

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

January 2-3, 2010

Annual Christmas Bird Count in
Theodore Roosevelt National Park
Meet at the South Unit Visitor
Center at 8:00 am MST on the 2nd
and meet at the North Unit Visitor
Center at 9:00 am CST on the 3rd.
For more information please con-
tact the park.

February 13, 2010

Third Annual Winter Adventure-
Heritage Outbound at Knife River
Indian Villages NHS. For more
info please contact Knife River.

Happy New Year!

TRNHA Newsletter

Special Edition: Winter Birding

JANUARY 2010

Volunteers Need for Annual Bird Count

Theodore Roosevelt National Park is looking for volunteers to participate in the nationwide Audubon Christmas Bird Count. The Medora Count will take place on Saturday, January 2, 2010, starting at 8:00 a.m. Mountain Time at the South Unit Visitor Center of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. The North Unit Count will be held on Sunday, January 3, 2010, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Central Time at the park's North Unit Visitor Center.

"We are holding our counts later this year, after the holidays, to attract a larger number of birders," said Superintendent Valerie J. Naylor. "This is a fun winter event, and we hope many people will join us."

Volunteers will be assigned to groups and survey areas before they go into the field. Participants arriving later in the day

should call in advance for guidance.

The annual event, now in its 110th year, is the world's longest-running citizen science event. Information gathered during the CBC helps scientists learn more about how birds are faring throughout North America.



"The bird count is enjoyable for those new to birding as well as experienced birders," said Naylor. "Everyone is encouraged to participate. Beginners can learn from experienced birders and those keeping annual bird checklists can get a good start in 2010

with this volunteer event."

The areas to be covered encompass a 7 ½-mile radius around Medora, North Dakota and a 7 ½-mile radius from the North Unit Visitor Center. Observers will work in teams to drive and walk these 177-square-mile areas to observe and record bird sightings. This will be the 34th year for the Medora Count and 29th year for the North Unit area. A total of 67 species have been sighted during the Medora Counts and 60 species for the North Unit Counts, including many species that can only be found here in the winter.

Birders need to bring their own binoculars and warm clothing. Hot drinks will be provided at the park visitor centers. The event is free courtesy of the Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association, the park's non-profit partner organization. For further information, contact the park at 701-623-4466.

Check out these Items!

Sibley Field Guide to Birds of Western North America by: David Allen Sibley



Identifiable photos and detailed descriptions make this book a handy field guide.

\$19.95

FIND IT Bird Game



Hours of fun for the whole family while they try to find various objects!

\$17.95

Everything Birds: What Kids Really Want to Know About Birds by: Cherie Winner



A great bird book for kids!

\$7.95

Ranger Recommends



Melissa Sams displays her recommendation *The Sacagawea Cookbook*.

January's featured Ranger is Melissa Sams. Melissa has spent the past two years working in the North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. In the summer she enjoys greeting visitors at the gate as a fee collector and in the winter she adds a warm smile to the visitor center working as an interpretive ranger.

Melissa highly recommends, *The Sacagawea Cookbook* by Teri Evenson, Lauren Lesmeister and Jeff Evenson. It is a unique cookbook with a great variety recipes, along with quotes and beautiful artwork from the time of the

Lewis and Clark Expedition. The recipes incorporate some of the plants, roots, and meats that would have been available to Sacagawea, but with a modern twist. There are quite a few recipes that have big game, fish, and wild birds as a main ingredient for all of you that love to hunt and fish! Personally, I am excited to try the *Creamy Bleu' Berry French Toast*. French toast, cream cheese and blueberries...Yum! If you are looking for a cookbook that is unlike any other, this is the one for you!

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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Sacagawea Cookbook



Regular Price:
\$19.95
Members Price:
\$16.96

Member Only Special!

January's members only coupon is for *Birds of North America* by Kenn Kaufman and is available for purchase at Theodore Roosevelt National Park or by contacting us at 701-623-4884.

Birds of North America is a beautiful focus guide that has something for everyone.

Whether you are just beginning to learn about birds or an advanced birder you will find this book useful!

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

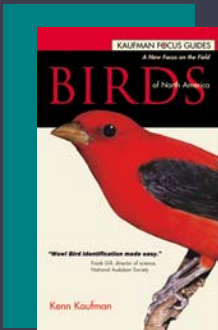
Birds of North America
by: Kenn Kaufman

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(Price listed is before 15% membership discount)



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EXPIRES: January 31, 2010



Kenneth J. Johnson is a retired Bismarck physician, life member of TRNHA and author of two books on birding

Helps for Cold Weather Birding by: Kenneth J. Johnson

Emulate the birds, who are experts in winter survival, for while we can come back indoors, they must stay outside in the cold. On the prairie with a driving snow note flocks of horned larks, longspurs, and snow buntings fly with the wind. To determine why, try walking into a bitter cold wind, then walk in the direction the wind is blowing, and notice the difference.

Birds have more survival tactics. When a bird hunkers down and fluffs up its plumage it creates pockets of air as insulation between its feathers. We do the equivalent when we layer our

clothing. Creating layers of insulation with warm air between. The innermost layer should be snug, to hold in body heat and prevent cold air from touching the skin. When a stiff wind is blowing, it may be wise to make the outermost layer a wind-breaker. Learn from the Eskimos, who never lay down outdoors in the wintertime. If they do, the warm air escapes from their clothing and is replaced by bitter cold air increasing the chance hypothermia.

In a mild winter woolen gloves with open finger tips are handy. In a cold winter gloves with closed finger tips keep the finger tips apart

to chill quickly, but mittens allow fingers to be together, keeping them warmer. Mittens restrict dexterity, however, so choose binoculars with easy access to their fine adjustment wheel. Have a flat notebook pad tethered to your coat, plus a pencil attached to it with a short string. If you are not alone, you and your fellow birder check each other's nose. If the tip turns white go inside or hold your bare hand over it until it turns pink again, or hold a small amount of melting snow on it with the cup of your hand.

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Third Annual Winter Adventure-Heritage Outbound ~ February 13, 2010

The third annual Winter Adventure is fast approaching with the registration deadline being Monday, February 8, 2010. Currently eight people are registered but the event will accommodate up to 21 on a first come basis. Registration is \$60 person and 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.

The day-long winter adventure begins at Knife River Indian Villages NHS at 11:00 a.m. Mountain Time. You can meet your fellow



adventurers over lunch before trying a traditional Native craft. Amy Mossett will guide you through making a leather pouch with beadwork and then a clay activity. Next, you can spend the afternoon showshoeing the trails through the Hidatsa Villages with Knife River Superintendent Brian McCutchen and Chief of Interpretation Maureen McGee-Ballinger, State Historical of North Dakota Research Archeologist Timothy Reed, and North Dakota Geological Survey State Paleontologist John Hoganson and learn about Hidatsa village life and the Knife and Missouri Rivers. You can try your skills at throwing atlatls and playing with ice gliders. Afterward, warm up with hot chocolate, see objects in the museum exhibits, and receive a special tour in collections storage.

Adventurers will gather around a huge roaring fire in the earthlodge where a traditional buffalo feast is served. The evening will continue with Amy Mossett presenting "Women of the Villages-Lifeways Along the Knife River." Matt Schanadore ends the day with 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. A memorable and safe experience for all participants is the goal. Warm drinks and indoor alternatives will be



available throughout the day.

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.

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Birds hide in dense foliage, as shelter from the wind. They stay near a source of food so less energy is needed to get to it; we carry snacks and hot coffee with us. House sparrows are most proficient in finding sources of heat around buildings, such as vents and chimneys, and they linger there. The chukar, an exotic in North Dakota, has been noted to huddle near the warm exhaust of a laundry room clothes dryer. Ruffed grouse dive into deep snow and bury themselves in it at night for insulation during extremely cold weather. A bird feeder is the best place to watch for birds in the wintertime.

Arden Alexander of Menomonie, Wisconsin tells me that once when he was out in a blizzard in the shelter of some conifers a black-capped chickadee landed on the bow of his glasses and while perched there pressed its body against his temple. There was a gap of an inch between the rim of his cap and his glasses, this chickadee snuggled up under the edge of the ear-flap of his cap. After about twenty seconds it had warmed up and it flew off.

T.S. Roberts, in the ornithological journal



Auk of October 1907 (24:369-377), reported a catastrophe. During the night of March 13-14 in 1904 a heavy wet snowfall confused a massive migration of Lapland longspurs. They crashed into buildings, poles, wires, and the frozen ground in four counties of southwestern Minnesota and northwestern Iowa. Two small lakes, each one a square mile in size, were measured into squares, and birds counted in each such small area. Totaling up these counts it was calculated that over 750,000 birds were lying on the ice. Over these four counties equal numbers were present, so millions of Lapland longspurs died during that one stormy night! Yet, Roberts remarked, there seemed to be no decrease in the population of this bird in succeeding years.

The ring-necked pheasant, introduced to this cold climate, doesn't survive a winter as well as our native winter birds. Pheasants must stay in cover to survive. When farmers dump grain for deer in the middle of a field instead of next to a shelter belt they make it hard for the pheasants as well as for the deer. Dead pheas-



ants have been found with their beaks clogged with ice, or with their long tail frozen to snow in the ground.

A much prized bird by birders, the cardinal, and the South's favorite bird has survived a North Dakota winter only by hiding in dense foliage that concealed a well-stocked bird feeder.

The horned larks we see in the wintertime live in the Arctic in the summer; our summertime horned larks go south for the winter. So our winter horned larks must be hardier birds. Maybe a species splitter will declare these two races to be separate species, giving us another bird to add to our life list!

Birders must have their binoculars with them, but in winter when they put them up to their eyes the heat from their bodies causing fogging up on the eye piece. It helps to tuck the binoculars inside the outer clothing until use, so as to keep the eye piece warm enough to keep it clear of fog. If you wear glasses, when you return indoors into a warm room with high humidity your lenses fog up. There is a coating that can be applied to the lenses to prevent this. Ask an optician about this.

It takes courageous, hardy birders to brace the winter afield, but it can be rewarding...

Winter Birding In Theodore Roosevelt National Park



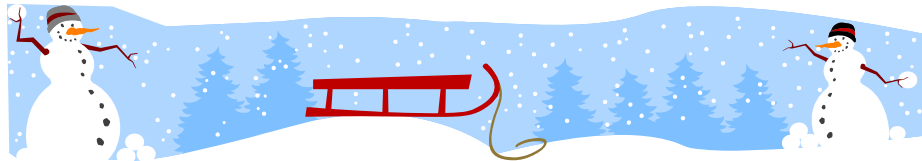
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ROSY FINCH
SHARPTAILED GROUSE
WESTERN MEADOWLARK



Use the unselected letters to solve the phrase!

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It's for the Birds

More than once this winter I have heard someone say "this weather is for the birds", which got me thinking what does that really mean. We all know that when someone says something is for the birds it usually means they do not like it, but where did they come up with such a phrase.

If you hear this phrase and interpret it literally you would assume the birds really like this weather, but we all know that is not true. So why do we say it? After a little thinking and some surfing on the internet I found the following definition:



For the birds: trivial, worthless, only of interest to gullible people

Still not quite happy with the information I had found, I did a little more research and found various answers. My favorite answer and the one that

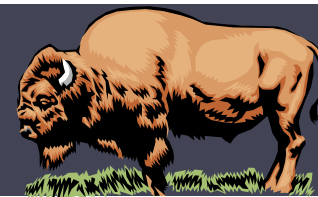
sounded the most reasonable is:

The term "for the birds" dates back to the days of horse drawn wagons. It is said that in this time the birds would follow the wagons along picking seeds out of the horse

apples left behind. The horse apples were no good for anyone but the birds. Leading people to use the term it's for the birds!

Often times we think things are worthless or trivial but to someone or something it maybe useful. You may be thinking there is nothing useful or good about winter, but there is! The cold often offers relief for many allergy sufferers as the winter freeze gives relief from summer sneezes! So next time you are having a hard time with something think about those it might help! Remember the sun shines brightest and warmest for those who let it!

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.

Reasons to become a member of TRNHA

1. 15% Discount on sales items at our five bookstore locations: Painted Canyon, South Unit, & North Unit (All in Theodore Roosevelt National Park); Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, and Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge.
2. TRNHA membership is honored by most National Park Cooperating Associations with a reciprocal discount.
3. Monthly e-newsletters and association updates.
4. Receive newsletters and program announcements on the activities of the Association and the areas it serves.
5. Special member only offers. *(Please check our website for monthly specials www.trnha.org)*
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.

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TRNHA Newsletter

Happy Groundhog's Day & Happy Valentine's Day

FEBRUARY 2010

Introducing Peter P. Dog

Greetings Members and Friends,

TRNHA staff would like to introduce Peter P. Dog, our new on-site reporter. Prairie Pete will be exploring all features of Theodore Roosevelt National Park from back-country hiking trails to various duties of employees that help conserve and preserve the park. Be sure to check our web site, www.trnha.org, regularly to tag along on Prairie Pete's adventures.

Peter P. Dog's Profile

Nickname: Prairie Pete

Birthday: May 12, 2009

Hometown: Johnson's Plateau near Skyline Vista, Theodore Roosevelt National Park

Favorite Hangout: Near the big tree next to the loop road.

Biggest Fear: One of those large bison deciding to wallow on top of me! WOW those things are huge!

Greatest Accomplishment: One time I dug a hole all the way through that asphalted road that runs through my town.

Favorite Color: Grass Green

Favorite Food: Buffalo Grass, but Woolly Plantain is a tasty treat!

Favorite Activity: I love to play

watchdog and let my fellow prairie dogs know when danger is near with a yelp. But mostly I just spend my time digging and eating.

Favorite Season: The spring is my favorite because after a long cold winter of forging under the snow for food, basically starving, the green grass is a welcome indulgence.

Favorite Quote: "We Dig It"
Most Annoying Behavior: All those other animals (*Burrowing Owls, Snakes, Badgers, etc*) that are too darn lazy to dig their own holes and move into mine. And let's not forget the coyotes and eagles that are trying to eat me! Oh yeah and those crazy people that have those black things that flash stuck to their faces.

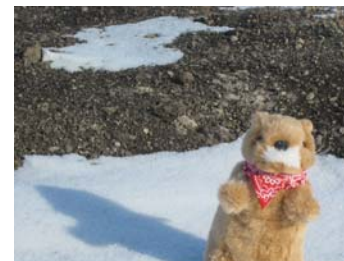
Favorite Celebrity: *Punxsutawney Phil*, (However I could be just as popular if people would just visit Theodore Roosevelt National Park on February 2nd.)

When I grow up I want to be: A weatherman, because I am great at predicting the weather. Or maybe a newsman because I know all the hot gossip!

Website: www.trnha.org/peterpdog.html

We thought Pete's first adven-

ture would be in honor of his favorite celebrity *Punxsutawney Phil*, and give predicting the duration of winter a try. He awoke rather early this morning and was surprised at what he saw.



Peter P. Dog, February 2, 2010, saw his shadow and this means more than just six more weeks of winter.

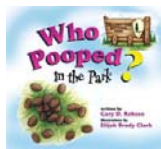
Prairie Pete put's his own twist on winter predictions from Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Prediction: Pete interprets seeing his shadow as: "February – get out your Foot warmers; March – Mittens still a Must; April – Almost time to put the sweaters Away and Always be prepared for that late spring snow storm!" I think Pete likes winter.

Check out these Items!

Who Pooped in the Park? Yellowstone National Park

by: Gary Robson & Robert Rath



This great book with a fun title outlines the tracks left behind by animals.

\$9.95

Do All Indians Live in Tipis?

By: Wilma Pearl Mankiller

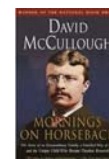


Have you ever wondered where Native Americans came from or if they really used smoke signals? If so this is the book for you as it is jammed with all the answers!

\$14.95

Mornings on Horseback

by: David McCullough



The story of an extraordinary family, a vanished way of life, and the unique child who became President Theodore Roosevelt.

\$16.00

Ranger Recommends



Eric Haugland displays his recommendation.

February's featured Ranger is the North District Interpreter Eric Haugland. Originally from northern Minnesota, Eric transferred here from Scotts Bluff National Monument in western Nebraska last June. The unexpected ruggedness and beauty of the badlands is what attracted him to the park as well as the endless hiking opportunities. Eric's friendly personality and vast knowledge of the outdoors make him a wonderful ranger.

Eric highly recommends the book *Map and Compass*, (*Basic*

Illustrated) – Falcon Guide. Eric says this is an excellent book that explains the basics of compass and topographic (topo) map reading. Today, many hikers are more familiar with a GPS device than a compass and the question is what happens when the batteries go out. This book has easy to follow steps for using a compass and topo map for plotting your way in the wilderness. It also explains how to use both in concert with a GPS device, and if you have

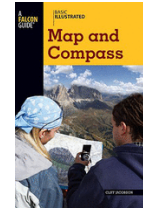
none of the above how to navigate by using the stars.

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Basic Illustrated Map & Compass

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\$9.95
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\$8.46



Member Only Special!

February's members only coupon is for *Explore! Theodore Roosevelt National Park* by Levi Novey and is available for purchase at Theodore Roosevelt National Park or by contacting us at 701-623-4884.

This book is a thorough guide to exploring Theodore Roosevelt National Park's roads, trails, rivers, and canyons.

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

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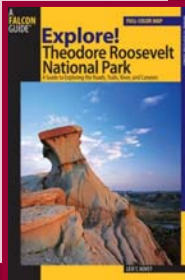
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EXPIRES: February 28, 2010



Long-eared Owl spotted by bird count participants Deb & Mariah Landcaster from Halliday, North Dakota.

Despite falling snow and cold temperatures, 20 people from 5 states and several cities in North Dakota participated in the annual Audubon Christmas Bird Counts on January 2-3 at Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

The Medora area count was held on January 2. Participants came from Montana, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan as well as the cities of Medora, Dickinson, Halliday, and Bismarck.

One highlight of the Medora count was a long-eared owl in the park's South Unit, a species never before recorded on the Christmas Bird Count. Twenty-one species and 339 total birds were recorded.

"We were pleased to have so many volunteers from so many different places count birds this year," said Superintendent Valerie Naylor, the count's compiler. "Due to conditions, we did not see as many birds as we sometimes do, but it was a great day afield."

Deep snows in and around the park's North Unit on January 3 restricted travel to some extent, but 6 hardy observers saw 9 species of birds, including woodpeckers, grouse, and eagles.

Each count includes a circle with a 15 mile diameter. Volunteer participants count all birds found within the circle.

The annual event, now in its 110th year, is the world's longest-running citizen science event. Information gathered during the CBC helps scientists learn more about how birds are faring throughout North America. This was the 34th year for the Medora Count and 29th year for the North Unit area.

Volunteers contributed 125 hours for the bird counts, and covered 361 miles of roads and trails.

"All of our dedicated and skilled volunteers contributed to the success of the event," said Park Ranger Nathan King, one of the count organizers. "We greatly appreciated their time and effort."

Annual Bird Count a Great Success!

Meet our New Board Members!



TRNHA 2010 Board at our annual meeting November 2009.
Back row L to R: Rex Cook, Dale Heglund, Douglas Walker
Front Row L to R: Jil Baird, Marlene Frei, and Pat Cochran.
Not pictured: Jeani Borchert

TRNHA is governed by a 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. In November TRNHA welcomed Pat Cochran of New England, ND and Marlene Frei of Bismarck, ND to our board. Please take this opportunity to get to know these wonderful women.

Meet Marlene Frei

I was born and raised in Dickinson, ND, attended St. Wenceslaus School and Trinity High School, graduating in 1968. In 1974, I graduated from Dickinson State University with an Associate Degree in Nursing, in 2001 with a Bachelor of University Studies Degree and a certificate in Leadership and Management. I worked as a Registered Nurse for over 30 years and am now retired. I lived in Hazen until 2001 when I moved to Bismarck.

I was married to Robert Frei until his death in 1996. I have two sons, Jason and Dan and seven grandchildren with another arriving in June. Jason is married to Valerie and works for Boeing as the Program Manager for the Defense Logistics Agency, in St. Louis, MO. Dan is married to Brandy Jo and is the golf coach at the University of North Dakota and works with the Parks and Rec hockey program.

Growing up in western North Dakota, I spent a lot of time in the south unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. It was a great place to go with a large family and it didn't cost much - (I grew up with 5 sisters and 1 brother.) We would go out early in the spring to look for crocuses in the ditches and had many picnics by the "chimney," we spent many days in the park running around and driving around looking for wildlife. We were seldom disappointed. Never bored. I was a book worm (still am) and enjoyed reading many books about Theodore Roosevelt and the parks. After the boys were born my husband and I took advantage of the great campgrounds in the north and south unit. The kids loved to camp and attended every ranger program, morning and evening and sometimes at night (stargazing) every year. Did you know that the north unit is considered the best place for stargazing in the US? Many evenings were spent sitting quietly by the Little Missouri waiting for the deer to come down to drink. For at least 10 summer seasons, there was a ranger from New York, named Harley, that would let my oldest son "help" with his programs because he knew them word for word, he didn't hesitate to remind Harley when he left something out. We would hike the trails, sometimes all day, and learned to appreciate "really getting into the park." Many hours were spent at Wind Canyon, "hiding" and looking for mountain lions, but never saw one in all those years. Bison scares were pretty common, when hiking, and waking up to Bison grunting in the campgrounds. Amazing how long you can wait to use the bathrooms. I don't think we ever missed a tour of the Roosevelt Cabin or a walk through the museum.

I've loved the parks my whole life. Growing up I always wanted to be a Park Ranger. It is now my avocation to be a volunteer. In 1998, when Dorothy Cook, a "real park ranger," moved in next door to me in Hazen, I pestered her until she started a volunteer program at Knife River Indian Villages. I have been volunteering there ever since, and truly love it. As a family we attended Northern Plains Culture Fest every year at Knife River and walked the trails. The Indian history there is second-to-none. Again, the ranger programs were the highlight. Fort Union was always a favorite because it's history was entirely different from the parks and Knife River. We usually took day trips there when we camped at the north unit. Many dollars were spent on books and posters over the years - well worth it. Unfortunately, I have yet to visit Souris National Wildlife Refuge, but I will. I am excited to serve as a board member for TRNHA and the experience has been gratifying so far. All board members and staff are dedicated and enjoy their positions.

Meet Pat Cochran

Why did you become a board member? First of all, Theodore Roosevelt National Park is a true treasure and I want to help preserve it for generations to come. I think TRNHA has a big part in that, so with becoming a board member, I too play a part. Secondly, it is very hard for me to say no to Jane.

Where did you grow up? Smack dab in the middle of Illinois at Champaign. I worked as a checker/bookkeeper for Eisner Food Stores. I then moved to Minnesota after vacationing there one summer and made northern MN home for 30+ years.

What career path did you choose? Retail sales and bookkeeping have always been part of my life, whether it was checking out groceries in Illinois, or selling boats and motors in Minnesota. And actually, my favorite all time job, was working at my daughter's bookstore. Loved those people and especially the kids.

Family: I have two daughters and two grandsons and several granddogs! My oldest daughter, Beth, lives in Walker, MN and has the two boys: Josh is a junior at Gustavus Adolphus College in MN, and Erick is a senior at Walker High School. My other daughter, Jennifer, lives in Fairbanks, AK with her husband Terry. Beth works in a real estate office and coaches speech at Walker High. Jennifer is a carpenter in the summer and Terry is an engineer on the Alaska Railroad. They both mush dogs in the winter, thus the granddogs.....they have a kennel of 60 last count.

What do I like best about the Park and ND?

To many to list....but best would be the feeling that what I am seeing and feeling while being in the Park just well may be what TR and his associates saw and felt. What an amazing thing, and why we should all work to keep it just as it is. ND.....I love the people.

Retirement Flag Flown at Theodore Roosevelt National Park in honor of Lt. Colonel

On January 20th Theodore Roosevelt National Park was honored by the request from Lt. Col. Bob Christian to fly his retirement flag at our park for a day. Most often these requests are of the retiree's state capital, making this a rare honor.

Introducing Lt. Col. Bob Christian, US Air Force, retired:
I have served twenty years in the Air Force, including ten years of active duty and ten years of reserve duty. In my Air Force career I have been stationed at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana; Beale Air Force Base, California; Lackland Air Force Base, Texas; Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama; Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota; and Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. I thoroughly enjoyed my time in the Air Force, and I am very appreciative for the opportunity to have been part of the Air Force and to have worked with truly fantastic people.

I was raised in the states of Texas and Louisiana.

I chose Theodore Roosevelt National Park to have my retirement flag flown because I am a huge fan of Theodore Roosevelt. I have read extensively about TR, and I own and have read a number of books written by him. In my opinion, Theodore Roosevelt was a great American and the best President of the United States. Although I have not yet had the privilege of visiting Theodore Roose-

velt National Park (my family and I hope to visit in the Summer of 2011), I wanted my retirement flag flown at a location which would hold significance to me for years to come, and I thought having the flag flown at the National Park honoring my hero and where he lived during a very trying time in his life would be very meaningful to me.

Theodore Roosevelt is my favorite President because he displayed courage, strength of conviction and character, integrity, staunch perseverance, service before self, outstanding leadership and a bully enthusiasm for life.

I have had the privilege of visiting Big Bend National Park, Rocky Mountain National Park, Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park, Glacier National Park, Badlands National

Park, Wind Cave National Park and Great Smokey Mountains National Park. Additionally, I have visited Mt. Rushmore National Monument, Pipestone National Monument, Devil's Tower National Monument and Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument. I have also visited the Menger Hotel in San Antonio, Texas, where Teddy recruited his "Rough Riders".



**January 20, 2010
Lt. Col. Christian's retirement flag flying over Theodore Roosevelt National Park Visitor Center, Medora, ND.**

Theodore Roosevelt National Park's Winter Adventure

Adventurous visitors will have the opportunity to get outdoors for some fresh air and exercise on three Saturdays in February, when park rangers lead guided snowshoe and cross country ski treks in the North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. The special programs will be held on February 6, 13, and 20 at 1 pm CST. The 90 minute activities will focus on the winter landscape and the ways that wildlife has adapted to winter in the badlands.



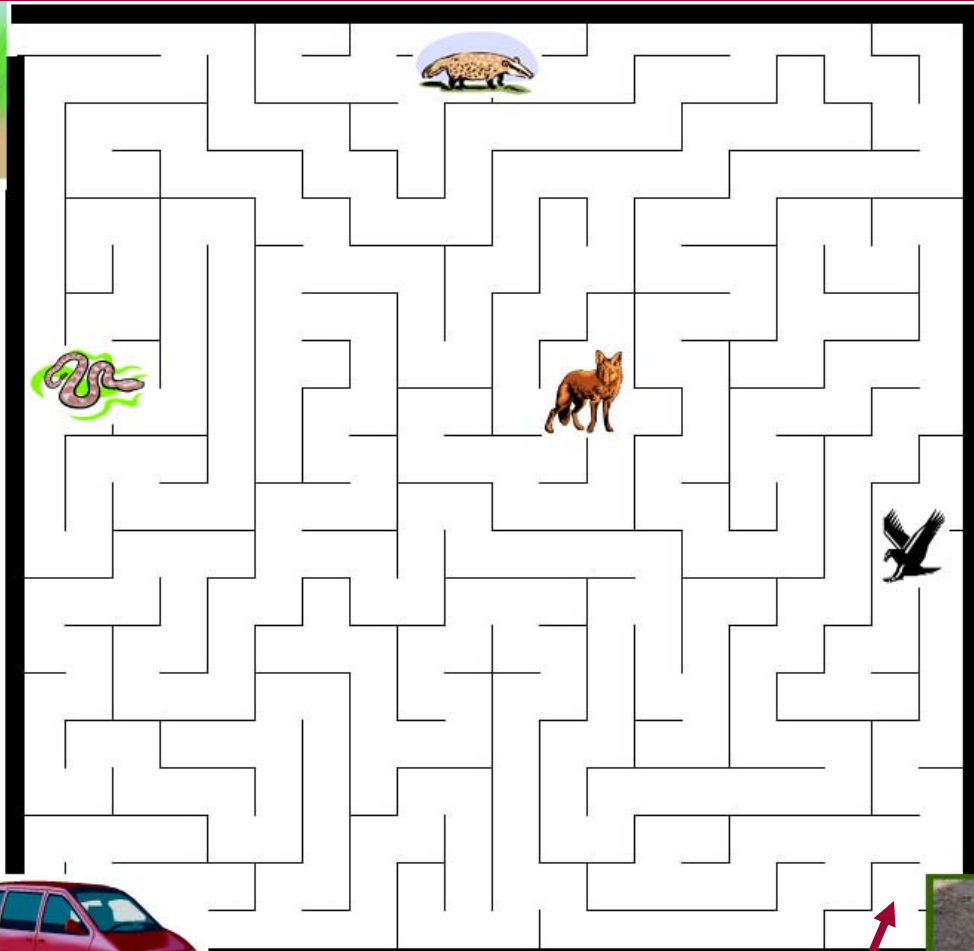
"The North Unit is beautiful in winter, but many people do not think about venturing out in the park this time of year," said Superintendent Valerie Naylor.

"This is a great opportunity to see the park with a ranger while it's quiet and snow covered."

For thousands of years, people have used snowshoes and skis as a means of winter travel. These activities are excellent opportunities for beginning and casual snowshoe walkers and cross country skiers to experience the pleasure of a winter trek in the company of others. Participants should meet at the North Unit Visitor Center and will need to provide their own cross country skis or snowshoes. Be sure to wear warm layered clothing and bring sunscreen, water, and a snack.

If extreme weather is forecast, activities may be cancelled. Please call the North Unit Visitor Center at 701-842-2333 for additional information and current weather conditions.

Help Prairie Pete join his friends above ground for some fun in the sun, but be careful danger lurks everywhere!



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North Unit

Visitor Center Hours
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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
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8:00 am –4:30 pm MST

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 14, 2010 –Daylight Savings
Time Begins - Don't forget to
change your clock!



Stop by Pete's website and
checkout his latest adventure
www.trnha.org/wherespete.html

TRNHA Newsletter



Happy St. Patrick's Day!



MARCH 2010

Bison Collars Removed

In November of 2008, Theodore Roosevelt National Park held a bison roundup in the South Unit of the park, in which 182 bison were processed through the corrals system by NPS staff. Seventy-seven bison were returned to the park whereas others were sent to various government entities and non-profit organizations across the country to augment their bison programs.

Seven of the 77 bison being returned to the park received a new piece of jewelry. These seven chosen cows were fitted with global positioning system (GPS) collars. Each collar uses the GPS satellites which orbit the Earth to determine the precise location of the bison, and then stores the information on a computer inside the collar. The location information is used by biologists to monitor bison movements throughout the park.

After a year-and-a-half of being deployed, like anything else powered by batteries, the battery power has gotten low and it is now time to

remove the collars and retrieve the data. Throughout the winter, park staff has been on the lookout for collared bison. When a bison with

a collar is spotted, wildlife biologist Mike Oehler, and a few members of the park staff go on a collar retrieving mission.

Once they have located the animal, biologists try to get within 30 yards of the bison. A dart gun is then used to dart and sedate the animal. After the animal has been darted park staff must wait approximately 15 minutes before they can safely approach the sedated animal.

Park staff keeps detailed notes of the entire capture effort, including, checking the bison's identity by scanning the microchip found in the bison ear, and monitoring the heart rate, temperature, and respiration to ensure the safety of the animal. Once the collar has been removed, the bison is given three injections of other drugs (called

antagonists) which reverse the effects of the sedative.

After the bison is given the reversal drugs, NPS staff continues to monitor the bison until she gets up and starts moving again, which usually takes 10-15 minutes. Park staff will continue to monitor the bison during the next 24 hours to ensure there are no adverse side effects associated with the capture event.

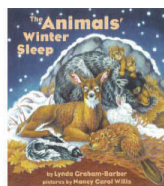
Once the bison is well on her way the biologists will return to the office and download collar information that will be used to better understand the ecology of bison in the park. Currently four collars have been retrieved with three remaining to be removed yet this year.



Check out these Items!

Animals Winter Sleep

by: Linda Graham-Barber



A fun children's book that take
a look at what animal's do in
the winter.

\$6.95

Tools of Native Americans

By: Kim Kavin



A kid's guide to the history and culture
of the first Native Americans

\$16.95

Great Pioneer Projects You Can Build Yourself!

by: Rachel Dickinson



Young readers learn by building
replica sod houses, log cabins, and
covered wagons, and creating their
own printing presses and maps.

\$15.95

Ranger Recommends



Lillian Crook displays a "riveting read" and highly recommends this title.

March's featured Ranger is Lillian Crook. After her elementary school years were spent traveling the world with her Army dad, Lillian was raised on her grandparent's ranch in southwestern North Dakota, and has lived in western North Dakota her entire adult life. A retired academic librarian now commuting from Bismarck, she is the park's museum technician, and is the founder of Badlands Conservation Alliance.

Lillian recommends Craig Childs' book **The Animal Dialogues: Uncommon Encounters in the Wild** -- a riveting read. Each chapter features an animal,

with nuggets of background information on the creature interwoven with, as the subtitle reads, stories of Childs' encounters. Childs, a particularly close observer of the details of the natural world, shares an accumulated lifetime of fascinating adventures in his unique, poetic voice. The essay on mountain lions will have readers on the edge of their seat, guaranteed. The New York Times aptly described this book as "equal parts awe and adventure".

If you are interested in purchasing this book or any other items in this newsletter, please visit one of

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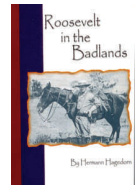
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EXPIRES: March 31, 2010

Elk Planning Nearing Finale

The Theodore Roosevelt National Park Elk Management Plan is almost finished!

After many years of planning and development, the Final Elk Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Theodore Roosevelt National Park is scheduled to be released in early March. This is the final document, so there is no comment period associated with it. The final document incorporates the comments received on the Draft EIS which was released in December 2008 and the preferred alternative, which was released in August 2009.

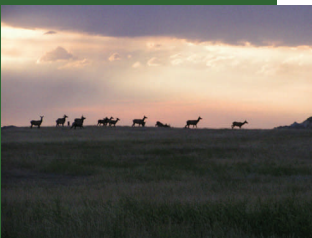
The EIS is a disclosure document, not a decision document. Its purpose is to disclose to the public the alternatives which were considered and their potential impacts on the human environment.

The EIS is required under the National Environmental Policy Act, so a legal process must be followed. All of the steps leading up to the release of the final document were part of that process. Another step in the process is a Notice of Availability for the final document which will be published in the Federal Register.

Once that notice is published (sometime in March), there is a 30 day waiting period before the NPS can make a decision regarding the elk management plan.

After the 30 day waiting period, the National Park Service Regional Director in Omaha is free to sign a Record of Decision. Once a Record of Decision is signed, the park can take steps to implement the plan.

Stay tuned for more information on the Elk Management Plan in the next newsletter.



Winter Adventure in the North Unit

Winter in North Dakota has blessed us with plenty of white snow allowing staff at the North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park to plan three Ranger guided Snow Treks.

Although there was not a huge number of participants, those who attended had a great experience filled with beautiful scenery and awesome wildlife.

The special programs were scheduled for February 6, 13, and 20 and lasted approximately 90 minutes. The first hike was cancelled due to participants getting their dates mixed up and arriving a day late. However, Rangers were able to give them directions

and send them on their way.

On February 13th a father and son from Dickinson made their first visit to the North Unit a memorable one and continued further up river after the guided trek was finished.

The final hike was the best attended of the three events with two separate groups of visitors joining in on the fun. A man from Devils Lake and his son from Minot had found out about the event when they searched Google for snowshoeing in North Dakota. The second group, who had read the article in the Dickinson Press, consisted of three women from Dickinson, Bismarck, and Bowman. Again this was the first visit to the North Unit for most of the participants.

At the completion of each trek participants were invited back the visitor center to warm up with some hot chocolate.

Theodore Roosevelt National Park plans to continue the treks encouraging people to visit the park to enjoy the solitude and beauty winter offers.



Park Ranger Eric Haugland gives a brief talk while participants prepare for an adventure!



Three trek participants headed down the trail.

Photos courtesy of a trek participant.



Heritage Outbound Winter Adventure

Everyone attending the third annual Heritage Outbound Winter Adventure at Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site on February 13, 2010 had a great time.

Twenty four participants began the event at the Seven Trails Trading Post and enjoyed a hearty lunch of sandwiches, knoeple soup, cookies, and home-made ice cream. Participants came from all over the state-Wahpeton, Williston, Dickinson, Ray, and Hazelton are just a few of the locations. In typical North Dakota fashion, mutual connections were discovered.

Amy Mossett instructed the participants in making a leather pouch. She shared how the Hidatsa and Mandan made and used pouches. Participants then worked with chunks of clay and made a small pot or games pieces. Amy discussed traditional pottery making as well as game pieces.

Everyone braved the wind and cold to snow shoe down the trail. The two-hour hike was led by John Hoganson, Tim Reed, and Maureen McGee-Ballinger. Folks

learned about village life, geology, and archeology. Two of the first returnees had the best quote of the day which was



"I am not tired, my snow shoes are tired." Due to the wind and blowing snow, no one could try tossing atlatls or ice gliders but Claudia Berg explained the use of them.

The day was topped off with a tradi-

tional meal of bison roast, squash, corn soup, and fry bread with berry jam. People also had a piece of birthday cake celebrating the 205th birthday of Jean-Baptiste Charbonneau, also known as Pomp, which was February 11, 2010. After dinner while the wind howled and the snow blew, Amy Mossett presented "Women of the Villages-Lifeways Along the Knife River." Matt Schanadore concluded the evening with traditional stories and flute music.

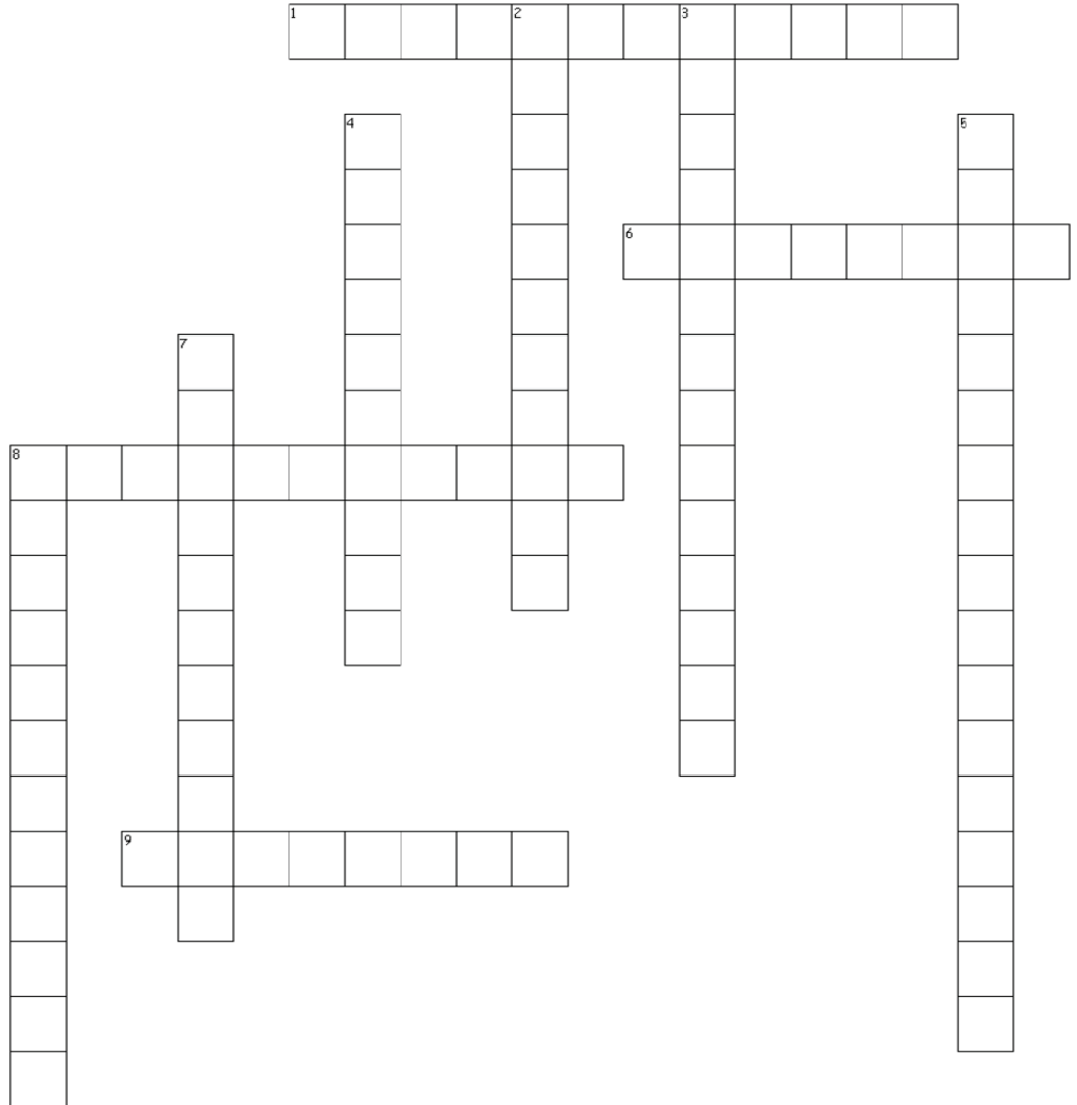
The third annual event was sponsored by the Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, The State Historical Society of North Dakota, the North Dakota Geological Survey, and the Knife River Indian Heritage Foundation. We will publish the 2011 dates soon so you can mark your calendar for the fourth annual Heritage Winter Outbound Adventure.

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I Once Called North Dakota Home!



1. A Nationally known television commentator and news analyst who grew up in Velva.
6. Born in 1922 as Norma Delores Egstrom in Jamestown this singer/actress changed her name and went on to be a star. She starred in several films with Bing Crosby and Danny Thomas and was nominated for an Academy Award.
8. You may have read a western book written by this author who has written over 400 short stories and 100 novels. He was born in 1908 in Jamestown.
9. This six gold record winning former Fargo resident performed in Moorhead, MN filling in for Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper after their crashed.

2. The location of my 1881 surrender still stands at Fort Burthold State Historic Site near Williston.
3. She grew up in Kulm and took her Midwest ethics to California to pursue an acting career. Later winning golden globe and a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.
4. This former New York Yankee attended Shanley High School in Fargo where he stood out as an athlete. In 1961, he 61 hit homeruns which was one more than Babe Ruth that season.
5. I once owned the Maltese Cross Ranch and Elkhorn Ranch near Medora.
7. Growing up in Williston he was a stand out basketball player, but he is most known for the years he spent as head coach of the Chicago Bulls. He has won many NBA championships with the Bulls as well as the Lakers.
8. North Dakota's most famous "favorite son," was born and raised in a sod house on a small farmstead near Strasburg. He left North Dakota in pursuit of a career in the entertainment business.

Across: 1. Eric Sevareid 6. Peggy Lee 8. Louis L. Armour 9. Bobby Vee 10. Down 2. Sitting Bull 3. Angie Dickinson 4. Roger Maris 5. Theodore Roosevelt 7. Phil Jackson 8. Lawrence Welk

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 1, 2010 - Painted Canyon
Visitor Center will open for the
season. (weather permitting)

April 17-25, 2010 - National Park
Week and free admission to all
National Parks!

April 24, 2010 - Junior Ranger Day
Theodore Roosevelt National Park
and Knife River Indian Villages
NHS will be hosting special events
for kids!



TRNHA Newsletter

Happy Spring!

APRIL 2010

Theodore Roosevelt National Park to Hire Local Youths

Theodore Roosevelt National Park invites local youths to become members of the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) to work in the park this summer. Participants will work in the areas of maintenance and resource conservation and will have opportunities to learn about careers in the National Park Service. YCC positions are available in the North Unit, which is 15 miles south of Watford City, and in the South Unit, which is located near Medora.

To be eligible for the program, young men and women must be at least 16 years of age by June 1, and not older than 18 as of August 30, 2010; they must also be permanent residents of the United States. In addition, applicants must have or be able to obtain a social security card and be able to take part in strenuous work activity, much of which will be outdoors. Par-

ticipants may be exposed to insects, poison ivy and adverse weather conditions. When considering applying for a YCC position, youths and their parents or guardians need to consider the enrollee's need to find a dependable means of transportation to the park on a daily basis.

The park does not provide housing or transportation.

Job Service North Dakota in Dickinson and Williston will handle applications for the positions in the South and North Units, respectively. Selection for YCC positions will be made by random drawing without regard to job skill, social, economic, racial, or ethnic back-

ground. Once the drawings have been completed, the lists of potential enrollees will be forwarded to the park for final selection.

Young people selected for the YCC program will work for approximately 10 weeks, beginning June 7. Enrollees will work 8 hours per day, 40 hours per week. The work schedule will be Monday through Friday; starting and ending times can be somewhat flexible. The salary will be \$7.25 per hour.

Interested persons can obtain an application for the YCC program from either the Dickinson or Williston Job Service North Dakota office. Completed applications must be returned to the appropriate Job Service office by May 12.



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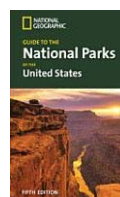
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RANGER RECOMMENDS



Kelly Neumann displays her favorite book: *Ant, Ant, Ant: An Insect Chant*

April's featured Ranger is Kelly Neumann, a Law Enforcement Officer at Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Kelly has wanted to be a Ranger since she was around 12 years old and travelled to Grand Teton and Yellowstone with her family. Years later she is living the dream and working for the National Park Service in some of the most beautiful places. She says she is proud to be wearing the flat hat. Kelly comes to Theodore Roosevelt National Park on a temporary assignment and will return to her permanent job at Mount Rushmore in May.

Because Kelly's family is one

of the most important things in her life, especially her 3 year old nephew Benjamin, Kelly has chosen *Ant, Ant, Ant* as her favorite book. She says: "I picked the book *Ant, Ant, Ant!* (an insect chant) because it is getting to the spring season and picnic time! My nephew is just getting to the age where he can enjoy reading and sits through an entire book at bedtime! Getting to know bugs and what they look like is fun for kids of all ages! It's an easy read for a child to start out with, and also at the end of the book there is an educational section to explain a little bit about each

bug listed in the book."

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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EXPIRES: April 30, 2010

THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATIONAL PARK ANNOUNCES SPRING VISITOR CENTER HOURS

Beginning April 1, spring visitor center hours will be in effect at Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

The South Unit Visitor Center is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. MDT. Barring unforeseen inclement weather, the Painted Canyon Visitor Center, located on I-94 east of Medora, will open for the season; hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. MDT. The North Unit Visitor Center will be open 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

CDT. All will be open daily, with expanded hours Memorial Day through Labor Day.

"Spring is a wonderful time to visit the park," said Superintendent Valerie Naylor. "As the snow melts and the vegetation starts to green up, visitors can get out into the park to hike and to see migratory birds returning, and newborn animals such as bison, elk, and feral horses."

All three park visitor centers offer information, maps of the park, audio-visual programs, and exhibits. For further information and current road conditions, call 701-623-4466, the North Unit Visitor Center at 701-842-2333, or visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/thro.



ELK MANAGEMENT PLAN/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Theodore Roosevelt National Park has released its final Elk Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). An on-line version of the final document is available to the public on the National Park Service planning website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/thro>. Hard copies will be available soon.

“We are approaching the last step in the planning process for elk management in the park. The plan will allow us to proceed with management of the elk population so that park resources are protected,” said Superintendent Valerie Naylor.

An annual aerial survey conducted last week showed the number of elk in the park to be approximately 950. Although the park objective for elk in the South Unit is 200 - 400, the higher numbers are not currently causing measureable changes in the park

vegetation or environment.

The purpose of the EIS is to disclose the alternatives considered for managing elk numbers in the park, including the preferred alternative, and their impacts on the human environment. The Final EIS addresses over 11,500 comments received on the preferred alternative, which was released in August 2009 and incorporates other public comments received following the release of the Draft EIS in December 2008. The Final EIS is not open to public comment.

The EIS identifies a preferred alternative which primarily would involve park employees leading teams of volunteer shooters to reduce the elk herd in the South Unit of the park. The alternative also allows the park the ability to use other methods if the volunteer effort is unsuccessful in reducing the elk num-

bers to meet park population objectives.

In the next few days, the National Park Service will publish a Notice of Availability for the EIS in the Federal Register. Shortly thereafter, a Notice of Availability will also be published by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Thirty days after the official EPA Notice of Availability of the Elk Management Plan appears in the Federal Register, a Record of Decision can be signed by the Midwest Regional Director of the National Park Service.

The earliest implementation period for elk reduction efforts would be in the fall of 2010.

THE IRON HORSE AND AMERICA'S NATIONAL

For over 150 years railroads have carved out a romanticized place in American history, from the short lines of the 1830s and 40s, to the giant transcontinental railroads after the American Civil War. Railroads had been our country's primary mode of travel prior to the development of President Eisenhower's interstate road system and airplanes. People relied on the American iron horse to take them from city to city, and even to our national parks for recreation and adventure.

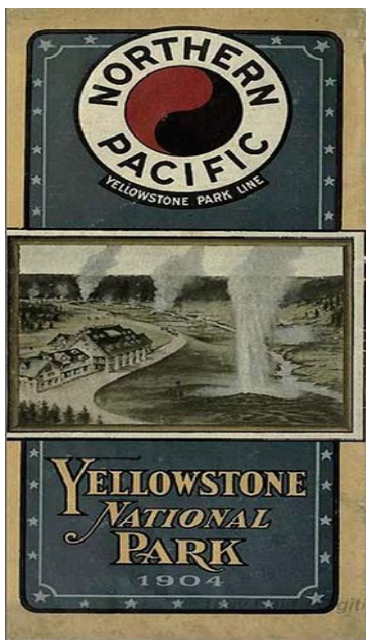
Some of our first national parks, such as Yellowstone and Sequoia, witnessed railroads pushing them-

selves into the areas surrounding these parks as financial opportunities developed in these ventures. It was the Northern and Southern Pacific Railroads eventually connecting to the small towns and cities that enabled visitors to travel to these parks.

Early visitation in these parks were dependent upon the access these companies provided, until the rise of the automobile.

For us at Theodore Roosevelt National Park, railroads were not instrumental to the survival of the park or in attracting visitors; instead, railroads were vital to the park's social and cultural history. It was during the early morning hours of September 8, 1883, that a very well dressed young aristocrat stepped off the Northern Pacific Railroad by the name of Theodore Roosevelt. He had traveled all the way from New York City for a bison hunting trip in the Northern Dakota Territory's Badlands. Roosevelt's hunting trip lasted for ten days south of Medora and he left North Dakota with his trophy bison and a partnership in a cattle ranch.

Railroads created unprecedented access to the West and our National Parks for generations. While it's not certain whether Roosevelt would have come to the Badlands if there was no railroad. It was this access by rail that brought Theodore Roosevelt to North Dakota for his hunting trip and the foundations of his conservation legacy to the American people.



Today visitors to Medora are often treated to the sounds of trains passing through town and blowing their horns on a regular basis. However soon the horns may not be heard as the Medora City Council voted to make Medora a quiet zone where trains will not blow their horns. Quiet zones involve safety upgrades at street crossings that eliminate the need for trains to sound their horns to alert traffic and the city council is currently working on hiring a

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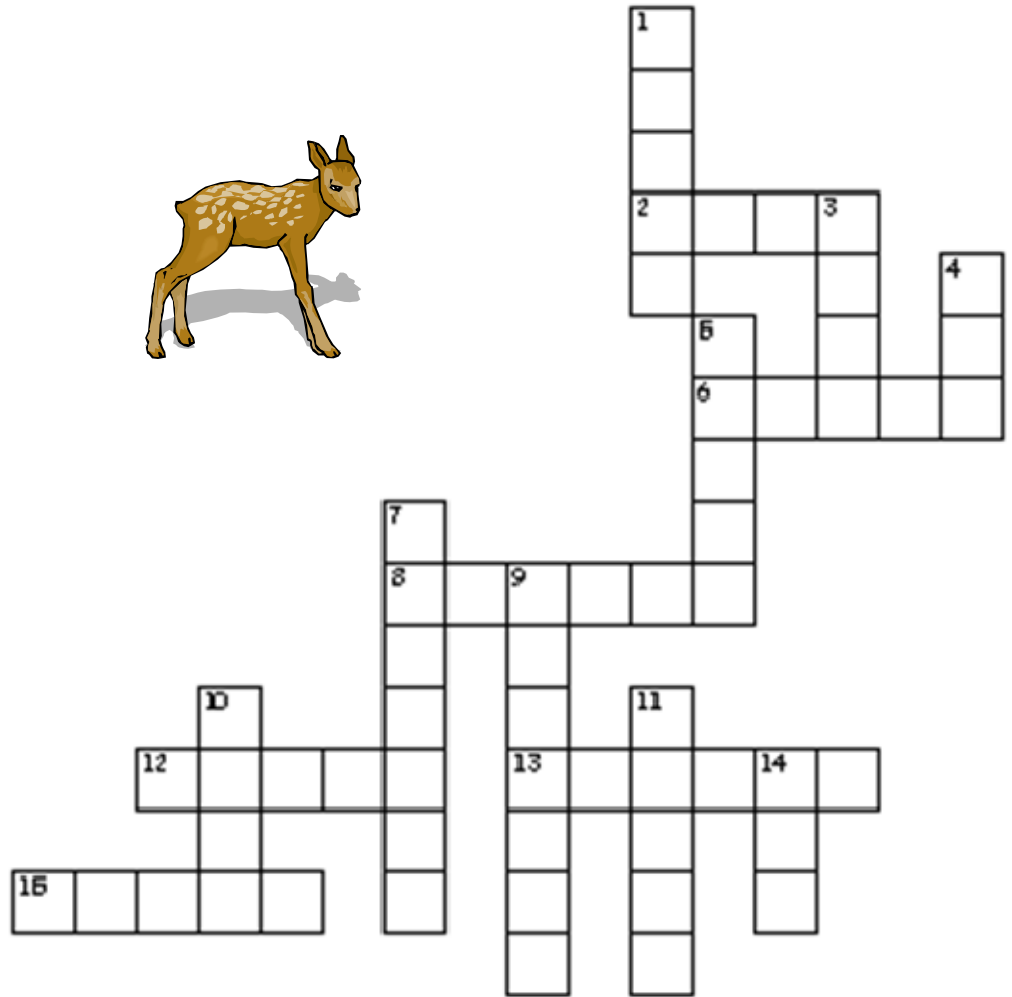
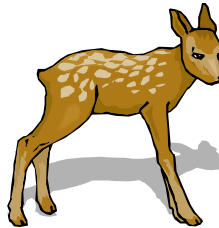
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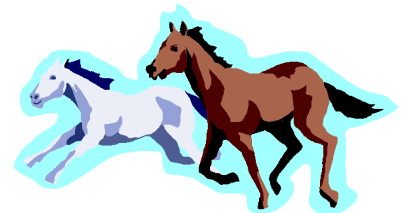


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- 2. Bison or Elk
- 6. Owl
- 8. Eagle
- 12. Butterfly
- 13. Mosquito
- 15. Rabbit

Down

- 1. Bird
- 3. Feral horse
- 4. Badger
- 5. Turkey
- 7. Snake
- 9. Goose
- 10. Deer or Pronghorn
- 11. Grasshopper
- 14. Coyote or Prairie Dog



Across: 2. Calif 6. Owllet 8. Eaglelet 12. Larva 13. Lynx 15. Bunny Down: 1. Chick 3. Foal 4. Kit 5. Poult 7. Neonate 9. Gosling 10. Fawn 11. Nymph 14. Pup

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6. All members are entitled to vote for TRNHA Board of Directors.
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National Historic Site**
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Upper Souris NWR
8:00 am - 4:30 pm CDT
Monday-Friday

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 15, 2010 - Knife River Indian Villages NHS 7th Annual Birdwalk.

May 15, 2010 - 3rd Annual Photography workshop at Knife River Indian Villages NHS

May 24 - June 18, 2010 Archeological dig at Knife River Indian Villages NHS

May 30, 2010 - Visitor Center hours will be extended at Theodore Roosevelt National Park to:

South Unit -8am -6pm MDT

Painted Canyon-8:30am -6pm MDT

North Unit -8am - 6pm CDT

June 6, 2010 - TRNHA's 56th Annual Birdwalk! For more info please contact us: info@trnha.org or 701-623-4884

TRNHA Newsletter

MAY 2010

Burning in the Badlands

If the weather cooperates, the National Park Service plans to implement prescribed fire projects in Theodore Roosevelt National Park's South, North and Elkhorn Ranch Units. The burn units vary in size and will be conducted between April 12 and May 24, 2010. Prescribed fires are those started by park managers under specific weather and fuel conditions for a specific purpose. Air temperature, humidity, ignition sequence, fuel load, wind speed and direction are some of the many factors considered in establishing the prescription. Fire, combined with grazing by large animals, is an important tool used to protect, preserve and maintain healthy prairie ecosystems within the park.

Three burn units of varying sizes are planned to be burned at the South Unit, one 5 acre unit at the Elkhorn Ranch site, and two units totaling 800 acres at the North Unit. The majority of the burns will be conducted on open prairie with the following objectives: reduction of high hazard fuel loads,

restoration of periodic fire to the landscape, to encourage native species establishment, and noxious weed control. Depending upon fire behavior and other conditions at the time, all or just a fraction of the units could be burned.

National Park Service policy stresses managing fire for resource benefit rather than just suppressing it. Research has shown that native grassland diversity and forage quality deteriorate when fire is excluded from fire dependent systems for extended periods. Fires of appropriate intensity transform dead plant material into soil nutrients and increase the amount of nitrogen fixing micro-organisms, encouraging plant and animal diversity across the landscape. The wide variety of plants and animals people expect

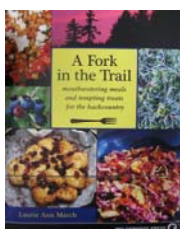
to see in national parks is partially the result of past fire activity. Burns units contain study plots that, through pre- and post-burn monitoring, help park managers document and better understand the effects of fire on native and non-native vegetation.

No closures are expected to result from prescribed fire activity. Once favorable weather conditions occur, specific dates will be identified. On the day of a burn local fire departments and law enforcement agencies will be notified, and signs will be placed along the road and park visitor centers notifying the public of the burn. Assistance from federal land management agencies and National Park Service units from North and South Dakota will be utilized to safely carry out the prescribed burns.



Check out these Items!

A Fork in the Trail
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Fun recipes for taking with you when you are travelling the trails or a great snack at home!

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There is no better way to extend your National Park visit then by taking home this fun National Park game!

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Wildflowers of the Northern Great Plains

by: F.R. Vance, J.R. Jowsey, J.S. McLean, & F.A. Switzer



Spring is in the air and flowers are blooming this book will help you identify them.

\$19.95



Mary Beth poses with her recommendation!

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

The book Mary Beth recommends is *Kids Guide to Theodore Roosevelt National Park*. Mary Beth says, "The Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association has a wonderful selection of children's books, educational materials, games, and activities. The book I recommend to all current and future

Ranger Recommends

Junior Rangers of the park is A *Kids Guide to Theodore Roosevelt National Park* because it complements the park's Junior Ranger program nicely! This activity book is a fun way for your young visitors to continue to learn about the park after their visit has ended. These fun activities involve different park resource topics such as astronomy, geology, ecology, and history. These topics are explained in terms that are easy for children to understand. This book encourages children to want to learn more about Theodore Roosevelt National Park and visit other National Parks!"

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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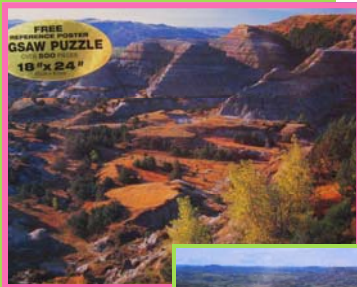
Kids Guide to Theodore Roosevelt National Park

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Upper Souris NWS Special Event



Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge will be partnering up with the Roosevelt Park Zoo in Minot to hold an Endangered Species Day event on May 21 from 12 to 4 pm at the zoo. Booths will be spread out throughout the zoo where visitors can learn about various endangered animals. Those visiting the zoo that day will have an opportunity to learn about these animals and about how they can help protect them and their habitats. A special booth will be set up where participants can pick up bags filled with lots of goodies and infor-

mation about endangered species. Participants will receive a conservation passport that features ten endangered animals. As visitors explore the zoo and visit the animals they will learn fun facts including why the animal is endangered and are encouraged to get the passport stamped. "Honker" the blue goose will also be in attendance and roaming the zoo throughout the day! For more information please contact Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge or the Roosevelt Park Zoo.



Theodore Roosevelt National Park News & Events

56 & Counting... Birds that is!

The Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association welcomes your participation at the 56th Annual Bird Walk on June 6, 2010. Come rain or shine we will gather in the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park and add to our life lists. TRNHA archives show not one bird walk over the past 56 years has been cancelled. Last year even the snow and rain didn't defeat those hardy birders. 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 2010 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 National Park. Immediately following the bird walk, approximately 8:00 a.m. (Mountain Time), TRNHA will host the **49th Annual Chuckwagon Breakfast** at the Cottonwood Campground picnic area. Genie's Kitchen Crew will serve up heaping helpings of country sausage, cowboy coffee, juice 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 send an e-mail to info@trnha.org by June 4, 2010. You may also confirm your attendance via [Facebook](#).

Summer Visitor Center Hours

May 30 Theodore Roosevelt National Park visitor centers will be returning to the following summer hours.:

South Unit 8:00am - 6:00 pm MDT
Painted Canyon 8:30am - 6:00 pm MDT
North Unit 8:00am - 6:00 pm CDT

Summer Interpretive Programs

On June 6th Theodore Roosevelt National Park will begin their full summer interpretive programs. Short Interpretive Talks, Hikes, and Evening Programs will be presented in both the South and North Unit of the park. Tours of Theodore Roosevelt's Maltese Cross cabin will be held every hour at the South Unit visitor center. Interpretive signs and displays are available for view in the South, North, and Elkhorn Ranch Units of the Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Junior Ranger Days Planned!

Throughout the summer various programs focusing on children will be presented in the park. Four special Junior Ranger Days are being planned so bring the kids out for a day of fun and exploration. Each



participant will receive a Junior Ranger badge and certificate to help them remember the day! For more information please contact Theodore Roosevelt National Park at (701)623-4466 or visit the parks webpage at www.nps.gov/thro

Teddy Bear Picnics

The Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association would like to invite you and your children to attend our Teddy Bear Picnics this summer! We will be hosting three picnics this summer each different with its own unique theme. Children of all ages are invited



to bring their teddy bear and take part in the fun. Each participant will receive a goodie bag with a small snack. Tentative picnic dates are June 9, July 10, and August 10. For more information you can visit our website at www.trnha.org, read about our event on facebook, contact us by e-mail at info@trnha.org, or give us a call at 701-623-4884.

Knife River Indian Villages News & Events

National Junior Ranger Day a Success!

Twenty five new Junior Rangers took the official oath on Saturday, April 24, 2010, at Knife River Indian Villages NHS. The children completed activities that focused on archeology. They participated in "Why the Past is Important?" and took a walk into history. Upon completion of the activities, they received a certificate, patch, and 2010 Junior Ranger badge. The Knife River Indian Heritage Foundation provided hot dogs, a drink, and a treat for the new Junior Rangers.

Seventh Annual Bird Walk Planned

The seventh annual bird walk sponsored by the Knife River Indian Heritage Foundation will take place on Saturday, May 15, 2010. Participants should meet at the Seven Trails building (just south



of the park) at 6:30 am MDT. The bird walk will be lead by Patrick Isakson from the North Dakota Game and Fish. After the bird walk, participants can return to Seven Trails for a hearty breakfast and a wrap up of the bird walk. There is no charge for the activity. For more information, you can call the park at 701-745-3300.

Spring In-The-Field Photography Workshop

The third annual spring in the field photography workshop will be held on Saturday, May 15, 2010. Participants should meet at the visitor center at Knife River Indian Villages NHS. The event will be from 10:00am to 2:00 pm MDT. Photographer, Joel Smith from Bismarck will be leading the workshop.

Participants can bring a sack lunch or purchase lunch at the local café. There is no charge for the event. For more information, you can call the park at 701-745-3300.



Archeological Dig at Knife River Indian Villages NHS

There will be an archeological dig conducted May 24 through June 18 at the park. Hours of the dig are from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm MDT, Monday through Friday. The public is welcome to come out and observe.

We are please to welcome back Patti, our Painted Canyon Clerk, for a second season! We are happy to have her back sharing her love of the park and North Dakota with those who pass through the Painted Canyon Visitor Center!

Also we would like to welcome all the new and returning seasonal employees to Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Knife River Indian Villages, and Upper Soursi National Wildlife Refuge!



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We would love to read your list! Please share them with us by e-mailing them to:

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June 9, 2010 - Teddy Bear Picnic at
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June 23, 2010 - Junior Ranger event
focusing on Theodore Roosevelt.
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TRNHA Newsletter

JUNE 2010

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Walk on the Wild Side
Saturday June 5, 2010
2:00 p.m.

Ridgeline Nature Trail
Theodore Roosevelt National
Park

Join Jan and Bob Sisk, author and photographer of TRNHA publication *Common Plants of Theodore Roosevelt National Park*, for a discovery walk at Ridgeline Nature Trail in the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Be ready to explore and identify many flowering plants and other surprises along the way. Difficulty rating for this trek is moderate.



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Ranger Recommends



Sky Ranger Mary Beth Brazell poses with the book *Parks After Dark*

Many visitors only enter and enjoy National Parks during the day, but when the sun sets that is when the parks come alive. Not only can you enjoy nocturnal wildlife, but you can lift your head to the heavens and explore the wonders of the night sky. The low light and air pollution conditions at both North and South Units of the Theodore Roosevelt National Park make it an ideal place to experience the night sky at its best! A common misconception about enjoying the night sky is that it is hard, very expensive, and you can't enjoy the night sky without a telescope. All you need to begin

exploring is a star/sky chart or planetisphere, your naked eye, and binoculars if they are available.

To further your out of this world journey Certified Sky Ranger Mary Beth Brazell recommends the book "*Parks After Dark*" is a great tool for all star gazers to complement your night sky exploration. The book explains things well to readers that do not have a wide range of knowledge about the night sky. The book helps guide you through Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall night

skies to tell you what constellations, planets, and other night sky phenomena that you will be able to spot seasonally. The book also gives you a few tricks to help you orient yourself to the night sky and ideas about some low cost tools that will elevate your night sky adventure to new heights.

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

Parks After Dark
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EXPLORE ~ EMBRACE ~ ENJOY!



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 Missis-

siippi," 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>

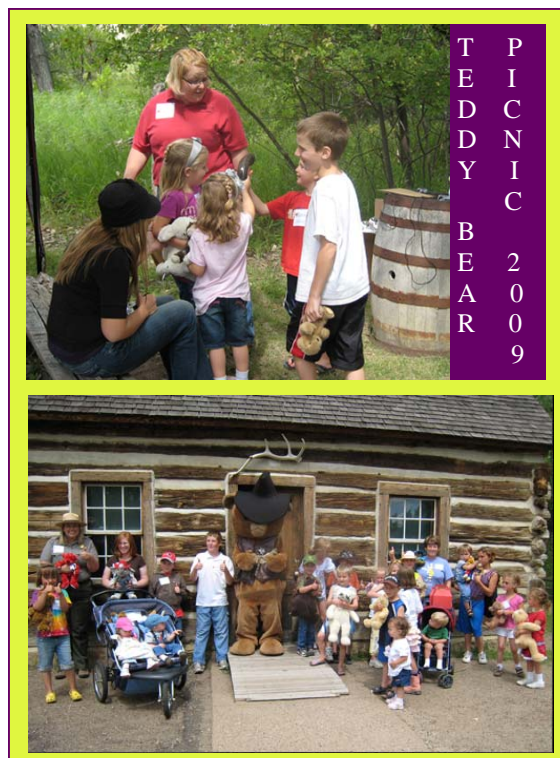
Teddy Bear Picnic

Grab your Teddy Bear and head over to Theodore Roosevelt National Park's South Unit Visitor Center for a Teddy Bear Picnic. Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association will be hosting three Teddy Bear Picnics and would like to invite you to join in on the fun.

Each picnic will have it's own unique theme and will give children a chance to learn about Teddy Bears and Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Children in attendance will receive a goodie bag with Teddy Bear Snacks and an opportunity to win great prizes! Picnics are scheduled for June 9th, July 10th, and August 10th.



The first picnic on June 9th will be held at the South Unit Visitor Center. We ask that you arrive at approximately 12:30 so we can get everyone registered and start the picnic at 1:00 pm. So get the kids together with their Teddy bears and head out for an hours worth of fun!



A woman with long dark hair, wearing a light-colored cardigan over a dark top and brown trousers, stands next to a large, circular, woven basket or drum. The basket is made of light-colored material and has a dark band around its middle. The woman is smiling at the camera. In the background, there is a display case with text and a poster. The text on the display case includes "1900-1910 THE NEW YORK STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY" and "1910-1920 THE NEW YORK STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY". The poster on the wall has the text "THE NEW YORK STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY" and "1910-1920 THE NEW YORK STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY".



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6. All members are entitled to vote for TRNHA Board of Directors.
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | \$20.00 |
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Monday-Friday

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 4, 2010 Wilderness Hike lead
by Park Ranger John in the North
Unit.

July 10, 2010 Teddy Bear Picnic
Day in the South Unit of Theodore
Roosevelt National Park. For Infor-
mation contact info@trnha.org or
701-623-4884

July 17, 2010 Junior Ranger Family
Fun Day Event in the South Unit of
Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

July 24-25, 2010 29th annual North-
ern Great Plains Culture Fest at
Knife River Indian Villages. Event
hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00
p.m. MDT

August 1, 2010 Junior Ranger
Family Day Event in the South
Unit.

Keep your eyes out for a North
Unit Junior Ranger Family Fun
Day in late July or early August.

TRNHA Newsletter

JULY 2010

Wildlife to be Highlight of National Park's Junior Ranger Day

Theodore Roosevelt National Park is re-
cruiting Junior Rang-
ers to spend a day dis-
covering the park's
wild inhabitants. Kids
ages 5 through 12 and
their families are in-
vited to enjoy a Junior
Ranger Family Fun
Day on Saturday, July
17.



ior Ranger Day will be a
great opportunity for
families to discover and
share TR's enthusiasm
and appreciation for na-
tive animals."

Children must be accom-
panied by an adult for the
day's activities and
should bring a lunch, wa-
ter, insect repellent, and

sunscreen. Pre-registration is
strongly encouraged. For fur-
ther information and to regis-
ter for the day's activities,
please call the South Unit
Visitor Center at 701-623-
4730 x3417.

Additional Junior Ranger
Family Fun Days will be held
on August 1, and August 28.

Ranger graduation cere-
mony.

"Theodore Roosevelt was
fascinated with wildlife,
even as a young boy in New
York City," said Superin-
tendent Valerie Naylor.
"His interest in bison was
the primary reason for his
first trip to this part of Da-
kota Territory in 1883. Jun-

Check out these Items!

Outdoor Navigation with GPS

by: Stephen W. Hinch

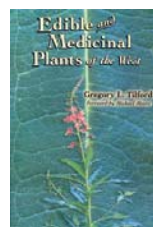


Jammed packed with everything
you need to know about using a
GPS, ranging from pinpointing
your location to planning your trip
this book is a must have.

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Edible and Medicinal Plants of the

West by: Gregory L. Tilford

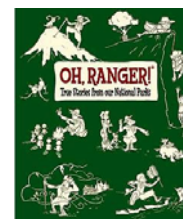


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tailed descriptions of 250 plant
species in the western United
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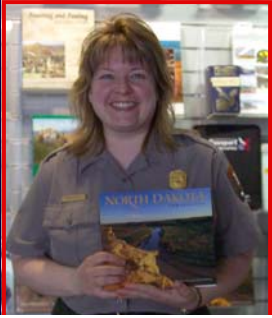
Oh Ranger

by: Mark Saferstein



Oh Ranger is a collection of
interesting stories told by the
National Park experts - Park
Rangers.

\$14.95



Ranger Faye from Knife River Indian Villages displays her recommendation.

Ranger Recommends

July's featured Ranger is Faye Roth, an Interpretive Ranger at Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site. Faye is in her second year as a ranger at Knife River and lives in Stanton, ND with her husband and three children. Faye's experience and expertise make her an asset to Knife River Indian Villages and it's visitors.

Faye recommends the book *North Dakota Impressions* by Chuck Haney. She says: "This wonderful book takes you to a scenic view from the cliffs of the Little Missouri River in Western North Dakota to the meandering Red River in Eastern North Dakota.

Along the way you find the silent hidden gems as well as some of the well known ones that capture the uniqueness of the four seasons in North Dakota. After looking through this book I realized that it captures what many of our visitors at Knife River Indian Villages NHS mean when they say "they will remember North Dakota for the amazing views they have experienced during their stay here." This book is a great keepsake for visitors to take back home with them to show people what a beautiful state we have. I feel the back of this picture book says it best: "Impression— A strong effect produced on the intellect, feelings, conscience, a notion, remembrance."

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)

North Dakota Impressions
by: **Chuck Haney**
Regular Price: \$9.95
Members Price: \$8.46

Member Only Special!

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

Historic Photos of Theodore Roosevelt is a tabletop book that gives it's reader a glimpse into the past. This book would make a great gift for the historian in your life.

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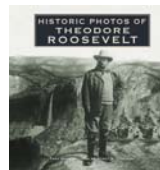
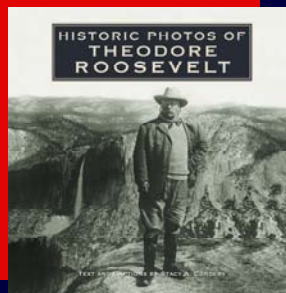
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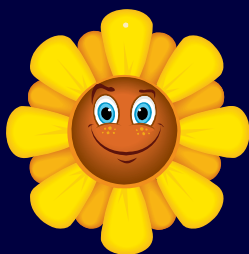


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What has TRNHA been up to?

Summer is a busy time of year for us here at TRNHA with placing orders and then receiving and sorting stock, but the truth is it's not all hard work! In fact June has been a great month filled with fun activities sponsored by TRNHA including our annual Birdwalk, a Walk on the Wild Side with Authors Jan and Bob Sisk, a Teddy Bear picnic, and a special book signing and presentation by Stacy Cordery. However the fun doesn't stop there keep your eye open for information about more special events in July, August, and September!



TRNHA hosted the 56th Annual Birdwalk and 49th Chuckwagon Breakfast in Cottonwood Campground in Theodore Roosevelt National Park on June 6th. Participants spotted 43 bird species and enjoyed a heaping helping of pancakes made fresh by the Taste Hut Crew from Wibaux, Montana.



On June 9th Teddy Bear Picnic participants had an opportunity to meet Smokey Bear at the South Unit Visitor Center in Medora. TRNHA and the US Forest Service teamed up to share some great snacks and goodies with all the kids in attendance. Mark your calendar for our next scheduled picnic on July 10th and maybe you will get to meet Smokey too!



A special presentation was given on June 17th by historical biographer Stacy Cordery, who, with the help of special guest Clay Jenkinson, shared some interesting facts and information about the Roosevelt Family. The special presentation was followed by a book signing of Stacy's books, *Alice*, and *Historic Photos of Theodore Roosevelt*.

Park Staff Continues to Learn!

While a parfleche is a storage container made of rawhide, at Knife River Indian Villages NHS, the new parfleche is a painted wooden storage container. Stored in the container are the finger and hand puppets available from TRNHA. Children of all ages are drawn to the brightly colored container.



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Going on a Hike

Unscramble each of the clue words.

Take the letters that appear in  boxes and unscramble them for the final message.

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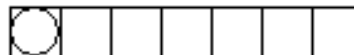
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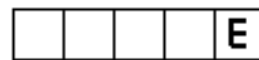
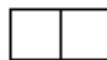
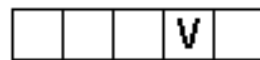
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Contributing | \$75.00 |
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August 13-14, 2010

North Dakota Badlands Star Party in the North Unit.

August 25, 2010

National Park Founders Day
Look for special events at both Units of Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

August 28, 2010

Junior Ranger Day
Bring the kids to the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park to learn about the sky!

TRNHA Newsletter

JULY 2010

Park Now Accepting Volunteer Applications for Elk Herd Reduction

Theodore Roosevelt National Park is now accepting applications for volunteers to assist with its elk herd reduction program. Application materials and Frequently Asked Questions can be found on the Theodore Roosevelt National Park website at <http://www.nps.gov/thro>. Potential volunteers may apply as individuals; groups of up to four people may apply together. Applications will be accepted only through the on-line process.

"There has been a strong interest in volunteering for this program for some time, and we are very pleased to announce the availability of this application," said Superintendent Valerie Naylor. "We have gone to great lengths to automate and streamline the application process, and to ensure the selection of volunteers will be as fair as possible."

As each application is received into the database, it will be automatically assigned a unique identification number. At the close of the application period, successful applicants will be

determined by a random selection. Twenty volunteers will be selected for each

week of the twelve-week elk reduction period, which will run from November 1, 2010 to January 21, 2011. Applicants can expect to know the status of their applications 2 to 4 weeks after the close of the application period. As many as 240 people will be able to participate as elk reduction volunteers during the coming season.

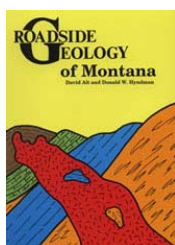
Applications will be accepted through August 9, 2010. Questions regarding this volunteer program or opportunities for paid elk-packer positions should be directed to Theodore Roosevelt National Park Chief of Resource Management Bill Whitworth at 701-623-4466.



Check out these Items!

Roadside Geology of Montana

by: David D. Alt

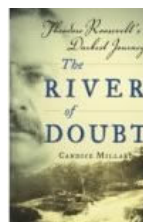


A good reference book with maps, pictures, and descriptions of Montana's geological make up.

\$20.00

River of Doubt

by: Candace Millard

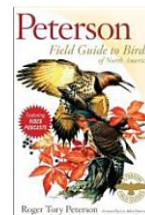


The River of Doubt is the true story of Theodore Roosevelt's harrowing exploration of one of the most dangerous rivers on earth.

\$15.00

Peterson's Field Guide to Birds

by: Roger Tory Peterson



Take this handy guide with you on your next birdwatching trip and you will be sure to know what you are looking at!

\$26.00

Ranger Recommends

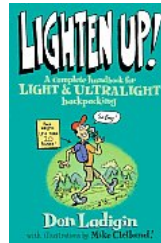


Ranger Rachel from Theodore Roosevelt National Park displays her recommendation.

August's featured Ranger is Rachel Killen, an Interpretive Ranger at Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Rachel is currently a student at Dickinson State University and comes to the park through the Student Conservation Association. Rachel a native of Greybull, WY brings a can do attitude and a wealth of knowledge to the park.

Rachel recommends the book *Lighten Up!: A Complete Handbook for Light and Ultralight backpacking* by Mike Clelland.

Rachel Says: "I recommend this book because not only does it present great information but it also has cute illustrations and great captions to keep the reader interested."



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Lighten Up
by: Mike Clelland
Regular Price: \$12.95
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Member Only Special!

August's members only coupon is for a recently released board game, *Junior Rangerland: Northern Rocky Mountain Edition* which is currently available at Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Knife River Indian Villages, or by contacting us at 701-623-4884.

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Come Have Smore Fun!

Have you ever wondered how the tasty campfire treat S'more got it's name. Well we have and so we did a little research and you are not going to believe what we found out!

The origin of S'mores dated back to the 1920s. It is believed the recipe was first discovered by Girls Scouts. It is suggested that the Smore got it's name right by the campfire when hungry campers chanted "gimme some more!"

We also learned that there is actually a National Smore Day. Every year on August 10th Smore lovers everywhere sit down and eat until they

can't eat anymore! So in honor of Smore Day TRNHA is hosting one last Teddy Bear Picnic of the summer. Come and join us as we talked about camping and meet up with some great friends.

Teddy Bear Picnic

**Theodore Roosevelt National Park
South Unit ~ Medora, North Dakota.**

Bring your Teddy Bear and meet us in the South Unit Visitor at 12:45 for some picnic fun!



A Smile is a Universal Welcome!

Have you met Painted Canyon Patti? We have and think you should too. In the Spring of 2009 we were lucky enough to find a young lady with a huge heart and even bigger smile to hire as our Painted Canyon Clerk. Patti Schafer was raised in New England, North Dakota and has learned the lessons of life in a small Mid-west town. She welcomes visitors to Theodore Roosevelt National Park with a warm smile and gives them plenty of great tips on how to get the most out of their visit to Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Over the last couple of years Patti has been on a personal mission to meet as many people from as many countries and states as possible. She greets each person with the same enthusiasm as she has for

the park and fills their heads with tons of information about the park. While she has not kept a strict list of who each person is and where they are from she does take the time to learn something from each one. Written in her notebook kept at the desk is a list consisting of hello and goodbye in 70 different languages. Each time she meets someone new she asks them how to speak these two simple words in their language and records it in her notebook. This simple gesture done out of pure curiosity welcomes people and often helps them feel comfortable enough to ask the questions they may not have been willing to before. So I encourage you to stop by Painted Canyon and say hello to Patti, it will surely be a treat!



Park Looking for Professional Packers



Theodore Roosevelt National Park will be implementing an elk reduction effort in the South Unit in October. Teams of park staff and volunteers tasked with shooting cow elk will be supported by experienced meat recovery teams (packers), who will collect the meat and transport it using pack horses/mules to a cold-storage centrally located within the park.

"Safe and efficient removal of elk from the field is critical to the success of the program," said Superintendent Valerie Naylor. "we are currently looking for packers who would work as paid contractors to haul elk out of the park's backcountry."

The packers will need to be experienced in using pack animals in rough badlands terrain and provide their own pack stock, trailer, and tow vehicle (s).

Park staff will be field testing all protocols so that management activities involving packers could begin as early as October 10, 2010. Those interested in working with the National Park

Service in this capacity must be registered in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR, <https://www.bpn.gov>) and the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA,

<https://orca.bpn.gov/>). In order to be considered, individuals should enter the required information into the CCR and ORCA databases by August 6, 2010. Once registered, individuals will receive information on the requirements and how the contracting process will proceed.

"Having packers assist with the removal of elk meat from the field will allow the volunteer teams more time to concentrate on reducing the number of elk in the park," said Naylor. "It will make our operation as efficient as possible."

Questions regarding opportunities for packers should be directed to Theodore Roosevelt National Park Chief of Resource Management Bill Whitworth at 701-623-4466.



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Theodore Roosevelt National Park Junior Ranger Family Fun Day! Saturday August 28, 2010



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FREE event!

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TRNHA Newsletter

September 2010

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 3-6, 2010 - Sidewalk Sales in Medora. Come out and see what TRNHA and other local vendors have on sale!

September 5, 2010 - Wilderness Hike in the North Unit.

September 7, 2010 - Theodore Roosevelt National Park South Unit and Painted Canyon will be switching to off season visitor center hours.

September 12, 2010 - Theodore Roosevelt National Park North Unit will be switching to off season visitor center hours.

September 16-18, 2010 - Theodore Roosevelt Symposium hosted by Dickinson State University.
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VISITOR CENTER HOURS

Theodore Roosevelt National Park South Unit

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North Unit

Summer - 8:00 am - 6:00 pm CDT
Off Season - 9:00 am - 5:30 pm CDT

Painted Canyon

Summer - 8:30 - 6:00 pm MDT
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Drives through both units of the park are currently open.

Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site
8:00 am - 6:00 pm MDT

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

VOLUNTEERS SELECTED FOR ELK REDUCTION PROGRAM

Letters were mailed to 240 potential volunteers who will assist Theodore Roosevelt National Park with its elk reduction program this fall and winter. Packets were mailed on Tuesday to a fraction of the people who had applied to volunteer for the program.

"The response to our request for volunteer team members was excellent," said Superintendent Valerie J. Naylor. "We look forward to a successful elk reduction effort this fall."

Volunteers will work as members of teams with up to 4 volunteers led by National Park Service employees. The teams will be using firearms to shoot cow elk in the park between November 1, 2010 and January 21, 2011. Shooting will be restricted to Tuesday through Thursday to minimize disruption to normal park operations and weekend visitation by the public.

A total of 5,269 individuals applied for the volunteer work. Because applicants could apply for multiple weeks, the actual number of names

considered was 29,225. However, due to the number of applicants, nobody will be able to volunteer for more than one week. The 240 potential volunteers were randomly selected using a computer program.

The people who received packets have until September 5 to return all of the required paperwork to the park. If potential volunteers do not return their paperwork or decide not to participate, the park will go through another selection process



to fill any vacant slots. Anyone not notified by September 20 can assume they were not selected for the elk reduction effort this year.

The park received applications from 46 states and the District of Colum-

bia. North Dakotans accounted for 46% of the applicants, while 31% of the applicants were from Minnesota.

Of the potential volunteers selected so far, 48% are from North Dakota and 28% are from Minnesota. The final breakdown will likely change as some volunteers drop out and alternates are selected.

All volunteers must certify that they are in excellent physical condition and have good shooting skills. When they arrive at the park, they must also pass a shooting proficiency test or they will be disqualified from participating in the program.

"As people fill out their paperwork, they have to understand that this is difficult work that includes several hard days in the field under strenuous hiking and weather conditions," said Naylor. "It won't be just another walk in the park."

Ranger Recommends

September's featured Ranger is Kassandra Pesch, an Interpretive Ranger at Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Kassie is currently a student at the University of North Dakota. Kassie is a native of Perham, MN and brings a wealth of knowledge and a love for nature to the park. Her warm smile and can do attitude helps ensure visitors have a great visit!

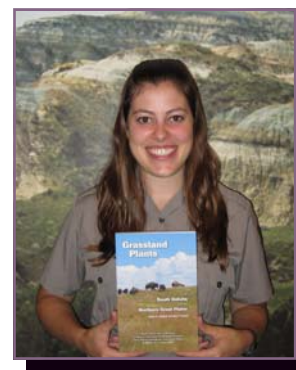
Kassie recommends the book *Grassland Plants of South Dakota and the Northern Great Plains* by James R. Johnson and Gary E. Larson.

Kassie says: "I like the book because it makes it easy to identify the

plants of North and South Dakota or similar areas, it gives information on when each plant is blooming and a comment section sharing extra information on the plant, including their nutritional values for animals, importance of the plant, or their uses by Native Americans and even current uses."

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South Unit Trails Get a Facelift!

Over 29 miles of South Unit trails were hiked, assessed, and re-marked with trail posts in late August. Fifteen members of the park staff – from all divisions – worked in three teams during the first trail work day and 9 staff members in two teams marked trails during a second trail work day. During that week, the park's protection rangers also led a group of Youth Correctional Corps workers to mark trails in the wilderness.

I always tell people that the park has a 550-member volunteer trail crew that works without pay, and only asks for meals in the form of wild grass. Indeed, the park's bison are responsible for making many of the trails in the park. In the South Unit, several of the most popular hiking trails (like the Jones Creek and Paddock Creek Trails) were originally bison paths that were formalized and marked. Unfortunately, the bison also knock down the trail markers on a regular basis. This year, many of the South Unit trails were lacking in trail posts.



Although Park Ranger John Heiser has served as the backcountry ranger in the North Unit for most of the last 37 summers, the South Unit has relied on occasional project funding for crews to work on fences and trails. So, I organized the two "Trail Days" in August as a way to take care of a pressing need. Also, it gave many employees a much-needed day OUT of the office and IN the badlands.

The trail days were fun and allowed staff members who don't often get out in the field, and who don't often work closely with one another, to work together on the same project.

Although we still have more miles of trail to assess and mark, things are in much better shape than they were just two weeks ago. We have also made the commitment to hire a backcountry ranger to keep up with trail and fence work in the South Unit for the summer of 2011.

Valerie Naylor ~ THRO Superintendent

National Park to Offer People's Choice Wilderness Hike

Visitors will choose the destination for a wilderness hike on Sunday, September 5 in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. The hike in the park's North Unit will be the last one of the 2010 summer season.

Backcountry Ranger John Heiser is offering several options for visitors to consider, including searching for bighorn sheep, hiking to the Petrified Forest or a backcountry spring, or venturing to the park's most scenic bentonite ridge. The decision will be made the morning of the hike. Other considerations determining the hike's destination will be the number of participants and weather conditions. The hike could last from 4 to 6 hours and cover 2 to 6 miles.

Hikers should meet Heiser at the picnic area in the Juniper

Campground at 9:00 a.m. CDT. Participants should be prepared for a moderately strenuous hike and wear sturdy boots and clothes appropriate for the weather. Everyone should bring plenty of drinking water, food, sunscreen, and insect repellent.

"Late summer is a beautiful time to hike in the park," said Superintendent Valerie Naylor. "This will be a great opportunity for visitors to experience the Theodore Roosevelt Wilderness Area and see some spectacular scenery and wildlife."

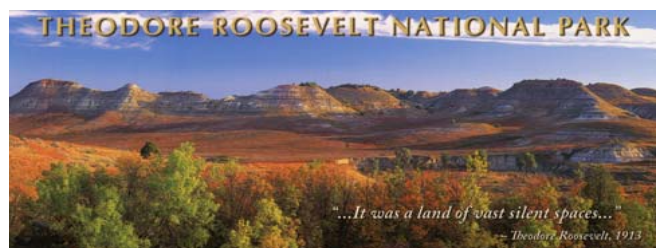
Visitors are encouraged to bring binoculars, cameras, and a favorite poem or quote. In the case of extreme weather, the hike may be cancelled; please call the North Unit Visitor Center at 701-842-2333 for current information.

Don't Forget the Park this Fall!

Shorter days, less Medora visitors, and school back in session are all sure signs that fall is just around the corner and summer fun is coming to an end. However here at Theodore Roosevelt National Park we want to remind you that the fun doesn't have to end!

In fact one of the most beautiful times of the year is just around the corner. Soon the badlands will be filled with shades of red, orange, and yellow. Fall is a wonderful time to Theodore Roosevelt National Park and take in the quiet beauty of the Badlands. Stop at one of

the overlooks and close your eyes and listen to the sounds of nature, take a hike through the backcountry and look at the untouched beauty, or just make a stop at a prairie dog town and watch the little guys prepare for the winter. It doesn't matter how you enjoy just get out and do it! When the work day has you worn down and everyday life seems to be holding you back jump in the car and head out to the park, it's sure to put a smile on your face and lighten the mood!



Postcard available for purchase at Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Image by Larry Ulrich

Bar Fight

by: Nathan King, Park Ranger

Though it may seem like a typical tall tale of the Old West, Theodore Roosevelt once found himself in a bar fight in Mingusville, MT (now Wibaux, MT), 35 miles west of Medora in the summer of 1884.

Roosevelt described the incident in his own words in his autobiography:

"It was late in the evening when I reached the place. I heard one or two shots in the bar-room as I came up, and I disliked going in. But there was nowhere else to go, and it was a cold night. Inside the room were several men, who, including the bartender, were wearing the kind of smile worn by men who are making believe to like what they don't like. A shabby individual in a broad hat with a cocked gun in each hand was walking up and down the floor talking with strident profanity. He had evidently been shooting at the clock, which had two or

three holes in its face.

...As soon as he saw me he hailed me as 'Four Eyes,' in reference to my spectacles, and said, 'Four Eyes is going to treat.' I joined in the laugh



and got behind the stove and sat down, thinking to escape notice. He followed me, however, and though I tried to pass it off as a jest this merely made him

more offensive, and he stood leaning over me, a gun in each hand, using very foul language... In response to his reiterated command that I should set up the drinks, I said, 'Well, if I've got to, I've got to,' and rose, looking past him.

As I rose, I struck quick and hard with my right just to one side of the point of his jaw, hitting with my left as I straightened out, and then again with my right. He fired the guns, but I do not know whether this was merely a convulsive action of his hands, or whether he was trying to shoot at me. When he went down he struck the corner of the bar with his head... if he had moved I was about to drop on my knees; but he was senseless. I took away his guns, and the other people in the room, who were now loud in their denunciation of him, hustled him out and put him in the shed."

By the next morning, the bully had left town on a freight train.

Before coming to Dakota, Roosevelt was a successful boxer at Harvard. Roosevelt maintained an interest in various martial arts throughout his life, including judo, kendo, jiu-jitsu, boxing, and wrestling, practicing many of them at the White House.

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Check this Out!

Outdoor Safety Handbook by: Buck Tilton

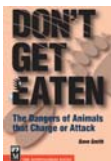


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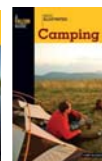
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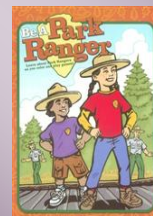
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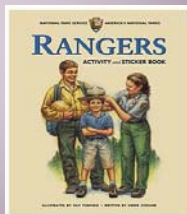
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Theodore Roosevelt

1. Theodore Roosevelt was the first President to descend in a _____.

A. Submarine

B. Airplane

C. Spaceship



2. He once killed a _____ with a knife?

A. Bear

B. Mountain Lion

C. Bison

3. Theodore Roosevelt was the first President to _____ while in office?

A. go on a bison hunt

B. swim with dolphins

C. leave the USA

4. He nearly died while exploring a _____ in the Amazon basin in 1914?

A. Cabin

B. Mountain

C. River

5. Did you know Theodore Roosevelt was the first President to take _____ ride?

A. a train

B. an airplane

C. a bus

6. The _____ is named for Theodore Roosevelt?

A. Rose

B. Teddy Bear

C. Rooster

7. Roosevelt's children used to slide down the White House stairs on _____?

A. Serving Trays

B. Sleds

C. Rugs

8. Theodore Roosevelt lived in western _____ off and on for approximately three years between 1883 and 1898?

A. New York

B. South Dakota

C. North Dakota

9. Roosevelt's face is one of four displayed in the huge rock formation at _____.

A. Yellowstone NP

B. Badlands NP

C. Mount Rushmore NM



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October 16, 2010 - Happy 75th Birthday Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge - see page 3 for more info

October 27, 2010 - Theodore Roosevelt's 152nd Birthday.

October 30, 2010 - Annual Craft Show at the Medora Community center. For more information: 701-623-4474

October 31, 2010 - Enjoy a spirited tour of the Chateau de Mores starting at 6:00 p.m. Pre registration is required. For more information and to register: 701-623-4355.

November 5, 2010 - Wild Game Feed at the Medora Community Center. For more information: 701-623-4829

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South Unit

8:00 am - 4:30 pm MDT

North Unit

9:00 am - 5:30 pm CDT

Painted Canyon

8:30 am - 4:30 pm MDT

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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

Fall Photography Workshop at Knife River Indian Villages

An outdoor photography workshop will be held on Saturday, October 2, 2010, at Knife River Indian Villages NHS from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. MDT. Participants should meet at the visitor center to participate in this free event.

Photographer Lonnie Bertsch from Bismarck will be leading the workshop. A photography instructor at Bismarck State College for nine years; manager of Bob's Photo for 19 years, and freelance photog-



raphy for over 25 years all provide Lonnie with an outstanding background for workshop leadership.

His work has been published in many national magazines and newspapers across the United States.

Workshop participants will be spending time in the field at Knife River Indian Villages NHS. All camera formats are wel-

come-from "point and shoot," to digital SLR, to film. Appropriate shoes and outer clothing suitable for fall weather and walking in the park are encouraged. Participants may bring a sack lunch or purchase lunch locally in Stanton.

"This is an exceptional opportunity to explore hints and tips from a photographer who specializes in Nature Photography," said Acting Superintendent Maureen McGee-Ballinger.

There is no charge for the event. For more information, you can call the park at 701-745-3300.



Ranger Recommends

October's featured Ranger is Joshua Bernick, supervisory visitor use assistant at Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Josh came to the park in early spring from Yosemite National Park. Josh has worked for the park service since 2005 and has worked in 6 National Parks. Josh's cast knowledge of National Parks and history make him a wonderful asset for visitors who are interested in learning more!

Josh recommends the book *By His Own Hand?: The Mysterious Death of Meriwether Lewis* by John D.W. Guice, James J. Holmberg, & Jay H. Buckley

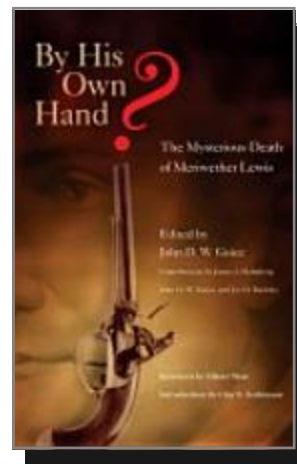
Josh says: "By His Own Hand?" offers a highly readable, well-researched account of the controversy surrounding Lewis's death that

is valuable to both general readers and scholars alike. Also, this volume comes closer to what appears to be the truth about Lewis' death than any other previous investigation of the tragic demise of an American icon.

I am not sure if this helps, but I liked the book and I will be purchasing it for my collection into western history. I am a historian by trade focusing on colonial history and westward expansion."

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INVASIVE WEED AWARENESS COALITION (IWAC)

Theodore Roosevelt National Park Battles Invaders



Within the stunning badlands of North Dakota is Theodore Roosevelt National Park: home to bison, prairie dogs and elk, along with many other animals. Thousands of visitors enjoy the park each year; however, one uninvited guest – leafy spurge (*Euphorbia esula*) – is threatening the park's natural habitat.

Challenge:

If left unchecked, leafy spurge can crowd out native vegetation to the point that wildlife have little to eat. Park officials note that bison, elk, wild horses and deer won't eat the non-native, noxious weed because its sap is irritating and can cause mouth ulcers. If the plant did indeed take over the park, it would drive out all the remaining grass-eating and shrub-eating animals from the area.

For a park dedicated to preserving its natural state, controlling leafy spurge became the highest priority. The noxious plant can survive almost anywhere, growing in sun, shade, dry soil or moist soil. It degrades natural habitat and forms a monoculture that can reduce grass production by 75 percent in infested fields and prairies.

The weed is also easily spread through the park via waterways, bikeways, hiking trails and horseback trails as moving objects unknowingly transport the seed within and outside the park.



By using aerial herbicide applications, park land managers were able to curb the spread of leafy spurge in Theodore Roosevelt National Park.



Helicopters were used in Theodore Roosevelt National Park to apply herbicide on leafy spurge infested areas.

Solution:

Treating leafy spurge requires a well-planned, integrated pest management (IPM) solution. For Theodore Roosevelt National Park, the IPM plan includes biological and chemical control, prescribed fire and reseeding with native grasses and forbs.

Flea beetles have proved a good biological tool for controlling leafy spurge in the park's remote areas. Adults eat the leaves, larvae feed on the root system and they are harmless to other plants and animals. In 2004, park staff released more than 8 million flea beetles at 790 sites throughout the park.

The IPM plan also includes herbicide applications, which control leafy spurge while releasing desirable grasses, forbs, wildflowers and legumes. The fall-applied herbicide penetrates deep into the roots when the plant is storing nutrients for the winter. In the spring, the herbicide inhibits the plant's ability to produce new foliage by slowly exhausting food reserves.

Result:

Efforts to control leafy spurge have paid off. Each year as park officials return to treated areas, they find a reduced leafy spurge density and the next treatment involves less herbicide. Seeing other grasses flourish where leafy spurge once dominated is further proof that the IPM plan is working. Park officials say vigilance is necessary to keep the park as natural as possible.

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ATTENTION HIKERS & HORSEBACK RIDERS - Helicopter Herbicide Application

Helicopter spraying to control the noxious weeds leafy spurge and Canada thistle will be occurring throughout the park.

Dates: September 14 - October 5, 2010

Times: generally between the hours of 6:30 am—6:30 pm (spraying stops if the temperature goes about 95 degrees or if wind speed is greater than 15 mph)

Target Areas: along the park boundary, trails, creeks, and the river.

The herbicides in use will be Plateau or Milestone plus a non-ionic surfactant. These herbicides are non-toxic to humans and animals. Please be aware that the helicopter will be flying low and may be potentially hard to hear, thus it may suddenly appear above your location without warning.

Fifth Annual Theodore Roosevelt Symposium: President in the Arena

By Joseph A. Camisa, Jr., Park Ranger



As peak visitation season came to a close at the national park, it was once again time for scholars and Theodore Roosevelt enthusiasts to gather at Dickinson State University for the fifth annual Theodore Roosevelt symposium. This year's theme was "Theodore Roosevelt: The President in the Arena." Scholars from all over the country gathered to present lectures and interact with the several 100 participants through panel discussions. Participants came from 12 states and ranged in age from high school students to retirees.

In traditional symposium fashion, each scholar presented on a specific topic related to the conference's theme. Dr. Peri Arnold of Notre Dame kicked things off with an articulate key-note speech on Roosevelt's "novel" presidency, followed by discussion and questions from the audience. This well

constructed lecture focused on how Roosevelt's up-bringing and his time in the White House shaped him into man that molded the modern presidency of today. Two other scholars, Drs. Julie Greene of Maryland and David Godshalk of Shippensburg University concentrated on more specific aspects of the Roosevelt presidency. Dr. Greene spoke on building the Panama Canal and Dr. Godshalk spoke on Roosevelt's interactions with minority groups during his presidency.

The national park was represented by a small group of attendees that participated in many of the lectures and discussion panels throughout the symposium. Park staff was encouraged to participate with the hope of creating a deeper understanding of our 26th president, allowing staff to better assist visitors in their quest to learn more about Theodore Roosevelt. On the last day of the symposium, participants traveled to Medora to hear a little more from visiting scholars and to take in the national park through hikes and guided tours.

Valerie Naylor, Superintendent of Theodore Roosevelt National Park, spoke on the development of Mount Rushmore and how Roosevelt came to be included in the iconic landmark.

The next symposium will take place in October of 2011. While the theme has not yet been decided, it is sure to be an exciting time as Dickinson State University will also be hosting the annual Theodore Roosevelt Association meeting. Participants can also look forward to the unveiling of a life size statue of Theodore Roosevelt in Dickinson, North Dakota. The statue will mark the area where Roosevelt gave a July 4th speech in 1886. For more information on the symposium, visit the Theodore Roosevelt Center's website at www.theodorerooseveltcenter.org.



Happy 75th Birthday Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge!

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- Raptor presentation
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Contact Jennifer Jewett @ 701 385 4046 ext 221

Bison Roundup Held in the North Unit



Today marks the end of another Bison Roundup at Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Park staff has been busy the past three days rounding up more than 300 bison and running them through the corrals. Some bison stayed in the park while others were sent to new homes. LOOK for a detail Article on the roundup in or November Newsletter!

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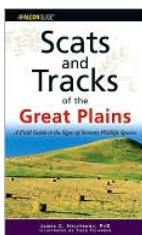
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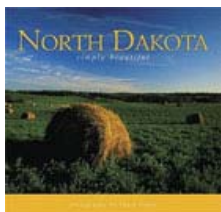
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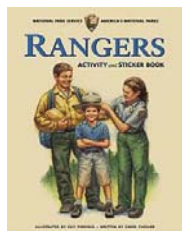
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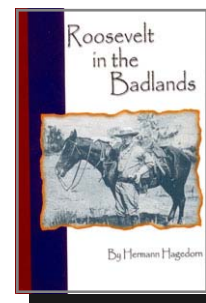
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November 5, 2010 - Annual Wildlife Feed at the Medora Community Center. For more information: 701-623-4829

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Knife River Indian Villages will be changing to the central time zone.

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VISITOR CENTER HOURS

Theodore Roosevelt National Park South Unit

8:00 am - 4:30 pm MDT
North Unit

9:00 am - 5:30 pm CDT
Painted Canyon

8:30 am - 4:30 pm MDT

Drives through the South & North Unit will remain open as weather permits.

Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site

8:00 am - 4:30 pm CDT

Upper Souris NWR

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

South Unit Backcountry and Hiking Trails to Be Closed Midweek

Backcountry areas and hiking trails in the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park will be closed on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from October 19 – January 20 to accommodate the park's elk reduction effort.

"For safety reasons, we are closing the park's backcountry and hiking trails three days per week while teams are shooting elk in the park to reduce the herd," said Superintendent Valerie Naylor. "We regret having to close any portion of the park at any time. However, this is necessary to ensure visitor safety and to enhance the effectiveness of the elk reduction teams."

No entrance fees will be charged in the South Unit on the days when the backcountry areas are closed.

The elk reduction effort was

planned so that the backcountry areas and trails in the South Unit would be open Friday – Monday when visitation is highest. The South Unit's roads and overlooks, as well as Cottonwood Campground, will be open daily. The four front country trails in the South Unit - Buck Hill, Wind Canyon, Ridgeline Nature Trail, and Coal Vein Trail - will remain open.



The completion of an Elk Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement in June 2010 cleared the way for the National Park Service to reduce the size of the elk herd. The

selected alternative is for teams comprised of a National Park Service team leader and up to 4 volunteers to reduce the elk population with firearms. Elk will be packed out of the park and donated to American Indian Tribes, charities, and the North Dakota Game and Fish Department (NDGFD). The NDGFD will have the option of donating some of the meat back to the volunteers who assisted with the elk reduction effort.

"The North Unit and Elkhorn Ranch Unit are not affected by the elk reduction effort, and we encourage hikers to enjoy those areas this fall and early winter," said Naylor.

The park visitor center in Medora will be open daily from 8 – 4:30 pm except for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years Day. The Painted Canyon Visitor Center is open daily through November 11.

Ranger Recommends

November's featured Ranger is Rachel Killen, an Interpretive Ranger at Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Rachel is currently a student at Dickinson State University and is spending her fall semester working part time in the South Unit. Rachel a native of Greybull, WY brings a can do attitude and a wealth of knowledge to the park.

Rachel recommends the book *Feasting and Fasting with Lewis and Clark: A Food and Social History of the Early 1800s* by Leandra Zim Holland. She says, "I highly recommend the book *Feasting and Fasting with Lewis and Clark*. If anyone is a foodie like I am, you

will be especially interested in all the old time recipes such as 'portable soup.' This book is also full of fun facts such as how Thomas Jefferson received a 1,235 pound wheel of cheese as a gift. If you are looking for an entertaining, affordable coffee table book, this one is sure to please!"

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Upper Souris 75th Birthday Celebration

On October 16, Upper Souris Refuge hosted an open house to celebrate their 75th birthday. Activities included a presentation with "Rosie" the peregrine falcon, the migration game and "creature" masks for kids activities, a guided nature hike, and opening on the southern half of the refuge to the public to enjoy the fall migration. The Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association provided the cake and refreshments.



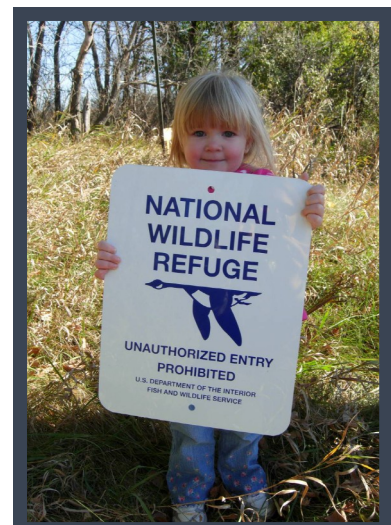
Lynsi Schneider from the
Roosevelt Park Zoo
in Minot presented
"Raptor Ecology" with
"Rosie" the peregrine falcon



The 75th Birthday Celebration would not have
been complete without a festive birthday cake!



Making Wildlife Masks!



This little girl won the migration game
and made it safely to the refuge !

Bison Roundup

In 1956, Theodore Roosevelt National Park obtained 29 bison from the Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge and released them into the South Unit, where they roamed freely throughout 46,000 acres. By 1962, the herd had more than tripled and consisted of 145 animals. Twenty of these animals were loaded up and shipped to roam the North Unit's 24,000 acres. The herd has continued to grow since the early 60s which has made management a must.

Though both units of the park could carry larger numbers of bison, park biologists have set the herd size to approximately 300 in the South Unit and 150 in

the North Unit in order to maintain a healthy range. This limit also lessens the impact on other animals as well as themselves. To maintain these population levels bison are rounded up every few years and surplus animals are removed from the park.

In September the North Unit bison needed to be managed as herd numbers were approaching 325 animals, which meant it was time for a Bison Roundup. The month of September was spent preparing for the roundup doing various tasks including contracting the helicopter used to round up the bison, contacting organizations interested in receiving the culled animals, developing safety procedures, and much more.

In the early morning hours of September 28th the roundup began with bison being herded by helicopter to the roundup facility located in the North Unit. Once



Photos by Josh Bernick - NPS Staff

the bison enter the facility park staff collected information from each animal including approximate age, body condition, blood, etc... Once all the samples were collected the bison were sent to holding corrals until they could be dispersed.

In total, park staff processed 298 bison throughout the three day roundup. The Spirit Lake Tribe of North Dakota took 122 animals and the Blackfeet Nation of Montana took 94 animals. It is estimated now that there is approximately 108 bison now roaming the North Unit.



Knife River Photography Workshop

Thirty people participated in the photography workshop at Knife River Indian Villages NHS on Saturday, October 2. Six of the participants had previously attended our Spring workshop and were back to learn more and get some great fall photos.

Participants came from various locations including Wilton, Bismarck, Dickinson, Hazen, Stanton, and other local communities. Lonnie Bertsch brought his vast knowledge of photography to Knife River as our workshop instructor. His photography experience provided an outstanding background for the class. Lonnie worked at Bismarck State College for nine years, managed Bob's Photo for 19 years, and is currently a freelance photographer. His work has been published in many national magazines and newspapers across the United States.

Lonnie provided workshop participants with some great photography tips and then the group head out into the field to take some photos. Upon returning to the visitor center, participants shared their photos and Lonnie shared some pointers on how to make them even better. A good time was had by all! Mark your calendar for the 2011 dates-May 14 and October 1.



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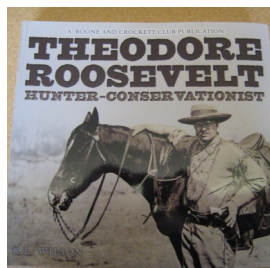
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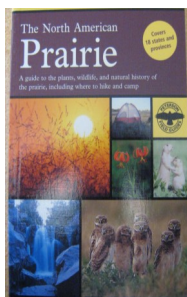
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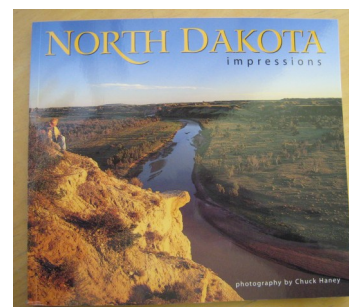
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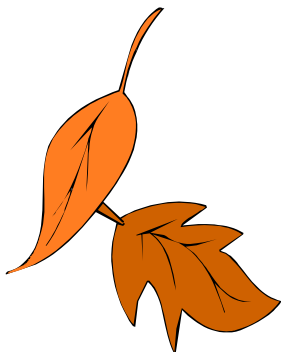


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January 1, 2011 - All Visitor Centers will be closed on New Years Day. Weather permitting the loop drives will remain open.

February 13, 2011 - The 4th annual Winter Adventure

Registration is \$60 person and the fee includes two hearty meals, use of snowshoes, all activity supplies, and presentations. Registration is limited to twenty one participants. You can register by calling the State Historical Society at (701) 328-2724. More details on the Adventure will be in the January newsletter.

VISITOR CENTER HOURS

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

Painted Canyon

Closed November 11th
will reopen April 1st

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 CST

Upper Souris NWR

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

Volunteers Needed For Christmas Bird Count

On December 19 and 20, 2010, Theodore Roosevelt National Park will host the annual Audubon Christmas Bird Counts in Medora and the North Unit. The event is free and open to the public thanks to sponsorship from the Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association.

The Medora bird count will take place on Sunday, December 19, 2010 beginning at 8:00 AM MST in the South Unit Visitor Center. The North Unit bird count will begin on Monday, December 20 at 9:00 AM CST in the North Unit Visitor Center. Participants can drive, walk, ski, or snowshoe to best cover their assigned areas as desired.

You don't have to be a bird expert

to make a difference in the CBC. All you need are warm clothes, a pair of binoculars, and a sense of adventure! People of all abilities and knowledge



Long-eared Owl spotted by 2009 bird count participants Deb & Mariah Landcaster from Halliday, North Dakota.

are welcome to join in this event to learn about birds and practice bird identification skills.

Each event has the potential to turn up something surprising. Last year, volunteers spotted a long-eared owl in the South Unit, the first time the species had ever been recorded during the winter bird count.

This is the 111th year of the CBC, the world's largest and longest-running citizen science project. Data collected by the participants help inform scientists and conservationists about changes in bird populations and ranges over time, and have helped direct conservation efforts for many species.

Old Fashioned Cowboy Christmas

The Medora Chamber of Commerce, local businesses and volunteers have been working hard preparing for Medora's 15th Annual Old Fashioned Cowboy Christmas. It's a Cowboy weekend filled with cowboy music, poetry, food, fireworks, shopping, and more!

Please join us in celebrating the Christmas season in Medora!

Stranger in the Woods: The Movie

Join us at Theodore Roosevelt National Park visitor center for a showing of Carl Sams' award winning movie.



**Saturday,
December 4,
2010
12:30 pm**

Schedule of Events

Medora merchants open daily
Quilt Show/Silent Auction @ AmericInn
Food Drive for the Belfield Food Pantry @ MCC
8am until 4:30pm @Theodore Roosevelt National Park Visitor Center
9am until 5pm @ Chateau Interpretive Center

Friday

3pm @ Chateau Interpretive Center -Bob Peterman; Cowboy Music
3pm until 8pm @ Rough Riders Hotel— Pictures with Santa
4:30pm @ Cowboy Café - til the food runs out – OYSTER STEW
6:30pm Wreath Ceremony – starts at NDCHF ends at MCC
7pm -12:30am Cowboy Idol Jamboree, Military Veterans Award & Dance @ MCC

Saturday

10am @ Chateau Interpretive Center – Bob Peterman; Cowboy Music
10am until 3pm @ MCC -Hay Wagon Rides
10am until 4pm @ ND Cowboy Hall of Fame – Christmas Movies for Children
10am until 8pm @ Rough Riders Hotel—Pictures with Santa
11am until 1pm @ Billings County Museum—Annual Open House
11am until 2pm – EATS ON THE STREETS - around19 locations throughout Medora
1pm @ MCC – ND Cattlewomen's FOWL FLING
1pm @ Badlands Ministries—Choir Spectacular
2pm @ MCC—Fireside Cowboy Poetry
3pm @ Chateau Interpretive Center – Bob Peterman; Cowboy Music
4pm @ St. Mary's Catholic Church – Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church
5pm until 7pm @ MCC – Christmas Dinner (Roast Beef, Potato., Veg., Dessert & Bev.)
6pm until 7pm @ MCC—Open Mic. Hour (featuring Greg Hager and other performers)
7:30pm – FIRE & ICE Fireworks Display- Bluffs East of MCC
8:00pm @ MCC – Christmas Dance- Music by Thunder Road

Ranger Recommends

December's featured Ranger is Theodore Roosevelt National Park Superintendent, Valerie Naylor. Valerie has been park superintendent since 2003. She started her career at TRNP in 1979 as a Student Conservation Association volunteer and later worked as a park ranger in interpretation. Her master's degree focused on the utilization of hardwood draws by small mammals so she has a close relationship with the park's green ash trees. Valerie is fortunate to have had the opportunity to work in several national parks (*Colorado National Monument, Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, Badlands National Park, Petrified Forest National Park, Big Bend National Park, and Scotts Bluff National Monument.*) before returning to TRNP. She loves the Great Plains and has spent most of her career just west of the hundredth meridian.

Park Superintendent Valerie Naylor recommends firewood. Yes, firewood is a TRNHA sales item! But it is not just provided as a visitor service during these cold weeks; it is an important resource protection item because it may help us to keep emerald ash borers out of the park.

The emerald ash borer is an alien beetle that was discovered in southeastern Michigan in 2002. The adult beetles nibble on ash foliage but cause little damage. The larvae feed

on the inner bark of ash trees, disrupting the trees' ability to transport water and nutrients. The emerald ash borer is established in many midwestern states and is moving west. Since 2002, the beetles have killed tens of millions of ash trees in Michigan alone, with tens of millions more lost throughout the eastern and midwestern United States and Canada. This has serious implications for Theodore Roosevelt National Park, where our hardwood draws are comprised primarily of green ash trees. What would the park look like without the common green ash? How would loss of ash trees affect our critical wildlife habitat? Loss of ash trees could drastically affect the park.

And so, we get back to firewood. Using local firewood is preferred and the park is discouraging visitors from bringing firewood from other states into North Dakota and into the park as it may contain emerald ash borers. Sale of firewood by TRNHA gives visitors an alternative to bringing potentially beetle-contaminated wood into the park. The park is looking at other options for providing firewood as well.

While you are warming by the fire this winter, take a look at the book *Historic Photographs of Theodore Roosevelt* by Stacy A. Cordery. Not only are the historic photos, some rare, of great interest, but the book is

expertly written and provides excellent information on TR's life.

If you are interested in purchasing this book or 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

Historic Photographs of Theodore Roosevelt
by: Stacy A. Cordery



Regular Price: \$39.95
Members Price: \$33.95

Firewood
Regular Price: \$7.50
Members Price: \$6.38
(Firewood is not a mail order item and cannot be shipped)



Knife River Indian Villages NHS Visitor Center is getting a New Look!



December's Member Only Coupon

Stranger in the Woods
(10th Anniversary Edition)
by: Carl R Sams II & Jean Stoick

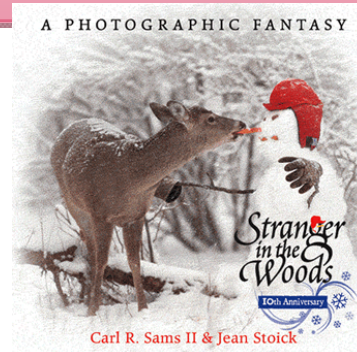
SALE PRICE \$20.00
(Price listed is before 15% membership
discount for a final price of \$17.00)
Regular Price: \$21.95

Expires December 31, 2010

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

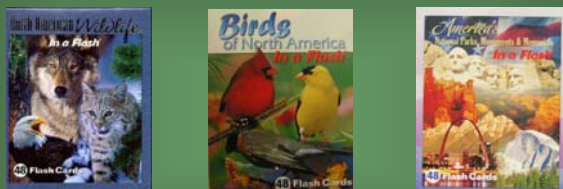
Kids (and grown ups) will love watching the deer get his favorite treat on the cover of this collector's edition of Stranger in the Woods. Watch the deer pull the carrot nose right off the snowman. With this 3D lenticular design it's like looking into a snow globe and the image actually moves!

Kids will love this Holiday Gift!



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TRNP Clip Magnet #14759



Regular Price - \$2.99
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Regular Price - \$5.99
Member Price- \$5.10

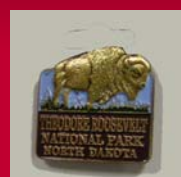
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Bighorn
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Regular Price - \$5.99
Member Price- \$5.10

TRNP Pin



Regular Price - \$3.95
Member Price- \$3.36

It's SNOW-ing!

This puzzle contains 22 words that begin with "snow-."

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By: Julie Vickery-Smith <http://www.theholidayzone.com/>



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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.
- Support 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.

Reasons to become a member of TRNHA

1. 15% Discount on sales items at our five bookstore locations: Painted Canyon, South Unit, & North Unit (All in Theodore Roosevelt National Park); Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, and Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge.
2. TRNHA membership is honored by most National Park Cooperating Associations with a reciprocal discount.
3. Monthly e-newsletters and association updates.
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5. Special member only offers. *(Please check our website for monthly specials www.trnha.org)*
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
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