



Happy New Year

Each year we look back at the things the TRNHA has accomplished with the steady support of our members, board, and park community. 2022 was a year unlike any other. Theodore Roosevelt National Park and most of North Dakota were closed due to blizzards in April, November, and again in December! Summer visitation came down to a decent turn out from visitors at all of our associated sites.

Since 1951, TRNHA has worked with the NPS each year to set a budget for spending funds raised the previous year. In 2022, we provided the NPS with over \$130,000 in financial aid. These funds were raised through Park Store sales, memberships, and donations. Each year these funds are used on projects that best enhance your visit. Aid funds support a variety of projects, staffing, supplies, and special events in Theodore Roosevelt National Park and Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site.

This past year, TRNHA started off printing a new edition of our signature publication *Theodore Roosevelt in the Dakota Badlands*. As we kicked off another busy summer, this book quickly found a home on our shelves alongside many other new books and souvenirs.

The summer season arrived quickly and TRNHA staff found themselves busy unpacking merchandise and preparing the stores for a busy summer season. On May 6th we opened Painted Canyon for another fun filled summer. We also welcomed a fun new group of summer employees who were eager to learn about Theodore Roosevelt National Park. These team players were the friendly faces you found greeting park visitors, staffing visitor center desks, stocking store shelves, building parade floats, hosting special events, and showing everyone how TRNHA is an integral part of the park experience.

TRNHA was pleased to support the NPS interpretive program in many ways. At Theodore Roosevelt National Park this included purchasing supplies, paying for training, and helping sponsor the Dakota Night's Astronomy Festival. At Knife River Indian Villages, this included support for the "Lifeways" education program. Funds were also provided to support the Junior Ranger Program, print and distribute free publications, a vault toilet to be placed at Wind Canyon and research in Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

We ended the year hosting many special events and announcing the winners of our Annual Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park Photo Contest and first-ever Youth Photo Contest. The winning photos are featured in a new postcard package that can be found at our Park Stores and online. As we step into 2023, we are already planning products, projects, and events that promise an exciting year ahead.

TRNHA staff would like to extend our gratitude and a Happy New Year to everyone who has made these things possible. We hope to see you soon!

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Park Plans

The National Park Service is developing a Livestock Plan for Theodore Roosevelt National Park. The NPS has invited the public to participate in the planning process. They will be conducting a virtual public scoping meeting on January 12, 2023. Public comments regarding the Livestock Plan will be accepted through January 31, 2023.

If you would like to learn more about the plan, how to attend the meeting, or how to submit a comment; please visit the Theodore Roosevelt National Park website: <https://www.nps.gov/thro/getinvolved/livestock-plan.htm>.



Employment Opportunities

Each summer TRNHA hires enthusiastic individuals to carry out our mission and assist our National Park Service partners as seasonal visitor service clerks. If you would like to spend your summer working where the “buffalo roam”, check out our [website](#) for a full job description and how to apply. Interviews will begin in March 2023 and housing may be available.



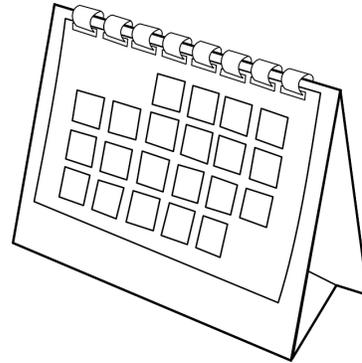
Picture Left: Bison are a common site while working at the Painted Canyon Visitor Center

Fee Free Days In 2023

The National Park Service will have five [entrance fee-free days](#) in 2023 that provide free admittance to all national parks for everyone. On these significant days of commemoration or celebration, and throughout the year, the National Park Service is committed to increasing access to national parks and promoting the advantages of outdoor recreation for public benefit and enjoyment.

The free entrance dates for 2023 are:

- January 16 – [Martin Luther King, Jr. Day](#)
- April 22 – First Day of [National Park Week](#)
- August 4 – [Great American Outdoors Day](#)
- September 23 – [National Public Lands Day](#)
- November 11 – [Veterans Day](#)



“National parks are really amazing places and we want everyone to experience them,” said National Park Service Director Chuck Sams. “The entrance fee-free days encourage people to discover the beauty, history and inspiration awaiting them in [more than 400 national parks](#) throughout the country.”

Detailed information about what there is to see and do at each park is available on [NPS.gov](#) or the [NPS app](#). It is important for people to know before they go what is open and available, especially if interested in overnight accommodations.

In 2021, 297 million people visited national parks and spent \$20.5 billion in local communities. This supported 322,600 jobs across the country and had a \$42.5 billion benefit to the U.S. economy.

Most national parks are always free to enter. Only about 100 of the 400+ national parks have an entrance fee. For parks with an entrance fee, the cost ranges from \$5 to \$35 and the money remains in the National Park Service, with 80-100% staying in the park where collected. The funds are used to enhance the visitor experience by providing programs and services, habitat restoration, and infrastructure maintenance and repair.

The fee waiver for the fee-free days applies only to National Park Service entrance fees and does not cover amenity or user fees for camping, boat launches, transportation, special tours, or other activities.

The annual \$80 [America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass](#) allows unlimited access to more than 2,000 federal recreation areas, including all national parks, for the passholder and companions accompanying them. There are also free or discounted passes available for currently serving members of the [U.S. military and their dependents, military veterans, Gold Star Families, fourth grade students, disabled citizens](#), and [senior citizens](#).

News Release from [nps.gov](#), December 8, 2022

Photograph by [K. Rivera, nps.gov](#)



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25% Off

TRNP Bison Trucker Hat

Online Only through January 31, 2023

Use coupon code

“January2023” at checkout.

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Moccasin Exhibit

At Knife River Indian Villages NHS



From now until the end of March, the visitor center at Knife River Indian Villages will have a temporary exhibit of moccasins on display. The moccasins are from our Robinson collection that was donated to park in 1991.

The moccasins are designed with floral and geometric patterns of glass beads and quill work. Before the arrival of glass beads in this area in the mid 1500's, quilling was used to create decorative raised patterns. Bird feathers were commonly used to make quills. The quills were dyed with berries, flowers, or other pigments found in nature. It wasn't until after the 1850's that synthetic dyes were more readily available.

Porcupine quills are also used in quillwork, and it was smoother and prettier than bird quills, yet bird quills were more durable. For example, moccasins used for special occasions were highly decorated with beads and porcupine quillwork. However, bird quills were preferred for moccasins worn daily. Once glass beads were readily available, the labor-intensive art of quilling became increasingly rare.

Knife River Indian Villages NHS is open daily 8:00-4:30 CT.



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We are HIRING!



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SEASONAL SALES AND INFORMATION ASSISTANT

Do you love National Parks?
Are you a Team Player?
Do you love seeing Bison?

If you answered yes, to all of the above questions please visit our website to apply today for our Seasonal Sales and Information Assistant!
www.trnha.org/employment.htm



TRNHA is looking to hire six seasonal Sales and Information Assistants to join our team this summer!

Sales and Information Assistants are instrumental in creating a welcoming and meaningful experience for visitors to Theodore Roosevelt National Park. This role is responsible for orienting visitors to the park and connecting them with accurate information, educational opportunities, and a quality retail experience. Sales and Information Assistants work as a team alongside National Park Rangers, in a fast-paced environment.

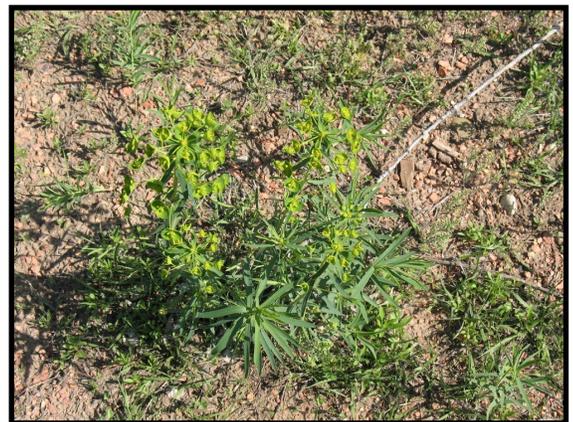
Sales and Information Assistants provide park information, area information, sell merchandise, stock shelves, and ensure that the visitor has the best experience possible. In addition to supporting general store operations, you will be responsible for maintaining positive, productive relationships with our National Park partners. If you love being in national parks and believe in working for an organization with a social purpose, this job opportunity is for you!

For more information please check out our website: www.trnha.org/employment.htm

National Invasive Species Awareness Week

The last week of February is National Invasive Species Awareness Week. Theodore Roosevelt National Park works closely with its neighbors, private landowners and other federal, state, and local agencies to keep invasive plants in check. The park implements an integrated pest management program combining chemical, mechanical and biological control methods to fight these plants. But here are a few things you can do to help reduce the spread of invasive species and maintain the balance of our national park ecosystem:

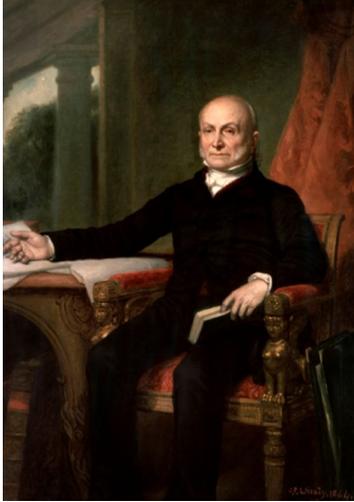
- Plant only native species; many local governments ban the planting of non-native species
- Learn to recognize exotic plants in your area
- Be aware that your camping equipment, boots, clothes, pets, and vehicle can all transport non-native plant seeds
- When using horses or pack animals, carry only feed that is "certified weed free," especially when recreating in protected areas
- Remove non-native plant seeds from horses and pack animals by brushing them thoroughly and cleaning hooves before transporting to un-infested areas



Text adapted and leafy spurge image from: <https://www.nps.gov/thro/learn/nature/nonnativespecies.htm>

President's Day in the NPS

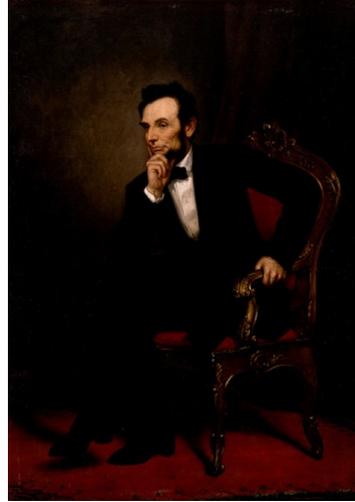
The National Park Service maintains and interprets many "presidential places." The list include birthplaces, childhood homes, national historic sites - and President's Park (White House). Test your knowledge of presidential places in the National Park system. Match the president to their associated NPS site:



John Quincy Adams



Lyndon B. Johnson



Abraham Lincoln



Theodore Roosevelt



A



C



D



B

A - Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace NHS (New York) B - John Quincy Adams Birthplace @ Adams National Historic Park (Massachusetts) C - Kentucky Boyhood Home at Knob Creek @ Abraham Lincoln Birth-
place National Historical Park (Kentucky) D - Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park (Texas)

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Northern Lights

Normally we wait until the Annual Dakota Night's Astronomy Festival to point out the alluring night skies of North Dakota. However, the end of February brought some exceptional night views to North Dakota, especially views of the Aurora Borealis. Those few visitors who ventured through our winter weather to visit, have been curious about how and when to view the northern lights. So, we wanted to feature the four factors and viewing tips Aurora watchers should keep in mind (adapted from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration):

1. **Geomagnetic Activity:** The level of geomagnetic activity is indicated by the planetary k or kp index. The Kp index ranges from 0-9. For Kp in the range of 6-7...it might be possible to see the from the northern edge of the United States.
2. **Location:** Find a place where you can see the north. A person can see aurora when it is 600 miles further north.
3. **Darkness:** Get away from city lights. The full moon will also diminish the apparent brightness of the aurora.
4. **Timing:** The best aurora is within an hour or two of midnight...The best seasons for aurora watching are around the spring and fall equinoxes.

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Winter Operating Hours

Theodore Roosevelt National Park

South Unit Visitor Center 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM MT

Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site

Visitor Center 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM CT

South Unit Loop Road Repairs to Begin!

Constant erosion of the soft rock and soils found in the Badlands has given us fantastic scenery. The geology of the area also poses challenges in maintaining park infrastructure, especially our roads. Roads in the park are frequently in need of repair, as the Badlands erode easily. As you may recall in 2019 the park experienced a major road failure on the south side of the loop road in the South Unit. This failure resulted in the closure of several miles of road.

When the road failed park staff immediately went to work to figure out solutions to repair or reroute the road. National Park Service and Federal Highways staff have spent the past four years monitoring the still moving road and designing ways to prevent future issues. Funding has now been received through the Great American Outdoors Act to move forward with repairs.

After a lot of man hours surveying, researching, and designing a plan is in place. A contract has been awarded and work is expected to begin as soon as mother nature allows this spring. Crews will be working in the closed section for the next two years stabilizing and rebuilding the road. When repairs are finished the South Unit will once again have a loop for our visitors to enjoy.



TRNHA 2023 Event Schedule



TRNHA is excited to offer several events this year in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Mark your calendar and check back here or follow us on social media to learn more!

April 22 to 30, 2023 – National Park Week

June 4, 2023 – 69th Annual Birdwalk and Breakfast

Kids in the Park - TRNHA will be hosting four opportunities for kids to come out an enjoy time in the park.

June 20, 2023 – South Unit

June 27, 2023 – North Unit

July 11, 2023 – South Unit

July 18, 2023 – North Unit

Campground Volunteers Wanted

Own an RV? Want to live in a National Park where you will frequently see deer, bison, and other wildlife? Does assisting visitors during their visit appeal to you? If you answered yes to these three questions, then we may have the perfect volunteer position for you. Apply to be a campground host at Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Cottonwood Campground is located at the South Unit of the park near Medora, ND. Cottonwood Campground has 72 sites for tent and RV campers. Half of the sites are on line while the remaining half are first come, first serve. Bison and deer are known to frequent Cottonwood Campground. Cell phone signal is limited in the campground but can be found a short distance away.

To learn more and apply follow this link to [volunteer.gov](https://www.volunteer.gov).



National Learn About Butterflies Day



A Great Spangled Fritillary, NPS Photo

March 14 is National Learn About Butterflies Day. Here are some butterfly facts to help celebrate these pretty pollinators:

- Butterflies are most active during the day, moths are most active during the night
- “Puddling” is a butterfly behavior where, usually male, butterflies gather nutrients from mud
- Over 150 species of butterfly have been identified in North Dakota

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WPA Style Water Bottle

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National Park Week

We would like to invite you to join us in celebrating National Park Week April 22 through April 30. The Entrance fees will be waived at all National Parks on the April 22 to encourage people to come out to enjoy their national parks.

April 22 is also the 53rd Annual Earth Day and Park Rx Day. Earth Day this year is has a theme to “Invest in Our Planet.” Park Rx Day is focused on connecting people with nature outside to fill their park prescription for health and wellness.

This year’s National Park Week is focused on “What’s your park story?”. The staff at TRNHA is excited to hear your story and help you fill your nature prescription. We want to help you connect to Theodore Roosevelt National Park by offering some free activities (*Park Entrance Fees will be required every day except April 22*)

Join us in celebrating with the following events.

Saturday, April 22

- 10:00 am to 11:00 am MT—Join us for a guided Nature Walk at Wind Canyon

Sunday, April 23

- Popcorn at the South Unit Visitor Center (While supplies last!)
- 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm MT - Flapping Owl Kid’s Craft - South Unit Visitor Center

April 24-28 On social media, we’ll be posting National Park Week “Share Your Story...” prompts. When you reply to a prompt and “Share Your Story” with us, you will be entered into a raffle. Drawing and Prize winners will be announced on Sunday, April 30 via Social Media

April 29 (weather permitting) Painted Canyon Visitor Center opens for the Season.

Looking for more? [Find your virtual park](#) and stay connected with national parks across the country with online resources and virtual experiences.

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Spring Operating Hours

South Unit VC, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm MT

Painted Canyon VC, Opens April 29 (Weather Pending), 9:00 am—4:30 pm MT

Knife River Indian Villages NHS, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm CT

2023 Photo Contest

Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association (TRNHA) is once again hosting its annual *Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park* photo contest. Submissions for the contest will be received from April 1 – August 31, 2023. All photographs must have been taken between September 1, 2022 and August 31, 2023. Prizes will be awarded in the following categories: Landscape, Animals of Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Take a Hike, and Flowers and Plants.



Winner of the 2022 youth photo contest, 14-18 year category, by Matthew Thompson

For the second year in a row, TRNHA is also hosting the *Adventures in Theodore Roosevelt National Park* youth photo contest. Submissions are for eligible participants 18 years or younger. Prizes will be awarded in three categories: participants up to 9 years old, participants 10-13 years old, and participants 14 to 18 years old.

Winners from each category are eligible for the grand prize: the selection of a grand prize winner will be featured on the 2024 Theodore Roosevelt National Park annual pass and other special products.

For a complete listing of entry please see the [TRNHA website](#). Good luck and happy photographing.

A Reason to Visit...



Each month we will take a look at the new, the old, and the timeless reasons to visit the park sites we support. This month we choose:

The New Temporary Exhibit on Archaeology at the Knife River Indian Villages NHS Visitor Center & Museum

Have you ever wondered what different artifacts have been found here? Some of the items on display include trade beads, bison bone scraper, bison paint applicators, and projectile points. Follow Knife River Indian Villages NHS on social media or [click here to visit their website](#) and learn more!

TRNHA Summer Youth Programs



June 20 - South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park

Animal Tracks

Identify animal tracks, play some games, and paint an animal footprint cast.

All ages welcome, recommended for ages 3-12.

This is a tentative schedule of TRNHA's summer programs.

More details to follow...

June 27 - North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park

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Identify animal tracks, play some games, and paint an animal footprint cast.

All ages welcome, recommended for ages 3-12.

July 11 - South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park

Teddy Bear Time

Bring your favorite teddy bear and join us for story time, craft time, and snack time!

All ages welcome, recommended for ages 3-12.

Questions? Call

701-623-4884

July 18 - North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park

Teddy Bear Time

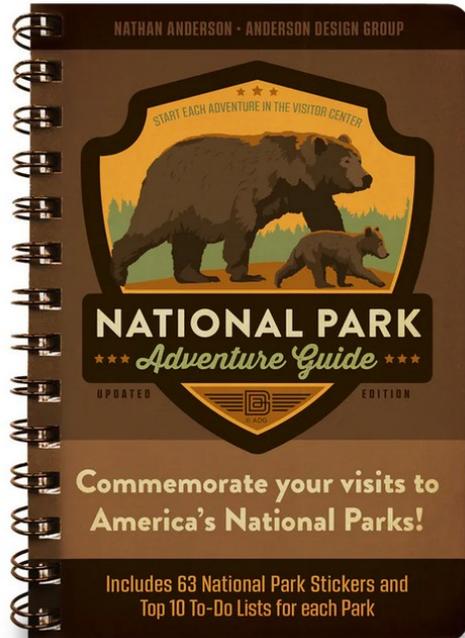
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Preregistration is required for all events. Registration and event information will be posted on social media May 1.

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Summer Jobs in TRNP

Experience your America by working in a National Park this summer. 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.

The National Park Service hires thousands of seasonal employees each year to welcome and educate visitors, conduct research, protect our resources, help keep our parks looking beautiful, and so much more. Seasons vary by park, but summer seasons generally operate between March and September, and winter seasons between October and February.

Tips When Applying to Seasonal Positions

- All NPS seasonal vacancies are posted on USAJobs. Search "Theodore Roosevelt National Park" or "Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site"
- Some of the larger parks receive hundreds of applications for only a handful of openings, so your chances for selection may improve if you apply to a smaller park, such as Theodore Roosevelt National Park or Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site.
- Consider volunteering or interning with some of our youth program partners to gain additional experience.

For more information, [see frequently asked questions about seasonal hiring.](#)

APPLY FOR NPS JOBS—www.usajobs.gov

APPLY TO VOLUNTEER— www.volunteer.gov (Camp Host are still needed)

APPLY TO WORK FOR TRNHA—www.trnha.org/employment.htm



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FREE
Shared
Housing

JOIN
OUR SUMMER
TEAM!

WAGES
\$16/HR

SEASONAL SALES AND INFORMATION ASSISTANT
Spend your summer working and exploring in
Theodore Roosevelt National Park! Learn more and apply:
www.trnha.org/employment.htm

Park Rangers
WANTED

JOIN THE TEAM AT THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATIONAL PARK!

Summer is just around the corner and the NPS is still working to fill their vacancies. Various positions are available seasonal and year round.

Learn more and Apply at: www.usajobs.gov
(use search location Theodore Roosevelt National Park)

Vacant Positions include:
Administrative Support Assistant
Park Guides
Recreation Fee Clerks
Maintenance Worker
Custodial Worker
Laborer

Prescribed Burns Promote Prairie Restoration

Spring prescribed fires are planned in both the North and South Units of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. These burns will only occur when conditions such as humidity, wind and temperature are conducive to prescribed fire operations.

If conditions are met, three units totaling 1,148 acres are planned for prescription. The North Unit burn will concentrate on 669 acres in the northwest corner of the park. Two South Unit burns of approximately 479 acres total will be conducted along the southeast corner of the park and in the Upper Paddock Trail area.



Prescribed fires help clear invasive vegetation and promote native prairie restoration. Burns can help prevent the spread of currently burning coal seam fires, reduce fuels and can create a fire break that helps slow or stop a fire.

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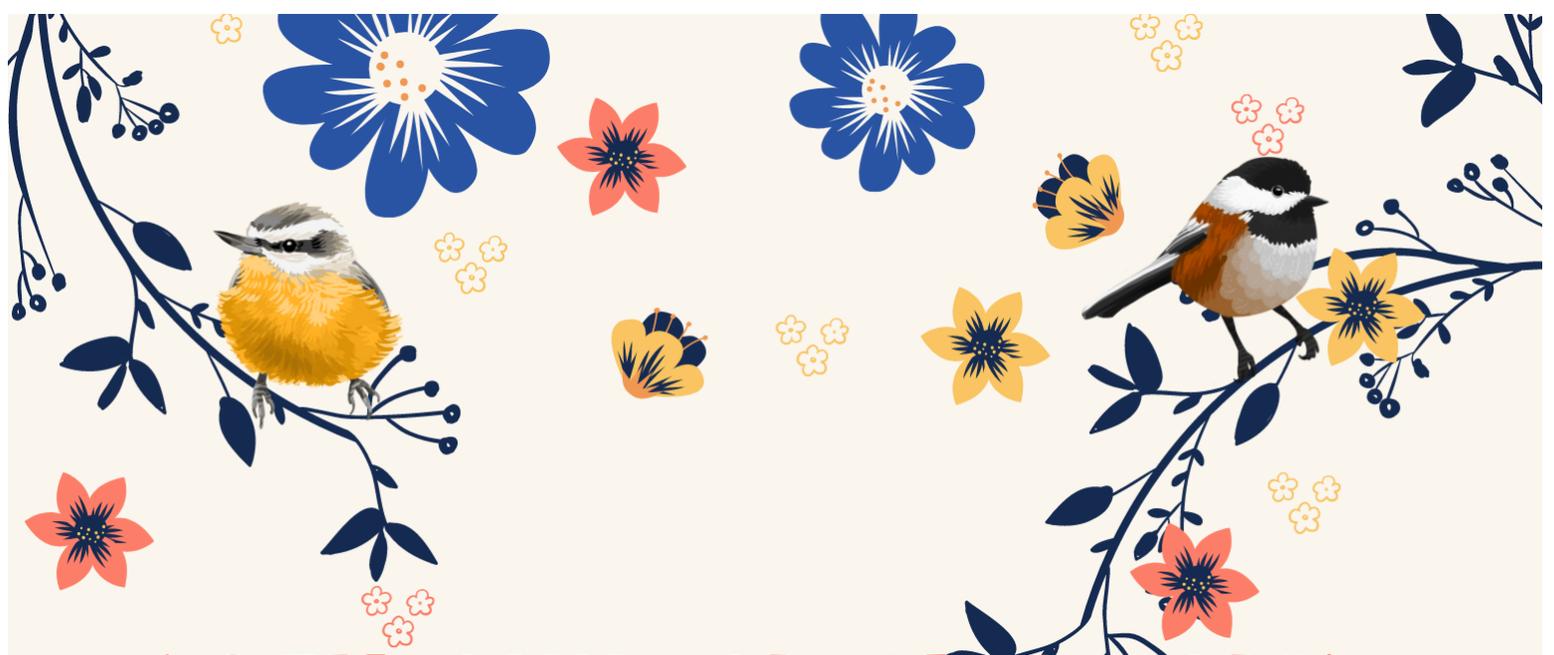
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NATIVE GARDENS

One tradition that Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site continues is gardening. The Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara people were gardeners growing corn, beans, squash, and sunflowers. Agriculture provided the base economy for them, and they grew much of their food in the rich floodplain. Gardens descended through the female line.

Every year they grow Mandan and Arikara squash, Arikara sunflowers, Arikara Yellow beans, Hidatsa red beans, Arikara watermelon and different varieties of Hidatsa corn. Some of the Hidatsa corn that is grown comes from corn found in a cache pit in the Amahami village in Stanton, ND. The park staff will be planting the gardens soon. Come check out their gardens this summer!





69TH ANNUAL BIRDWALK

**JUNE 4, 2023 - 6:30 AM MT
COTTONWOOD CAMPGROUND**

This year's birdwalk will be held in the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park on Sunday, June 4th. Participants should bring binoculars, field guides, and keen eyes to help record the day's sightings. Each year 40-50 bird species are observed during this popular annual outing. Novice and experienced birders are invited to join this leisurely one-hour stroll beginning at 6:30 am MDT. Participants will meet at the Cottonwood Campground registration area.

Following the walk, at approximately 8:00 am, the Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association will provide breakfast. Those interested in receiving breakfast are encouraged to RSVP (to ensure that there are enough breakfasts prepared for everyone).

**TO RESERVE YOUR BREAKFAST PLEASE SIGN UP AT:
[HTTPS://FORM.JOTFORM.COM/TRNHA1951/69THBIRDWALK](https://form.jotform.com/TRNHA1951/69THBIRDWALK)**

For more information contact us at:
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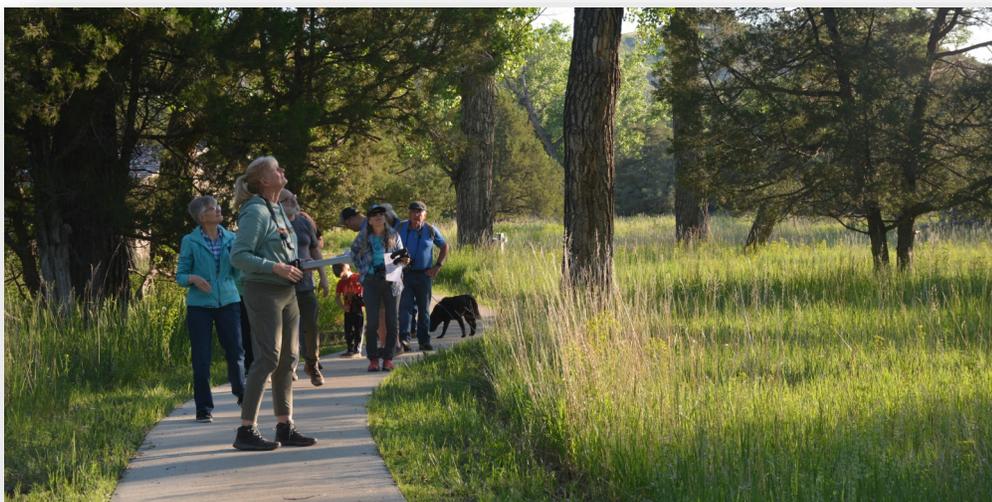


Annual Birdwalk

This year we had an excellent turnout for the 69th Annual Birdwalk at the Cottonwood Campground. It was a beautiful, cool morning that welcomed TRNHA and about 75 dedicated birders. We would like to thank everyone who came out and everyone who continues to support this steady tradition at Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Participants broke up into four groups lead by experienced birder volunteers to explore the area surrounding Cottonwood Campground in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Many first time attendees expressed their awe in the knowledge some of the veterans had after observing them name a bird based on it's song or after it was flying away. Here are the official counts for this year's birdwalk:

Participants: 75 Species: 44



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We can't wait to see everyone next year, when we celebrate our 70th anniversary!

South Unit Loop Road Construction

Summer season is in full swing, which means it's also construction season in western North Dakota. As visitors plan their day at Theodore Roosevelt National Park, our most frequently asked question has been "What is the status of the road closure in the South Unit?" We are happy to say that the reconstruction project for the South Unit Loop Road is underway. Workers have been in place all spring and the road work currently focuses on the installation of retaining walls for the road near the Ridgeline Nature Trail.



While construction activities are present, this portion of the road remains closed to all visitors. When driving through the park visitors must turn right at Peaceful Valley and can travel to the Old East Entrance Station, then they must turn around and retrace their path. While some might find this a tedious task, we find it an exciting opportunity as it gives you a different view of the area you just travelled through. Think of it as flipping a book over to read the back cover before deciding to read it, if you just looked at the cover you would not be fully informed of the wonders the book offers. Retracing your steps to exit the

park gives you an opportunity to fully view what the park has to offer.

For more information regarding the closure and how it might effect your visit to Theodore Roosevelt National Park, please visit www.nps.gov/thro or call 701-623-4466.

Things To Do



Drive the Scenic Drive
The 22.5-mile scenic drive takes about 2.0 hours to complete. Part of the drive may be closed in winter.



Spend the Night
Cottonwood Campground is open year-round. Some campsites are available on a first come, first served basis. Backcountry camping requires a permit.



See the Stars
On cloudless nights, the Milky Way pours across the fantastically dark skies of Western North Dakota. The Northern Lights sometimes make an appearance, so be on the lookout!

Exploring The South Unit

The South Unit is best accessed via the scenic drive which begins here in Medora. There are many places along the drive to stop and enjoy scenic vistas, hike trails, and watch wildlife.

The South Unit is the largest of the park's 3 units. Its 46,000 acres of sprawling badlands and 11 miles of the Little Missouri River support a rich diversity of life.

Try to imagine seeing the land through Theodore Roosevelt's bespectacled eyes—adventure and wonder abound! Have fun, be safe, and enjoy your national park!



Hiking
Trails range in distance and difficulty. Longer trails can be hard to follow and require a detailed map. Shorter trails, including nature trails, are well marked and do not require a map. Choose a trail that meets your interests and ability level and take a hike!



Wildlife
Animal inhabitants unique to the South Unit include bands of horses and elusive elk. Wildlife is readily visible along the scenic drive, especially in prairie dog towns. All animals you encounter here are wild and many can be dangerous. Enjoy wildlife from a distance of 25 yards or more.

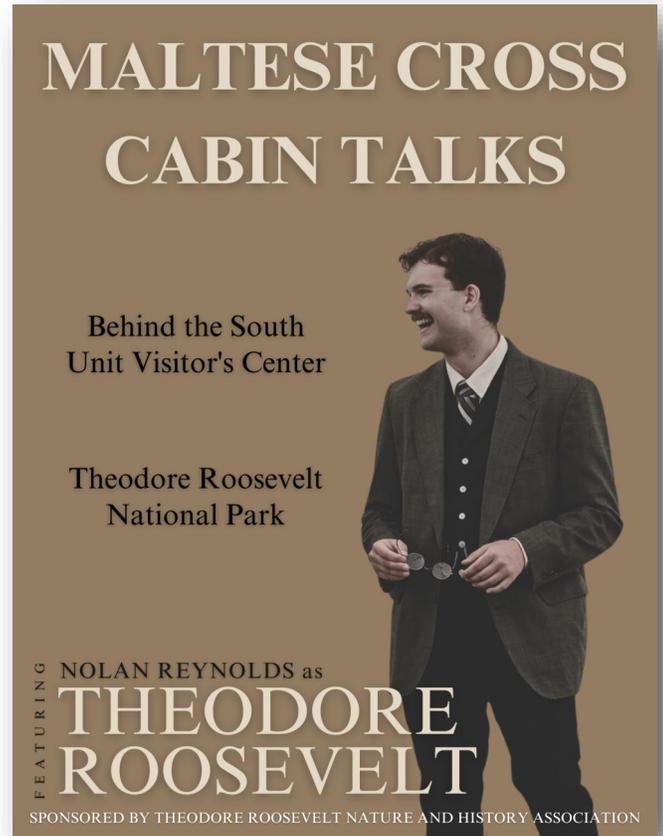


Maltese Cross Cabin Talks

June is a beautiful month in western North Dakota. The temperatures are warmer, the flowers are blooming, and visitors are flocking to Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

This summer, the Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association is excited to host a unique historical experience with a Young Theodore Roosevelt. Nolan Reynolds, joined our seasonal team last summer and proved to be an asset as he has a thirst for knowledge and a love for Theodore Roosevelt. While spending his time in North Dakota last summer he built friendships with several Theodore Roosevelt impersonators and honed his skills.

In May 2023, Nolan returned to spend the summer with TRNHA and we decided to take advantage of his ambition, knowledge, and acting skills. This summer, he will be portraying a young Theodore Roosevelt and offering talks next to Theodore Roosevelt's Maltese Cross Cabin at the South Unit Visitor Center located in Medora. These 20-25 minute talks encourage participation and offer visitors an opportunity to learn more about our 26th President and the time he spent in the area that is now Theodore Roosevelt National Park.



A Reason to Visit...



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THE BIRDS!!!

June is a prime time to step outside with your binoculars and take a quiet look around. Among the many birds that migrate and breed in western North Dakota during the summer, the Lazuli Bunting stands out as one of the most bold and brilliant. These birds can be found darting around shrubland areas looking for insects.

Image: Male Lazuli Bunting, allaboutbirds.org

TRNHA Summer Youth Programs

Reserve Your Spot Today!

All events will be hosted outdoors.

South Unit Events will be in the Picnic Area of Cottonwood Campground beginning at 10 am MT.

North Unit Events will be in the Picnic Area of Juniper Campground at 10 am CT.

In order to plan for participation and ensure we have all supplies needed. Event participation is restricted to the first 100 kids to register for each event.



Welcome Aboard!

Every year TRNHA has a new batch of seasonal employees eager to work and enjoy the beauty of Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

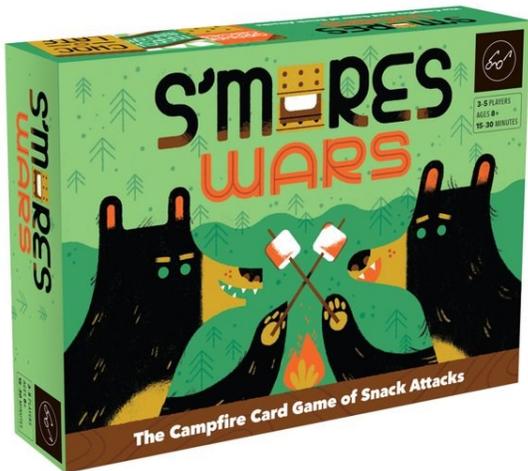
This year we would like to welcome our seasonal crew: Adam, Allisyn, Grace, Nolan, and Tianna.

Stop by one of the South Unit's visitor centers and say, Hello!



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North Unit “Animal Exploration”

by Nolan Reynolds

On June 26th, a group of around 50 adults and children made their way to the Juniper Campground for what was a great “Animal Exploration” event! The main topic of this year’s event was “animal tracks.” Through various group activities, games, and a short program run by TRNHA’s own Jesse Sexton, the kids *and* adults had great opportunities to learn about the markings various animals leave in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. The event ended with a chance for everyone to paint a clay-molded fox print to take home as a reminder of this fun day. Keep your eyes peeled for all of our future children’s events.



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South Unit Visitor Center, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm MT

Painted Canyon Visitor Center, *New Hours* 8:30 am — 5:00 pm MT

North Unit Visitor Center, 9:00 am — 4:30 pm CT

Knife River Indian Villages NHS, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm CT

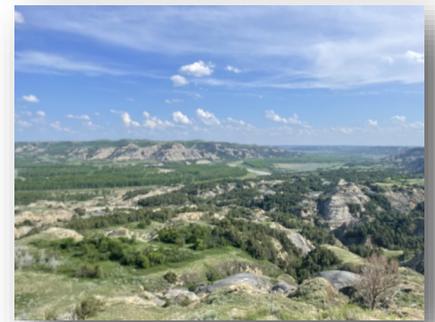
Caprock Coulee Trail

July's Trail of the Month by Grace Crowell

Caprock Coulee Trail is a 4.4-mile loop around the North Unit in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. It is a moderate hike with an ascent of 730 feet. On this trail, you will come across a wide variety of different plants and natural landscapes. It also allows you the possibility of seeing wildlife such as bison, bighorn sheep, and longhorn steers.

Caprock Coulee trail grants you access to stunning views of the park from the top of the plateau as well as the views from the ridge. This trail begins at the Caprock Coulee Nature Trailhead which leads through a narrow valley where you can capture the different plants along with a closeup of the erosion on the hillside. Once you pass the end of the nature trail, you will begin an upwards hike to the top of the plateau. At this point, you will have sweeping views of the park and the badlands. Following the trail leads you to the Riverbend Overlook, a must-see spot and one of the most photographed spots in the park and North Dakota. Once you are past the Riverbend overlook you will follow along the ridge that grants you panoramic views of the Little Missouri River. Finally, the trail will rapidly descend until it reaches the end of the trail.

This trail is highly recommended by park staff along with previous visitors. It can be a bit of a workout but the views alone are worth it. If you can this month, make sure to stop by the north unit and try it out for yourself!



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Photo by Amy Meng

THE HIKING TRAILS

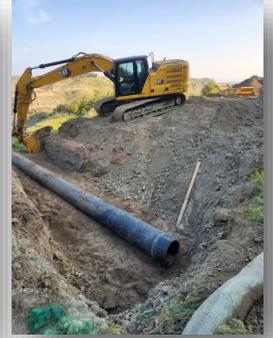
From the North Unit's Caprock Coulee Trail to the South Unit's Wind Canyon Nature Trail, there are all different types of hikes and views to choose from. Trails in Theodore Roosevelt National Park range from flat to rugged and easy to strenuous. If you are looking for a short 10 minute hike the park's got it, if you prefer a longer 10 hour hike you came to the right place. There really is something for every one!

Learn more about the trails: <https://www.nps.gov/thro/planyourvisit/hiking-and-trail-information.htm>

What's Up with All the Cones?

When you are located in North Dakota vacation season and construction season end up clashing due to mother nature not allowing a lot to be done outside in the winter. So if you have visited Theodore Roosevelt National Park lately you may have found yourself wondering "What's up with all the cones?" Well we are excited to offer you a glimpse into all the hard work park staff, volunteer groups, and contractors have put into improving the park for our visitors.

Rebuilding the South Unit Road - As you may have read in last month's newsletter repairs are underway on the closed section of the South Unit Loop Drive.



NPS Streets in Medora - If you have ever visited Medora you may have noticed that the streets on the North end of town and near the entrance to Theodore Roosevelt National Park were a little narrow. However after started in the fall this is no longer the case. These streets now offer extra parking and easier access for larger vehicles.



Painted Canyon Visitor Center - Painted Canyon Visitor Center was built in the late 70's is in need of a little TLC. Park staff has been hard at work this summer giving it a much needed facelift.



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What's Up with All the Cones? continued from page 3

Buck Hill Trail Improvements - Montana Conservation Corps sent a crew out to the park in early June to begin rehabbing the trail leading up Buck Hill. Trail improvements completed included:

- Replaced several "check steps" along trail where the wood was rotting out.
- Along trail edges moved in area rock to help with trail erosion, since it has such a slope on the trail.
- MCC cleared and fixed trail with "tred work", so it's easier for visitors to hike on.
- Tribal Monitor there assisting with the trail work and monitoring purposes.
- Haul cold mix to "checks steps" that needed to be replaced.
- Replaced out 2 old garage cans for 2 new ones.- Wasn't on our project list but assisted our employee on updates.
- Installed cold asphalt mix to area and check steps, where nature step was too large for visitors to step up on too. Made it easier for visitors to move with the trail.

Crew moved cement bags to the top of Buck Hill with estimate of 1,380 lbs hauled in for a cement pad. This is for a incoming bench for visitors to rest on and enjoy the views from Buck Hill Trail.



TRNHA in Medora's 4th of July Parade



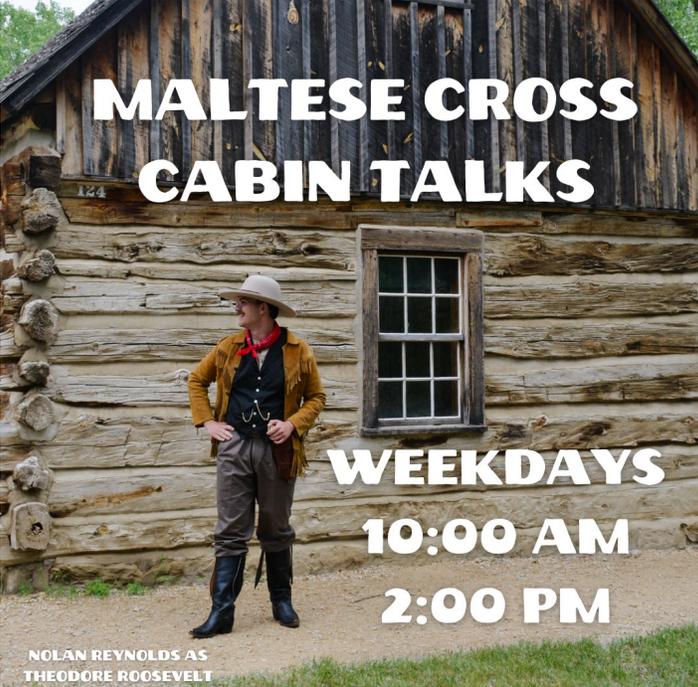
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NOLAN REYNOLDS AS
 THEODORE ROOSEVELT

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KID'S EVENT

JULY 11, 2023

Teddy Bear Time!




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Cottonwood Campground Picnic Area
South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park

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KID'S EVENT

JULY 18, 2023

Teddy Bear Time!




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A Summer as Theodore Roosevelt

By Nolan W. Reynolds

My summer of 2022 was spent working for the Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association (TRNHA), behind the desk of the South Unit Visitor Center in Theodore Roosevelt National Park (THRO). An inescapable hazard of the job was standing a mere ten feet away from a life-size portrait of Theodore Roosevelt, pictured in his usual buck-skin ranching outfit. For the typical TRNHA employee, this proves to be no issue. For a mustache-donning, glasses-wearing nineteen-year-old however, things are slightly different. Not a day seemed to pass without a comment of “you know—you look just like a young Theodore Roosevelt,” coming across the counter as I aided people with their purchases—but I always took it as a compliment. I would later go on in July of 2022 to debut a living-history interpretation of Theodore Roosevelt in Medora; an event that sparked the idea of bringing a young Roosevelt to life in THRO.

I have spent this summer working again with TRNHA, but unlike last year, I have spent a large portion of it in a buck-skin jacket of my own. We knew leading up to the season that I would be reprising as a young Theodore Roosevelt, but no one could have foretold how popular the program would be.



Nolan Reynolds as a young Theodore Roosevelt

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A Summer as Theodore Roosevelt, cont.



With an average of thirty participants over the sixty-seven programs given this summer, around two-thousand people were able to witness Theodore Roosevelt come to life. In an effort to not sound conceited, I want to be clear that I do not believe these numbers were due to *my* performance in any large capacity. Rather, I truly believe that the captivating stories of Roosevelt's time here in the Badlands of North Dakota is what draws people in. But perhaps the heavy-lifting should be attributed to something entirely different.

The Maltese Cross Ranch Cabin—which celebrates its 140th birthday this year—is the real star of the show.

Sitting 1½ stories tall, it was quite a grandiose “mansion” on the plains back then; one of the few that did not have a flat sod roof and one large room on the interior. Effectively, the cabin has four rooms. The largest of which is the dining room, which also served the purpose of the writing/sitting room. The kitchen has its own room, and there are two separate bedrooms originally for Roosevelt and his ranch hands, the latter of which took their residence in the loft (hence the ½ story).

The cabin could also be considered the most well-traveled of any in American history. After Roosevelt's election in 1901, the cabin was disassembled Lincoln Log style, and put on a train car to be shipped to St. Louis, Missouri, for the 1904 World's Fair. The same happened again in 1905, this time the cabin making the cross-country trip to Portland, Oregon for the Lewis & Clark Exposition. It then traveled to West Fargo to sit at the North Dakota State Fairgrounds, then to Bismarck to sit at the State Capitol grounds. It did not come to THRO until 1959, after nearly sixty years of travel. Where it sits now, behind the South Unit Visitor Center in THRO, it is seven miles north of its original location—where Roosevelt himself had it built.



Needless to say, this summer has been an amazing opportunity. Not only did I get to spend it working for and with fantastic people, but I also got to bring Theodore Roosevelt to life once more. Every time I stepped in front of the cabin, I hoped that children and adults alike would learn something new, in a format they could not forget. As to whether or not I will return in the future as Theodore Roosevelt, who is to say... But in the words of the man himself, “an infinity of excuses can always be found for non-action.” Bully!

Theodore Roosevelt's Travelling Trunk Project

If you have ever visited Theodore Roosevelt National Park, chances are you have toured the Maltese Cross Cabin and had an opportunity to view Theodore Roosevelt's original travelling trunk. The trunk is made of wicker and duck skin with the letters "T.R." emblazoned on its top. This light-weight trunk was used by Roosevelt on his travels between New York and Dakota.

Recently, park staff have noticed the elements causing some wear on the trunk, which has led to the removal of the trunk from the Maltese Cross Cabin. This month the trunk was boxed up in a wooden crate and shipped to the Harpers Ferry Center located in West Virginia.



Once the trunk arrives safely, staff at Harpers Ferry Center will get to work with conservation treatments. The original trunk will be handled by Objects Conservator, Fran Ritchie, who will work on repairing any damage and preserving it for future generations. Wooden Artifacts Conservator, Curtis Sullivan will take measurements and observations in order to build a replica. Once the original trunk has been repaired and the replica has been built both items will be returned to Theodore Roosevelt National Park. The original trunk will be stored in a temperature and moisture-controlled climate and the replica will be put on display in the Maltese



Cross Cabin.

The complete project is budgeted at around \$25,000 and being funded by Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association. We are proud to be partnering with the National Park Service on this very worthwhile project, but we cannot take all the credit.



We would like to take a minute and thank Wild Tribute, our t-shirt vendor who has generously donated \$10,000 towards this project. Wild Tribute was founded to honor our parks, forests, and oceans. They donate 4% of their proceeds to support America's historic and wild places. TRNHA has had the honor of partnering with them for the past seven years and we have received over \$20,000 in donations to support projects in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Their impact on our parks and their support of TRNHA are amazing and we cannot thank them enough for their partnership.

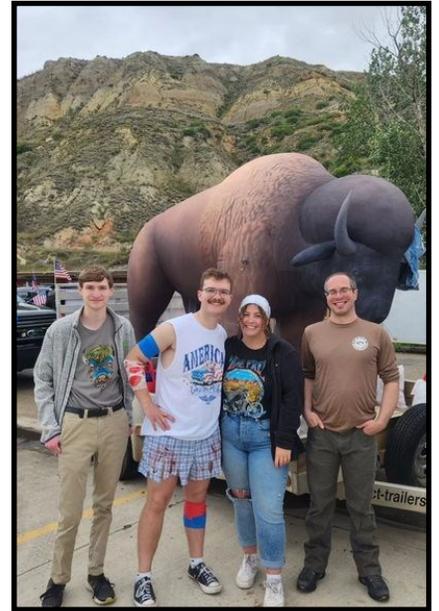
And finally, we must say thank you to our members and friends. Your merchandise purchases, including Wild Tribute t-shirts, have contributed the remaining \$15,000 for this project. To you we say, THANK YOU! We encourage you to stay tuned for more information on this project and to come visit us once the trunk returns home.

Looking Back on July

July was a busy month at TRNHA and we had some great opportunities to connect visitors with the wonders of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. We took part in the annual Medora Independence Day parade, conducted a children’s “Teddy Bear Time” Program in the North and South Unit, and hosted a guided hike on the Little Mo Nature Trail for children enrolled in the Watford City Parks & Recreation summer program. All said, July was a great month for TRNHA and we look forward to August being just as amazing!



A bison greeting, before and after the program



Independence Day Parade



North Unit Teddy Bear Time



South Unit Teddy Bear Time

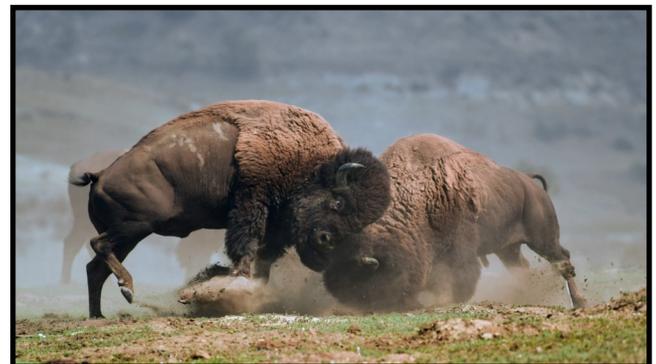
Photo Contest 2023

The submission period for the Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park Photo Contest and the Adventure in Theodore Roosevelt National Park Youth Photo Contest ends August 31, 2023. Winners will be award in various categories including landscape, animals of TRNP, Take a Hike, Flower and Plants,

The winners for each category in both contests will be eligible for the 2023 Grand Prize in which the winning photograph will be featured on the 2024 Theodore Roosevelt National Park Annual Park Pass.

No matter who you are, no matter what your age, take a look back at the photos you took at TRNP this summer and submit your photo today!

[Follow this link for official rules and submission details.](#)



2022 Grand Prize Winner, Photograph by Duane Hons

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National Public Lands Day



Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 23, 2023. This day is the thirtieth ever National Public Lands Day! National Public Lands Day was established thirty years ago as a way to connect people to the green spaces around them. One way to do this is through encouraging volunteerism and stewardship of the resources in our National Parks; another way is by encouraging people to get out and enjoy their national parks.

To encourage volunteerism and stewardship, National Park sites and their partners will be hosting volunteer opportunities and events around the country. To learn more about volunteering with the National Park Service, visit <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/volunteer/index.htm>. To encourage visitors to get out and enjoy their national parks, Saturday, September 23 will be a fee free day! National Park sites that charge an entrance fee (including Theodore Roosevelt National Park) will offer free admission.

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Night Skies: A Wilderness Value

Wilderness Value from www.nps.gov/subjects/night skies

In wilderness, we preserve more than just opportunities for backpacking and beautiful vistas: we preserve complex ecosystems, glimpses of the how the world once was, and a place where we, as individuals or as a nation, can reflect upon the paths we have taken. It is our frontier. Dark night skies are a wilderness characteristic, a part that cannot be cut out without leaving the land wanting.

A single glaring light can reel back those seeking solitude or communion with nature, undoing miles of effort. A traveler can trek deep into the mountains, yet still be followed by the glow of distant city lights. The opportunity for stepping back in time, removing ourselves from evidence of human development and infrastructure, must include the nighttime hours.

Wilderness character has been identified to fall within four tangible qualities (Landres, 2008), based upon the language of the Wilderness Act of 1964 (Congress, 1964):

- Untrammeled: unhindered and free of modern human control or manipulation
- Natural: conditions within the range of natural variability, not modified by the effects of humans intentionally or unintentionally
- Undeveloped: ... with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable
- Solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation: the opportunity for humans to experience these values, unaffected by signs of modern civilization, encounters with others, or reminders that a developed society exists.

A view of the natural night sky and a landscape free of anthropogenic (human-caused) light contributes to all these qualities, but especially the "solitude or primitive and unconfined" quality of wilderness. In any culture where electricity is available, the wasteful use of outdoor light may become prevalent and an environmental problem, for humans as well as wildlife.

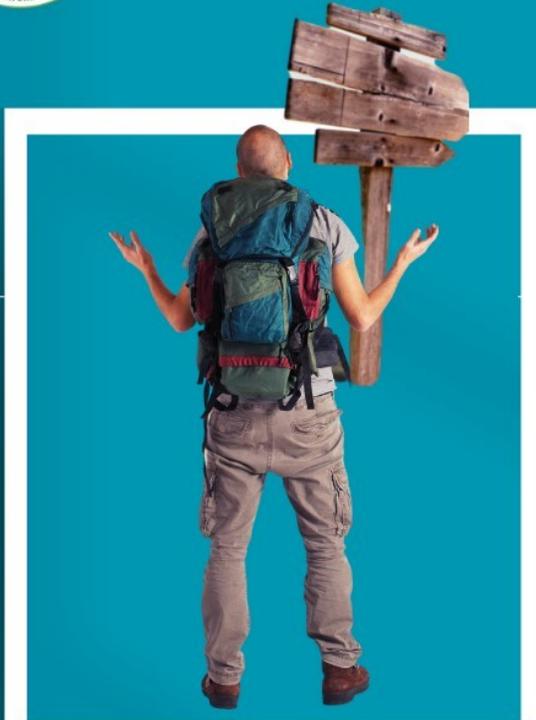
The idea of adequate protection around sensitive areas is widely accepted in ecology. An increasing number of communities near areas of exceptional night sky quality have taken steps to protect this valuable resource. Of the many factors that degrade wilderness character, wasteful or excessive outdoor lighting is the easiest to remedy, and the resource is 100 percent recoverable.



Text: "Wilderness Value" from [www.nps.gov/subjects/night skies](http://www.nps.gov/subjects/night%20skies). To learn more about the National Park Service and night sky conservation visit: <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/night skies/index.htm>.



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A leader is one who
Knows the way,
Goes the way,
and Shows the way!
-John C. Maxwell-

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Make a Difference

TRNHA is looking for individuals who are enthusiastic and passionate about our parks to help lead our organization.

If this is you and you are interested in learning more please contact Tracy Sexton:

tracy_sexton@trnha.org

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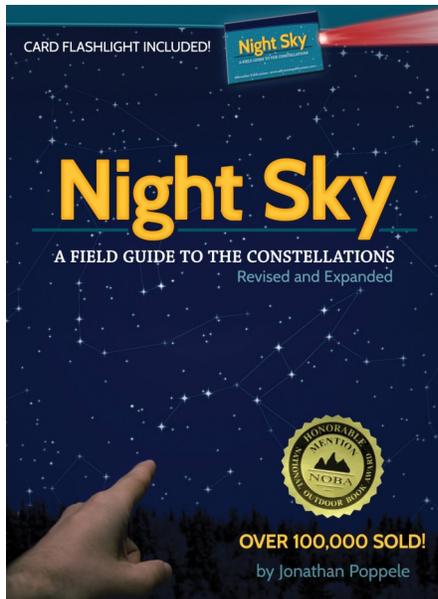
Board members must meet the following criteria:

- Attend a minimum of 3 meetings a year. Meetings are held quarterly with one in March, June, September, and November.
- Make a serious commitment to participate in association and park events.
- Stay informed about TRNHA matters, prepare themselves for meetings, and review all minutes and reports.
- Get to know fellow board members, park staff, and TRNHA staff. It is important that you build a solid working relationship and work together to achieve our goals.
- Actively interpret the organization's work and values to the community, represent the organizations, and act as a spokesperson.
- Be a member of TRNHA.

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Lifeways of the Northern Plains

These past two weeks Knife River Indian Villages NHS has hosted “Lifeways of Northern Plains” event. We had 800 local 4th graders come to the park learning about the history and culture of the area firsthand. This year the children learned about European trading, Native American flute music, storytelling, art, sign language, and the Hidatsa way of life living the earth lodges.

The park wants to thank all the schools that came to the event and to our presenters, volunteers, our Knife River Indian Heritage Foundation, and Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association for helping us with this event every year, we cannot do it without you! The park provided a traditional lunch of Hidatsa winter squash soup that was grown in our traditional garden to thank our presenters.



- From Knife River Indian Villages NHS on social media

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South Unit VC, TRNP - 9:00-4:30 PM MT, Daily

Painted Canyon VC, TRNP - 9:00-4:30 PM MT, Daily (through Oct. 29)

North Unit VC, TRNP - 9:00-4:30 PM CT, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Knife River Indian Villages NHS - 8:00-4:30 PM CT, Daily

Learn More About Conservation

The Badlands Conservation Alliance will be offering some fun opportunities for you to learn more about Conservation and the Badlands you are invited to join them for these free events.

Saturday, October 7th, 2023, 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Russell Reid Auditorium at the North Dakota Heritage Center and State Museum

Tweed Roosevelt will speak at 3:00 pm, followed by a Q&A moderated by former



North Dakota Tourism Director Jim Fuglie, with a reception to follow. Admission is free.

Saturday, October 15th, 2023, 9:00 am MDT

Outing to Elkhorn Ranch with Clay Jenkinson

Please RSVP if you plan to attend the Sunday, Oct. 15th hike. You can RSVP by calling the BCA office at (701) 450-1631.

Clay Jenkinson, Theodore Roosevelt Scholar and Historian, will lead the hike from the Elkhorn Ranch parking lot to the site of Roosevelt's Historic Cabin location. The hiking trail is relatively flat, 1.4 miles out-and-back. Mr. Jenkinson will discuss TR and the Badlands, the building of the Elkhorn Ranch, and the Elkhorn as a shrine to American conservation.

Rooms are available in Medora at Rough Riders Hotel or AmericInn if you plan to stay the night prior, Saturday, Oct. 14th.

Jennifer Morlock, owner of Dakota Cyclery, will join the outing and has agreed to use one of her 11-person vans to shuttle folks to Elkhorn Ranch from Chimney Park. Folks can gather in Chimney Park, just past TRNP entrance, between 8:30–9:00 am MDT to carpool together or join the shuttle. We'll depart shortly after 9:00 am MDT. The drive from Chimney Park to the Elkhorn Ranch parking lot is slightly over an hour.

Bring water, lunch and snacks; sunscreen, hat, and other sun and bug protection; please check the weather and dress accordingly, including good hiking shoes. We'll be back in Medora by mid-afternoon.



For driving directions, visit badlandsconservationalliance.org/events/2023elkhornranch

Livestock Plan Comment Period Open

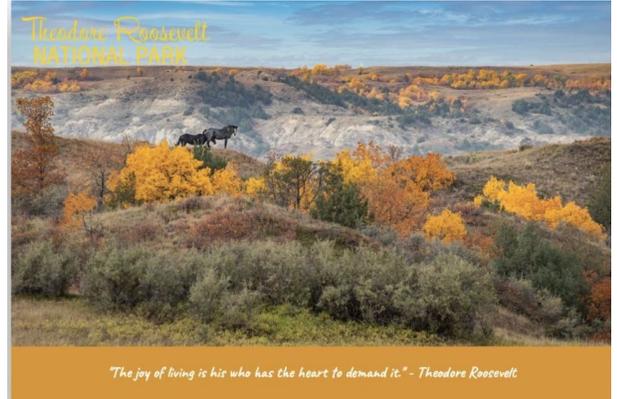
Theodore Roosevelt National Park is developing a Livestock Plan to address livestock, horses and cattle herds, within the park, under relevant laws, regulations, policies, and park management priorities including the conservation of native species and natural prairie ecosystem functions. This page will be the primary location where information on the planning process will be shared with the public and where public comments may be submitted.

The Livestock Plan Environmental Assessment will be available for public review for 30 days from September 25, 2023, to October 25, 2023.

Beginning on September 25, comments may be submitted by selecting "Open for Comment" on the left menu bar, scroll down to the bottom of the page to open Livestock Plan Environmental Assessment [Open for Comment], then click on the green "Comment Now" button on the left menu bar to access the online commenting form.

During the public comment period, the park will host a virtual public meeting on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. Mountain Time (7:00 P.M. Central Time).

Learn more here: [ParkPlanning - Livestock Plan \(nps.gov\)](https://www.nps.gov/parkplanning/livestock-plan)



Autumn Adventures

In September the sharp-tails begin to come out from the brushy coulies and creek bottoms, and to wander out among the short grass of the ravines and over the open prairie. They are at first not very shy, and in the early part of the month I have once or twice had good sport with them. Once I took a companion in the buck-board, and drove during the course of the day twenty or twenty-five miles along the edge of the rolling prairie, crossing the creeks, and skirt-ing the wooded basins where the Bad Lands began....

- Theodore Roosevelt, *Hunting Trips of a Ranchman*

Elk in TRNP Get New Collars

Resource Management conducted elk capture and collaring operations in late September. If you were in the park you may have noticed the low flying helicopter flying around the South Unit. Staff worked alongside a contracted helicopter net gunning crew to collar elk in Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Aerial net gunning, by professional contractors, is the most effective means of deploying collars on elk in the Badlands of North Dakota. Flight crews were able to net an elk and get to work fitting it with a tracking collar in a matter of minutes. The tracking collars are necessary to enable annual elk population surveys and culling operations for effective management of the species within the park.



Halloween Fun

Orange you excited for autumn? Get ahead of the carve by creating gourd-geous park-inspired pumpkins this fall. From fat bears, bats, and close encounters of the bison kind, we've got you covered with a variety of templates to get into the fall spirit.



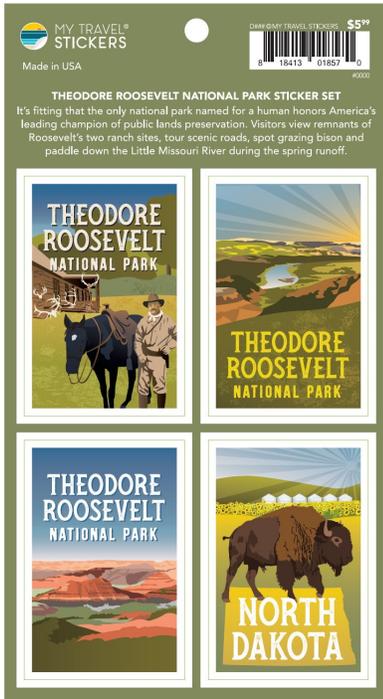
Find these templates and more, including printer-friendly options to create your [#PumpkinParkArt](https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/park-pumpkin-carvings.htm) at <https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/park-pumpkin-carvings.htm>



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- Promote North Dakota's public lands
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