

## VISITOR INFORMATION

Theodore Roosevelt  
National Park  
South Unit

Visitor Center Hours  
8:00 am - 6:00 pm MST

North Unit

Visitor Center Hours  
9:00 am - 5:30 pm CST

Painted Canyon

8:30 am - 6:00 pm MST

Knife River Indian Villages

National Historic Site

8:00 am - 4:30 pm MST

Upper Souris NWR

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**June 6, 2009**

Upper Souris NWR fishing day for individual's with special needs.

**June 7, 2009**

TRNHA's 55th Annual Birdwalk in the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt NP.

**June 7, 2009**

Interpretive Programs begin at Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

# TRNHA Newsletter

JUNE 2009

## Park Offers New Interpretive Programs

Visitors to Theodore Roosevelt National Park this summer will find a full array of interpretive programs on a variety of history and natural history themes. The full schedule of summer programs will start on June 7 in both the North and South Units of the park.

"We are pleased to offer programs and activities to educate the public about the park and about Theodore Roosevelt and his legacy," said Superintendent Valerie Naylor. "The programs are different each year, and we hope visitors and local residents will take advantage of our offerings to learn more about park history and resources."

Highlights this year include special tours to the Elkhorn Ranch Unit and guided hikes in the Petrified Forest in the South Unit. Both programs will be offered at least once per week

throughout the summer.

The Junior Ranger Program is available for kids of all ages at both park units. New this year at the South Unit are Family Fun Packs that families can borrow free of charge to enhance their visit. The packs include magnifying glasses, binoculars, field guides and games.

Evening programs will be presented every night of the week at 9 pm MDT at Cottonwood Campground in the South Unit and 9 pm CDT at Juniper Campground in the North Unit. Times change throughout the summer as daylight wanes.

## Don't Forget the 55th Annual Bird- walk June 7, 2009

Interpretive programs also include tours of Theodore Roosevelt's Maltese Cross Cabin at the

South Unit. There will be 10 free tours daily, every hour on the half hour, with the first tour at 8:30 am and last tour at 5:30 pm. Short talks and guided walks will be offered in both the North and South Units throughout the summer. Schedules are posted at park visitors centers, on bulletin boards and in neighboring communities.

Summer visitor center hours currently in effect are: South Unit Visitor Center, 8 am - 6 pm MDT, North Unit Visitor Center 9 am - 5:30 pm CDT, and Painted Canyon Visitor Center 8:30 am - 6 pm MDT.

"We are expecting a busy season," said Naylor. "We are pleased to have a full staff and varied interpretive offerings for all ages."

## Check Out These Great Items!

### Bug Band Products!



These great bug off products are now available for purchase in the park Bookstores.

### Firewood



Help stop the spread of exotic pests by not bringing firewood into North Dakota. Bundles are available for purchase in the South & North unit Visitor Centers

### National Park Animal Cookies



Available in Chocolate and Vanilla.

**\$2.00**

# Ranger Recommends

June's featured Ranger is Mary Brazell from Theodore Roosevelt National Park where she is working her second summer as an Interpretive Ranger. Park visitors and staff benefit greatly from Mary's vast knowledge and love of history.

Mary highly recommends *Mornings on Horseback* by: David McCullough.

Mary says: David McCul-

lough is a master at revealing history as its truly took place, and people as they truly were. His account of Theodore Roosevelt's remarkably innocent childhood debunks the myths that have long clouded Roosevelt biographies. David McCullough's voice is so entrancing, and his capture of detail so intricate, that we come to feel that we truly understand his subjects. When they are tossed about by fate, we regard their misfortunes with empathy. McCullough

knows how to make history as readable as fiction.

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

[www.trnha.org/  
bookstorehome.htm](http://www.trnha.org/bookstorehome.htm)

**Mornings on Horseback**

**Regular Price: \$16.00  
Members Price: \$13.60**



## Member Only Special

June's members only coupon is for the, *Recycled Backpack w/Zipper*, which is currently available at Theodore Roosevelt National Park or by contacting us at 701-623-4884.

Made with 51% post consumer recycled material such as water bottles and yogurt containers with a product label inside the main compartment affirms this claim.

**JUNE'S MEMBER ONLY COUPON IS FOR....**  
*Recycle Backpack w/Zipper*

**SALE PRICE: \$15.25**

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



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

**EXPIRES June 30, 2009**

## The Second Annual Photography Workshop at Knife River Indian Villages NHS a Success!

Nineteen people attended the Second Annual Spring in-the-Field Photography Workshop at Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site on Saturday, May 16. It was a perfect North Dakota spring day. Participants were from the local area as well as Mandan, Garrison, and Halliday.

The workshop was led by Linda Olson. Linda is a professor of photography at Minot State University and chairs the Humanities Division.

After receiving some basic photography instructions from Linda, participants headed into the park to capture the scenery and wildlife for about two hours.

Cameras ranged from the basic point and shoot digital to the expensive digital SLR; but that didn't matter as everyone had some great photos.

Linda downloaded the photos and gave pointers to the participants in an informal setting after lunch. Photos shared included the thirteen lined ground squirrel, a porcupine, prairie scenes, the Knife River and a tree that it seemed everyone photographed.

A Fall in-the-Field Photography Workshop will be offered on September 12 at the park. Keep an eye on the TRNHA newsletter for further details.



# Meet the Board of Directors

TRNHA is governed by a wonderful board of directors, whose faces are seldom seen by our members and friends. These board members offer great ideas, encouragement, and guidance allowing the association to run smoothly and give back to the parks. Over the next few months I will be introducing you to our current board of directors, I hope you will enjoy getting to know them as much as the TRNHA staff has over the years.



Name: Jil Baird

Hometown: Medora, ND

Career: Business Owner - Lake Country Stitches and Buffalo Gap

Board Member for about 3 years

## Why did you become a TRNHA board member?:

I became a Board member because I LOVE the park. I enjoy drives/walks/picnics in the Theodore Roosevelt National Park. We are blessed to live in Medora and have the park as our "backyard".

## What have you learned from being a board member?:

WOW - I have learned so much, the Board has such diverse interests and their love of the Park the fund raising issues, plant and wildlife issues.

Being able to attend the national convention in Denver.

## What is your favorite part of being a board member?:

The time spent with board members and the TRNHA staff. What a wonderful group!

## Who is Jil?

I was born in North Dakota but did most of my growing-up in Glendive, Montana where we enjoyed the rugged

Makoshika State Park. My family moved back to Dickinson, North Dakota, where I graduated from high school. Shortly thereafter I moved to Minneapolis, MN and worked at Park Nicollet Medical Center and Methodist Hospital. In 1995, I had an opportunity to open a custom embroidery gift shop in Medora. What was supposed to be a Memorial to Labor Day business/hobby/fun experience has now become a year-round full-time/fun business. I own Lake Country Stitches and Buffalo Gap in Medora. Please come enjoy Medora and the Theodore Roosevelt National Park year round.



Jil's dog "TR"

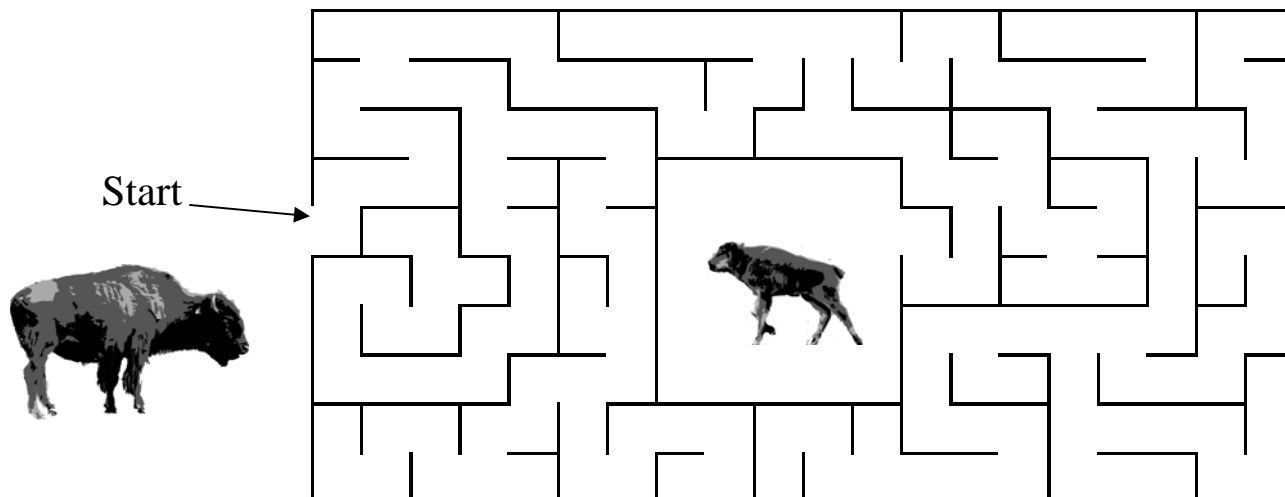
## Get to Know Knife River Indian Villages NHS' Chief of Interpretation

November 2008 Maureen McGee-Ballinger joined the Knife River Indian Villages NHS staff as the new Chief of Interpretation and Cultural Resources. She arrived from Everglades National Park just in time for a welcoming North Dakota winter. Maureen received a Master of Science in Resource Interpretation degree from Stephen F. Austin State University in Texas. In addition to Everglades National Park, she has

worked at Mount Rainier National Park, Independence National Historical Site, Jefferson National Expansion Memorial and began her career as a volunteer in Yellowstone National Park. Maureen is originally from Granite City Illinois where she spent summer vacations exploring Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site learning about the Mississippian tribal culture.



# Help the Cow Bison find her Calf!



Borrow a Family Fun Pack for the day. The pack includes field guides, binoculars, hand lenses and activities to help families enhance their visit and sense of discovery. Available only at the South Unit Visitor Center. Inquire at the visitor center desk.

**Firewood is now available for purchase at Theodore Roosevelt National Park's South & North Unit Visitor Centers.**

## Firewood Alert

**Help stop the spread of exotic pests. Don't bring firewood into North Dakota.**

Exotic insects like Emerald Ash Borer are a major threat to North Dakota's trees. Such pests are easily spread to new areas when infested firewood is brought from other states. If you or someone you know is planning to visit North Dakota, please follow these steps:

- If you already brought firewood into the state, do not leave it in the park or take it with you - **burn it immediately.**
- Don't bring firewood from out of state.
- Use North Dakota sources of firewood.
- Firewood is available for purchase at the park visitor centers; inquire at the information desk or ask a ranger.

For more information, contact the ND Dept. of Agriculture at 701-239-7295 or the US Forest Service at 701-231-5936.