



VISITOR INFORMATION

Theodore Roosevelt National Park

South Unit

Visitor Center Hours
8:00-4:30 MDT

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)

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

Upcoming Events

February 21, 2009

Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site

Winter Event

Activities for the day include craft/projected indicative of Northern Great Plains Indian culture, snow showing hike with archeologist to internationally recognized archeological sites, dinner in Hidatsa earthlodge, and special story telling presentations and music by elders and noted artists.

For more information on this event please contact the staff at Knife River Indian Villages NHS.

TRNHA NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year!

January 2009

Theodore Roosevelt National Park Elk Management Plan & Draft Environmental Impact Statement Released

Theodore Roosevelt National Park has released its Elk Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement. After five years of planning and development, the plan is now available for public comment for a 90 day period which started December 19. In late January or early February, park staff will be traveling around North Dakota to host public meetings about the elk management plan. We hope you will plan to at-

tend one of the public meetings to learn more about the complexities of this very important issue.

During public meetings held in 2004, some members of the public wanted to see hunting in the park. However, hunting is not allowed in the park under its enabling legislation, so is not allowed. In addition, hunting would be a very difficult alternative to implement in the park environment and would be a

costly and slow way to deal with the elk population.

The park has outlined a "no action" alternative in the plan, as well as four action alternatives for reducing the elk population. The alternatives include a) no action, b) sharpshooting using staff, contractors or skilled volunteers, c) rounding up elk and euthanizing them, d) rounding up elk, testing a sample for chronic wasting disease,

Story continued on page 3

Check out these Great Items!

Birds of the Dakotas

Field Guide

by: Stanley Tekelia

\$13.95



A wonderful guide, to birds found in the Dakotas, is sorted by color and has great photos for easy identification.

Buffalo Natural

History & Conservation

by: Harold Picton

\$17.95

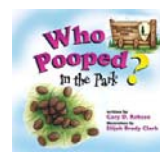


A look at the past of this great creature that once roamed freely. This book shows how vitally important this animal was to the Native Americans.

Who Pooped in the Park?

by: Gary Robson
& Robert Rath

\$9.95



A great book with a fun title takes a look into the signs left behind by animals in Yellowstone National Park.



Ranger Craig Hansen enjoys a good read. He recommends *Buffalo Jump* for young readers.

Welcome to Ranger Recommends!

January's featured Ranger is Craig Hansen, an education specialist at Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site. Craig moved home to North Dakota about six years ago after spending some time working with the US Corps of Engineers as a ranger in Minnesota and California. Knife River has benefitted

greatly from Craig's years of experience as a nature educator.

Craig highly recommends the *Buffalo Jump* by Peter Roop.

Craig says:

"Every child will be able to relate with Little Blaze as his dad picks his older brother to lead the buffalo over the buffalo jump. Each time I have read this

book to a group of children they have hung on every word."

If you are interested in purchasing this book please visit one of our Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Bookstores or visit our online bookstore at

www.trnha.org/bookstorehome.htm

Buffalo Jump
\$8.95

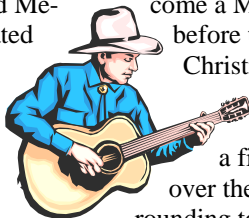
"Fireworks shed a beautiful light over Medora's Old Fashioned Cowboy Christmas."

Cowboy Christmas

A light dusting of snow fell on Saturday evening bringing holiday spirit to the Cowboy Christmas festivities. Local people and Medora visitor were treated to a full day of shopping, snacking, hay rides, and enjoying the festive atmosphere. The day would not be complete without a delicious

Christmas dinner.

The wonderful folks putting on the event wouldn't stop there. In what has become a Medora tradition, before the annual Christmas dance, the whole town was treated to a firework show over the bluffs surrounding town. Only in Medora can you spend a



cold December night standing outside in the freshly fallen snow, watching an amazing firework display.

We invite you to join in on the Cowboy festivities in December of 2009.

Member and Visitor Feedback



Andria and Jan are from Victoria West, South Africa visited Theodore Roosevelt National Park in November.

Tell us what you think...

Andria & Jan said:

"Ongelooflik mooi. Asemronede natuurskoon!"

After a little searching for translation on the world wide web I have loosely translated this as:

"Unbelievable, beautiful, breathtaking nature."

Because I do not consider myself bilingual I am not

sure if my translation is correct. If you have a better translation please let me know!

What do you like best about our park, association, or North Dakota in general? We have reserved this section of our newsletter to give 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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Elk Management Plan Released *(continued from page 1)*

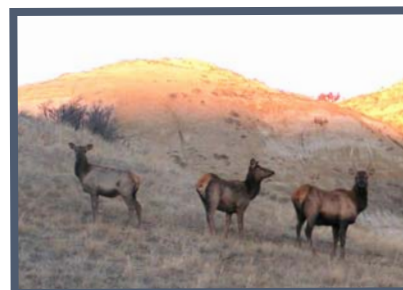
Thank you Valerie Naylor, Theodore Roosevelt National Park Superintendent for this wonderful update.

and shipping others to willing recipients, and e) providing hunting opportunities outside the park. The last alternative would involve encouraging elk to leave the park and would require the cooperation of the ND Game and Fish Department as well as local landowners.

The park has not identified a preferred alternative or an environmentally preferred alternative. Those will be determined after the public comment period. In the end, the park could select any of the alternatives or

some combination of them.

The plan is a lengthy, but well written document that explains all of the alternatives and their environmental consequences in depth. If you are interested in this issue, we hope you will request a copy and take the time to look through it. The plan is available on the internet, on CD, or in hard copy format.



TRNHA Membership Increases in 2009

Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association has decided to make some changes in 2009. The rising cost of maintaining a business has forced us to reconstruct our membership program beginning this month.

We have been very reluctant to do so in the past, but must make the change. If you have any questions or concerns please contact us.

Membership Levels

Individual.....	\$20.00
Family.....	\$30.00
Contributing.....	\$75.00
Supporting.....	\$250.00

Membership Benefits

- 15% Discount on sales items at our five bookstore locations: Painted Canyon, South Unit, & North Unit (All at Theodore Roosevelt National Park); Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, and Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge.
- TRNHA membership is honored by most National Park Cooperating Association with a reciprocal discount.
- Monthly e-newsletter
- Special member gift for new and renewing members.
- Newsletters and program announcements on the activities of the Association and the areas it serves.
- Special member only offers. (Please check our website for monthly specials)
- The pleasures of knowing that your membership contributes to the support of National park and refuge sites in North Dakota.

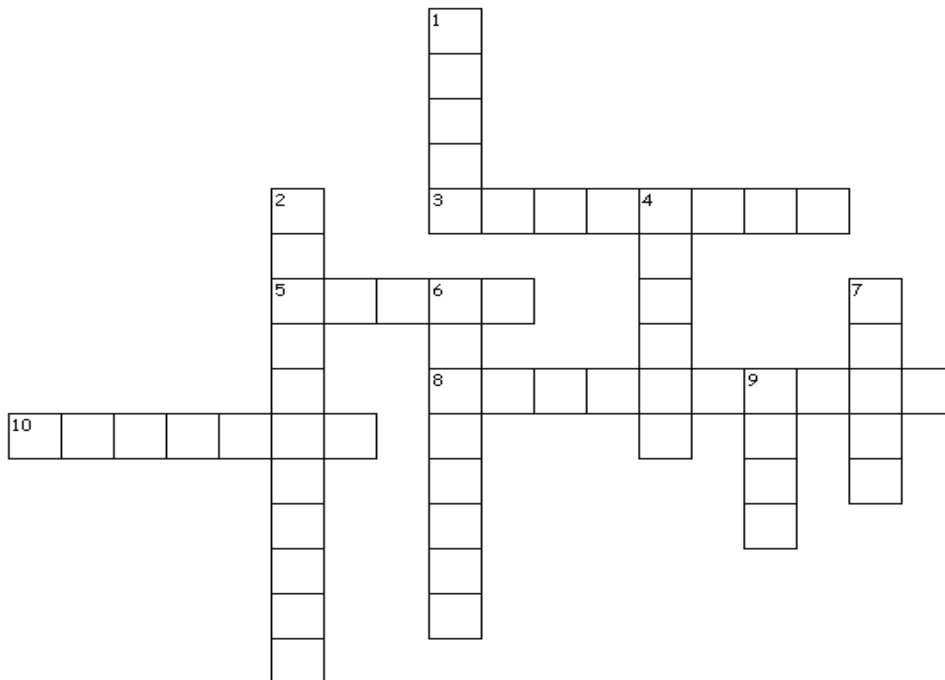
Tracy's Top 10

Things you can only do in Medora in the winter.....

1. Walk the streets in the evenings looking for deer.
2. Stop by the post office and visit with the postmaster, Madi, and the locals who are already there.
3. Have coffee at the convenience store with the local law enforcement.
4. Go downtown and checkout the progress on the new Rough Riders Hotel.
5. Lay in the middle of the street after a fresh dusting of snow and make snow angels.
6. Visit the park's visitor center and watch the park movie, *TR Country*.
7. Go ice skating on the Little Missouri River.
8. Sit in a chair in the backyard and look at the Northern Lights.
9. Spend **two hours** knocking door to door asking for the eggs needed to make supper (*and talking to the neighbors*), so you don't have to spend **an hour** driving to Dickinson for groceries.
10. Go to the City Council Chamber of Commerce, and Zoning board meetings.

Disclaimer: Contrary to popular belief there are things to do in Medora during the winter months. This list is strictly for our readers amusement. For a complete list of events and activities please contact the Chamber of Commerce

North Dakota Crossword Challenge



Across

3. The _____ hey trail connects the three units of Theodore Roosevelt National Park.
 5. _____, ND is the geographical center of North America.
 8. North Dakota grows more _____ than any other state.
 10. Lewis and Clark encountered their first _____ bear in North Dakota.

Down

1. _____ Sue is the world's largest cow sculpture.
 2. Native Americans constructed these living quarters along the Knife River.
 4. _____ Lake is the largest natural body of water in North Dakota.
 6. The state capital of North Dakota.
 7. The largest city in North Dakota.
 9. Lawrence _____ left his home in North Dakota in 1924 to pursue a music career.

Crossword answers at bottom of page.

It's for the birds!

Winter has officially arrived and it's freezing cold out, you sit in your nice warm house longing for a chance to experience nature's beauty. Well we have a way to bring nature to you, well at least right outside your window.

If you live in an area like North Dakota where temperatures dip way below zero, chances are it's hard for birds to find food. A great way to help the birds and to bring nature to your backyard is to make bird food cakes and hang them outside your window. After a little research I found this great recipe.

Give it a try:

recipe from
www.craftideas.info

Supplies needed:

- 1/2 c. of shortening
- 3/4 c. of bird food mixture (birdseed, sunflower seeds, nuts, oats, raisins, etc.)
- 2 clean yogurt cups
- metal hook, ribbon or netting
- scissors
- ribbon for hanging

Instructions:

1. Heat the shortening in a pot until it just melts. Add the bird food mixture to the liquid and stir thoroughly.
2. Fill each of the yogurt cups and insert a hook in the center of each cup while the mixture is still wet. The hook will normally hold on its own. You may also choose to use a ribbon for hanging. Just knot one end and insert the knotted end in the wet

- mixture.... or insert nothing and use a netting material to hold the food cake when solid.
 3. Store the cups either outside (if the temperatures are cold enough) or in the refrigerator until the shortening hardens and the mixture is solid.
 4. Cut the yogurt cup away from the bird food cake.
 5. Tie a ribbon to the hook and hang on a branch.



Enjoy all of the birds who come to enjoy your wonderful treat!

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FEBRUARY 2009



February 2009

Second Annual Winter Adventure-Heritage Outbound February 21, 2009

Come and experience the Adventure!

Come join in a day-long winter adventure at Knife River Indian Villages NHS beginning at 11:00 a.m. Mountain Time (12:00 Central Time).

Meet your fellow adventurers over lunch before trying your hand at a traditional craft lead by Tribal Preservation Officer, Elgin Crowsbreast. Spend the afternoon snowshoeing the trails through the Hidatsa villages, while learning about village life and the Knife and Missouri Rivers with Knife River Superintendent Brian McCutchen, State Historical Society Research Archeologist Timothy Reed, and North Dakota Geological Survey State Paleontologist John Hoganson. Test your skills throwing atlatls and playing with ice gliders before warming up with hot chocolate in



the visitor center while viewing objects, once used by the Hidatsa.

To complete the day, adventurers will gather around a huge roaring fire in the earthlodge to enjoy a traditional buffalo feast. Participate in an unforgettable evening of traditional stories told by an elder, Calvin Grinnell, who will provide a contemporary cultural perspective on the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Sanish culture. The day will end with Matt Schanadore presenting Native American flute music and stories taught to him by his grandmother.

The outdoor program requires moderate physical activity and is recommended for ages twelve and older. Participants are responsible for their own warm clothing. Warm drinks and indoor

alternatives will be available throughout the day.

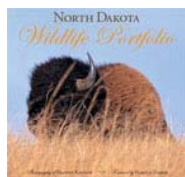
Registration is \$60 per person. The fee includes two hearty meals, use of snowshoes, all activity supplies, and presentations. You can register by calling the State Historical Society at 701-328-2724. Registration deadline is February 6, 2009.

The Winter Adventure Heritage Outbound program is sponsored by the Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, the Knife River Indian Heritage Foundation, the State Historical Society of North Dakota and the North Dakota Geological Survey.



Check out these Great Items!

**North Dakota
Wildlife Portfolio**
by: Daphne Kinzler
\$24.95



Beautiful wildlife images taken by Daphne Kinzler makes this table top book a must have.

A Fork in the Trail
by: Kim Long
\$17.95



Mouthwatering menus and tempting treats for all your backcountry trips. This wonderful cookbook is jammed with great recipes.

Sharing Nature with Children
by: Joseph Cornell
\$9.95



A great book packed full of wonderful activities to help encourage children to enjoy and explore the beauty of nature.

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National Historic Site**

Winter Event

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please contact the staff at Knife
River Indian Villages NHS.

Week of February 23, 2009
**Theodore Roosevelt
National Park**

Elk EIS Public Meetings

Exact dates and locations have
not been determined, but meet-
ings will be held in Dickinson,
Bismarck, Minot, Fargo, Grand
Forks and Medora. Interested
persons should watch the news-
papers or call the park for de-
tails as the time draws closer.

Ranger Recommends

Welcome to Ranger Recommends!

February's featured Ranger is Nathan King from Rochester, Minnesota. Nathan came to Theodore Roosevelt National Park because he says he is fascinated with the man the park is named after. Nathan has spent the last couple of summers working at Glacier National Park and is spending his second winter as a ranger at Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Nathan highly recommends *The Sibley's Guide to Birds* by David Allen Sibley.

Nathan says:

"This is the ultimate field guide for identifying birds because of its detailed depictions of adults, juveniles, and regional plumage variations for birds of the entire United States. Those who want a smaller, more specific book should check out *The Sibley Guide to Birds of Western North America*. Sibley is heavy on illustrations and light on natural history, so its emphasis is more on identification than on understanding

the behaviors and habits of the birds."

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

www.trnha.org/bookstorehome.htm

Sibley's Guide to Birds

Regular price: \$35.00

Members price: \$29.75



Ranger Nathan poses in front of the Maltese Cross Cabin with the Sibley guides.

Members Only Special

February's members only coupon is for the book, *M-E Eccci Aashi Awadi*, which is currently available at Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, or by contacting us at 701-623-4884.

This book is a wonderful TRNHA publication that shares the story of the Knife River Indian Villages and the people who lived in them. The book gives the reader a glimpse into how these people helped develop North America.

FEBRUARY MEMBER ONLY COUPON

M-E Eccci Aashi Awadi
SALE Price: \$6.00

(Price listed is before membership 15% discount for a final price of \$5.10)



**Must show coupon and membership card
in bookstores or contact TRNHA**

Expires February 28, 2009

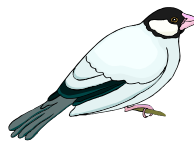


The Earthlodge located at Knife River Indian Villages National Historic

12th Annual Great Backyard Bird Count

Join the National Audubon Society and Cornell Lab of Ornithology in the 12th Annual Great Backyard Bird Count. It's fun, it's free, and it's for the birds. Join in on the fun by discovering the birds in your backyard, schoolyard, or park.

People of all ages and bird-watching experience levels are invited to participate in this wonderful event. Each year bird watchers spend time looking at and counting birds. At the end of their count they are asked to submit the information so that scientist will have an opportunity to better understand birds throughout the country.



For more information visit:

www.birdcount.org

It's easy to participate:

1. Visit www.birdcount.org
2. Count the birds you see.
3. Report your results
4. View your results and send your photos!

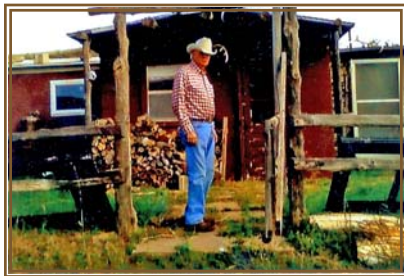


Meet the Board of Directors

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: Rex Cook
Hometown: Dickinson, ND
Career: Rancher & Retired Teacher
Board Member for 16 years



Why did you become a TRNHA board member?:

My friends Jack Stewart and Myron Freeman encourages me to be on the board.

What have you learned from being a board member?:

I am impressed by the ability and interests of the board members, and how much help TRNHA does for the park.

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

The interaction with the board members and the TRNHA staff.

Who is Rex?

Rex Cook was born in Sentinel Butte, ND in 1928 and grew up on his parents ranch north of town. He attended a rural elementary school and then high school in Sentinel Butte. After graduation Rex attend college at Dickinson State University and received an emergency teaching certification. He taught from 1945-1946 at the Goldsberry School before returning to college and graduating in 1950.



In 1950 Rex married his wife Ann and the two of them began teaching in Hettinger, ND. November that year Rex was called to service and spent two years in the Army. He then served as a military advisor to the Japanese Police Reserve for nine months.

After the war, Rex worked various jobs in Dickinson before becoming employed as a teacher in the Dickinson Public Schools, where he taught for 26 years before retiring.

Throughout Rex's life he has been very involved with ranching and has competed in rodeo. He enjoys spending time with his horses, hunting, and leatherworking.

Park Elk Population Estimated to be less than 900

Results of an elk survey conducted in January show the number of elk in the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park to be just under 900 animals.

Although the park objective for elk in the South Unit is about 400, the higher numbers are not currently causing measureable changes in the park vegetation or environment.

"That park habitat can support more elk than the target number," said Naylor. "We set our objective conservatively to allow for drought or other poor environmental conditions. This gives us a buffer for times when the population is high." The park conducts an aerial elk sur-

vey every year. The survey is conducted in winter, when the highest number of elk are within park boundaries and when snow cover allows for better sightability.

"As with any survey of wildlife, the count obtained is not the exact number in the park, rather it is a very good approximation at the time it was flown," said Superintendent Valerie Naylor. "When we consider harvest from the past two hunting seasons outside park boundaries, this year's survey is consistent with our previous estimates."

During the survey, which was conducted January 20-22, biologists observed 622 elk in 91 different groups. The esti-

mated, or corrected number, is 878 elk and is based on a sightability model that corrects for elk that may not be observed during the survey.

"The North Dakota Game and Fish Department has adjusted hunting seasons outside the park, which has helped to keep the elk population from growing substantially over the last few years," said Naylor. "We appreciate their willingness to adjust their elk management practices."

The park is currently considering alternatives to reduce the number of elk in the park. The park's Elk Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is out for 90-day public review until March 19.

Current Board

Tim McLaughlin
President



Jil Baird
Vice President



Douglas Walker
Secretary/Treasurer



Dale Heglund



Rex Cook



Ann Fischer



Jeani Borchert



Passages: Member and Friend Pete Hart (Superintendent TR National Park 1990-1995)

Pete M. Hart, beloved National Park Service leader with more than 33 years of service, died on Friday, January 29th, at University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle, after a courageous battle with leukemia.

Hart was diagnosed with acute promyelocytic leukemia (APML) in January 2007. He underwent treatment in Seattle for six months and returned home to Livingston, Montana, after achieving complete remission in July 2007. After 18 months of weekly chemotherapy, he was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia (AML) in December 2008.

"Pete's death is a tremendous loss to his family, to the National Park Service and to the people he served," said Intermountain regional director Mike Snyder. "Pete touched many lives, his legacy will remain forever in the rangers he mentored and in the many national parks who were blessed by his presence. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. At the time of his death, Hart was 67 years old. He carried an impressive uninterrupted running streak of several decades running through sickness and bad weather, only stopping to hike the Appalachian Trail. He was considered to be one of the greatest and most influential leaders of the modern National Park Service. He dedicated his career to conservation and courageous leadership in the field of natural and cultural resource protection. He touched the lives of thousands of National Park Service employees and influenced the overall management of the entire national park system and its service to more than 280 million annual visitors.



Hart was a native of Connecticut. He received an undergraduate degree from Middlebury College in Vermont and later earned a master's degree in geography from the University of Colorado, where he did research at Rocky Mountain National Park. He served as an army engineer officer in Vietnam and was awarded a Bronze Star.

Hart started his NPS career in 1968 as a park ranger at Albright Training Center at Grand Canyon. He later worked at Mount Rainier and Grand Teton National Parks, where he was primarily involved in search and rescue and climbing management. Additional assignments included district ranger in Yosemite and chief ranger

at both Cape Cod National Seashore and Great Smoky Mountains National Park. In 1990 he became superintendent of Theodore Roosevelt National Park in the badlands of

North Dakota. Hart then served in an extended detail as acting chief ranger of the NPS in Washington, D.C. In 1995 he was appointed superintendent of New River Gorge National River, Gauley River National Recreation Area and the Bluestone National Scenic River all in West Virginia.

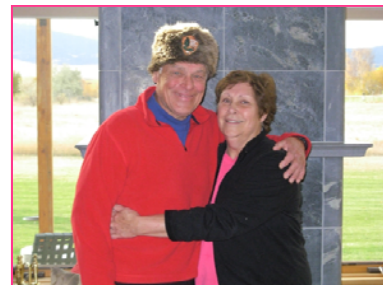
Hart retired from the NPS in 2001, then completed a 2,168-mile hike on the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine. After relocating to Livingston, Montana, he returned as interim superintendent of Glacier National Park in 2002. In 2003 he spent several months filling in as interim superintendent at Black Canyon of the Gunnison and Curecanti National Recreation Area. The following year he returned again to Glacier as acting deputy superintendent. In 2006 (from January to May) he again filled in as interim superinten-

dent of Big Thicket National Preserve in Texas in the aftermath of Hurricane Rita, and in September he was tapped as the temporary, acting deputy superintendent at Grand Canyon National Park.

His acting management positions were the highlight of his retirement. The National Park Service remained his consuming passion throughout his life. He actively worked for the protection of national parks from his hospital room while fighting cancer.

Hart is survived by his beloved wife, Sally, his son Chris, and daughter Wendy. His daughter, Wendy Ross, currently carries on his NPS legacy as management assistant at Glacier National Park.

There will most likely be three services- one possibly in Helena at the Veteran's Cemetery at Fort Harrison, one large memorial service at a National Park, and one memorial service back east where Pete and Sally grew up. A celebration of life will be held at Theodore Roosevelt National Park on Sunday May 24, 2009 (currently working on the details and will share with membership once they are finalized). Condolences may be sent to Sally Hart and family at 06 Riverside Drive, Livingston, MT 59047. The family has requested that in lieu of flowers or gifts, donations be made to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, The American Red Cross, or The Employee & Alumni Association of the National Park Service.



Pete with his wife Sally.

Theodore Roosevelt National Park

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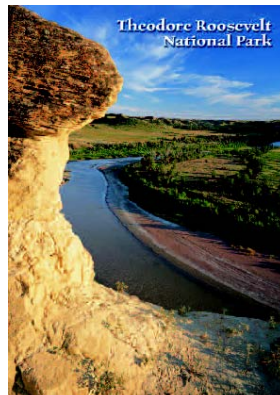
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1. World's Largest Holstein Cow Salem Sue

Location: Salem, ND
 Height: 38 feet
 Length: 50 feet
 Weight: 12,000 lbs
 Made of: Fiberglass



2. World's Largest Buffalo

Location: Jamestown, ND
 Height: 26 feet
 Length: 46 feet
 Weight: 60 tons
 Made of: Concrete



3. World's Largest Sandhill's Crane

Location: Steele, ND
 Height: 40 feet
 Weight: 4.5 tons
 Made of: Sheet Metal



4. World's Largest Catfish

Location: Wahpeton, ND
 Height: 12 feet
 Length: 40 feet
 Weight: 5,000 lbs
 Made of: Fiberglass



5. Giant Pheasant Family

Location: Enchanted Highway
 Rooster: 40ft x 70ft - 13,000lbs
 Hen: 35ft x 60ft - 12,000lbs
 Chicks: 15ft x 20ft - 5000lbs
 Made of: Scrap wire mesh



6. Wally the Giant Walleye

Location: Garrison, ND
 Length: 26 feet
 Weight: 820 lbs



7. Tommy the Giant Turtle

Location: Bottineau, ND
 Height: 27 feet
 Length: 32 feet
 Made of: Fiberglass



8. Giant Wheel Turtle

Location: Dunseith, ND
 Height: 18 feet
 Length: 40 feet
 Made of: Over 2000 wheel rims



From farm animals to wildlife to reptiles, animal structures throughout North Dakota are endless. I encourage you to explore North Dakota and seek out these wonderful works of art and many more that have become significant symbols for many North Dakota towns.



TRNHA NEWSLETTER



MARCH 2009

THE GREAT PLAINS

Growing up in a tiny Nebraska town (about 500 people) I always said I was leaving and never going back. Well I kept my promise and never went back, but instead settled into an even smaller town (about 100 people) in Western North Dakota. When I first moved here the idea of driving 33 miles one way to get groceries was about enough to send me running back to a larger town, but now looking back I am glad we stayed. Often times people from all over the country ask how can you live in Medora, North Dakota or isn't it cold in North Dakota? To which I have began to reply "Yes, it keeps the population down."

Today after spending 29 years of my life living in the upper Midwest and only visiting other areas I can honestly say I would never want to live anywhere else. The country is full of wonderful people and in my biased opinion the ones in the Great Plains are pretty lovable and help make life great!

What kind of people live in the Great Plains?

Helpful People: You wake up to a beautiful blanket of snow covering the open fields and reluctantly climb out of bed and head to work only to find yourself stuck in a massive

snowdrift that has blown across the road. But only in the Midwest does the pickup coming down the road behind you slow down and pull over to help dig you out. The driver then offers to break a path with his truck so you can get where you are going.

Friendly People: Whether you are driving down the road or walking along a city street these people wave

and say hello as if they have known you for years.

Packer/Viking Fans: Chances are if you know anyone in the Upper Midwest you know

a little about this ongoing rivalry. It seems like nearly everyone is either a Packer or Viking fan and they passionately cheer against the opponent. The love and support these people give their team is truly amazing and honorable.

City Messenger: By far these are some of the friendliest people you will ever meet and, because of that you freely share with them your plans and stories. When you haven't seen a friend in a while and can't seem to get a hold of them your best bet is to find a messenger as they are sure to know exactly where the friend is and why they aren't responding. Chances are

they will share whatever information they have with you in exchange for what you know.

The Old Rancher/Farmer: My favorite and by far the most entertaining of all are these old story tellers. These men and women can tell you stories about how life was back in the good old days before cell phones and internet. Often times these stories can be colorful and entertaining, but mostly they are packed with wonderful knowledge that can and should be applied to life today.

Combination of All: Many people in the Midwest often fall in not one but often times all of these categories. The refreshing hospitality and love thy neighbor attitude is what makes the Midwest a great place to live and visit.

Living in the upper Midwest is not always the right path for everyone, but I promise you visiting the Midwest will open your eyes to the beauty of simple life. The people, wide open spaces, distinct seasons, small town 4th of July Parades, short commutes, starry nights, and white Christmases will all welcome you with open arms and a warm smile. So come visit us and stay a night, a week, a month, or forever and enjoy an experience you will never forget!

**Spring, Summer, Winter, & Fall
In the Midwest we enjoy them all!**



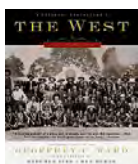
CHECK OUT THESE GREAT ITEMS!

Animal Tracks of the Great Plains
by: Tamara Eder & Ian Sheldon
\$6.95



Great descriptions of animals and their tracks make this book a must have for wildlife enthusiast.

The West: An Illustrated History
by: Geoffrey C. Ward
\$24.95



Wonderful pictures and vivid accounts of American History make this book a must have for everyone.

The Cowboy at Work
by: Faye E. Ward
\$24.95



This book is devoted to the working cowboy and gives readers a glimpse into life through the eyes of a cowboy.

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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)

**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

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 1, 2009

(Weather Permitting)

Painted Canyon Visitor Center will be Opening for the season.

April 25, 2009

National Park Junior Ranger Day

Please check with a park near you for scheduled events and celebrations.



RANGER RECOMMENDS



North Unit Interpretive Ranger, Melissa poses with a copy of *Birds of the Dakotas*.

Welcome to Ranger Recommends!

March's featured Ranger is Melissa Sams. Melissa came to Theodore Roosevelt National Park last year with her husband, Ron, a Law Enforcement Ranger. Melissa has spent the winter greeting North Unit visitors with her warm smile and vast knowledge of the area and Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Melissa highly recommends *Birds of the Dakotas* by: Stan Tekiela

Melissa says: "I really like this field guide because it is so easy to use. It contains full page photos of only Dakota birds. There is no need to search through photo after photo of birds that don't even live in our area. The color guide is really easy to use, too. If you see a mostly red bird, you just turn to the red section to find it. The descriptions are very informative and contain range maps

to help you determine where the bird may most likely be found in the Dakotas, as well as what time of year. A very easy to use, informative field guide."

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

www.trnha.org/bookstorehome.htm

Birds of the Dakotas

Regular price: \$13.95

Members price: \$11.86

MEMBER ONLY SPECIAL

March's members only coupon is for the book, *Geologic Story of the Great Plains*, which is currently available at Theodore Roosevelt National Park or by contacting us at 701-623-4884.

Geologic Story of the Great Plains is a wonderful non technical book that gives the reader a glimpse into the geological history and the evolution of the Great Plains. This is a great guide for those interested in learning more about the development of our land.

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SALE PRICE: \$6.00

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EXPIRES MARCH 31, 2009

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

The staff at TRNHA is new to the e-newsletter thing and are interested in finding out what our friends and readers think so far. Please take a minute and fill out this short survey and let us know how we are doing. The survey can be done in one of two ways. You can cut and paste these questions into an e-mail and send it to us at info@trnha.org or by open-

ing the attached pdf fill it in and send it back to us! Please take just a minute and answer these four questions:

1. What would you like to see us include in this newsletter?
2. What do you feel we should leave out of our newsletter?
3. Which section of the newsletter do you enjoy the most?
4. Is there anything else that you would like to share with us about our newsletter, organization, or parks we serve?

We look forward to receiving your responses.



MEET THE BOARD

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: Jeanie Borchart

Hometown: Thief River Falls, MN

Current Home: Bismarck, ND

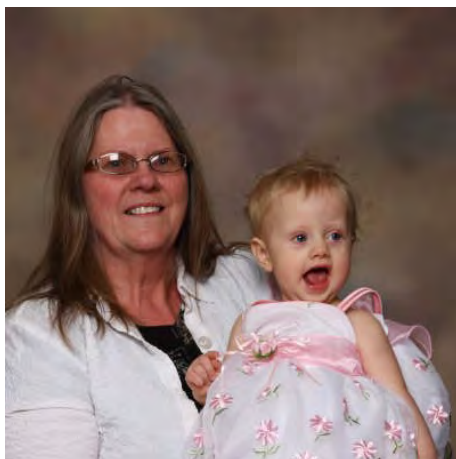
Career: Archeologist

Board Member: Approx. 15 years

Why did you become a TRNHA board member?: I became a board member because I love the Park. One of my very favorite activities is walking in the Badlands. I lived in Belfield for 15 years and enjoyed the South Unit of the Park with friends and family. We would drive through the Park often, enjoying all that each season had to offer. One winter we went at least 3 times a week for a drive through the South Unit, taking a picnic lunch (which we ate in our vehicle), counting the number of deer we would see and enjoying all the wildlife and solitude. A couple summers ago my son and I joined people from a Grand Forks astronomy group for night sky viewing from the end of the road in the North Unit. Great sights! Apparently the parking lot at the west end of the road in the North Unit is known across the US as one of our premier night sky viewing areas - as there are no lights from nearby cities.

I heard about the Association from a friend and talked with Jane about becoming a board member. Shortly after becoming a Board member I moved from Belfield to Bismarck. I miss my proximity to the Park, but am glad to stay in touch through my work with the Board.

What have you learned from being a board member?: I've learned more about the day to day workings of the Park; such as funding issues, wildlife management issues, and the interpretive focus. I've had the opportunity to participate in a national conference of Cooperation Associations (CNPCA) in Williamsburg. It was an amazing experience where I learned what other Associations were doing, the breadth of Board Member issues, and developed ideas for things we could incorporate into our Association activities.



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

Remaining in-touch with our National Park is one of the most important aspects of being a board member for me. However, I've also made friendships with staff and other board members that have enhanced my experience.

Who is Jeani?

I grew up in Minnesota and Nebraska, graduated from East Grand Forks Senior High, and worked as a waitress and CNA in Grand Forks for a couple years before starting college at UND. I graduated from the University of North Dakota with a BA in Anthropology in 1980. I worked for UND from then until 1994. During my employment at UND, I pursued an MA in Anthropology from the University of

Montana and graduated in 1990. When I worked for UND I was stationed at the Research Center in Belfield where we functioned as the western contract archaeology arm of the Anthropology Department. We worked primarily on projects related to oil development in western North Dakota, but I also had the opportunity to work in the Pryor Mountains of Montana and the Pinyon Canyon area of southeastern Colorado. In September of 1994 I began working for the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT), Cultural Resources Section. In my work for the NDDOT I currently address all cultural resource issues for highway projects in North Dakota and coordinate our efforts in consulting with Tribes in regard to cultural resources of value to them.

I've been married for over 28 years to a "Belfield boy", Tony Knopik. Tony has severe hemophilia. His health issues have been a challenge for all of us, but, of course, mostly for him. We applaud him for his amazing attitude in living with such an unforgiving and restrictive disease. We have 2 children, Jacob - 27 and Michael - 14. Jacob is engaged to Rebeka. We have an adorable, charming Granddaughter - Jaeda Rae Knopik - age 11 months. Jake graduated from a Cordon Bleu affiliated culinary program at Brown College in Minneapolis in 2002 and is currently working as Assistant Kitchen Manager at the Seven Seas in Mandan. Michael is in 9th grade at Horizon Middle School. He likes hunting and fishing - and loves studying about military weapons and the history of war. Beka is a stay at home Mom who works weekends when Grandma watches the Baby...and Grandma loves watching the Baby!!!

Congratulations Mr. & Mrs. Whitcomb

TRNHA would like to congratulate Dan and Jen Whitcomb on their February 25th marriage in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Dan was a summer 2008 Law Enforcement Ranger and Jen has been volunteering her time and helping out around the visitor center and where ever she is needed since September 2008. We would like to wish them the best of luck with their marriage and their new adventure as they will be leaving for Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks at the end of April.



WINTER EVENT...HUGE SUCCESS!

Everyone attending the Heritage Outbound Winter Adventure at Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site on Saturday, February 21, had a great time. Not even the cold could dampen spirits.

The event started with participants meeting at the Seven Trails Trading Post and enjoying a hearty lunch of sandwiches, knoephle soup, cookies and brownies. Lunch gave participants a chance to visit and get to know each other. After lunch, Elgin Crows Breast taught participants how to bead using a loom.

This was found to be challenging but fun. Participants commented that it was relaxing and they had a better understanding of why it takes so long to complete a beading project.

While a few folks had snow shod before, many had not, but everyone bravely started down the trail with snow shoes on for a two-hour hike led by John Hoganson and Tim Reed. Folks learned about geology,

archeology as well as history of the area. When returning to the visitor center, they tried their hands at tossing ice gliders and throwing atlatls.

The day was topped off with a traditional meal of bison roast, squash, beans, corn soup, and fry bread with berry jam. After dinner, Calvin Grinnell shared traditional stories and personal experiences. The event concluded with traditional stories and flute music presented by Matt Schanandore.

Comments from participants include: "Just the atmosphere was something to be experienced. It was just awesome," "The day was a spa for my spirit," and "It just feels good to get outside."

The event was sponsored by the Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, the State Historical Society of North Dakota, the North Dakota Geological Survey, and the Knife River Indian Heritage Foundation. When the date is set for the 2010 event, we will make sure it is in the newsletter, so you too, can mark your calendar and experience the Heritage Winter Outbound Adventure.



Thank you Dorothy Cook and Brian McCutchen of Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site for providing this event update and photos.



Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Superintendent Valerie Naylor, speaks at the elk EIS public meeting held in Bismarck on Friday. Public elk EIS meetings were held the week of February 23, 2009 in Bismarck, Minot, Grand Forks, Fargo, and Medora. We hope to give our readers an update on the meetings and the EIS process in our April 2009 newsletter.



Photo taken from February 28, 2009 issue of Bismarck Tribune.

Tracy's Top 8

Reasons this Newsletter is Green!

1. Saint Patrick's Day is in March therefore everything should be green.
2. We do not print this letter because we send it by e-mail therefore it is green.
3. We are not mailing this newsletter with stamps therefore TRNHA is saving a little green.
4. Baseball season is just around the corner leaving me dreaming of fields of green.
5. TRNHA and the National Park service is making an effort to go green.
6. The snow outside our window is getting a little boring as we dream of spring and green.
7. We have been making an effort to carry more books and items that are green.
8. Our executive director, Jane is part Irish and encourages us to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day and go green.

We wish a happy Saint



Patrick's Day and encourage you join us in protecting the environment by going green.

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North Dakota Tourism www.ndtourism.com
State Historical Society of North Dakota www.history.nd.gov/
Maah Daah Hey Trail Association www.mdhta.com/
Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation www.medora.com
Medora Chamber of Commerce www.medorand.com/
Watford City Chamber of Commerce www.4eyes.net/WatfordCity/
Stanton Chamber of Commerce www.stantonnd.com/
Berthold Chamber of Commerce www.tradecorridor.com/berthold/
And of course our website www.trnha.org

VISITOR INFORMATION

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National Park

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8:00-4:30 MST

North Unit

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9:00 am -5:30pm CST

7 days a week beginning

April 5, 2009

Painted Canyon

8:30am 4:30pm MST

(will re-open April 1, 2009

weather permitting)

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

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(Weather Permitting)

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season.

April 3, 2009

North Unit Visitor Center will
be Open 7 days a week.

April 25, 2009

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June 7, 2009

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

TRNHA NEWSLETTER



APRIL 2009

Elk Issues in Theodore Roosevelt National Park

by: Valerie Naylor-Park Superintendent

Dealing with the elk issue in Theodore Roosevelt National Park is a complex undertaking. The park must find a solution that is efficient, cost-effective, and reasonable for dealing with the elk. The concerns of the public across the nation, as well as the concerns of landowners, visitors, and others must be taken into consideration. The park must follow and policy in working through the issue.

agement plan. Audiences in Dickinson, Fargo, Grand Forks, Minot, Mandan, and Medora listened to presentations, asked



questions, and made comments about the alternatives being considered in the plan.

As you know, much of the media attention on this issue has involved hunting in the park. **However, the park cannot consider hunting without a change in federal law.** The National Park Service does not lobby Congress,

and is not interested in changing the law regarding hunting in national parks at this time.

Here are some important points relating to the elk issue that may be contrary to popular belief:

- 1) The current number of elk in the park is approximately 875, not the much higher numbers that have been widely rumored.
- 2) Although the number of elk in the park is over the park's population objective, we have seen no measurable changes to park vegetation to date. We started the planning process early and have had the luxury of time to be thorough in developing alternatives. We are not in a crisis situation as is often reported.

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Check out these Great Items!

Junior Ranger Hat
\$10.95



National Geographic Trails
Illustrated Topographic Map to
Theodore Roosevelt National Park
\$9.95



Trail Guide to the Maah Daah Hey
Trail, Theodore Roosevelt National
Park, and the Dakota Prairie Grass-
lands by: Hiram Rogers
\$15.00



A great guide to some of North
Dakota's most beautiful areas.

Ranger Recommends

Welcome to Ranger Recommends!

April's featured Ranger is Judie Chrobak-Cox. Judie is the district Interpretive Ranger in the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Judie has spent many years working for the National Park Service and we have been lucky enough to have her here the past few years. Her vast knowledge of wildlife and nature has helped

many visitors and employees learn about the area and park.

Judie highly recommends *Kaufman's Focus Book: Mammals of North America* by: Kenn Kaufman

Judie says: "Great field guide for identification of a wide variety of animals from bats to whales. Uses actual photos instead of drawings. A wonderful accompaniment for wildlife watching in the park or anywhere in North America

that your travels may take you."

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

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

Mammals of North America

Regular price: \$20.00

Members price: \$17.00



Judie Chrobak-Cox showing her favorite book in the bookstore of the South Unit.

Member Only Special

April's members only coupon is for the book, *Wildfire: A Reader*, which is currently available at Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, or by contacting us at 701-623-4884.

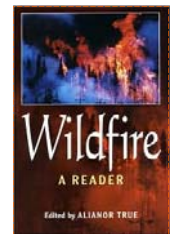
Wildfire: A Reader is an outstanding collection of essays on wildfire and fire ecology. A great book for those who are interested in better understanding the ways nature benefits from fire.

APRIL'S MEMBER ONLY COUPON IS FOR....

Wildfire: A Reader

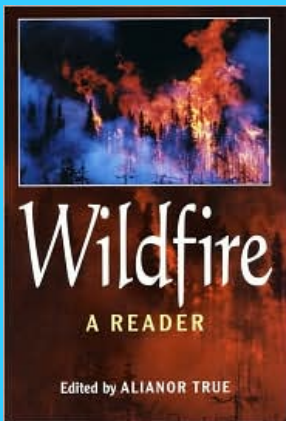
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Elk Issues in Theodore Roosevelt National Park

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- 3) Although the ND Game and Fish Department supports hunting in the park and has a difference of opinion with the park on this issue, the park continues to work with NDGFD on a variety of projects.
- 4) There is no elegant and universally popular solution to the elk issue in the park. Every alternative has its drawbacks. No matter what the final outcome, some major segment of the population will likely be displeased.

The comments from the public are cur-

rently being analyzed and addressed. The next step will be to identify a preferred alternative for managing the elk population. The park could select any of the alternatives that have been proposed, or some combination of them. When the preferred alternative is selected, there will be another short public comment period.

The park expects to finalize the EIS and have a decision document at the end of the year. It is likely that some action will be

taken in 2010.



If you have questions, park staff are more than willing to discuss this issue with interested persons.

Flooding in North Dakota

The month of March has proved to be a struggle for many North Dakota residents and business owners with just about every river and creek flowing out of their banks. Numerous homes, business, and roads have been flooded due to ice jamming up in various spots throughout the state. President Obama has declared North Dakota a federal disaster area as mandatory evacuation order has been put into affect in many areas of the state.

The following pictures have been collected from various sources throughout North Dakota.

Annie, one of Doug Stensguard's dogs, looks out over what used to be a 5-acre yard and a building that is now flooded by the rising Red River March 24, 2009 in Fargo, N.D. (Carolyn Kaster/AP Photo)



Rising water traps a group of cattle on high ground east of Linton, N.D., March 23, 2009. (Tom Stromme/The Tribune/AP Photo)

High water from the flooding Beaver Creek covers a car on the south side of Linton, N.D., March 23, 2009. Beaver Creek, the Knife River in Hazen and Spring Creek in Zap were at record flood stage. (Tom Stromme/The Tribune/AP Photo)



Large sheets of ice jam the swollen Missouri River north of Bismarck, N.D. Extensive flooding in low lying areas is forcing residents in communities close to the river to evacuate. (Tom Stromme/The Bismarck Tribune/AP Photo)

Flooding of the Knife River near the Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site. Submitted by Park Staff



Tracy's Top 8

Common Animal's of Theodore Roosevelt National Park that aren't always seen.

1. **Mountain Lion** - these large predators are found in some of the more rugged areas of park and are rarely seen.
2. **Elk** - often times these large animals can be seen in the early morning and evening hours off Buck Hill in the South Unit.
3. **Bobcat** - this predator hunts in the evening making it hard to find him in the day-light hours.
4. **Big Horn Sheep** - not very common in the South Unit (only sometimes passing through) but are often seen on the rugged hill sides of the North Unit.
5. **Prairie Rattle Snakes** - the only poisonous snakes found in the area and can often be found in prairie dog towns or sunning themselves on trails.
6. **Pronghorn** - this incredibly alert and quick animal often roams in and out of the park but can be seen throughout the year in various locations.
7. **Beaver** - though this animal is not always seen you can often see signs of him along the river in the form of dams and freshly cut trees.
8. **Coyotes** - are often herd but are only seen once in a while and usually hunting for dinner in a prairie dog town.

REMEMBER ALL Wildlife is Dangerous so please use caution when viewing.

North Dakota History & Facts Quiz

1. A great entertainer, born and raised in a sod house on a small farmstead near Strasburg. _____
2. The largest natural body of water in North Dakota, also known as the Perch Capital of the World. _____
3. Features the world's largest metal sculptures produced by artist Gary Greff. _____
4. Straddles the international Boundary between North Dakota and the Canadian province of Manitoba. _____
5. The world's largest Holstein Cow, standing 38 feet tall, 50 feet long and weighs six tons. _____
6. The geographical center of North America. A tall stone obelisk marks the location. _____
7. Home of Rusty the Turtle, a two-ton sculpture of a turtle near the entrance to the city. _____
8. After the death of his mother and wife on the same day, traveled to the Dakota Territory to hunt bison. _____
9. Home of the World's Largest Buffalo Monument. _____
10. A Sioux word meaning friends or allies. _____

Word Bank

Rugby
Jamestown
Salem Sue
Dakota
Enchanted Highway

Theodore Roosevelt
Turtle Lake
Lawrence Welk
International Peace Garden
Devils Lake



"The joy of living is his who has the heart to demand it."
Theodore Roosevelt, 1916

Answer Key: 1. Lawrence Welk 2. Devils Lake 3. Enchanted Highway 4. International Peace Garden 5. Salem Sue 6. Rugby 7. Turtle Lake 8. Theodore Roosevelt 9. Jamestown 10. Dakota

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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.



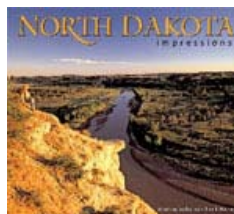
Check Out these Great Items

**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



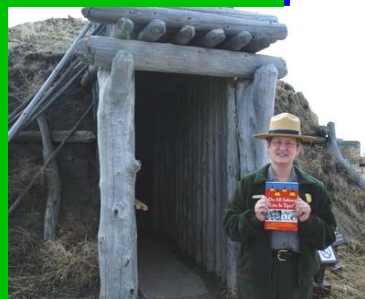
A wonderful softcover book packed with beautiful North Dakota photos.

**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)

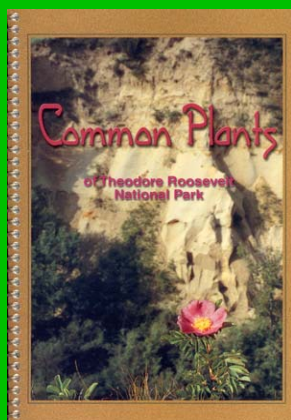
Do All Indians Live in Tipis?

**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.

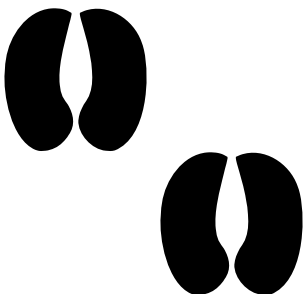
Painted Canyon Visitor Center has a new LOOK!



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.

VISITOR INFORMATION

Theodore Roosevelt
National Park
South Unit

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

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8:30 am - 6:00 pm MDT

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

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"

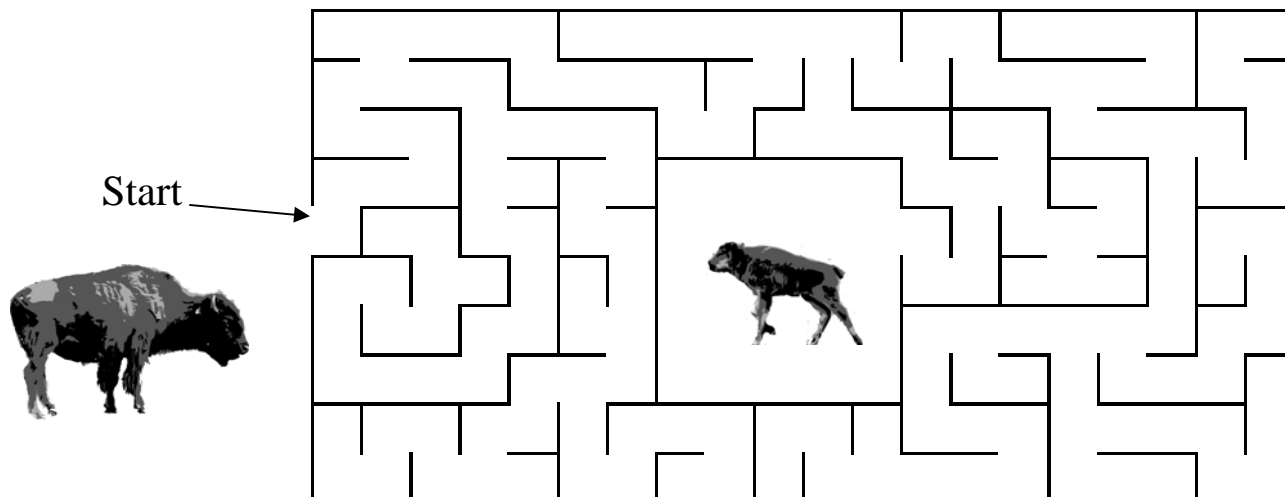
Get to Know Knife River Indian Villages NHS' Chief of Interpretation

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.

VISITOR INFORMATION

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National Park
South Unit**

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North Unit

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Painted Canyon

8:30 am - 6:00 pm MDT

**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

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 4-5, 2009

Medora's 4th of July Celebration which includes parades on the 4th & 5th

July 7, 14, 21, & 28, 2009

Knife River Indian Villages NHS will be hosting a Free Kids Camp. For more information contact Cindy at 701-742-3300

July 10, 2009

TRNHA's Teddy Bear Picnic at Theodore Roosevelt National Park's South Unit. For more information please contact us at 701-623-4884.

July 25-26, 2009

Northern Great Plains Culture fest at the Knife River Indian Villages NHS. For more information please contact KNRI.

TRNHA Newsletter

JULY 2009

Theodore Roosevelt National Park Hosts Fee Free Weekend

Visitors will get free entrance into Theodore Roosevelt National Park on Father's Day weekend, June 20-21. The weekend is the first of three fee-free weekends offered in America's national parks this summer.

"Due to tough economic times, the National Park Service is inviting people to come to the national parks for free in order to relax, have some fun, view wildlife, and learn more about the nation's history," said Superintendent Valerie Naylor.

All national parks in the country will waive entrance fees on June 20-21, July 18-19, and August 15-16.

There will be interpretive programs going on throughout the day in both the North and South Units of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. The park also offers scenic driving, wildlife watching, hiking, and camping. Regular camping fees will be charged.

The other two national park units in North Dakota – Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site near Williston and Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site near Stanton – are among the more than 200 national parks that never charge entrance fees.

Fort Union Trading Post will be hosting its annual Fort Union

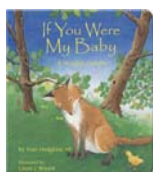
Rendezvous on June 20-21. It will also be a great weekend to get out and explore the prairie or hike the trails at Knife River Indian Villages.

"The first weekend of summer should be a great time to visit the national parks of North Dakota," said Naylor. "We hope that people who have not visited the national parks in awhile will take advantage of the fee free weekend and the many activities being offered."

Information on all 391 national parks nationwide is available at www.nps.gov.

Check Out These Great Items!

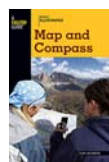
If You Were My Baby
by: Fran Hodgkins



A great board book that helps young children learn about nature.

\$7.95

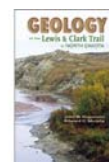
**Basic Illustrated:
Map & Compass**
by: Cliff Jacobson



This wonderful guide will help you learn the art of reading a compass and staying on the right path.

\$9.95

**Geology of Lewis & Clark
Trail in North Dakota**
by: John W. Hoganson



A wonderful book covering the geology of Lewis and Clark's path across North Dakota.

\$18.00

Ranger Recommends

July's featured Ranger is Luke Johnson from Theodore Roosevelt National Park where he is working his second summer as an Interpretive Ranger. Park visitors and staff benefit greatly from Luke's knowledge and eagerness to help those he comes into contact with.

Luke says: Many people come into the visitor center and ask for a good book detailing Theodore Roosevelt's time in the badlands of North Dakota. My answer to them is Clay S. Jenkinson's book "*Theodore Roosevelt in the Dakota Badlands: An Historical Guide*."

The book is set up in a handy question and answer format. This makes finding information quick,

easy and even fun! Questions answered include: "Why did Roosevelt choose the Badlands of Dakota Territory and not somewhere else?" and "How did people in Dakota react to Roosevelt?" Mixed in with the questions and answers are, several, "picture this" sections that go into greater detail into specific events. Theodore Roosevelt had many interesting experiences and encounters throughout his life. His time in Dakota Territory was no exception. There were several events during Roosevelt's time in Dakota Territory that, indeed, were "made for the silver screen" and Jenkinson has done a wonderful job telling those

stories. So, if you are looking for a book about Roosevelt's time here in the Badlands that is packed with information, handy and fun this book is it.

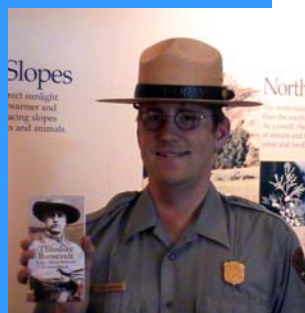
If you are interested in purchasing this book, please visit one of our Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History bookstores or visit our online store at:

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**Theodore Roosevelt in the
Dakota Badlands**

Regular Price: \$12.95

Members Price: \$11.01



Ranger Luke poses in the North Unit Visitor Center.

Member Only Special

July's members only coupon is for the, *Mammals of North America*, which is currently available at Theodore Roosevelt National Park or by contacting us at 701-623-4884.

This compact and colorful field guide is a great source for those who are interested in learning more about the creatures surrounding us.



JULY'S MEMBER ONLY COUPON IS FOR...

Mammals of North America

SALE PRICE: \$18.00

(Price listed is before membership 15% discount for a final price of \$15.30)



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EXPIRES July 31, 2009

Knife River Indian Villages Hosting Free Kid's Camp

Get out the sunscreen and plan on attending Kid's Camp at Knife River Indian Villages NHS. Every Tuesday in July youth ages 6-12 are invited to participate in a morning or afternoon session from 9:00-12:00 am or 1:00-4:00 pm. MDT. Kids can come for one day or every day of camp on July 7, 14, 21 and 28. Parents are welcome to stay or may drop their kids off at the 7 Trails Trading Post at the beginning of each session. Parents can pick up the children after the

morning or afternoon activities at the Knife River Indian Villages NHS visitor's center. Activities will include bird watching, fishing, games, canoeing and hiking.

Soar into Kid's Camp on July 7 with events for the birds. This will include a craft, bird walk and games on birds. Camp activities will be announced weekly. To register for your spot in the morning or afternoon camp or for any questions, please contact the park at (701) 745-3300 and ask for Cindy.



Teddy Bear Picnic

Grab your Teddy Bear and head over to Theodore Roosevelt National Park's South Unit Visitor Center for TRNHA's Teddy Bear Picnic. Every kid in attendance will receive a goodie bag and will have an opportunity to win some wonderful prizes.



The picnic hosted by Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association will be held at 1:00 pm on July 10th in the lawn of the south unit visitor center by Theodore Roosevelt's Maltese Cross Cabin. Join us for stories, snacks, and games!



Have you ever wondered how the Teddy Bear got it's name?

In 1902 President Theodore Roosevelt was on a hunting trip in Mississippi. As reported in the Washington Post, the presidential hunting party trailed and lassoed a lean, black bear, then tied it to a tree. The president was summoned, but when he arrived on the scene he refused to shoot the tied and exhausted bear, considering it to be unsportsmanlike.

The following day, November 16, Clifford Barryman, Washington Post editorial cartoonist, immortalized the incident as part of a front-page cartoon montage. Barryman pictured Roosevelt, his gun before him with the butt resting on the ground and his back to the animal, gesturing his refusal to take the trophy shot. Written across the lower part of the cartoon were the words "Drawing the Line in Mississippi," which coupled the hunting incident to a political dispute.

The cartoon drew immediate attention. In Brooklyn, NY, shopkeeper Morris Michtom displayed 2 toy bears in the window of his Stationary and novelty store. The bears had been made by his wife, Rose from plush stuffed excelsior and finished with black shoe button eyes. Michtom recognized the

immediate popularity of the new toy, requested and received permission from Roosevelt himself to call them "Teddy's Bears."

The little stuffed bears were a success. As demand for them increased, Michtom moved his business to a loft, under the name of the Ideal Novelty and Toy Corporation.

At the same time as it was born in The United States, the Teddy Bear was also born in Germany. The Steiff Company of Giengen produced it's first jointed stuffed bears during the same 1902-1903 period. The company had made toys for a number of years and had produced small wool-felt pincushion type animals of many varieties. The animals were the creation of Margaret Steiff. Steiff bears were first introduced at the 1903 Leipzig Fair, where an American buyer saw them and ordered several thousand for shipment to the US.

Article from: <http://bigbee.tripod.com/history>

Wilderness Hike



Theodore Roosevelt National Park will host a third wilderness hike in the North Unit on Sunday, July 5 at 9 am Central Daylight Time.

Veteran wilderness ranger John Heiser will lead the hike into the petrified forest area of the North Unit, traveling to a remote and seldom visited area of the park. Hikers should meet at the Juniper Campground Picnic Area.

“The petrified forest of Theodore Roosevelt National Park is one of the largest in the country,” said Superintendent Valerie

J. Naylor. “Hiking there with a ranger is an excellent way to visit this special area and gain insight into the park’s geologic past.”

In addition to seeing geologic features, visitors may also experience the quiet and solitude of the wilderness. Depending on group size and weather, the outing will last from 3 to 6 hours, and cover 2 to 6 miles.

Hiking may be strenuous at times, and participants should wear attire appropriate to wilderness travel, especially sturdy boots and durable clothes.

Participants should bring plenty of drinking water, food, sunscreen, and insect repellent, and are encouraged to have binoculars, cameras and a favorite poem or quote in hand. If extreme weather is forecast, the hike may be cancelled, thus it is advisable to call the North Unit at 842-2333 for the latest information.

Additional wilderness hikes are scheduled for August 2 and September 6.

Happy 95th Birthday!



Everyone at TRNHA and Theodore Roosevelt National Park would like to wish Vera Ricks of San Diego a very Happy Belated 95th Birthday. We had the pleasure of meeting this lovely woman when she came to celebrate her 95th birthday at Theodore Roosevelt National Park on June 20th.

Vera is picture here in front of Theodore Roosevelt’s Maltese Cross Cabin with Ranger Mary



Fair-weather birders....not at Theodore Roosevelt National Park!

The Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association's 55th annual bird walk was a little damp. Umbrellas cluttered our views of the treetops in search of fifty-five species to commemorate the anniversary of this annual event. Thirty-five species was all we could identify on this rainy day, but we do count our blessings; the day before we received 2 to 3 inches of snow!

We would like to thank all those attending for braving some uncomfortable conditions. The hot buttermilk pancakes, sausage and cowboy coffee never tasted so good. A special thanks to John Heiser and Lillian Crook for leading groups. Thanks also to statistic recorders Judie Chrobak-Cox and Virginia Reichert.

Enjoy the photos of our hardy birders and snowy views of early June in Theodore Roosevelt National Park.



2009 Birders at Cottonwood Campground

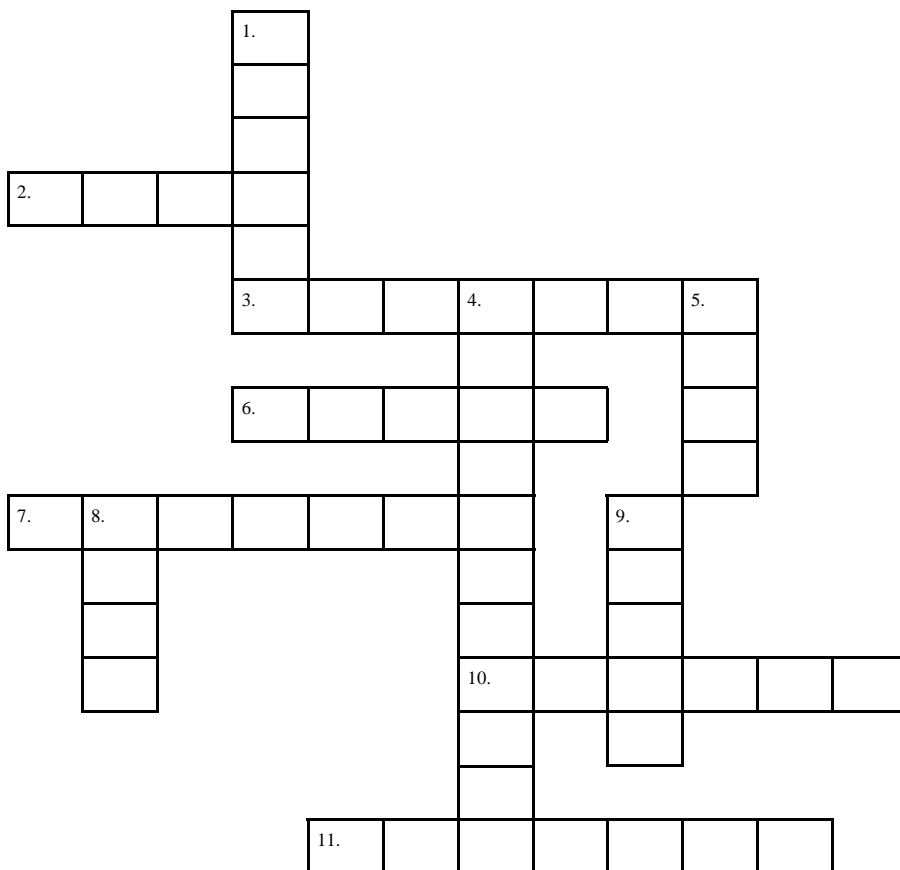


**South Unit Visitor Routine-
rain, snow, or shine!**



Painted Canyon July 6, 2009

Uses of Bison by Native Americans



What body part was used for each of the following?

Down

1. Bleached and then used as decorations
4. Fuel (2 words)
5. Moccasins and Clothing
8. Soap
9. Paint

Across

2. Fly swatter
3. Water Jugs
6. Utensils
7. Medicine Bags
10. Rattles/Doorbell
11. Thread

Answers at the bottom of Page



Junior Ranger Info

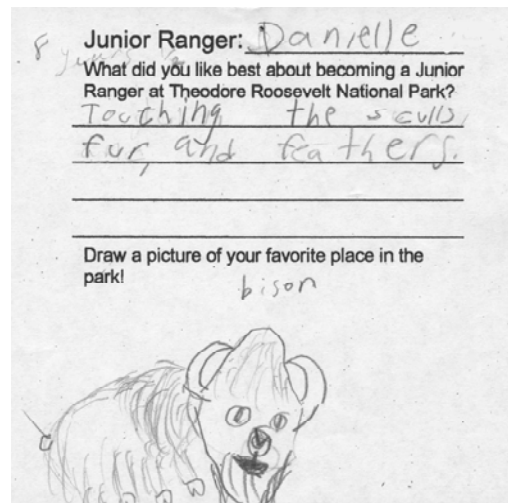
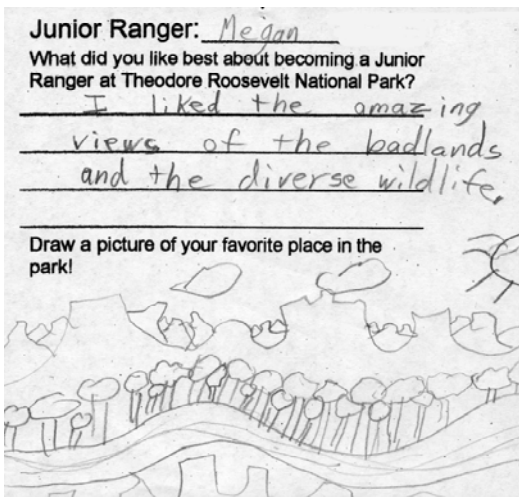


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Theodore Roosevelt
National Park
South Unit

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

North Unit

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

Painted Canyon
8:30 am - 6:00 pm MDT

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday thru August 2009

Every Tuesday at 5:30 PM enjoy a Knife River Indian Village Park Ranger program followed by live music at 6:30 at the Pocket Park in Hazen.

August 1, 2009

Junior Ranger Day

August 2, 2009

Wilderness Hike at Theodore Roosevelt's National Park - North Unit.

August 15, 2009

TRNHA's Teddy Bear Picnic at Theodore Roosevelt National Park's South Unit. For more information please contact us at 701-623-4884.

August 15 & 16, 2009

Fee Free Weekend at all National Park.

August 21 & 22, 2009

Badlands Star Party at the North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Northern Sky Astronomical Society will have telescopes set up at the Oxbow Overlook. For more info contact the North Unit.

August 25, 2009

National Park Founder's Day

TRNHA Newsletter

AUGUST 2009

Junior Ranger Family Fun Day!

Theodore Roosevelt National Park is recruiting Junior Rangers. Kids ages 5 through 12 and their families are invited to Junior Ranger Family Fun Day on Saturday, August 1 for a lively adventure in the park.

The fun begins in the South Unit Visitor Center auditorium at 9:30 a.m. MDT and will continue throughout the day. Kids will go on a tour of Theodore Roosevelt's Maltese Cross Cabin, visit a prairie dog town, play games, and learn about who works in the park. Other activities include learning how the badlands were formed and what wildlife



lives in the park. The day will end at 3:00 p.m. with the Junior Ranger graduation ceremony.

"We love to have kids and their families spend a day here. National parks are here not only for us, but for today's kids and their children, too," said Superintendent Valerie Naylor. "A family visit is a great way for people to learn about our country's natural and cultural heritage while enjoying healthy outdoor recreation together."

Children must be accompanied by an adult for the day's activities and should bring a lunch, water and sunscreen.

Schedule of Activities

9:30 AM Meet @ visitor center auditorium for Junior Ranger Family Fun Day Introduction
10:00 AM Children's Cabin Tour
10:30 Drive to prairie dog town
10:45 Prairie Dog Town Walk
11:15 Drive to Picnic Area
11:30 Prairie Web of Life game/program
12:00 Lunch @ Picnic Area (bring a lunch)
12:30 How Were the Badlands Formed?
1:00 Who Pooped in the Park?
1:30 Scavenger Hunt
2:30 Many Hats of a Ranger
3:00 Junior Ranger Graduation



Check Out These Great Items!

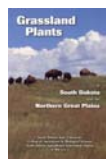
Lost Wild
by: Ryan Jacobson



This book puts the young reader in charge of the outcome, by letting them decide how the camping trip ends.

\$7.95

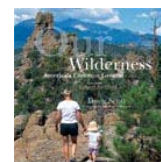
Grassland Plants of SD and Northern Great Plains
by: James R. Johnson & Gary E. Larsen



A guide with wonderful photos and descriptions of Grassland Plants.

\$19.95

Our Wilderness
by: Doug Scott



A book full of beautiful pictures and text that addresses why wilderness areas are so important to people.

\$19.95

Ranger Recommends

August's featured Rangers are the staff of the Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site. The staff at Knife River Indian Villages is very passionate about what they do and the beautiful site they are lucky to call home. Site visitors benefit greatly from their expertise and vast knowledge.

The Knife River Indian Villages Staff would like to announce the arrival of their recent wildlife discovery.....Animal Cookies!

Ranger Dorothy, a reliable cookie cruncher, reports both the vanilla and chocolate critters are good, but she admits a bias toward the chocolate prairie dogs.....she bites their heads right off!

Ranger Maureen goes for the chocolate critters and has been seen devouring them with enthusiasm.

Ranger Joanne likes both flavors and like all cookie lovers she must maintain a fair and unbiased testing program until she gets it right. One needs to keep tasting and evaluating.

Visitors to the park have shared an equal



enthusiasm for the confectionary critters. Grandmothers have been seen buying up quantities for grandchildren. Other adults

wishing for a taste of their childhood have bought "not just one box...", but several.

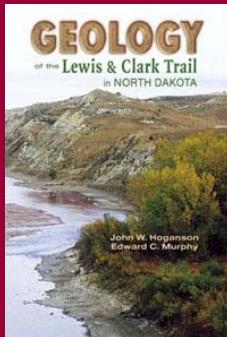
Hurry up and buy your share before they are extinct!

If you are interested in purchasing National Park Animal Cookies, please visit one of our Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History bookstores or visit our online store at:

www.trnha.org/bookstorehome.htm

Vanilla Cookies Available
Knife River Indian Villages NHS
Theodore Roosevelt National Park
Chocolate Cookies Available
National Park

Regular Price: \$1.99
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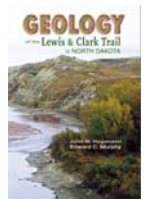
August's members only coupon is for the, *Geology of the Lewis & Clark Trail*, which is currently available at Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site or by contacting us at 701-623-4884.

This book follows the steps of Lewis and Clark, leading the reader on a beautiful geographical of the trail they once followed.

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EXPIRES: August 31, 2009

National Park Wilderness Hike Highlights Backcountry Springs

Fresh water springs are an important source of water in the dry conditions of the badlands of Theodore Roosevelt National Park, but they are few and far between. Veteran ranger John Heiser will lead a "Backcountry Spring Adventure" to one of the natural springs in the park's wilderness on Sunday August 2.

Hikers should meet Heiser at the picnic area near the amphitheater in the Juniper Campground in the park's North Unit at 9:00 a.m. CDT. Group size and weather conditions will determine the length and time of the hike, which could last from 4 to 8 hours and cover 2 to 6 miles.

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The final wilderness hike of the season is scheduled for September 6.



Teddy Bear Picnic

Grab your Teddy Bear and head over to Theodore Roosevelt National Park's South Unit Visitor Center for TRNHA's Teddy Bear Picnic. Every kid in attendance will receive a goodie bag and will have an opportunity to win some wonderful prizes.



The picnic hosted by Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association will be held at **1:00 pm** on **August 15, 2009** in the lawn of the south unit visitor center by Theodore Roosevelt's Maltese Cross Cabin. Join us for stories, snacks, and games!



Teddy Bear Picnic ~ July 10, 2009



What Animal Am I?



1. I got my name because when I am startled I will raise my tail to show a white underside. When a mother raises her tail it helps to allow her fawn to follow her.
2. I am a descendant of a once tame animal but have run free for several generations.
3. My scientific name *Canis Latrans* means barking dog.
4. I require a lot of room and only a few of my kind can survive in 30 square miles. I am seldom seen by humans as I am a shy and solitary animal.
5. I am the fastest land animal in North America and I often run up to 60 miles per hour.
6. I live in a colony and am highly social and possess the most complex language of any animal ever studied.
7. We threaten each other by curling back our upper lip, grinding our teeth and hissing softly. When I get agitated I hold my heads high, lay my ears back, and flare my nostrils.
8. My black tongue was considered a delicacy to Early Settlers resulting in the slaughter of thousands of my kind just for the tongue.
9. I got my name because of my large Mule-like ears. When I am startled I will bound away by leaping with all four feet off the ground at once.
10. I am elusive and nocturnal, so I am rarely spotted by humans. Although I am seldom seen, I roam throughout much of North America and adapt well to such diverse habitats as forests, swamps, deserts, and even suburban areas.

Mountain Lion	Mule Deer	Elk	Bison	Coyote
White-tailed Deer	Prairie Dog	Bobcat	Pronghorn	Feral Horse



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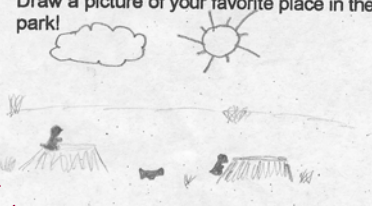
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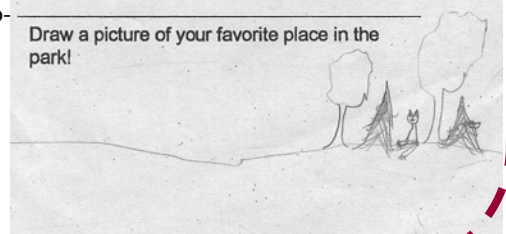
Junior Ranger: Kirstyn
 What did you like best about becoming a Junior Ranger at Theodore Roosevelt National Park?
I learned alot about nature and how to protect and preserve it.

Draw a picture of your favorite place in the park!

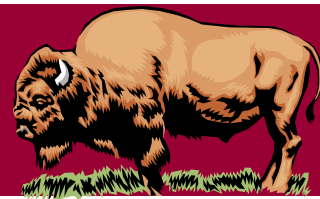


Junior Ranger: Alec
 What did you like best about becoming a Junior Ranger at Theodore Roosevelt National Park?
I liked going to teddies Elk horn cabin.

Draw a picture of your favorite place in the park!



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6. All members are entitled to vote for TRNHA Board of Directors.
7. The pleasures of knowing that your membership contributes to the support of National park and refuge sites in North Dakota.

Print and mail in the form below to become a member today!

Yes! I would like to become a member of Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association!

☐ **New**

☐ **Renewal**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | \$20.00 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Contributing | \$75.00 |
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PO Box 167 Medora, ND 58645

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Theodore Roosevelt

National Park

Current Hours

South Unit

Visitor Center Hours

8:00 am - 6:00 pm MDT

North Unit

Visitor Center Hours

9:00 am - 5:30 pm CDT

Painted Canyon

8:30 am - 6:00 pm MDT

NEW HOURS BEGIN

SEPT. 8th

South Unit

Visitor Center Hours

8:00 am - 4:30 pm MDT

North Unit

Visitor Center Hours

9:00 am - 5:30 pm CDT

Painted Canyon

8:30 am - 4:30 pm MDT

Knife River Indian Villages

National Historic Site

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Upper Souris NWR

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Monday-Friday

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 6, 2009 People's Choice Wilderness Hike @ the North Unit. For info: 701-842-3014

September 12, 2009 Fall in the Field Photo Workshop @ Knife River Indian Villages NHS

September 15-17, 2009 Lifeways of the Northern Great Plains @ Knife River Indian Villages NHS

September 17, 2009 National Parks: America's Best Idea Preview Event @ 7:30 pm at

September 23, 2009 Envirothon @ Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge. For info (701) 468-5467

September 27, 2009 Ken Burn's Film - National Parks: America's Best Idea will Premiere on PBS.

TRNHA Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2009

Prairie Dog Numbers Down at Theodore Roosevelt National Park

When you drive through Theodore Roosevelt National Park you probably notice the prairie dog towns along the way, but what you may not realize is that the size of the towns change on a regular basis. Nearly every year, the park's Resource Management staff closely monitors the size of the towns in both the North and South Units of the park. In early August, staff spent approximately one week mapping twenty-five prairie dog towns, organizing data, and generating acreage estimates. The method the park uses to delineate the prairie dog towns is to map the outer boundary of the town as indicated by active burrows. Activity is based on the presence of dogs on the mounds, fresh feces or digging, and general indications of recent activity.

The total acreage of prairie dog towns change on a yearly basis, but what might surprise you is that the acreage has



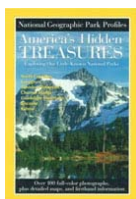
dropped this past year. In 2008, prairie dog town coverage in the North Unit was 137-acres and in 2009 it dropped to 124-acres, which is an approximate 9% decrease over the past year.

The South Unit has also experienced a significant drop in prairie dog acres from its highest total in recent years of 1743-acres in 2008 to its current acreage of 1421-acres - about a 19% decrease since last year. It is interesting to note that in most of the larger towns the decrease is similar to the increase that staff saw last year.

The decrease in acreage observed is not cause for concern, but rather it is an example of a species responding to its environment. We don't know the exact cause of the decrease in acres of prairie dogs towns, but it is possible that a marked increase in precipitation, causing vigorous growth of vegetation in the towns, may have resulted in a fairly rapid decline in acreage.

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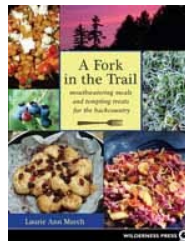
National Geographic Park Profile: America's Hidden Treasures



Great maps and beautiful photos introduce the reader to commonly overlooked parks across the country.

\$12.95

A Fork in the Trail By: Kim Long



Mouthwatering meals and tasty treats for all of your backpacking needs.

\$17.95

Digging Up Dinosaurs by: Jack Horner



Kids get a glimpse into how fossils are formed, where they can be found, how to get them out of the ground, and what fossils tell us about dinosaurs.

\$12.95

Ranger Recommends



September's featured Ranger is Mary Ellen Egle from Dade City, Florida. Mary Ellen is spending her second summer as a Interpretive Ranger at Theodore Roosevelt National Park. She has worked throughout the country and has a vast knowledge and love of nature. Mary Ellen's warm greeting and friendly smile welcomes visitors to Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Mary Ellen suggests that you lighten up with help of Don

Ladigin's book *Lighten Up! A Complete Handbook of Light and Ultralight Backpacking*.

Mary Ellen says:

"*Lighten Up* is a handy guide for backpackers to lighten up their packs. It truly is easier and more fun to hike with a light pack. This book has some great suggestions that helped me keep my pack below 25 pounds. It also covers footwear options with relationships to terrain and pack weight. P.S. The book only weighs 8 oz.."

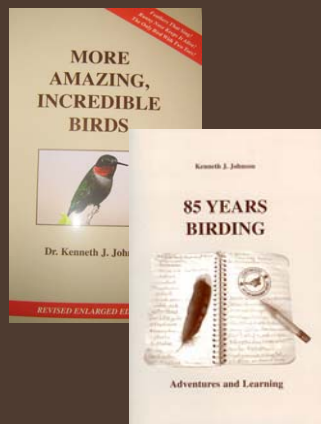
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As an avid birder, Dr. Kenneth Johnson shares his years of experience, love of birds and interesting stories of birding.

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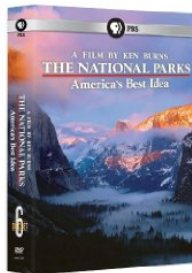
EXPIRES: September 30, 2009

Preview Party: National Parks - America's Best Idea

You may be aware of the 6-part Ken Burns film on **The National Parks - America's Best Idea** that will premiere Sunday, September 27 on PBS. The National Park Service and its partners are very excited about this upcoming film and the impact it will have on Americans as they learn more about our National Parks. Theodore Roosevelt National Park is one of the parks featured in the film. Many parks, park partners, and park supporters are holding special events throughout the country to make people aware of this important film and to boost support for the 391 national park units.

The Dakota Institute of the Lewis and Clark Fort Mandan Foundation is hosting an even in North Dakota on **Thursday, September 17 at 7 pm CDT** in the Sydney J. Lee Auditorium at Bismarck State College. Dakota Institute Director and park sup-

porter Clay Jenkinson will host the event. (Clay is also featured in the film.) The three superintendents from the National Parks in North Dakota (Andy Banta, Brian McCutchen, and Valerie Naylor) will be representing the National Park Service. Other sponsors include Bismarck State College, The Bismarck Tribune, Prairie Public Broadcasting, Friends of Fort Union/Fort Buford, The Knife River Indian Heritage Foundation, and Friends of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Refreshments will be served and there will be an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions about the national parks.



The movie and book will be available for purchase in TRNHA stores or by phone upon it's release.

We hope you will consider attending this event, and we hope you will tell others about it. It is a wonderful opportunity for the public to learn more about the national parks and what they have to offer. We hope to see you there!

Top Saleswoman at Theodore Roosevelt National Park

Each year Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association challenges Interpretive Rangers to help us gain new members. The top membership salesman or woman is given a prize as a token of our appreciation.

The past years we have had many outstanding rangers who have helped us reach our goal of gaining new members and we thank you all for your hard work. However, one ranger has stood out, Theodore Roosevelt National Park's Seasonal Ranger Mary Ellen from Dade City, Florida has been the top membership selling ranger for two consecutive years. Her warm smile and friendly greeting encourages park visitor's to swarm to her for all of their information needs. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Mary Ellen for her dedication to the park, our association, and those who visit Theodore Roosevelt National Park.



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Take a look at what Junior Ranger's at Theodore Roosevelt National Park like best!

Junior Ranger: Dinele S

What did you like best about becoming a Junior Ranger at Theodore Roosevelt National Park?

It was my 12th
Badge. I really enjoy
going to the ranger shows.

Draw a picture of your favorite place in the park!



Junior Ranger: Andrea

What did you like best about becoming a Junior Ranger at Theodore Roosevelt National Park?

You get to try different things you
never would of thought of doing.

Draw a picture of your favorite place in the park!



Comments are Requested on Elk Management Preferred Alternative

Comments are being accepted until September 9 on the National Park Service preferred alternative for managing the elk population in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Comments from the informed public (you!) are very helpful to the park staff.

In short, the park's preferred alternative is to have teams of individuals (including 3-6 skilled volunteers) under the direction of a National Park Service employee use firearms to reduce the herd. During the first few years, approximately 275 elk (primarily adult cow elk) per year would be removed from the park. Following the initial reduction phase, small numbers of cow elk would be removed each year.

Members of the teams would not be hunting, but would be involved in spotting, shooting, field dressing, collecting data, and removing carcasses from the field. All elk would be tested for chronic wasting disease. Meat would be donated to state agencies, American Indian Tribes, approved charities or other organizations in accordance with

federal regulations. State agencies could donate some of the meat back to the skilled volunteers who assisted with the elk reduction effort.



We hope you will read more about this alternative and let the park know your thoughts. Comments are most useful if they are specific to the preferred alternative and are substantive in nature. Focus your comments on a particular issue and be as detailed as possible in

describing your concern. If you think impacts on a certain resource would be greater than described, back up your statement with an explanation and facts. Provide a comment rather than a vote. Do not simply state that you agree or disagree with the preferred alternative. To be most helpful, provide reasons why. For more information on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement that was released in December 2008 or on the preferred alternative, go to <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/THRO>. You may comment online at that address, or you may address comments to Superintendent, Attn: Elk Management Plan, Theodore Roosevelt National Park, P.O. Box 7, Medora, ND 58645. You can also comment by fax at (701)623-4840 or by e-mail at thro_forum@nps.gov.

Your comments can make a difference!

National Park Will Offer People's Choice Wilderness Hike

The last wilderness hike of the season in the North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park is scheduled for Sunday, September 6.

Hikers should meet wilderness ranger John Heiser at the picnic area near the amphitheater in the Juniper Campground in the park's North Unit at 9:00 a.m. CDT. Participants should be prepared for strenuous hiking and wear sturdy boots and durable clothes. It is essential that each person bring plenty of drinking water, food, sunscreen, and



insect repellent.

Heiser is offering four options for visitors to consider – looking for bighorn sheep, hiking to the North Unit Petrified Forest, the Achenbach Hills or the park's longest bentonite ridge. The hikers will decide the morning of the hike on a majority vote. Other considerations determining the hike will be the group size and weather conditions. The hike could last from 4 to 8 hours and cover 2 to 6 miles.

"This will be a great opportunity for visitors to get out in the Theodore Roosevelt Wilderness Area and see some spectacular early fall scenery and wild-

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Visitors are encouraged to bring binoculars, cameras, and a favorite poem or quote. In the case of extreme weather, the hike may be cancelled; please call the North Unit Visitor Center at 701-842-2333 for current information.



What's that Plant?



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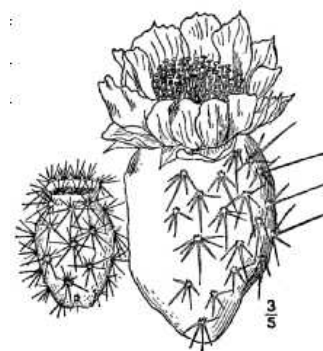
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Word Bank

	Common Name	Scientific Name
A.	Big Sagebrush	<i>Artemisia tridentata</i>
B.	Prickly pear	<i>Opuntia polyacantha</i>
C.	Blue Grama	<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i>
D.	Prairie Rose	<i>Rosa arkansana</i>
E.	Winterfat	<i>Krascheninnikovia lanata</i>
F.	Silver Sagebrush	<i>Artemisia cana</i>
G.	Goat's Beard/Western Salsify	<i>Tragopogon dubius</i>
H.	Needle and thread	<i>Hesperostipa comata</i>
I.	Western Snowberry	<i>Symphoricarpos occidentalis</i>
J.	Silver Buffaloberry	<i>Shepherdia argentea</i>

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Theodore Roosevelt National Park

South Unit

Visitor Center Hours

8:00-4:30 MDT

North Unit

Visitor Center Hours

9:00 am -5:30pm CDT

Hours may vary

Painted Canyon

8:30 am-4:30 pm MDT

Open Thru November 11th

Knife River Indian Villages

National Historic Site

8:00 am -4:30 pm MDT

Upper Souris NWR

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 15-17, 2009

Theodore Roosevelt Symposium at Dickinson State University

October 26, 2009

Knife River Indian Village's 35th Birthday Celebration and Postal Cancellation.

October 27, 2009

Theodore Roosevelt's 151st Birthday.

October 31, 2009

Annual Craft Show at the Medora Community center. For more information contact: 701-623-4474



TRNHA NEWSLETTER

Special Edition: Knife River Indian Villages NHS

OCTOBER 2009

Happy 35th Birthday!

Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site was created on October 26, 1974. It was established to preserve, protect, and interpret the culture and agricultural lifestyles of the northern Great Plains Indians and to conduct archeological research to further the understanding of the culture.

The park contains some of the best preserved remains of Mandan and Hidatsa earth-lodge village sites. The Big Hidatsa (Hidatsa Village), Lower Hidatsa (Awatixa Xi'e Village), and Sakakawea (Awatixa Village) sites represent virtually pristine examples of these sites due largely to the conscious and far-sighted efforts of the former landowners in protecting these irreplaceable resources.

The abundance and diversity of natural resources at the confluence of the Knife and Missouri Rivers fostered the semi-sedentary agricultural lifestyles of the Hidatsa and Mandan. The Villages served as an important center of trade before and after the arrival of Europeans.

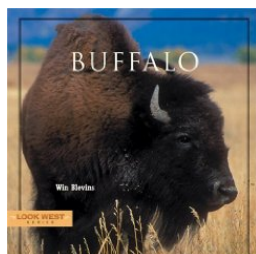
Today, the park has a visitor center where one can watch a 15-minute orientation film,

learn more about the Native American culture in the museum, and shop in the bookstore. Visitors can walk a trail to the Knife River and can see the earthlodge depressions at the Lower Hidatsa and Sakakawea Villages. They can also visit the Big Hidatsa Village and hike the North Forest Trail and Two Rivers Trail. History at Knife River Indian Villages NHS continues to be made after 35 years.



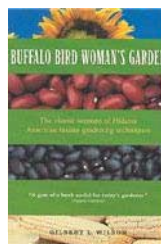
Check out these Great Items!

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\$5.95



This little book is jammed packet with great images and interesting facts about bison, including history, biology, and folklore.

Buffalo Bird Woman's Garden
\$11.95



Buffalo Bird Woman shares her horticultural secrets. She describes a year of preparation from cultivating to harvesting.

The Buffalo Jump
\$7.95



A Native American boy becomes angry when his brother is chosen to lead the Buffalo Jump, a Native American tradition.



Ranger Ella showing her recommendation *Waheenee*.

Ranger Recommends

October's featured Ranger is Ella Mathisen from Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site. She is completing her ninth summer as a seasonal interpretive ranger. Along with presenting earthlodge and Ranger's Choice programs, Ella enjoys doing art projects for the park.

Ella recommends her favorite book about Hidatsa Indian life: *Waheenee*, by Gilbert Wilson. She likes this book because it has captured a fleeting moment in time marking the last years of

the Hidatsa way of life. The author personally knew the Indian lady, Buffalo Bird Woman, whose life story is told in her own words. Her story is of her childhood adventures, her experiences as a young woman conforming to clan and tribal life and ends as she is an old woman looking back and realizing the "old ways" are gone. It is a book for all ages....one that you will want to read and reread.

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

www.trnha.org/bookstorehome.htm

Waheenee
By: Gilbert Wilson

Regular Price: \$12.95
Members Price: \$11.01

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October's members only coupon is for the book, *M-E Eccí Aashi Awadi*, which is currently available at Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, or by contacting us at 701-623-4884.

This book is a wonderful TRNHA publication that shares the story of the Knife River Indian Villages and the people who lived in them. The book gives the reader a glimpse into how these people helped develop North America.

OCTOBER'S MEMBER ONLY COUPON IS FOR....

M-E Eccí Aashi Awadi

by: Noelle Sullivan & Nicholas Peterson Vrooman

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A big thank you to Dorothy Cook and the rest of the staff at Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site for the contribution of the articles, photos, and word find for this month's newsletter.

Look Who Else is 35!

In addition to Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site celebrating its 35th anniversary, there are six other park sites celebrating 35 years.

Clara Barton National Historic Site located in Glen Echo, Maryland. This 38-room home of the founder of the American Red Cross was the headquarters of the organization for seven years.

John Day Fossil Beds National Monument is located in Kimberly, Oregon and within the

scenic John Day valley is a well-preserved fossil record of plants and animals. This remarkably complete record, spanning over 40 of the 65 million years of the Age of Mammals, is world-renowned.

Springfield Armory National Historic Site located in Springfield, Massachusetts. From 1794 to 1968 Springfield Armory was a center for the manufacture of U.S. military small arms and the scene of important technological advances. The Armory Museum protects one of the world's most

extensive firearms collections.

Tuskegee Institute National Historic Site located in Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. Booker T. Washington founded this college for African Americans in 1881. Preserved here are the brick buildings constructed themselves, Washington's home, and the George Washington Carver Museum, which serves as the visitor center. The college is still an active institution that owns most of the property within the site.

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From the Desk of Knife River's Superintendent

Greetings from Knife River Indian Villages. I have heard from many visitors and fellow NPS employees, alike, that 2009 has proven the most busy and "fastest moving" year that they can recall. Such a view I do know has been held by many of the staff of Knife River, where events and projects for the past several months have been, back-to-back, often overlapping. Despite beginning with trial and damage – the blizzards of this past winter, followed by near-record flooding that damaged much of the park's river banks – this year has been equally challenging with its share of activities and events.

personal reasoning for being employed at "the Villages," most all seem to express the feeling of being fortunate.



Earthlodge Depressions and Travois Trails, Big Hidatsa Village Site, Knife River Indian Villages N.H.S.

Offerings such as the Northern Great Plains Culturefest, Lifeways, Kids Camp, Jr. Kids Camp, National Jr. Ranger Day, and a host of other activities are a wonderful opportunity to experience and enjoy the significant story, resources and offerings of our national park unit. For those of us who seem to run from "must do" to "must do," it provides an encouraging redirection for us to slow down and reflect as to our role and why and how we are duty stationed here. No matter what our

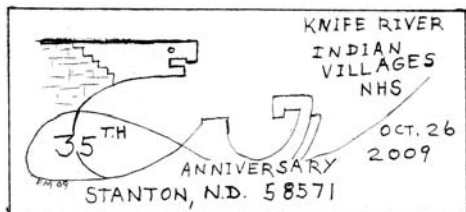
Despite our reasoning for being the educators and caregivers of such a world-recognized resource, this October is a wonderful month in which to ponder and give those that set aside this ground thanks. This October 26th marks the 35th anniversary of the establishment of the 1,759 acre as a National Historic Site. With the beginning toward establishment growing from the seed of coffee-table conversations, in-home meetings, and eventual grass-

roots support, Knife River Indian Villages NHS originated. Three and one-half decades later, this unit that began its interpretation and operations out of a turn of the century Sears built house, has grown and matured to include a professional operation, modern visitor center, a talented and recognized interpretive and education offerings, and a resource management and facilities staff that care for the complex natural and cultural components that are visited by visitors from around the world.

Yes, speaking for myself, I do feel fortunate, humbled, and blessed in having the opportunity to be part of a team of caretakers and educators for a site and a story with such importance and deserving of perpetual care. My challenge to myself, however, is to slow down and truly experience our park – serving less as a manager and enjoying the opportunity of experiencing the landscape and resources from more of the perspective of a visitor. It is too much of an opportunity not to immerse one's self in.

Postal Cancellation

A postal cancellation has been designed for the 35th Anniversary of Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site. Seasonal ranger Ella Mathisen created the design. Stanton Postmaster Jodene Brown will be at the park on Monday, October 26, from 1:00 to 3:00 MDT. If you can't make it to the event, the postmark will be available for 30 days after by mail. To request by mail, affix First-Class postage to an envelope or postcard of your choice, using any stamps that were issued before October 26. Place in a larger envelope (along with a large self-addressed stamped envelope for the return trip) and send to:
POSTMASTER
119 HARMON AVENUE
STANTON, ND 58571



Look Who Else is 35! (continued from page 3)

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Martin Van Buren National Historic Site located in Kinderhook, New York is also turning 35 years old. Lindenwald was the home and farm of the eighth U.S. President, Martin Van Buren (1837-1841) until his death in 1862. As president he faced the nation's worst economic depression to date (Panic of 1837) and opposed extending slavery into Texas. His bids for reelection in 1840 and for the presidency in 1848 were unsuccessful. The grounds and 36-room mansion allow exploration of the nation's turbulent antebellum period.

Sewall-Belmont House National Historic Site is located in Washington, D.C. Rebuilt after fire damage from the War of 1812, this red brick house is one of the oldest on Capitol Hill. It has been the National Woman's Party headquarters since 1929 and commemorates the party's founder and women's suffrage leader, Alice Paul, and associates.

While these parks are special and unique places, they do share the commonality of an October 26, 1974 Birthday. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

Bringing the Prairie to Life at Knife River

By: Ranger Stephen Bridenstine

As a Park Ranger Interpreter at Knife River Indian Villages, I am surrounded by wonderful tools. Yes, the maintenance staff has their riding mowers and welding torches, but my tools are different. My tools help me tell the story of 11,000 years of human history and culture along the banks of the Knife River. They include a first-class museum, full-size earthlodge, and three Hidatsa Indian villages.

Over the course of the summer months, I decided to add another tool to my belt—a living prairie exhibit. It all began with a walk through the North Prairie here at the park. A prescribed burn in late spring created acres upon acres of beautiful restored native prairie. I saw grasses and wildflowers like I had never seen before. I wanted to share this little-visited corner of the park with visitors but instead of bringing visitors to the prairie, I decided to

bring the prairie to the visitors.

I first selected a small empty plot in front of the Visitor Center. Choosing this island of dirt amid the concrete was the easy part. Now I had to do my research and decide what was going in it. With the help of seasonal biotech Kelly Privratsky (whose knowledge of prairie plants continues to amaze me), I selected two dozen native grasses and plants. They included prairie plants used as food, medicine, and raw material by the various Northern Plains tribes. Kelly and I scoured the park grounds for transplant candidates moving them into their new home over the course of several weeks. In the end, I created a patchwork of grasses, flowers, and forbs sitting pretty in front of the visitor center.

With winter slowly approaching, this miniature prairie will inevitably

turn brown and lifeless, lying dormant until next spring. With the addition of plant identification markers and a site bulletin explaining the evolution of the native prairie, there are now boundless new opportunities for interpretation of the native prairie. Future park rangers at Knife River Indian Villages have a brand new interpretive tool to finally bring the prairie to life for our visitors.



Northern Plains Prairie Exhibit at Knife River Visitor Center

Knife River Indian Villages

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Earthlodge
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Hours may vary

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Open Thru November 11th

Knife River Indian Villages

National Historic Site

8:00 am –4:30 pm MDT

Upper Souris NWR

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 11, 2009

Painted Canyon Visitor Center and
Overlook closes for the season.

November 26, 2009

National Park Visitor Centers closed for
Thanksgiving.

December 4-6, 2009

Cowboy Christmas Celebration in Me-
dora.



Theodore Roosevelt's 151st
birthday party at the South
Unit on October 27th.



TRNHA NEWSLETTER

Special Edition: Ranching History

NOVEMBER 2009

Quiet and Calm Rules the Horse

This year's feral horse roundup at Theodore Roosevelt National Park was a successful, critical, and somewhat groundbreaking endeavor. The roundup itself was virtually flawless, 77 horses were removed from the park, and a research study on a contraceptive was begun.

The way a park roundup works, and the way people imagine it, are often very different. If you were standing near the chutes as horses were being brought in and processed, you might not immediately realize that a roundup was taking place. Quiet and calm are the rules of the roundup. Horses are brought in slowly by helicopter, and allowed to cool down before being herded into the pens. There is no yelling, no slapping, no chasing, and no

"yee-hawing" from the workers. The horses are worked slowly and calmly, with a minimum of noise and stress. Often the only sounds are low murmurs from the 50 or so people working the roundup, an occasional kick of a



A veterinarian does an ultrasound on one of the horses.
Photo courtesy of www.thedickinsonpress.com

wall or whinny from a horse, and the routine clang of a gate being closed. This year, 154 animals were processed through the chutes in three days, with 77 horses returned to the park in a silent ceremony at the end of the third day.

Monitoring of the horses in the

park by Colorado State University cooperators and park volunteers began last spring in preparation for the contraceptive research. Park staff began prepar-

ing for the roundup months in advance. Cooperators on the project included Colorado State University researchers, National Park Service veterinarians, and staff from

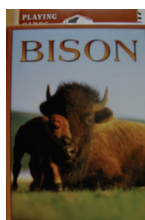
the Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and State of North Dakota.

Current contraceptive technology does not provide a means of controlling horse populations practically, economically, and without undesirable side-effects.

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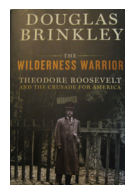
Check out these Great Items!

Bison Playing Cards \$4.99



These cards have great photos and are great for those who love bison!

Wilderness Warrior By: Douglas Brinkley \$34.99



This newly released book gives the reader a look into Theodore Roosevelt and his love for the wilderness and conserving what is natural.

Horse Puppet \$25.95



A great full bodied puppet that children and adults love.



Ranger Joe sharing is book recommendation.

Ranger Recommends

November'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. Joe is just finishing up his second year as a seasonal Interpretive Ranger in the South Unit.

Joe recommends a great children's book called *Time for Kids: Theodore Roosevelt the Adventurous President*. Joe says, "*The Adventurous President* is a great book for young, elementary

school level children who may just be learning about Theodore Roosevelt for the first time. It's a fairly short book (only 44 pages), packed with little bits of information on Roosevelt's life as a child to his presidency. Besides being packed with great information, the book is load with wonderful pictures and stories. A must read for any young children curious about our 26th president.

If you are interested in

purchasing this book or any other items in this newsletter, please visit one of our Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History bookstores or visit our online store at:

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Time for Kids: Theodore Roosevelt the Adventurous President.

**Regular Price: \$3.99
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November's members only coupon is for the book, *Roosevelt in the Badlands*, by Hermann Hagadorn. The book is available at Theodore Roosevelt National Park or by contacting us at 701-623-4884.

This book relives TR's adventures in North Dakota through the eyes of the men and women who lived and worked alongside Roosevelt. It also takes a look at TR's personal recollections of life in the North Dakota Badlands.

November's Member Only Coupon is for....

Roosevelt in the Badlands

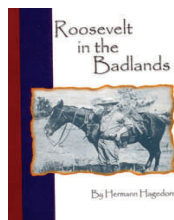
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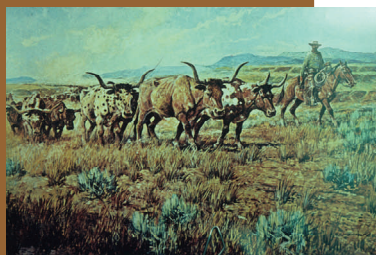


Theodore Roosevelt & Round Ups

Theodore Roosevelt participated in various roundups during his time in the Northern Dakota Territory. During these roundups, Roosevelt engaged in many activities that the ranchhands would do: ranging from calf wrestling to night-guard of the herd. Although he was a partner in the Maltese Cross Ranch and an east coast aristocrat, Roosevelt worked just like everyone else that worked roundups. Lincoln Lang, son of a North Dakota rancher and Irish immigrant, wrote the following about Roosevelt's participation in the "General Roundup:"

"Throughout the trip Roosevelt asked for and received no favors, the same forcefulness that had characterized his earlier buffalo hunt being in evi-

dence all the way through. Invariably he was right on the job holding his own with the best of them, needing only to be shown to turn in and carry through with all his natural intensiveness." (Lincoln Lang, *Ranching with Roosevelt*, c.1926) He also spent a great deal of time horseback riding, even spending upwards of 18 hours in a saddle. Within the course of a 24 hour period, Roosevelt and the other members of the roundup could cover a distance of 100 miles. "Only those who have been there," Lang recalled, "who know the line, can appreciate the kind of punishment Roosevelt had to take in hanging on under such circumstances."



Article submitted by Joseph Camisa, Theodore Roosevelt National Park Seasonal Interpretive Ranger

Horse Round Up (Continued from page 1)

The study at the park will evaluate a method of contraception that may overcome shortcomings of contraceptives that are used elsewhere, particularly problems of treatment duration and side-effects. The research project will test efficacy, durability of effects over time, behavior, and side-effects of treatment with gonadotropin-releasing hormone (GnRH) immuno-contraceptive vaccine (GonaCon). Researchers involved in the project are considered leaders in the fields of reproductive technology, population modeling, and implementation of population-level studies.

The contraceptive is only being used as part of the research project and does not indicate any major change in horse management. If the final results of the study indicate that contraception is cost efficient and effective, it will be considered as a tool to assist in managing the park horses in the

future. Benefits of using contraception could include reduced use of helicopters and their associated risks to horses and park staff, less stress on the horses, a greater emphasis on low stress handling techniques, a significant cost savings in



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maintaining the popular horse herd, and increased adoptability of surplus horses.

For now, there are 83 horses still roaming the park. Thanks to concerted efforts of some dedicated individuals, most of

the horses sold at the auction in Dickinson on October 23 went to good homes all over the country. One foal commanded a price of \$1450 from an enthusiastic buyer. Money from the sale of the horses goes to the park to help offset the costs of the roundup.

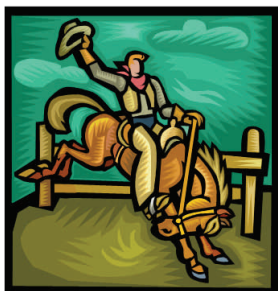
The park will not have another horse roundup for 3-4 years. During that time, park staff and researchers will continue to monitor the herd, study horse behavior, and evaluate the effectiveness of the contraceptive. Visitors will continue to enjoy the park horses, which are reminiscent of those that roamed the badlands during Theodore Roosevelt's time.

Article submitted by Valerie Naylor, Theodore Roosevelt National Park Superintendent

Roosevelt and the "Bucking Horse"

As told by Lincoln Lang (c. 1926)

"It was a few days later that Roosevelt gave us all an exhibition of the stuff he was made of, in riding a bad horse. He didn't have to have any of that kind in his string if he didn't want to, his position as boss of his own outfit giving him the choice. But in his characteristically square-deal fashion he had pulled straws with his own men, as customary in the selection of strings, cheerfully accepting whatever the fates handed him and in consequence drawing one or two ugly ones."



"It was one of these that unwisely undertook to send him skyward one morning, treating him to a round of that diabolical, alternating, acrobatic variety of bucking known as 'sun-fishing.' He didn't know much about that kind of riding, but meant to 'stay' at all costs. Expecting trouble, the horse had been blindfolded. Mounted, at length, Roosevelt ordered the blind pulled. At the same moment he braced himself,

gripping the saddle-horn with his right hand and the roll-candle, behind, with his left. 'Pull-leather,' that was, in range parlance, and there was ever a certain stigma attaching to it. But there was a still worse stigma attached to getting thrown, and Roosevelt was wisely choosing the lesser evil. Glaringly the horse stood there for a moment with an ominous hump in his back. What that meant, we all knew, so we sat around happily on our horses awaiting the opening of the show. Nor did we have long to wait. Suddenly, with his head lowered almost to the ground, his back and neck contoured like a hoop, his front and hind feet drawn nearly together, forward, upward, sidewise, the star performer projected himself into the air to land stiff legged, to rebound forcefully in a continued repetition of the performance. Nor did either horse or rider lack encouragement. The show was a good one and, as usual under such conditions, we were all disposed to be liberal both with our applause and gratuitous advice."

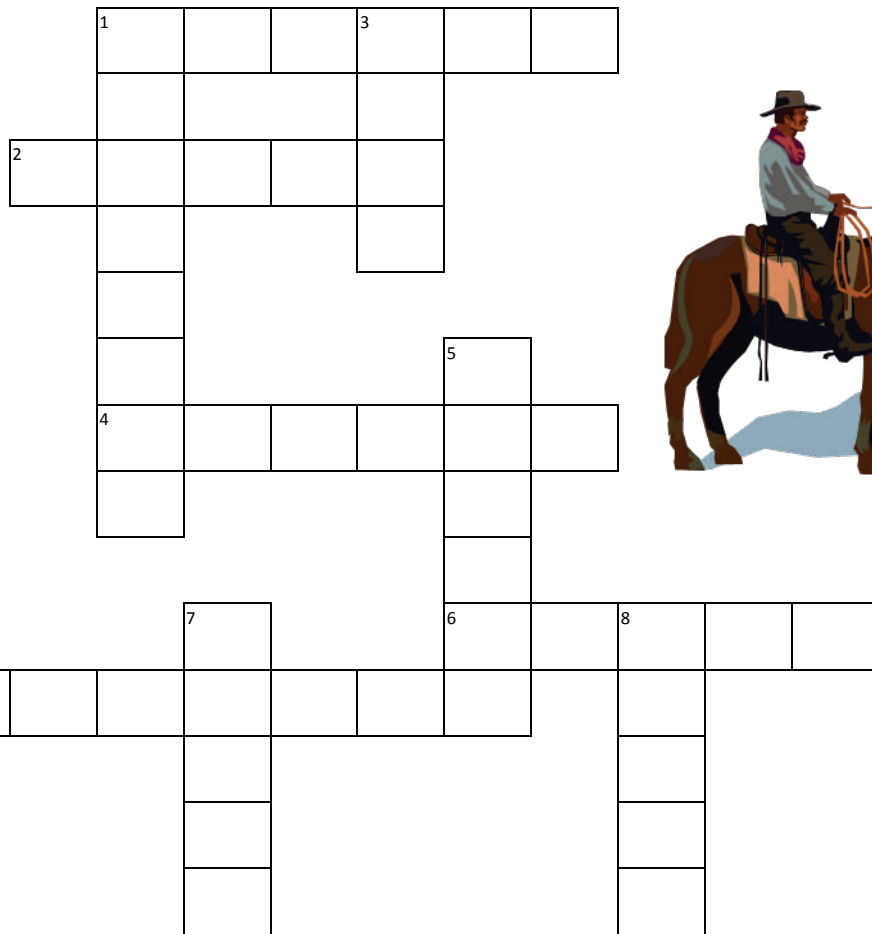
"As for Roosevelt, he had his grip and like grim death he hung on, defying every effort of his mount to jar him loose. Hat, glasses, six-shooter, everything unanchored about him, took the count. But there was no breaking his grip. Like a burr, he stuck, until at length through liberal application of their quirts a couple of the boys induced the animal to break and run for it. Succeeding that, it was all over, save for the culprit, whom his rider took around the long circle, bringing him in a

real
good



Article submitted by Joseph Camisa, Theodore Roosevelt National Park Seasonal Interpretive Ranger

Ranch Life



Across

1. When riding a horse you use this to steer them
2. A symbol put on an animal that tells who owns it
4. The pen that holds the animals after they have been rounded up.
6. To rope an animal
9. Free roaming cattle

Down

1. If you ride a horse without a saddle you are riding
3. Someone thought not to be a real cowboy - Theodore Roosevelt was called this
5. Your seat on a horse
7. A cowboy's homestead
8. Cowboy's wear them on their boots



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**Yes! I would like to become a member of
Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association!**

☐ **New**

☐ **Renewal**

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City _____

State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | \$20.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family | \$30.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contributing | \$75.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting | \$250.00 |



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PO Box 167 Medora, ND 58645

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
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 MST

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 4-5, 2009

Medora's Old Fashioned Cowboy Christmas.

December 25, 2009

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

December 2009

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.



TRNHA Newsletter

Happy Holidays!

DECEMBER 2009



Medora's 14th Annual Old Fashioned Cowboy Christmas



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The Medora Chamber of Commerce, local businesses and volunteers have been working hard preparing for Medora's 14th Annual Old Fashioned Cowboy Christmas. It's a Cowboy week-end filled with cowboy music, poetry, food, fireworks, shopping, and more!

Please join us in celebrating the Christmas season in Medora!

Medora merchants open daily
Quilt Show/Silent Auction @ AmericInn
The following Medora attractions are open daily:

8am to 4:30pm - Theodore Roosevelt National Park Visitor Center
9am to 5pm - Chateau Interpretive Center - (Refreshments Served)
10am to 4pm - NDCHF

Friday, December 4th

3pm - Chateau Interpretive Center - Bob Peterman's Cowboy Music
4:30pm - Cowboy Café - till the food runs out - OYSTER STEW
6:30 pm - Wreath Ceremony - Presented on horseback; starts NDCHF
2009 Wreath Bearers: Joe LaDuke & Friends
7pm to 12:30am - MCC - Medora's Cowboy Idol Jamboree
/Military Veterans Awards/Dance

Saturday, December 5th

9am - Movie *Stranger in the Woods* - Theodore Roosevelt NP
10am - Chateau Interpretive Center - Bob Peterman's Cowboy Music
10am to 3pm - Hay Wagon Rides
11am to 1pm - Billings Count Museum - Annual Open House
11am to 2pm - EATS ON THE STREETS
1pm - MCC - ND Cattlewomen's Fowl Fling
2pm - Movie *Stranger in the Woods* - Theodore Roosevelt NP
2pm - MCC - Fireside Cowboy Poetry
3pm - Chateau Interpretive Center - Bob Peterman's Cowboy Music
4pm - MCC - Christmas Mass
5pm to 7pm - MCC - Cowboys' Christmas Dinner
6pm to 7pm - MCC - Open Mike hour
7:30pm - FIRE & Ice Fireworks Display
8pm - MCC - Dance to "Thunder Road"



Check out these Items!

Stranger in the Woods
by: Carl Sams II & Jean Stoick



Learn how the woodland's animals respond to a stranger that appears.

\$19.95

Outdoor Safety Handbook
by: Buck Tilton



Prepare yourself for all of your outdoor adventures with this great book!

\$9.95

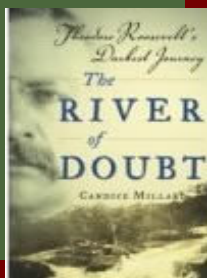
Sacagawea Cookbook
by: T. Everson, L Lesmeister, & J. Everson



A wonderful collections of contemporary recipes and beautiful artwork.

\$19.95

Ranger Recommends



December's featured Ranger is Nathan King from Rochester, Minnesota. Nathan came to Theodore Roosevelt National Park because he says he is fascinated with the man the park is named after. Nathan has spent the past couple of winters working at Theodore Roosevelt National Park and has worked at various parks throughout the country. His love for history and nature has been a great help to many park visitors.

Nathan highly recommends, "*The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey*" by Candice Millard.

Nathan says, "The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey" is the story of TR's expedition of an unexplored tributary of the Amazon known then as the River of Doubt. The true story reminds the reader of "Heart of Darkness," as the expedition is repeatedly dogged with hardship, despair, and in one instance, murder. Roosevelt, sick and injured, at one point asks to be left behind to die. It's a fascinating true story that reads like a novel, a joy for readers who

like biographies as well as adventure stories."

If you are interested in purchasing this book or any other items in this newsletter, 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)

The River of Doubt

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

Member Only Special!

December's member only coupon is an appreciation gift to all of our loyal supporters and members. We appreciate your generous donations and support throughout the year! Please bring this coupon with you on your next visit to one of our bookstores or call us at 701-623-4884 and place your order today!

**DECEMBER'S MEMBER ONLY
COUPON IS FOR...**

An Additional 5% OFF all purchases
(For a total of 20% off your entire purchase)



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

EXPIRES: December 31, 2009



Holiday Happenings at Knife River Indian Villages

Looking for a place to take the family and guests during the holiday season? Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, a unit of the National Park System, is open year-round. The Visitor Center and the earthlodge are open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., but will be closed on December 25 and January 1. The 14 miles of trails and historic village sites are open daily from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

At the Visitor Center, you

can enjoy the park movie, a reconstructed earthlodge, exhibits and a bookstore with lots of books and craft items suitable for holiday gifts.

Currently the center has a temporary exhibit, until December 17, celebrating the 35th anniversary of Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site. Also, young folks between ages 3-12 can become Junior Rangers or Knife River Explorers.

Come walk the trails to

view the wildlife, especially the thousands of geese and ducks that are gathering on the Knife and Missouri Rivers. The Awatixa Parking Area (locally called the "Fishing Hole") is closed for the winter but visitors are welcome to park at the gate and walk in. All other parking areas remain open.

For more information, call 701-745-3300.

Park Thanks Partners and Visitors

As 2009 comes to a close, I thank all members and friends of TRNHA for your support throughout the year. This year was one of the busiest of the last thirty years and it was an exciting time in the park. The South Unit Campground, which usually fills up only a few days each summer, was full on about 45 nights. Attendance at interpretive/education programs was high throughout the year.

The American family is rediscovering national parks throughout the country, and our visitation at Theodore Roosevelt National Park reflects that trend. TRNHA and the park are working together to engage young people in the park – through the Junior Ranger program, family fun

packs that can be checked out, family fun days, Teddy Bear Picnics, other special events, and new sales items designed to appeal to youth. If national parks are to survive, we must ensure that young people are interested and engaged in their parks.

Theodore Roosevelt National Park is also dependent on the support of its visitors and the general public – including those who have the opportunity to visit the park in person, and those who do so remotely through a newsletter or website. We appreciate all of you. I thank all of you who volunteered to be on the TRNHA board of directors, purchased a book from TRNHA, attended the annual

Bird Walk, or just read the newsletter to become more informed. We appreciate you. We expect 2010 to be an even busier year in the park. We hope to see you HERE!

Valerie Naylor
Superintendent



Join Us for a Movie!

Winter is on the way, so why not join us in getting into the winter spirit by watching a movie full of snow! On Saturday, December

5, 2009 TRNHA will have two showings of *Stranger in the Woods* in the theatre of Theodore Roosevelt National Park's South Unit. The movie is approximately 40 minutes long and will be shown at 9:00 am and 2:00 pm.



Based on the best-selling children's book, this movie will take you on a journey through the breathtaking winter woods where you will encounter numerous forest friends along the way including a stranger. This movie is perfect for all ages as they enjoy the wonderful story of how the woodland animals react to a magically appearing snowman.



Interior Secretary Ken Salazar Urges Americans to Connect with Nature and Visit a National Wildlife Refuge

Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar has announced the launch of an extensive public service radio campaign urging Americans to connect with nature and visit a National Wildlife Refuge.

"Americans can take pride in the tremendous beauty and diversity of refuge lands dedicated to the protection of wildlife habitat," Salazar said. "By visiting these places and encouraging their children to forge a connection with nature, they can help ensure vital wildlife conservation efforts will continue for generations to come."

The public service radio campaign consists of eight professionally recorded 60-second spots extolling the sights and sounds of refuges and their efforts to preserve some of these species. Over 3,500 radio stations will receive the first four of these educational messages in November; the second set of four will be distributed in April.

"This is another National Wildlife Refuge minute," begins each segment, which encourages visitors to see a national wildlife refuge that undertakes much the same kind of resource management that are given as examples in the four recorded spots. The four spots to be distributed in the spring convey how four of the senses – sight, hearing, touch and smell – are ignited when visiting refuges "where nature still exists as it was meant to be experienced."



Winter Word Find

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HATS

MITTENS

SNOWMAN

CHIMNEY

DECEMBER

HOLIDAY

NEW YEAR

WIND CHILL



CHRISTMAS

FREEZING

LIGHTS

SNOWFLAKE

WINTER SOLSTICE



Become a Member of the Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association and help us support North Dakota's National Parks, Historic Sites, and Wildlife Refuges!



Membership Donations are used to help fund:

- The publishing of free trail guides, informational brochures, plant and animal checklist, junior ranger activity books, and the park newspaper.
- Housing assistance for Volunteers and Student Conservation Resource Assistants.
- Acquiring publications for reference libraries at three park sites.
- Money for scientific research and oral history projects. TRNHA had recently helped fund an ongoing Mountain Lion study in Theodore Roosevelt National Park.
- Funding for interpretive training, materials, and supplies.
- Sponsoring special interpretive programs and events such as the Northern Plains Culture Fest and birding festivals.
- Provide Support Staff in the Visitor Centers.

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