



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!

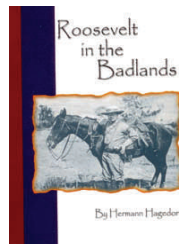


Great Total! Great Price! \$19.95



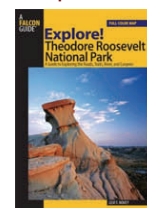
New to our stores is the "Leave Your Mark at Theodore Roosevelt National Park" tote bag. These bags are earth friendly and made from organic cotton.

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

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October 23-27
Visiting KNRI October 26

TRNHA NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2008



Join us for a party – for a month or a day!

October is **Theodore Roosevelt Month** and October 27 is **Theodore Roosevelt Day**. At the request of park Superintendent Valerie Naylor, Governor John Hoeven signed a proclamation for both TR Month and TR Day in North Dakota.

The park and TRNHA will be celebrating the 150th birthday of Theodore Roosevelt from 1 - 4 pm on October 27. Activities will include a special sesquicentennial stamp cancella-

Happy 150th Birthday

tion at the South Unit Visitor Center. The Governor's proclamation will be read and there will be a special program or two about Roosevelt and the park.

All park friends and neighbors are invited to the party. Birthday cake and punch, provided by TRNHA, will be served to honor Roosevelt.



"We might even sing Happy Birthday" said Superintendent Naylor. "This will be fun."

TRNHA will provide special envelopes with an attractive cachet honoring Roosevelt's life and will also have 150th birthday shirts, pins, and magnets available for purchase.

Theodore Roosevelt's time in the North Dakota badlands was instrumental in his recovery from the deaths of his wife and mother. It was here that he formulated many of his ideas about conservation and the wise use of resources. He also learned a lot from the people of the west and his experience in Dakota molded him into the president he would become.

Please join us in honoring Roosevelt on his 150th birthday!

Check out these Great Items!

We are Americans

We are Scouts

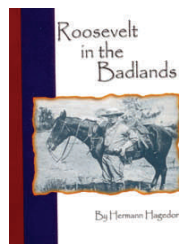
\$11.95



A wonderful look into the boy scout oath and Theodore Roosevelt's view on scouting, this book is hot off the press and expected to arrive October 9, 2008.

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Ranch Life and the Hunting Trail

\$21.95



A collection of articles originally appearing in *Century Magazine* about TR's ranch life experiences in the North Dakota Badlands.

Ranger Recommends

Welcome to Ranger Recommends!

October's featured Ranger is Sarah Nystrom from Holden, Massachusetts. Sarah came to Theodore Roosevelt National Park because she says, the wildlife here is amazing and the opportunities to hike and explore are endless. Before coming to Theodore Roosevelt National Park Sarah worked as a ranger in Everglades National Park.

Sarah highly recommends the *Ranch Life & the Hunting Trail* by Theodore Roosevelt and illustrated by Fredric Remington

Sarah says:

"There's no better way to enjoy Roosevelt's experiences in the Badlands than through his own words. I love his narrative of his experience apprehending boat thieves along the Little Missouri and his description of life at the Elkhorn Ranch."

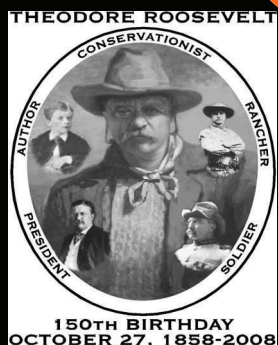
If you are interested in purchasing this book please visit one of our Theodore Roosevelt National Park visitor centers or visit our online bookstore at

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*Ranch Life & the
Hunting Trail*
\$17.95



Ranger Sarah displays her favorite Theodore Roosevelt book.



Theodore Roosevelt's 150th Birthday Envelope Cachet.

TR Sesquicentennial Event

In honor of TR's 150th Birthday Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association is hosting a postal cancellation October 27th, 2008. Medora Postmaster Madi Harsche will be available at the South Unit visitor center from 1:00 – 4:00 pm with the Theodore Roo-

sevelt Sesquicentennial cancellation Medora. Bring your own envelopes and stamps or purchase postage here. Special cachet envelopes will also be available for purchase. The cachet depicts Theodore Roosevelt as rancher, conserva-

tionist, author, president and soldier. TRNHA will also have some cachets with vintage postage significant to TR and his contributions to our country.



SESQUICENTENNIAL STATION
OCTOBER 27, 2008
MEDORA, ND 58645



Marjorie Firlie from Minneapolis, Minnesota visiting the Theodore Roosevelt National Park's South Unit Visitor Center.

Member & Visitor Feedback

Tell us what you think... Marjorie did...

"What an interesting park, TR surely saw the value in sharing this park with everyone. The beauty, the wildlife (especially enjoyed the prairie dog villages.) the wonder of it all is awesome!"

~Marjorie from Minnesota~

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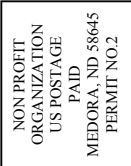
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Candidates for TRNHA Directorships

(Candidates are listed in alphabetical order)



Jeani Borchert

I am an archaeologist who has worked in North Dakota for the past 30 years. I previously worked for the University of North Dakota, at a contract archaeology station in Belfield, and currently work for the North Dakota Department of Transportation. I have a personal and professional interest in preserving our state's significant cultural resources and promote the understanding of cultural changes through time and across space. I was raised in northwestern Minnesota, primarily in the Red River Valley, and when I first saw the badlands of western North Dakota in June of 1979 their beauty enchanted me. In 1980 I married a man from Belfield and we started a family. We currently reside in Bismarck. I will always be grateful for what the park has given me, and wish to give back what I can through participation on the board of Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association.

Rex Cook

I have lived all my life in North Dakota except for time spent in the military service during the Korean War. I was born and raised on a ranch in the badlands, taught school for twenty-six years, and also competed in rodeos in this area. I still participate in rodeos, serve on a museum board, and maintain my interest and involvement with activities of the North Dakota National Park areas. I have served TRNHA as a board member off and on for the past 16 years and would like to continue to offer my interest and enthusiasm for this organization.

We thank you all for your support and interest in the Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association. If you have any comments on our decision for this 2008-2009 election we welcome your opinions.

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TRNHA NEWSLETTER



TRNHA Board Election October 24, 2008

Dear Association Member,

It is once again time to vote for directors of the Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association. All members have the privilege to vote for the Board of Directors.

At present the Board consists of seven (7) directors. The directors serve staggered, 3-year terms. This year the terms of Jeani Borchert and Rex Cook will expire. **They are running unopposed for the directorship appointments. Our By-Laws indicate general membership elects Directors, but we have chosen not to include a ballot. We feel the money this paperwork exercise would entail is better served at the National Park and Fish and Wildlife areas we support.** The following are brief introductions to the candidates:

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The first snow of the winter fell on October 12th, allowing us to build a junior snow ranger.

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Ranger Recommends

October's featured Ranger is Joe Camisa from New York City. Joe came to Theodore Roosevelt National Park because it gave him an opportunity to visit North Dakota and to work in a Presidential Park. Before coming to Theodore Roosevelt National Park Joe worked at Eisenhower National Historic Site.

Joe recommends *The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt* by Edmund Morris. Joe says: "*The Rise of TR discusses the important events in Theodore Roosevelt's life prior to becoming the 26th President. Morris' quality of writing and scholarship is outstanding, which is evident by the Pulitzer Prize awarded for his work.*"



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 :

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The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt
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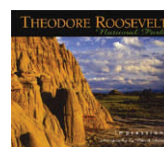
Check out these Great Items!

Ladies Long Sleeve T-shirt



Check out this new t-shirt featuring flowers found in Theodore Roosevelt National Park! **\$22.95**

Theodore Roosevelt National Park Impressions by: Chuck Haney



A great book full of beautiful park pictures! **\$9.95**

Top Five Reasons to sign up for TRNHA's E-Newsletter

1. The newsletter gives you an opportunity to learn more about the Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association.
2. We will update you on Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, and Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge happenings.
3. The e-newsletter is sent electronically making it earth friendly.
4. Every issue features great books and merchandise offered in our stores.
5. Every month you are guaranteed to get an e-mail from a friend!

If you are not currently receiving our monthly newsletter and would like to sign up please visit our website www.trnha.org or send an e-mail to info@trnha.org

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TRNHA NEWSLETTER

Happy Holidays!

As the year comes to an end we would like to take a moment to reflect on the happenings of 2008. The past year has been a busy one with TRNHA completing many new projects.

One of the most costly and time consuming projects from the past year was the renovation of Theodore Roosevelt National Park's South Unit and North Unit visitor center sales areas. The work was hard but the rewards are endless. Look for a new look at the Painted Canyon Visitor Center in 2009.

Another project which is still underway is the construction of a new website. Lots of hours have been put

into the building of www.trnha.org. Most of our books and items are pictured on the website making it convenient for you to purchase our merchandise by mail. The website also features information about the parks we serve and the surrounding areas. Please take a moment to check it out and let us know what you think.



The past year was also a good one for the purchasing of new merchandise. The board of directors and park staff played a large part in the approval of 30+ new books and items to sell in the bookstores. New items for 2008 include a tote bag, drawstring backpacks, ladies t-shirt, canvas hat, children's books, hiking guides, and much more.

All in all it has been a wonderful year and we would like to thank all of our members for their gracious donations. We would also like to thank park staff, volunteers, TRNHA board members, and park visitors for making 2008 a great year and wish you the best in 2009.

December 2008

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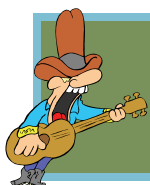
North Unit
Visitor Center Hours
9:00 am - 5:30pm CDT
Friday, Saturday, & Sunday
& as time allows on other days.
(701) 842-2333 for more info.

Painted Canyon
Closed November 11th
Will Reopen April 1st
(weather permitting)

The drives in both units of the park will be open as long as the weather permits.

Knife River Indian Villages
National Historic Site
8:00 am - 4:30 pm MDT

Upper Souris NWR
8:00 am - 4:30 pm CDT
Monday-Friday



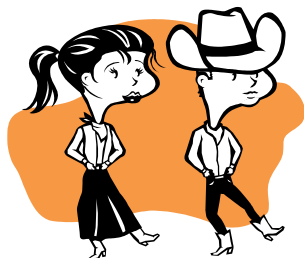
Medora's Old Fashion Cowboy Christmas December 5th & 6th



The Medora Chamber of Commerce, local businesses and volunteers have been working hard preparing for Medora's 13th Annual Old Fashioned Cowboy Christmas. It's a Cowboy weekend filled with cowboy music, poetry, food, fireworks, shopping, and more!

Please join us in celebrating the Christmas season in Medora!

Friday December 5, 2008
4:30 pm Until gone Oyster Stew at the Cowboy Café
6:30 pm Wreath Ceremony
7:00 pm Jamboree & Dance
Music By Thunder Road



Saturday December 6, 2008
Quilt Show at the Americinn
10am - 3pm Hay Rides
10am - 4pm Activities sponsored by the Cowboy Hall of Fame, Chateau DeMores, and Theodore Roosevelt NP.
11am - 2pm Eats in the Streets
1:00pm Fowl Fling @ MCC
4:00pm Mass @ MCC
5pm-7pm Christmas Dinner
7:30pm Fireworks
8:00pm Christmas Dance
Music by Thunder Road

Upcoming Events

December 25, 2008

All National Park facilities will be closed for Christmas. Weather permitting the drives through Theodore Roosevelt National Park will be open.

December 2008

The annual Theodore Roosevelt National Park Christmas bird count will be held. The date and time have not been set please check with the park.



Ranger Recommends

Welcome to Ranger Recommends!

December's featured Ranger is Jen Mahar from Massachusetts. Jen came to Theodore Roosevelt National Park with her fiancé, a seasonal law enforcement ranger, and decided to help out by becoming a volunteer. Jen brings a wide range of knowledge and a warm smile to the parks' visitor centers. The time and effort she has put into the park and our association is greatly welcomed and appreciated.

Jen recommends *Edith Kermit Roosevelt* by Sylvia Jukes Morris. Jen says: *"This biography allows readers to experience the closely guarded thoughts*

and feelings of a very private woman, who devoted her entire life to the man she loved, Theodore Roosevelt, and their children. I highly recommend this book; it is a quick read, and Morris will keep you interested right up until the last page.."

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.

Edith Kermit Roosevelt
by: Sylvia Jukes Morris
\$19.95



National Park Volunteer Jen displays her favorite book!

Membership Program to be Restructured

Change is inevitable and as we go into 2009 we must make a few changes within our organization. The rising cost of operating expenses is forcing us to take a look at our membership program.

We wanted to take this opportunity to let our members know and prepare for our program to be restructured. Look for an increase in your membership dues when your renewal arrives in 2009. We hope to offset the small increase in membership fees with some special membership only offers.



The last couple of years we have been putting off this change in hopes it would not be needed but unfortunately with the changing economy we must change to keep our business running.

Our members are very important to us and we could not operate without your generous donations and commitment to our parks. We thank you for all you do and for the support you give Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association.

Member and Visitor Feedback

Tell us what you think...

By complete accident Connie from Willmar, Minnesota arrived at the South Unit on the day we were celebrating Theodore Roosevelt's 150th birthday and was fortunate to be able to join in on the fun. Connie said, *"What an unexpected, fun thing on the way home from my son's in Montana, to be able to attend Teddy Roosevelt's 150th birthday party. I'm thankful I had my van radio on - so I heard the announcement."*

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Thank you Connie for this wonderful photo of the event and many more!



Sesquicentennial Birthday Celebration

The park and TRNHA celebrated the 150th birthday of Theodore Roosevelt on October 27. Activities included a special sesquicentennial stamp cancellation, reading of the Governor's proclamation, birthday cake, and other special events.

Park visitors, park employees, TRNHA board members, local news reporters, and children from the Billings Country School were in attendance. Medora Postmaster, Madi Har-sche, cancelled Sesquicentennial cachets celebrating this historic day.



TRNHA Board members Jil Baird and Douglas Walker joined the fun!

A large selection of cancelled vintage stamped cachets are available for purchase in the South Unit visitor center or online. Please visit our website for a complete list and photos of the stamped cachets.

www.trnha.org/cachets.html

For more information about the event or cachets please contact us.

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(701)623-4884

Bison Roundup a Success

The first week in November was a busy one for park staff as they prepared for and conducted a bison roundup in the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Prior to the round up biologist estimated the bison herd population at about 322. The roundup began on the morning of November 4th and ended in the early afternoon of November 5th when winter weather rolled in to the badlands.

Wildlife Biologist, Mike Oehler,



calls this years bison roundup a success. Mike said *"Without a doubt, this year's South Unit Bison roundup was one of the most challenging and rewarding roundups of the 7 in which I have been involved."* The first day of the round up went off with out a hitch but the second day bad weather challenged the staff and air operations.

At the end of day two 182 animals had been processed with 77 returning to the park and 105 being sent to various locations throughout the country. Seven of the adult females returned to the park were fitted with GPS collars. These collars help biologist monitor herd movement and grazing habits.



It is now estimated that 245 bison roam the South Unit. Management of other ungulates in the South Unit may effect the exact date of the next bison round up but Mike believes another bison roundup should not have to be conducted until 2012 or 2013.

Christmas Recipes

Ginger Snaps

Ingredients

2 3/4 cups self-rising flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon ginger
1/4 teaspoon cloves
1 cup brown sugar, packed
3/4 cup margarine or butter, softened
1 egg
1/4 cup light molasses



PREPARATION: Mix flour, soda, and spices in a bowl and set aside. Cream sugar and margarine, beat in egg and molasses until light and fluffy. Stir in flour mixture. Chill for 2 hours. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Shape dough into 3/4-inch balls, roll in sugar, and place on greased baking sheets about 2 inches apart. Flatten each ball with the bottom of a glass dipped in sugar. Bake about 8 to 10 minutes, until set. Makes 8 dozen cookies.

Easy Cheese Ball

Ingredients

2 (8 ounce) pkgs. cream cheese, softened
1 pkg. ranch dressing mix
2 1/2 c. shredded Cheddar cheese
1 1/2 c. chopped pecans



PREPARATION: In a medium size bowl, mash cream cheese. Mix dressing mix and Cheddar cheese into the cream cheese. Shape the mixture into a ball. Roll the ball in the chopped nuts. Refrigerate covered until ready to serve.

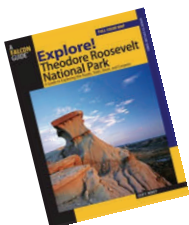




A Gift for Everyone

For the Nature Lover...

Explore Theodore Roosevelt National Park



A wonderful guide to exploring the trails, roads, and canyons of Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Price \$15.95

Member Price \$13.56

For the History Buff...

Theodore Roosevelt: An Autobiography

An exciting look into a very interesting man and his life.



Price \$25.00

Member Price \$21.25

For the Young Reader...

Lost in the Woods Book Series

Choose from:

Lost in the Woods

Stranger in the Woods

First Snow in the Woods



Price \$19.95

Member Price 16.96

For the Collector...

Sesquicentennial Cachets

We have a large selection of Theodore Roosevelt cancelled vintage stamp cachets which were cancelled on TR's 150th birthday. Please visit our website or in the South Unit bookstore for a complete list of cachets.



Prices Vary based on stamps.

For the Gamer...

America's National Park Monopoly



Regular Price

\$35.00

Sale Price

\$29.75

Member Sale Price

\$25.29

For the Scrapbooker...

America's National Park Scrapbooking Kit

A wonderful Collection of Stickers, frames, and more.



Price \$9.95

Member Price \$8.46

