at Theodore Roosevelt National Park or his days as the administrative assistant for TRNHA. Over the past few years, he has built up his background working with finances & visitor services. Jesse brings new perspective and passion for the mission of the TRNHA.

Trail Alerts

As you plan your summer visit to Theodore Roosevelt National Park or Knife River Indian Villages, here are some new and on-going trail closures to keep in mind:

Theodore Roosevelt National Park, North Unit -

Starting July 6th, the Caprock Coulee Trailhead and Parking Lot will be closed while maintenance personnel work on a construction project in the Caprock Coulee Parking Area. This closure is in effect until mid-September.

Knife River Indian Villages -

The river bank section of trail near the Sakakawea Village is closed due to ongoing erosion until further notice. The village site itself remains accessible by hiking from the visitor center.



TRNP Campground

Are you planning to visit Theodore Roosevelt National Park? The park is accepting reservations for Cottonwood Campground in the South Unit. Odd number sites can be reserved beginning June 28th, even number sites will remain first come first serve.



Cottonwood Campground lies inside the park, about 5 miles from Medora, ND. It is the South Unit's only campground, with 76 sites.

Place your reservation at:

<https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/251160>

Photo Contest

The *Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park* photo contest is open. Winners will be awarded in four categories: Landscape, Animals of TRNP, Take a Hike, Flowers and Plants. This year submissions will be accepted until August 31, 2021, 11:59 pm MT—so get out there and take some pictures!

For complete contest details visit: www.trnha.org/pictureyourselfintrnp.html

WILD Animal Facts

Pronghorn babies are called fawns.

Pronghorn get most of the water they need from the plants they eat.

Pronghorn are the second fastest land animal in the world – up to 55 mph!

Check out our bookstore - shoptrnha.org for books about these and other awesome prairie animals.

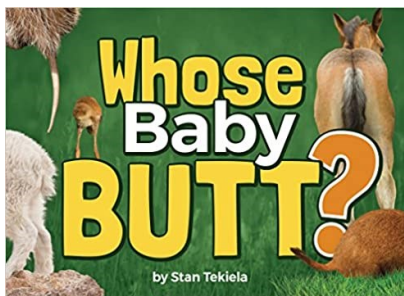


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Fee Free Day Coming Soon!

National Park Service Founders Day is on August 25. On that day in 1916, President Woodrow Wilson signed the Organic Act of 1916 establishing the National Park Service. Its purpose was “to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations” - a purpose that is still engrained in the values of the park service and its partners 105 years later.

This year Founders Day, or the “National Park Service Birthday,” is on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 and will be celebrated with a fee free day. All entrance fees will be waived at National Park sites across the U.S. (including Theodore Roosevelt National Park).



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In 1916, the National Park Service took charge of 35 National Parks and Monuments. Today, the National Park Service manages over 420 units of various designation.

To learn more or find the NPS sites closest to you, visit “Find a Park” at www.nps.gov/findapark/index.htm.

Check out [TRNHA’s Facebook Page](#) for a chance to win an annual pass to Theodore Roosevelt National Park! We will be announcing the winners on August 25th!

TRNHA *Wild & Free*



This year TRNHA took to the streets to celebrate Independence Day at the annual Medora 4th of July Parade. It was great to see everyone around town and meet so many visitors through these outreach efforts.

Our team put together a red, white, and blue float featuring images of the animals that live in and around TRNP with the theme “Wild & Free.”

TRNHA also hosted another successful “Art in the Park Program” on July 8th. Last month’s art program was conducted in the North Unit of TRNP; this month’s was hosted in the South Unit. At this outdoor craft party, there was painting and beading for children of all ages. Thank you to everyone who attended .

Photo Contest

The deadline to submit your photos to the annual “Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park Photo Contest” is just around the corner - August 31.



The winning photo will be featured on the 2022 TRNP Annual Park Pass and the cover of our 2022 Calendar.

For official contest rules and entry form, check out:

www.trnha.org/pictureyourselfintrnp.html.



Knife River Events

Archaeology Tours August 4-6 & 9-11

Beginning August 4th Paleo Cultural Resource Group will be conducting research on the Awatixa (Sakakawea) village site at Knife River Indian Villages NHS. Guided archeology tours will be available.

Native Language Summit Saturday August 28

Join Native linguists as they speak Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara, and Plains Indian Sign Language. Events are scheduled from 1-4 pm CT.

For more information regarding these events visit the Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site website www.nps.gov/knri/index.htm

or call 701-745-3300.



Night Time in Dakota



Birding, hiking, wildlife watching - if you needed another reason to plan your trip to Theodore Roosevelt National Park, consider the night sky. Even in hazy weather, air quality and low light pollution make TRNP a great place to enjoy the night sky.

“Theodore Roosevelt National Park is a great place to view the night sky, but, like other areas, there are threats to its relative darkness. Light pollution is visible in some areas. Nearby towns produce light that limit the number of stars that can be seen. The farther you get from these sources of light pollution, the more astronomical features you will be able to see. “

(www.nps.gov/thro/index.htm).

So plan your next camping trip to Theodore Roosevelt National Park and experience the planets and stars at their best. The month of August offers some great opportunities for night sky viewing (Tip: Don't forget to check the weather *and* the aurora forecasts before you hit the road!)

August 11, 12, & 13

Peak of Perseid Meteor Shower

August 19-20

Jupiter in Opposition

August 22

Full Moon

September 3, 4, & 5

Dakota Nights Astronomy Festival

The full moon of August is called the “Sturgeon Moon.”





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ASTRONOMY FESTIVAL

September 3 - 5, 2021



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Astronomy Festival

This Labor Day weekend, Theodore Roosevelt National Park will be hosting the annual Dakota Nights Astronomy Festival. From Friday, Sept. 3 through Sunday, Sept. 5, it promises to be an out-of-this world weekend full of guest speakers, events and activities for all ages.



Each night, join amateur astronomers and rangers for telescopes and stargazing at the Peaceful Valley Ranch from 8:30-11:30 PM MT.

A complete schedule of festival events and activities can be found on page 3.

Founder's Day Give Away

Throughout the month of August, TRNHA asked our Facebook friends to take part in a Give Away Contest. The contest required liking, sharing, and posting on the association's Facebook page. To celebrate NPS Founders Day on August 25th, 5 lucky winners were announced. Each won an annual entrance pass to Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to everyone who participated.



Stay tuned...our annual Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park Photo Contest just ended and winners will be announced in the coming months (including the photo that will be featured on next year's Theodore Roosevelt National Park Annual Pass!)

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New Hours at TRNHA Locations

Operating hours after Labor Day weekend at each location

South Unit Visitor Center 8:00 am—4:30 pm MT

Painted Canyon Visitor Center 9:00 am—4:30 pm MT

North Unit Visitor Center 9:00 am—5:00 pm CT

Knife River Visitor Center 9:00 am—5:00 pm CT

TRNP in the News

The month of August brought thousands of visitors to Theodore Roosevelt National Park and among them was North Dakota Senator Hoeven and Deputy Secretary of the Interior Beaudreau. According to the Grand Forks Herald, the two toured TRNP with Superintendent Ross to check out the erosion-caused road closure and discuss updates for Painted Canyon. (For more see "Senator Hoeven, US Interior Official Tour Theodore Roosevelt National Park Scenic Loop, *Grand Forks Herald*).

National Teddy Bear Day



September 9th is National Teddy Bear Day, a great day to give your teddy bear a hug and to remember the conservation legacy of President Theodore Roosevelt. TRNHA will be posting T.R. and Teddy Bear Trivia on social media all day to celebrate - follow us on social media to play along.

Digital Park Passes

Did you know that you can purchase a digital park pass online? Whether you're planning a single visit or coming back multiple times a year, enjoy the convenience of purchasing a Theodore Roosevelt National Park site-specific digital pass on Recreation.gov before you arrive. You have immediate access to your digital pass and can easily download it on your phone or tablet. Your pass will also be emailed as a PDF and can be printed out for display when you arrive (<https://www.nps.gov/thro/planyourvisit>).

Fall Fauna: Elk

- There are **4** subspecies of elk in North America, Rocky Mountain Elk live in TRNP.
- Elk were reintroduced to TRNP in **1985**, their numbers are managed within park boundaries.
- Elk can be spotted out in the open around dusk and dawn, and around wooded draws in the day time.

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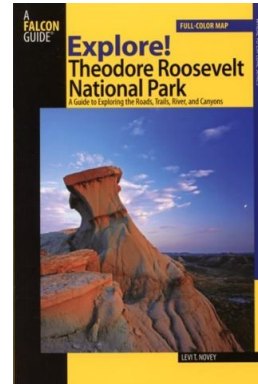
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Work Zone

As we end the summer season, we'd like to take a moment to check out the great things going on to make our park more enjoyable and accessible. Here are just a few of the major improvement projects taking place across the park.

In the North Unit...

Caprock Coulee Parking Lot will soon reopen after a few months of renovation and paving (just in time for your fall hiking plans!)

The Picnic Area in Juniper Campground is also getting a facelift making it more accessible for those who visit.

In the South Unit...

You may have noticed that 2nd Avenue has been torn up and is currently closed. Sewer lines in the park headquarters area are being replaced.

And soon work will begin replace two comfort stations in the Cottonwood Campground.

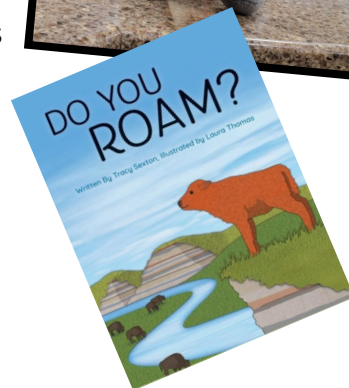


Check back for updates on these projects next month.

Welcome Oscar!

TRNHA is proud to welcome "Oscar the Bison" to our shelves this fall. As you may recall we published our book - "Do You Roam?" earlier this year and have been waiting patiently for our plush Oscar to join our shelves.

Both items can be purchased in our stores or at www.shoptrnha.org. Get yours today! 100% of the proceeds stay here at Theodore Roosevelt National Park to support our mission.



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New at Painted Canyon

When there's no ranger by your side, wayside exhibits are the next best way to get to know the park around you. Over the past few years, National Park Service staff have been working hard to design and replace the wayside exhibits, guiding your trip through the South Unit of TRNP. We are happy to announce that the last new wayside exhibit has recently been installed at the Painted Canyon overlook. Stop by and check it out!



Campground Schedule

The Cottonwood Campground in the South Unit and the Juniper Campground in the North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park will officially switch to winter rates (with no running water available) on Oct. 1. Winter rates are \$7 per site per night (\$3.50 with Senior or Access Pass).

Fall Fauna: Porcupines

- The North American porcupine is considered the second largest rodent in North America.
- Breeding season is in the late fall/early winter.
- Baby porcupines are called porcupettes.
- The Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara used porcupine quills to decorate clothing. Examples of *quillwork* are part of the collection at Knife River Indian Villages.



Learn more - check out our bookstores at Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, Theodore Roosevelt National Park, and online at www.shoptrnha.org.

News from Omaha

Wendy Hart Ross Named as National Park Service Deputy Regional Director for Management and Administration, Department of Interior Regions 3,4,5

Regional Director Bert Frost, today announced the appointment of Wendy Hart Ross as Deputy Regional Director for Management and Administration of Interior Regions 3,4,5, in America's Midwest. She will move into the Deputy position at the end of November after having served the past seven years as Superintendent of Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

“Wendy is an outstanding leader with broad experience gained through serving in a variety of National Park Service positions,” **Frost said.** “I look forward to working with her in this new capacity. Wendy has a proven track record of problem solving, and a comprehensive understanding of park operations and regional programs that will serve her well in her new position.”

“I look forward to expanding my current role to support the incredible staff, superior programs, and unique parks that make this region unparalleled in the National Park Service,” **Ross said.** “It is a privilege to continue serving the public and the parks in this way.”

In her new role, Ross will be part of the senior leadership team overseeing 58 national park units, 3 national trails, and 8 national heritage areas located in 13 states. The region employs approximately 2300 people and almost 39,000 volunteers, and averages nearly 23 million visitors who contribute approximately \$1.6 billion to local economies annually.

Ross is second generation in the National Park Service following in the footsteps of her father who also served as superintendent of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. She has spent her 29-year government career in parks throughout the country where she served in a variety of management positions, including Management Assistant at Glacier National Park and Superintendent at Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site. She began her National Park Service career in Yellowstone National Park as a Visitor Use Assistant and later served as Resource Management Specialist at Shiloh National Military Park and North Cascades National Park Complex. Ross was an agricultural community development worker as a US Peace Corps Volunteer in Sri Lanka before joining the National Park Service.

The National Park Service will begin recruiting for a permanent superintendent for Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Further information will be posted on <https://www.usajobs.gov/> at a later date.

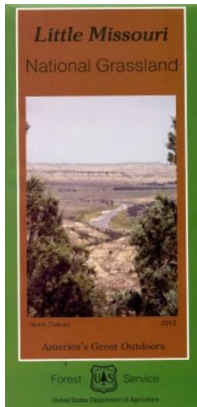


Photo caption: Wendy Hart Ross begins her new role as Deputy Regional Director for Interior Regions 3,4,5 on in November 2021.- Photo credit Rachel Neva Photo

Interested in working in Theodore Roosevelt National Park? There is currently an opening for an Administrative Support Assistant in the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Check out this great job and more by visiting: www.usajobs.gov

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On the Trail Again

It has been a busy year at Theodore Roosevelt National Park, there has been record visitation at the park and undoubtedly more people than ever using the park's trails. In September and October, we once again welcomed the Montana Conservation Crew (MCC) to the park. There have been four different MCC crews at the park this year and they have conducted some much-needed trail rehabilitation. This fall, crews worked on the Mike Aune Trail but back in the spring crews worked on the Lower Paddock Creek Trail.

Some of the highlights of their hard work include:

8 Shallow Stream Crossings

Over **3000** Linear feet of trail tread rehabilitation

Installation of **10** Water Bars

Installation of **275** Trail Check Steps

So the next time you visit Theodore Roosevelt National Park consider hiking some of these trails, take a minute to appreciate the hard work of the Montana Conservation Corps.



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Board Election 2022

TRNHA is governed by seven volunteer directors. Each director serves a 3 year term and is elected by our members. This year our members voted to fill two directorships. Voted in were Chelsey Erdmann of Beach, ND, joining us for her first term and Jodi Johnson of Medora, ND, joining us for a second term. We welcome them and look forward to working with them in the years ahead. Watch for a special meet our directs section in next month's newsletter!

November



November 1 - Painted Canyon Visitor Center is officially closed for the season

November 17 - National Hiking Day

November 19 - Full Moon

November 25 - Thanksgiving Holiday (Visitor centers closed)

November 30 - Last day to vote for our fan favorite photo on in our annual photo contest.

TRNHA Photo Contest - Fan Favorite

While judges will be choosing the winner of the TRNHA annual photo contest, we want to give you a chance to choose your favorite on Facebook. Contest submissions have been posted on Facebook and the photo that receives the most likes as of 11:49 pm MT on November 30, 2021 will be awarded *fan favorite*. Here's how it works:

[Click here to visit our page!](#)

1. Click like on your favorite photo or photos (as many as you want).
2. Invite your friends to come and choose their favorite.
3. Wait until Dec. 1st to find out which photo wins *fan favorite*.



NPS Long-range Planning

Theodore Roosevelt National Park is preparing a long-range comprehensive site plan for all developed areas of the park including: Painted Canyon Overlook, South Unit Entrance at Medora, North Unit Entrance, Peaceful Valley Ranch, and the Elkhorn Ranch Unit. For those interested in learning more about the park and the planning process, the National Park Service will host two meetings the first week of November. The meetings will present the same information.

National Park Service representatives will present long-range planning concepts that will address future facility needs, prioritize infrastructure investments, and leverage partnership opportunities. Participants will have the opportunity to shape the future of Theodore Roosevelt National Park and define a new era celebrating Theodore Roosevelt's conservation ethic.

- **An in-person open house will be held Wednesday, November 3** from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. MT at the Medora Community Center, 465 Pacific Avenue, Medora, ND 58645.
- **A virtual meeting will be held Thursday, November 4** from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. MT using Microsoft Teams (<https://bit.ly/THROCSP>).

Public comments will be accepted November 1 through November 30, 2021. All interested individuals are invited to share their thoughts at: <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/THROCSP>, or by sending comments to: Superintendent, Theodore Roosevelt National Park, PO Box 7, Medora, ND 58645.

TRNP by the Numbers

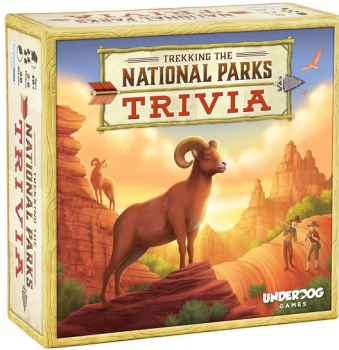
Fiscal Year 2021 was amazing with over 50,000 more visitors than in 2019. Over 9,000 Junior Rangers were served with books or badges. The South Unit Visitor Center, Painted Canyon, and North Unit Visitor Center combined served almost 300,000 visitors. TRNHA staff worked hard greeting visitors at Painted Canyon serving 124,409 visitors who stopped to enjoy the view and take a park treasure home.

Thanks to generous support from TRNHA, the Dakota Nights Astronomy Festival was another big success! The festival hosted 17 events including three special speakers, kids' programs, viewing solar flares, and 8 different telescopes set up on three beautiful nights. What a remarkable year!



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Photo Contest Winners



2021 has been a busy year for TRNHA, there was record visitation at Theodore Roosevelt National Park, record sales at park stores, and an amazing group of people who have helped us along the way. There seems no better way to cap the year than with announcing the winner of the 2021 Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park Photo Contest.

We received 233 photographs this year, and after much decision the grand prize winner is Roxanne Westman from Mapleton, North Dakota with the self titled photograph *Sunset at Boicourt Overlook*. Roxanne also took home the prize for best landscape photograph.



Grand Prize and Landscape Photograph Winner:
Sunset at Boicourt Overlook Roxanne Westman Mapleton, ND

Roxanne's photograph will be featured on the 2022 Theodore Roosevelt National Park Annual Pass (available for sale beginning January 2022).

TRNHA would like to congratulate Roxanne and all our entries in the 2021 photo contest.

Remember entries for the 2022 Theodore Roosevelt National Park photo contest will begin in the spring of 2022. Visit [TRNHA's website](https://www.trnha.org) for more details.

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Photo Contest Winners cont...



Take a Hike Winner

Title: Hiking Wind Canyon

By: Andrew Parlette

Elkridge, Maryland

Plants of Theodore Roosevelt NP Winner

Title: Tuff Cactus Rough Rock

By: Wayne Greeson

Connersville, Indiana



Animals of Theodore Roosevelt NP Winner

Title: Prairie Dogs Kiss

By: Tim Samuelson

Fargo, North Dakota

Hours of Operation

If you are planning a trip to one of your favorite park sites, please remember visitor centers at Knife River Indian Villages NHS and Theodore Roosevelt NP will both be closed on these upcoming days:

Christmas Day — Saturday, December 25

New Years Day — Saturday, January 1

Regular Winter operating hours are:

South Unit Visitor Center, TRNP— Sunday - Saturday, 9:00-4:30 MT

Knife River Indian Village NHS— Sunday - Saturday, 8:00-4:30 CT



Calling All Birder's

Ring in the New Year with the annual Christmas bird count. This event is part of the National Audubon's Society 122nd annual citizen science bird project. Each year from December 14-January 5 volunteers from across the country join together to count birds. Bird counts will once again be hosted at Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

If you are interested in joining, meet at the South Unit Visitor Center to form teams of beginner & advanced volunteer birders; then disperse, covering survey areas. Bring binoculars, water, snacks, and warm clothing. Plan to be out birding for at least 4 hours.



You're Invited...

What?	Annual Christmas Bird Count
Where?	South Unit Visitor Center, Theodore Roosevelt National Park
When?	Sunday, January 2 at 8:00 AM MT
RSVP	No registration

Cache Pit Maize

In early Spring of this year, a visitor reached out to us at Knife River Indian Villages asking for information about an accession record from a seed bank. That record reads as follows:

“Seed given to Dr. Henry Shands by Hans Walker who received the seed from Myra Snow. According to Ms. Snow the seed was unearthed from one of the food caches down in the old village of Stanton N.D. the old village of Stanton was abandoned by Mandan Indians in 1837 because of smallpox. The Mandan Tribe lived along the upper Missouri river from approx. 1700 - 1800.”

After reading this record, the first thing that jumped out to me was the “cache pit.” And, if the record is true about Stanton, it would have to be the Hidatsa village of Amahami (located on the very North end of town). This village fell victim to a Lakota attack in 1834, so any abandoned cache material would be from this time period.

Additionally, there was an archaeological excavation that took place there in 1971 and the original seed keeper, Myra Snow, was around in the area. She assisted in special events at KNRI in the 1980s. But other conclusive evidence has yet to be found.

Still, I was intrigued by the inquiry and record. I tracked down the seed bank - the North Central Regional Plant Introduction Station located on the Iowa State University campus in Ames, Iowa. They obtained the seed in 1993. Using the U.S. National Plant Germplasm system, I acquired our own sample to grow here at the park.

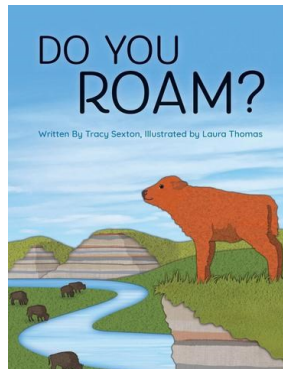
It grew well in my home garden this year and the plans are to bring it “home” to the garden at KNRI in the Spring of 2022!

Darian Kath
Interpretive Park Ranger



Holiday Shopping

Still looking for a holiday gift for that special someone? Shop the TRNHA store at Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Knife River Indian Villages NHS, or online at shoptrnha.org. There are plenty of special items in stock for everybody on your holiday gift list (and the 2022 TRNHA Calendar will be hitting the shelves soon!)



Please note: A combination of delayed shipments and record visitation has our merchandise flying out the door quicker than we can update our site. But we will make every effort possible to get your order shipped ASAP.

Winter Winds

December 21 marks the beginning of winter and the winter solstice. Theodore Roosevelt described North Dakota winters best in the following passage in his book *Ranch Life and the Hunting Trail*:

All the land is like granite; the great rivers stand still in their beds, as if turned to frosted steel. In the long nights there is no sound to break the lifeless silence. Under the ceaseless, shifting play of the Northern Lights, or lighted only by the wintry brilliance of the stars, the snow-clad plains stretch out into dead and endless wastes of glimmering white.



If you would like to read more, pick up your own copy of *Ranch Life and the Hunting Trail* by Theodore Roosevelt at our [online store](https://shoptrnha.org).

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