

VISITOR INFORMATION

Theodore Roosevelt National Park

South Unit

Visitor Center Hours

8:00-4:30 MST

North Unit

Visitor Center Hours

9:00 am -5:30pm CST

Painted Canyon

8:30am -4:30pm 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

May 16, 2009

Knife River Birdwalk & Photography Workshop

May 31, 2009

South Unit & Painted Canyon visitor centers will go to extended summer hours. South Unit 8:00-6:00 MST Painted Canyon 8:30-6:00 MST

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.

TRNHA NEWSLETTER

MAY 2009

June 7, 2009 ~ Birdwalk #55

The Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association welcomes your participation at the 55th Annual Birdwalk on June 7, 2009. Come rain or shine we will gather in the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park and add to our life lists. We are celebrating another anniversary and, therefore, we propose a challenge to identify 55 species in honor of TNRNA's 55th anniversary bird walk. TRNHA archives show not one bird walk over the past 55 years has been cancelled. From humble beginnings to a fervent tradition, it has been proven we are not fair-weather adventurers. Join the celebration and bring a friend – the more the merrier.

We will introduce new titles for the 2009 season and give away numerous prizes.

We will gather at 6:30 a.m. (Mountain Time) in the Cottonwood Campground in the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt Na-



tional Park. Immediately following the Birdwalk, approximately 8:00 a.m. (Mountain Time), TRNHA will host *the 48th An-*

nual Chuckwagon Breakfast at the Cottonwood Campground picnic area. Genie's Kitchen Crew will serve up heaping helpings of country sausage, cowboy coffee, juice, pancakes and the ever popular rhubarb syrup. We will ask for a free-will donation to help defray costs of the event.

Reservations are preferred to accurately plan for the breakfast. Please call (701) 623-4884 or (701)623-4466, ext. 3417 or by e-mail at info@trnha.org by June 5, 2009.



Check Out these Great Items

Little Missouri National Grasslands, North Dakota Map

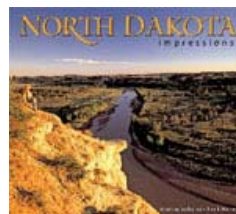
\$12.50



Newly released, updated copies of this map are now available for purchase in our stores!

North Dakota Impressions by: Chuck Haney

\$9.95



A wonderful softcover book packed with beautiful North Dakota photos.

Ticks and What You Can Do About Them

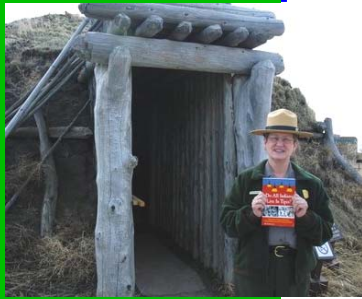
by: Roger Drummond, PHD

\$7.95



This book squashes the myths about ticks and gives you tips on how to protect yourself.

Ranger Recommends



Dorothy Cook in front of the Knife River Earthlodge.

May's featured Ranger is Dorothy Cook from Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, where she has been for 10 years plus a summer as a seasonal. Prior to that, she was at the North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. She did seasonal time on The Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina, at Kingsley Plantation, and Arkansas Post National Memorial where she became a permanent ranger. Dorothy is a native North Dakotan in spite of her accent and bleeds Duke Blue.

Dorothy highly recommends *Do All Indians Live in Tipis?* compiled by the National Museum of the American Indian.

Dorothy says: This is a great book because it answers a variety of questions about Native Americans that many folks have. It also debunks many myths that have been around for years. The information is presented in an easy question and answer format. You can read several questions and answers, give yourself time to absorb the information and pick the book back up again and you don't have to worry about what happened earlier. Some questions included in the book are: "Should I say Tribe or Nation?" "Did Indians really use smoke signals? Do they today?" "What is counting coup?" and "Do Indians have

to pay taxes?" It is a great book to learn more about the Native American cultures.

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)

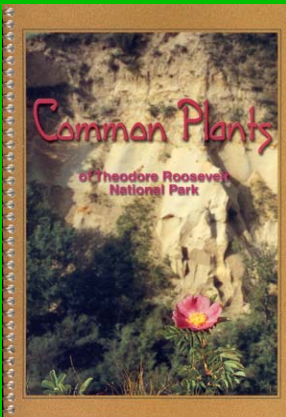
Do All Indians Live in Tipis?

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

Members Only Special

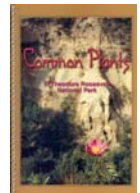
May's members only coupon is for the book, *Common Plants of Theodore Roosevelt National Park*, which is currently available at Theodore Roosevelt National Park or by contacting us at 701-623-4884.

Common Plants of Theodore Roosevelt National Park is a complete guide to the most common plants found in the park. This book would be a wonderful choice for those who are interested in learning about the flowers that have begun to bloom throughout the park.



MAY MEMBER ONLY COUPON

Common Plants of
Theodore Roosevelt
National Park



SALE PRICE: \$17.96
(Price listed is before membership 15%
discount for a final price of \$15.27)

Must show coupon and membership card in TRHNA bookstore or contact TRNHA (701) 623-4884.

EXPIRES May 31, 2009

Upper Souris to Host Fishing Day!

The Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge in cooperation with the North Dakota Game & Fish Department and local volunteers will sponsor a fishing day for individuals with special needs from the Minot and the surrounding area.

The event, planned for June 6, 2009 from 10 AM to 3 PM, will take place at the Outlet Fishing Area below Lake Darling Dam and will include a picnic lunch at noon.

Individuals attending the event will be assisted by Fish and Wildlife Service employees, staff from the North Dakota Game and Fish Department and local volunteers. Rods, reels, tackle and bait will be supplied for those individuals who do not have equipment.

Parents and guardians of special services students should contact the refuge at 468-5467 to tell us your plans.

Remember, that the weekend of June 6 and 7 are Free Fishing Days. Residents of North Dakota may fish without a resident license during the free fishing days. However, all other state and federal regulations apply.



Theodore Roosevelt National Park Welcomes New Interpretive Staff

Eileen Andes has accepted the Chief of Interpretation and Public Affairs position at Theodore Roosevelt National Park starting June 7. She will also be the new park coordinator with TRNHA. She will get a sneak preview of the park the week of May 17, when she comes to participate in seasonal training and look for a house in the area.

Eileen is currently Chief of Interpretation and Visitor Services at Harry S. Truman National Historic Site in Missouri, where she serves as cooperating association coordinator with Eastern National. Previous assignments for Eileen were at Zion National Park, Grand Teton National Park, Sequoia/Kings Canyon National Parks, Yellowstone National Park, and Bryce Canyon National Park.

Eileen is originally from Wisconsin and she is looking forward to again using her winter wardrobe. She has a degree in Theatre Arts from Carroll College in Wisconsin and a B.S. in Recreation Resources Management from Utah State University. She likes to kayak, hike, and photograph. She has 6 brothers and sisters and 10 nieces and nephews, but no pets. The Chief of Interpretation position at the

park has been vacant since Bruce Kaye retired in October 2007. We are all excited to have Eileen on board!



"Eileen in Italy. 'It's all about the gelato!'"

The North Unit interpretive staff will also have a new leader. Eric Haugland, of Scotts Bluff National Monument, who detailed into the North Unit District Interpreter position for two months last summer, is returning to the position on a permanent basis. He will also be here for the first week of seasonal training. He will be on the job full time on June 3.

Judie Chrobak-Cox has been the lone ranger in the Division of Interpretation for nearly a year. We owe much to Judie. She has served as Acting Chief of Interpretation and has kept the division afloat, but she has also accomplished a large number of projects. Most notable have been new publications, new exhibits at the Elkhorn Ranch Unit, and the conversion of the Cottonwood Campground amphitheater from a slide system to a powerpoint system. Superintendent Valerie Naylor has also taken a larger role in interpretation over the last year, and seasonal employees have taken on many special projects. Some other new interpretive projects include: a new tourism video which is now the main A/V program at Painted Canyon, a new A/V program for the North Unit, upgrades and major enhancements to the park's website, new videos about the Elkhorn Ranch which are available on the website, and changes to all three park visitor centers.

Submitted by Valerie Naylor, Theodore Roosevelt National Park Superintendent.

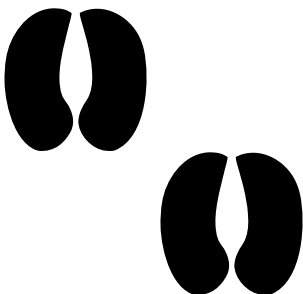
Painted Canyon Visitor Center has a new LOOK!



Tracy's Top 10

Reasons to View Bison from a safe distance!

1. Bison are very large animals weighing up to 2000 pounds.
2. They are wildlife and like any other wild animal they are very unpredictable.
3. Bison can run up to 30 mph, which is three times as fast as you can run.
4. They may be big but they are not slow, and can turn in the blink of an eye.
5. Their horns are very sharp and can be used for protection.
6. During breeding season the bulls will fight for the cows. Pushing and goring each other, so you should keep your distance to stay safe.
7. Like any other mother cows are very protective of their young.
8. Bison often travel in herds, so you should always be aware that their may be more bison nearby.
9. They are not pets or farm animals ALWAYS use caution around them.
10. Did I mention that they are BIG and QUICK?



Bison Facts & Common Questions

1. What is the difference between a bison and a buffalo?

The terms are largely interchangeable. Except on a biology test. Technically, what we have in the United States is bison. Buffalo are what they have in Africa (the African Cape Buffalo) and in Asia (the Asian Water Buffalo).

2. How much does a bison weigh?

At birth a bison calf weighs about fifty pounds. A full grown adult bull can weigh around 2000 pounds. Cows (female bison) average around 1,000 pounds

3. How tall are bison?

A full grown bull is about six feet tall.

4. Do only male buffaloes have horns?

No, both male and female buffaloes have horns.



An older bull paying a visit to the Painted Canyon Overlook.

5. Are bison calves usually born at a particular time of the year?

Yes. Bison calves are usually born from late April to Mid June. They weigh about fifty pounds at birth, and are born with a cinnamon-colored coat, which they shed in about two months. The new coat grows out to be the familiar dark brown color one sees in adult bison.

6. Are Bison really big and slow?

NO, Bison can run up to 30 mph . When Native American's hunted them on horse back they had to catch the bison within the first mile or the horse would get tired and the bison would continue to run. BISON are very quick and unpredictable.

7. How do bison hold up that big head?

Bison have a very strong muscle which wraps around a bone in their back forming their hump. This muscle helps them to hold up their massive head and to run quickly.

8. What is wallowing?

Wallowing is when bison roll on the prairie giving themselves a dust bath which acts like a natural bug repellent. Wallowing creates a saucer like depression called a wallow.

9. How do bison stay warm and dry in the winter?

The bison's coat acts like a protective blanket and is water repellent. The cold doesn't get in, and the bison's warm body heat doesn't get out.

10. How does a mother bison find it's calf?

Bison mothers probably recognize their own calves by their smell and the sound of their cry, called a bleat.