



VISITOR INFORMATION

Theodore Roosevelt National Park

South Unit

Visitor Center Hours

8:00 am - 6:00 pm MDT thru Sept.
Winter Hours 8:00-4:30 MDT

North Unit

Visitor Center Hours

9:00 am - 5:30 pm CDT

Hours may vary

A portion of the drive is closed for construction. Please call (701) 842-2333 for more info.

Painted Canyon

Visitor Center Hours

8:30 am - 4:30 pm MDT

Open Thru November 11th.

Knife River Indian Villages National Historical Site

Visitor Center Hours

8:00 am - 4:30 pm MDT

Upper Souris NWR

Visitor Center Hours

8:00 am - 4:30 pm CDT Mon-Fri

UPCOMING EVENTS

Theodore Roosevelt National Park

Theodore Roosevelt Symposium
@ Dickinson State University &
Theodore Roosevelt Nat'l Park
October 9-11

Theodore Roosevelt's
150th Birthday October 27

Knife River Indian Villages NHS

Lifeways on the Northern Plains
September 16-18

Upper Souris NWR

Envirothon - Late September
info: (701) 468-5467

TRNHA NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2008

A Visit to the Badlands

In the wee hours of a September morning, one hundred and twenty five years ago, a 24 year old man stepped off a train in a little North Dakota town. The man was the future President Theodore Roosevelt and the town was Little Missouri.

The young Roosevelt had come to North Dakota anticipating an exciting bison hunt. However, upon his arrival he found the large herds were gone, dissipated by disease and over hunting. It took Theodore 10 days to shoot a bison, but in those 10 days he fell in love.

Roosevelt fell in love with

the badlands and the cowboy lifestyle. Before returning to New York he entered into a partnership to raise cattle on



the Maltese Cross Ranch.

Over the course of the next few years Theodore returned to western North Dakota and lived the life of a ranch man. During this time he invested in more livestock

and established the Elkhorn Ranch. Theodore spoke very highly of his time in North Dakota, writing in his journal about the beauty of the land and the life of the cowboy.

Today the land and solitude he fell in love with is still waiting for you to experience and explore. The bison were reintroduced in 1956 and roam freely throughout the park. On a quiet day one can sit under a tree in the park and imagine what it might have been like to be Theodore Roosevelt in the badlands of North Dakota.



Check out these Great Items!

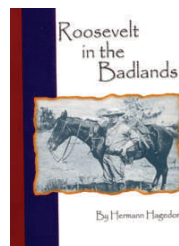


Great Total! Great Price!
\$19.95



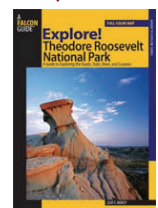
New to our stores is the "Leave Your Mark at Theodore Roosevelt National Park" tote bag. These bags are earth friendly and made from organic cotton.

Roosevelt in the Badlands
\$21.95



The long awaited reprint of Herman Hagedorn's book arrived last September. Please contact us for your copy today!

Explore! Theodore Roosevelt National Park
\$15.95



If you are looking for a good guide to the Theodore Roosevelt National Park pick up this title by Levi Novey.

Ranger Recommends



Ranger Mary Ellen Ergle poses with her favorite book.

Welcome to Ranger Recommends!

September's featured Ranger is Mary Ellen Ergle from Dade City, Florida. Mary Ellen came to Theodore Roosevelt National Park because the badlands drew her in. She says that they are peaceful and a place of renewal. Mary Ellen has worked throughout the country in National Parks and Monuments and has a vast knowledge of nature.

Mary Ellen highly recommends the Peterson Field Guide, *The North American Prairie* by Stephen R. Jones and Ruth Carol Cushman.

Mary Ellen says:

"The Prairie Guide was my late night reading for a month. It has a great description of the geology of the area. This book will make you want to visit each of the prairie sites."

Each featured prairie

site highlights its particular attractions."

If you are interested in purchasing this book please visit one of our Theodore Roosevelt National Park visitor centers or visit our online bookstore at

www.trnha.org/bookstorehome.htm

Was \$30.00
Now \$20.00

Membership Update



National Park Staff and TRNHA Members participate in the annual birdwalk

The interpretative staff has been working extremely hard to attract members to our association and have done a smash-up job of recruiting new members this past summer.

144 new members to date for 2008



If you are interested in learning more about becoming a member of TRNHA please visit our membership area on the website.

www.trnha.org/membershiphome.htm

Member & Visitor Feedback



We want to put your trip picture here!

Tell us what you think...

What do you like best about our park, association, or North Dakota in general. We have decided to reserve this section of our newsletter to give the reader information about our association and the

sites we serve from the visitor perspective. Please send in your thoughts and comments about Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Knife River Indian Villages National Historical Site, and Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuges. Help

our readers plan their trip to North Dakota based on your experience.

Please send comments, suggestions, photos, or questions to:

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