

# TRNHA NEWSLETTER

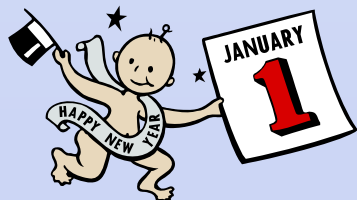
January 2011

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

### **February 12, 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**

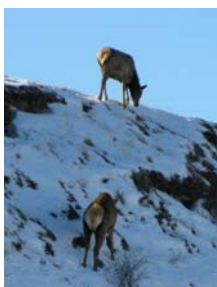
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## Elk Reduction Effort Reaches Halfway Mark

The elk reduction effort in Theodore Roosevelt National Park has reached the halfway mark for the season. To date, 200 elk have been removed from the park. The goal is to remove at least 275 elk from the population by the time the program is finished on January 20.

Teams of up to four volunteers, led by park staff, have been shooting elk in the park since November 1 to reduce the population. During the first 6 weeks of the program, 105 volunteers participated in field activities. Most of the volunteers have been from North Dakota, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, but others have come from as far away as Alabama and California.

"The elk reduction has exceeded all of our expectations," said Superintendent Valerie Naylor. "The volunteers



have been very professional and have done a great job of working with their team leaders to safely shoot the elk, take biological samples, and in many cases, pack the elk out of the backcountry."

So far, 11,846 pounds of elk meat have been donated to North Dakota American Indian Tribes and 4,578 pounds of meat have been donated to Sportsmen Against Hunger for food pantries throughout the state. The remaining elk meat was transferred to the North Dakota Game and Fish Department for donation back to the volunteers who assisted with the elk reduction effort.

"We are very pleased that we have been able to donate almost 12,000 pounds of meat to Tribes," said Naylor. "The elk meat has been used by the Tribes in a variety of programs including diabetes programs, elderly programs, drop-in shelters, and food pantries. In addition, Sportsmen Against Hunger has been providing elk meat to food pantries throughout the State of North Dakota."

All elk removed from the park have

been tested for chronic wasting disease. All tests have been negative.

Backcountry areas and hiking trails in the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park are closed on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays until January 20 for safety reasons during the park's elk reduction effort. The North Unit and Elkhorn Ranch Unit are not affected by the elk reduction action.



On Monday afternoon Reduction Volunteers are taken to the Belfield's Sportsman Club shooting range and their shooting skills are put to the test before heading out in the field.

## Ranger Recommends

January's featured Ranger is Greta Doyle, a fee collector at Theodore Roosevelt National Park. In addition to TRNP, Greta has spent time working in and exploring Grand Teton National Park and Glacier National Park. She has a love for the great outdoors and enjoys spending time experiencing what nature has to offer. Her vast knowledge and love of nature is guaranteed to help any visitor she encounters make their trip memorable.

Greta says, "I highly recommend The Remarkable Rough-Riding Life of Theodore Roosevelt and the Rise of the Empire America. The author uses intricately detailed illustrations and an engaging narrative to guide readers through the many stages of Theodore Roosevelt's life. Throughout this

book, we learn about Theodore's childhood, the triumphs and tragedies of his personal life, his experiences as a Rough Rider, his inspirational time in the White House and his years of international exploration following his presidency.

Another great aspect of this book is that the author includes a comprehensive time line on every page. This allows readers to understand what events are happening throughout the world during TR's lifetime. This book is an excellent introduction into the life of one of the greatest presidents in American history."

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.



**Remarkable Rough Riding Life of Theodore Roosevelt and the Rise of the Empire America**

Regular Price: \$16.95

Members Price: \$14.41

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

## Christmas Bird Count Rescheduled for January 3, 2011

The Annual Christmas Bird Count for the North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park has been postponed until Monday, January 3, 2011. Volunteers wishing to join in the rescheduled event should meet at the North Unit Visitor Center at 9:00 a.m. CST.

"This is another great opportunity for people to count birds in the badlands this winter," said Superintendent Valerie Naylor. "We hope to get a good turnout for the count, as public participation is essential for its success."

The Medora Area Count took place on Sunday, December 19. Volunteers counted 873

birds representing 25 different species within a 7 ½-mile radius around Medora. Some of the most interesting birds recorded were common mergansers, bald and golden eagles, saw-whet owls, and northern shrikes.

"We had a beautiful day for the Medora Area Count," said Naylor. "The added bonus was the opportunity to see elk, deer, bison, feral horses, bighorn sheep, and other wildlife in addition to birds. The day was a great success."

The Christmas Bird Count, now in its 111th 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. Observers work in teams to drive and walk designated areas to observe and record bird sightings.

Birders need to bring their own binoculars and warm clothing. Hot drinks will be provided at the visitor center. The event is free courtesy of the Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association, the park's non-profit partner organization. For further information and weather conditions, contact the North Unit Visitor Center at 701-842-2333.



## What's Happening at Knife River?

### Fourth Annual Winter Adventure-Heritage Outbound Scheduled for February 12, 2011

The fourth annual Winter Adventure is scheduled for Saturday, February 12, 2011.

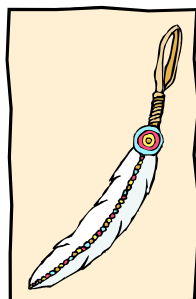
Registration is \$60.00 per person and the fee includes two hearty meals, use of snowshoes, all activity supplies, and presentations. Registration is limited to twenty participants. You can register by call the North Dakota State Historical Society at (701) 328-2724.



The day-long winter adventure begins at Knife River Indian Villages NHS at noon Central Time. You will meet your fellow adventurers over lunch before trying a traditional Native craft, and you could spend the afternoon snowshoeing the trails through the Hidatsa Villages, trying your skills at throwing atlatls and playing with ice gliders. Afterward, warm up with hot chocolate, watch the park video, and tour the museum exhibits.

Adventurers will gather around a roaring fire in the earthlodge where a traditional buffalo feast is served. The evening will continue with two presentations in the earthlodge.

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 State Historical Society of North Dakota, the Knife River Indian Heritage Foundation, and the North Dakota Geological Survey.

**Come and experience the Adventure!**

### Knife River Indian Villages NHS

#### February 12

Winter Adventure  
Knife River Indian Villages NHS, Stanton  
[www.nps.gov/knri](http://www.nps.gov/knri) 701-745-3300  
Activities for the day include craft, hike, dinner in the earthlodge, special presentations.

#### May 14

Eighth Annual Knife River Birdwatching Event  
Knife River Indian Villages NHS, Stanton  
[www.nps.gov/knri](http://www.nps.gov/knri) 701-745-3300  
Call for more information.

#### May 14

Fourth Annual Spring in-the field Photography Workshop  
Knife River Indian Villages NHS, Stanton  
[www.nps.gov/knri](http://www.nps.gov/knri) 701-745-3300  
Bring your camera for this in-the field photography workshop. Please call for more information.

#### Tuesdays in July 2011

Kids's Camp  
Knife River Indian Villages NHS, Stanton  
[www.nps.gov/knri](http://www.nps.gov/knri) 701-745-3300  
Children ages 6 to 12 can participate in half day activities at the park.

#### July 30-31

Northern Great Plains Culture Fest  
Knife River Indian Villages NHS, Stanton  
[www.nps.gov/knri](http://www.nps.gov/knri) 701-745-3300  
Cultural demonstrations and presentations of the lives of people that lived on the Plains.

#### October 1

Fall in-the field Photography Workshop  
Knife River Indian Villages NHS, Stanton  
[www.nps.gov/knri](http://www.nps.gov/knri) 701-745-3300  
Bring your camera for this in-the field photography workshop. Please call for more information.

## January's Member Only Coupon

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



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

Expires January 31, 2011

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



### Check Out These Great Items!

**We are American, We are Scouts**  
By: David C. Scott

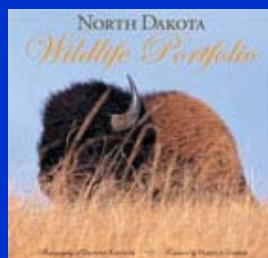
**Regular Price - \$11.95**  
**Member Price- \$10.16**



A look in to the scouting way of life and the way Theodore Roosevelt lived his life. This book is a collection of Theodore Roosevelt's thoughts and the values that Boy Scouts possess. 117 pages

**North Dakota Wildlife Portfolio**  
By: Daphne Kinzler

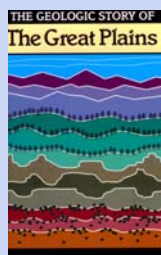
**Regular Price - \$24.95**  
**Member Price- \$21.21**



Beautiful wildlife photography by Daphne Kinzler make this tabletop book a must have for nature lovers.

**Geologic Story of the Great Plains**  
By: Donald E. Trimble

**Regular Price - \$6.95**  
**Member Price- \$5.91**



A non technical description of the origin and evolution of the landscape of the Great Plains.  
52 pages



## It's Snow Fun!

### HOW TO STUDY A SNOWFLAKE

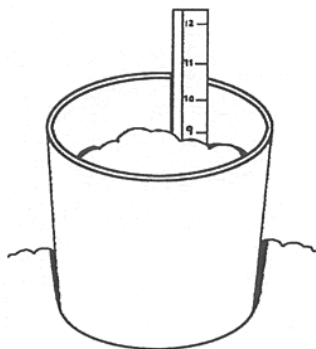
Have you ever caught a snowflake in your mitten and wished you could keep it to look at whenever you want? If you follow these directions, you can catch a snowflake and study it with a magnifying glass any time you want!

1. Wait for a snowy day.
2. Put a mirror on a piece of cardboard.
3. Place a can of hair spray, a pan lid and the cardboard with the mirror outside to get as cold as the air.
4. When cold enough, spray the mirror with a thick layer of hair spray.
5. Hold onto the cardboard and catch a few snowflakes on the mirror.
6. Quickly cover the mirror with the pan lid so that you won't catch any more snowflakes.
7. Leave the covered mirror outside to dry for about an hour.
8. Take everything inside and you will see an imprint of the snowflakes on the mirror.
9. You can study them with a magnifying glass!



### HOW TO MEASURE THE SNOWFALL

You can compare the snowfall at your house with the weatherman's forecast! Follow the directions below and you can make your own snow gauge to see if it matches the weatherman on TV!



1. Get a tall can, like a waste can, and a ruler.
2. Put the ruler flat against the side of the can.
3. When it first begins to snow, place the can near a building where the snow can freely fall into it, but where it is also sheltered from the wind.
4. Collect the snow until it stops snowing and do not move the can.
5. When the snow stops, make a mark on the ruler at the top of the snow.
6. Pull out the ruler and look at your mark to see how much snow you had.
7. Compare your measurement with the weather forecaster on TV.
8. Was it the same, more or less?



## 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.
- 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.
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](http://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  
Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association!**

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<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Family</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Contributing</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>
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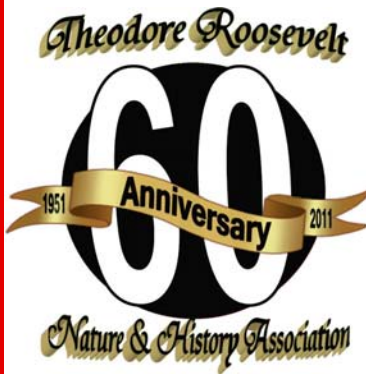
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## TRNHA Celebrates 60 Years of Service

On December 9, 1951 a group of park enthusiasts gathered to declare directors, charter members and present a provisional constitution. The Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association beginnings were quiet and simple. Since that cold December day we have dedicated our organization to aid the interpretive, scientific, and historical needs of Theodore Roosevelt National Park and have accrued over \$850,000 in assistance. We expanded that mission to include Fort Union Trading Post NHS (formed their own association in 1993), Knife River Indian Villages NHS, Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge and, Sully's Hill National Game Preserve (supported Sully for ten years before their friends group assumed that role in 2007).

Our commitment has produced many publications, funded countless interpretive programs and special events, established traditions such as the annual birdwalk and chuck wagon breakfast, encouraged and supported research, established libraries, offered visitors items that commemorate and continue telling the story of their visit,



financed Student Conservation Association personnel and housed countless volunteers. All of this has been TRNHA's greatest pleasure and dutiful fulfillment of our mission.

We tip our hats to the National Park service and the US Fish and Wildlife areas we support and thank them for their commitment to their sites. TRNHA approaches this milestone with the same commitment as those who began this organization.

Each month we will feature events, transitions and moments in TRNHA history. Stay tuned and enjoy our nostalgic trip over the past sixty years.

## Calendar of Events

**February 12, 2011**

**4th annual Winter Adventure at Knife River Indian Villages NHS**  
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**February 19, 2011**

**Saturday Matinee at Theodore Roosevelt National Park**  
Visit the South Unit Theater at 1:30pm MST for an old time movie experience featuring *Theodore Roosevelt a Cowboy's Ride to the White House*.

**February 20& 21, 2011**

Encore movie presentations in the South Unit and North Unit Visitor Centers at 2:00pm MST (3:00pm CST)

## Visitor Center Hours

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8:00-4:30 MST

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Friday, Saturday, & Sunday

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Monday-Friday



## Meet Us at the Movies



### Saturday Matinee

**TR - A Cowboy's Ride to the White House**

**February 19, 2011 - 1:30pm MST**

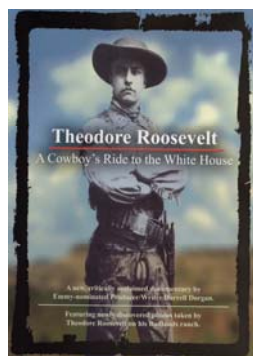
**Theodore Roosevelt National Park**

**South Unit Visitor Center**

**Medora, ND**

As part of a yearlong celebration of Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association's 60th anniversary we present a special viewing of the critically acclaimed documentary by Emmy-nominated producer/writer Darrell Dorgan. *Theodore Roosevelt: A Cowboy's Ride to the White House* will be presented Saturday February 19, 2011 at 1:30pm MST. Darrell Dorgan will introduce the film and will also be available for a question and answer session after the viewing.

This is the exciting story of a physically challenged young man from Harvard who came to the western frontier in 1883. Theodore Roosevelt bought a ranch, learned how to ride, shoot, hunt and acquired the skills that would make him a war hero and American President. It was in the Badlands of Dakota where young Roosevelt became a cowboy and learned about democracy and the American West.



Filmed on location at the Roosevelt ranches in the heart of the beautiful and wild Badlands of North Dakota.

The growing-of-age life experiences of the nation's 26th President, brought to life by nationally acclaimed historians H.W. Brands, Douglas Brinkley, Clay Jenkinson, and great-grandson Tweed Roosevelt.

TRNHA will present an old time theater experience and refreshments will be provided. Tours of Theodore Roosevelt's Maltese Cross Cabin, TR's first home in the ND Badlands, will be conducted at various times throughout the day. Encore viewings of the movie at both the North Unit and South Unit will be featured on February 20 & 21, 2011 at 2:00pm MST (3:00pm CST) in honor of Presidents Day week-end.

## Ranger Recommends

February's featured Ranger is Nathan King, acting District Interpretative Ranger at Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Nathan returned to the park in November for a 3rd winter. His vast knowledge of Theodore Roosevelt and park history has helped many visitors make their park experience memorable.

Nathan says "There is no shortage of biographies about Theodore Roosevelt, one of America's most compelling political figures. What is often understated in these biographies is the importance of Theodore Roosevelt's home life, particularly the balance, devotion, and support of his wife Edith.

Edith Carow was Theodore Roosevelt's childhood friend, but it was not until after

Roosevelt's first wife died that their relationship became romantic. Theodore and Edith's love for each other was deeply rooted in their friendship, comparable intellect, and shared love of books and family.

As his wife, Edith was a calming force in Theodore Roosevelt's otherwise ebullient public life. While TR wanted to be "the bride at every wedding and the corpse at every funeral," as his daughter Alice wryly put it, Edith was more comfortable in the background managing the household, the finances, and their children.

Edith Roosevelt was a very strong, smart, and sensible woman, and her life was filled with triumphs and tragedies. Sylvia Jukes Morris's Edith Kermit Roosevelt: Portrait of a First Lady is the best re-

source for getting to know this amazing woman. In knowing Edith, you will get to know Theodore Roosevelt better, too."

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**Don't forget to stop by and see if Pete saw his shadow at: [www.trnha.org/wherespete.html](http://www.trnha.org/wherespete.html)**

For Pete's loyal followers we apologize for him being out of commission for a little while but with all of the cold weather and snow he's been a little weak and has been sleeping a lot lately. But we promise he will be making a full come back, so stayed tuned for more adventures!



## Team Leaders and Volunteers Key to Elk Reduction Success

Would you trudge through knee-deep snow, sub-zero temperatures, and frigid wind, in pursuit of elk? Would you do it for 6-10 miles, 6-10 hours a day, three days a week for twelve weeks? Would you do it while providing for the safety of 4 strangers with firearms? If you were a Theodore Roosevelt National Park elk reduction team leader, this would describe your daily work.

Killing elk in a national park is a very unusual job. It is controversial and difficult. But the park had to take action to prevent the population growing to unmanageable levels. Before the reduction, the elk population in the park was estimated at over 1100. While weather conditions over the last few years have allowed those elk to flourish, periods of drought with an elk population that high could lead to damage to the park vegetation and competition with other species.

After a thorough Environmental Impact Statement and several years of planning, a decision was made to remove elk from the park using teams comprised of a National

Park Service team leader and up to 4 volunteer members of the public. The volunteers served as members of the park staff for 4 days each. At no time were volunteers hunting or pursuing elk alone in the park.



Elk reduction team leader, Trent Hieb, trudges through knee deep snow on a cold January day.

The elk reduction is over for this year, and it exceeded all expectations. The park staff had hoped to remove at least 250 female elk from the population, including those taken inside the park and elk killed outside the park during hunting season. But 406 elk were shot inside the park, and with the added numbers from the hunting season nearby, approximately 550 elk were removed from the population. Over 34,000 pounds of clean elk meat was donated to Native American Indian Tribes and Sportsmen Against Hunger, an organization that stocks food pantries statewide.

The strong success of the elk reduction effort was due to careful planning, a strong implementation plan, and the fortitude of the 5 team leaders. This was no "walk in the park" and the extreme North Dakota conditions tested their physical stamina and endurance as well as that of the volunteers. The teams were successful at not only reducing the number of elk but also maintaining positive working relationships and implementing strong safety procedures resulting in no injuries or accidents. The amount of credit they deserve cannot be overstated.



## Teacher - Ranger - Teacher offers a Professional Development Opportunity!



### What is the Teacher-Ranger-Teacher program?

The challenge for the National Park Service is to provide opportunities for all Americans to connect to their national heritage as embodied by the national parks. The Teacher-Ranger-Teacher Program focuses on the education community and engages teachers from schools that are not currently being reached by park programs. Through place-based experience, this program aims to offer opportunities for teachers to deeply connect with park resources, and a chance to gain a better understanding of civic engagement; of the relevance of these places have for all Americans; and the diversity of the sites that have been set aside by and for the American people. They, in turn, can provide opportunities for their students and other teachers to find their own connections to the parks.

### What would I do at the park?

Teacher-Ranger-Teachers at Theodore Roosevelt National Park become part of the park's Division of Interpretation. The participant will be given the opportunity to present at least one formal interpretive program during their time at the park. The Teacher-Ranger will also staff either the North or South Unit Visitor Center, work with Junior Rangers, and curriculum-based education programs for presentation by other interpreters.



During their time at the park, the Teacher-Ranger is encouraged to shadow employees from other park divisions, such as resource management, protection rangers, and trail maintenance to learn as much as possible about Theodore Roosevelt National Park and its resources.

The Teacher-Ranger will be given time during the week to prepare lesson plans for the upcoming school year. The Teacher-Ranger will also have the opportunity to attend the Teacher Summer Institute held in Medora June 15-16.

### What is the time commitment?

Start and end dates are flexible, but the Teacher-Ranger is expected to commit to eight weeks of service between May and August. Park administrators will make exceptions on a case-by-case basis.

### How can I afford to do this?

The park will provide the National Park Service uniform for the Teacher-Ranger to wear while on duty. In addition, they will receive a stipend of \$300 per week.

### Who is eligible?

The park accepts applications from all public or private teachers working with students in grades K-12. Teachers from all disciplines are encouraged to apply.

Priority is given to teachers who work in underserved districts or whose students have limited exposure to the National Park Service. The park's goal is to introduce all kids in North Dakota to the National Park Service.

### What is expected of me after completing this program?

The Teacher-Ranger should leave Theodore Roosevelt National Park with enough information to develop tailored, curriculum-based programs that help students better understand both the work and the mission of the National Park Service, as well as specific natural and cultural history topics related to North Dakota.

In April, during National Park Week, the Teacher-Ranger wear the National Park Service uniform to school and present lessons to introduce students and staff to the National Park Service and Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

### How do I apply?

Download the [Teacher-Ranger-Teacher Application form](#). Call Chief of Interpretation Eileen Andes at 701-623-4730 x3411 or e-mail us for more information.

### February's Member Only Coupon

**Edith Kermit Roosevelt: Portrait of a First Lady**  
by: Sylvia Jukes Morris



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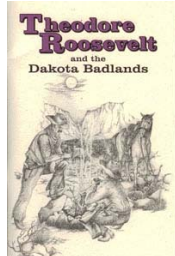
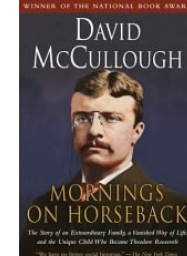
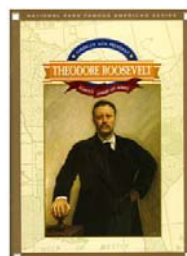
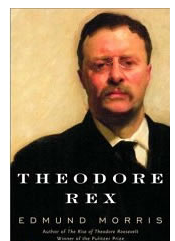
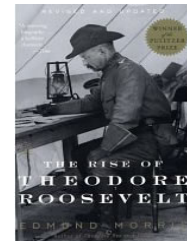
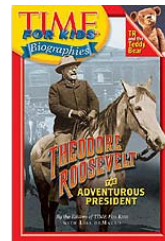
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### Be sure to stop by and check out the Theodore Roosevelt books pictured below plus many more!



## Wendy Ross named new Superintendent for Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site

OMAHA, Neb. — Wendy Ross, currently a Management Assistant at Glacier National Park (NP) in Montana, has been named the new Superintendent for Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site (NHS) in Stanton, North Dakota. She replaces Brian McCutchen, who transferred in August 2010 to George Rogers Clark National Historical Park in Indiana. Ross will take this new position effective March 27.

“Wendy’s experience in working with park partners and park neighbors makes her an excellent choice to lead Knife River Indian Villages,” said North Dakota Group Superintendent Valerie Naylor of Theodore Roosevelt NP. “We look forward to having Wendy as part of the North Dakota Group of National Parks.”

Ross has a life-long association with the National Park Service. Her first work with the Service was as a volunteer during summer months between 1985-1990 as a Research Assistant at Cape Cod National Seashore, Massachusetts; Great Smoky Mountains NP in Tennessee; Mount Rainier NP in Washington; and Theodore Roosevelt NP in North Dakota. She accepted her first permanent position with the NPS in 1995 as a Resource Management Biological Technician at Yellowstone NP. Following subsequent assignments as Supervisory Visitor Use Assistant and Lead Resource Biological Technician at the park, Ross became a Natural Resource Management Specialist at Shiloh National Military Park in Tennessee under the NPS Intake Trainee Program. In 2000, she took a position as District Resource Management Specialist at North Cascades National Park in Washington. Initially assigned to Glacier NP as an

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Lead, Ross assumed her current position serving as the park’s representative for private lands, external issues, and international affairs in 2008.

At Glacier NP, Ross led a multi-agency team of specialists in writing an EIS analyzing a request by Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway to use explosive avalanche control within the park. Project analysis included consultation with the Blackfeet and Salish Kootenai Tribes as well as coordination with the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Montana Department of Fish and Game, Montana Transportation Department, and the Great Northern Environmental Stewardship Area conservation group. While at Shiloh NMP, she fostered a partnership with University of Tennessee biologists and hydrologists to research endangered bats, threatened songbirds, fresh-water mussels, invertebrates, and to obtain baseline water quality data for the park.

“I look forward to the challenges and rewards presented by serving as one of the stewards of Knife River Indian Villages,” Ross commented on her new assignment. “I welcome the opportunity to collaborate with associated tribes, partners, staff, and local communities to contribute not only to the site’s preservation, but also to its use as a bridge between cultures and generations.” She further shared, “My husband and I are eager to become participants in the local community and to explore central North Dakota.”

Born in Tacoma, Wash., Ross earned her Bachelor of Arts in Northern Studies

through Middlebury College in Vermont. She follows her father, Pete Hart, not only among the ranks of Middlebury College alumni, but also as NPS Superintendents. Hart was a 33-year veteran upon his retirement from the Service in 2001, and served as Superintendent at Theodore Roosevelt NP from 1990-1995. Prior to her NPS service, Ross served as a volunteer with the Peace Corps, facilitating and agricultural loan program between the European Economic Community and rural farmers in Radawana, Sri Lanka. As a result, she speaks the Sinhalese language fluently. Ross is wed to Scott Ross, a professional electrician and native of Cheyenne, Wyo. They are avid outdoor enthusiasts and enjoy spending time skiing, biking, hiking, fishing and camping, as well as raising a 17-year-old cat and two 8-year-old golden retrievers.



Knife River Indian Villages NHS, established as part of the National Park System in 1974, features archeological and historic remains of the Plains Indian culture and agricultural way of life along the Upper Missouri. Visitors can step into a reconstructed earthlodge and imagine boiling buffalo meat in a clay pot or pounding corn with a mortar and pestle, view everyday and ceremonial clothing, bags, and implements, and listen to the memories of traditional Hidatsa Indian life. The Sakakawea site’s earthlodge depressions hint of the life of a vibrant village, alive with games, ceremonies, and trade.

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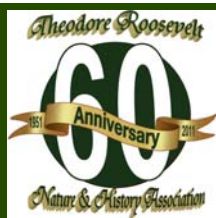
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# TRNHA NEWSLETTER

March 2011

## TRNHA Celebrates 60 Years of Service

The Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association is celebrating 60 years of support and cooperation with Theodore Roosevelt National Park. TRNHA held its first meeting Sunday December 9, 1951 at the home of Chester L. Brooks, Theodore Roosevelt National (Memorial) Park historian and TRNHA's first executive secretary. The association constitution, by-laws and the membership dues structure were established at this meeting. "To stimulate interest in educational activities and encourage scientific investigation and

Friday, December 14, 1951.

THE DICKINSON PRESS, DICKINSON, N. D.

## Park Association Holds First Regular Meeting

"To stimulate interest in educational activities and encourage scientific investigation and research . . in subjects bearing on the Theodore Roosevelt Nation Memorial park region," is the purpose of a newly formed organization which held its first regular meeting last Sunday. It is the Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History association.

Chester L. Brooks, park historian is executive secretary for the group and Sunday's 5 p. m. meeting was held at the Brooks home at the Park.

Others officers are Mrs. H. J. Wienbergen, president; Carl B. Olson, treasurer; J. Francis Stine, recording secretary. Included on the board of directors are John B. MacDonald and E. C. Blackorby.

Russell Reid, superintendent of the state historical society of Bismarck and Dr. A. C. Selke, chairman of the social science division of Dickinson State Teachers college, are included on an advisory committee now being organized.

Charter members of the association include: Mr. and Mrs. Blackorby of Dickinson; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Crow, Medora; Mr. and Mrs. Allyn F. Hanks of the memorial park; MacDonald, Dickinson; Mr. and Mrs. Olson, Medora; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey B. Reynolds of the Memorial park; Mr. and Mrs. Stine, Belfield and Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Wienbergen, Dickinson.

The purpose of the Association are listed as:

To stimulate interest in the educational activities and encourage scientific investigation and research in the fields of geology, biology, history, prehistory, and related subjects bearing on the

Theodore Roosevelt Nation Memorial park region.

To assist in the development and maintenance of library facilities for the use of the public, the park personnel and others.

To assist the development, operation and care of museums, trailside exhibits and other interpretive and educational devices.

To assist in obtaining photographs slides, movie films, and other visual aids for explaining and exhibiting facts relating to the Memorial park.

To assist in obtaining land, buildings, equipment, materials and supplies to accomplish the purpose of this association.

To publish in cooperation with the national park service technical or popular treatises dealing with phases of investigation in or related to Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial park.

To handle, buy, and sell government and private publications on memorial park subjects.

Employ such persons as may be necessary and pay salaries chargeable as items of expense for services actually performed in order to achieve the objectives of the association.

To operate the business, and assets of the association so as to further the educational and scientific program in such a manner that the association shall not distribute any profits except for purpose as authorized under the constitution.

Any person interested in the furtherance of the purposes of the association may become a member by subscribing to its constitution and By-laws

research...in subjects bearing on the Theodore Roosevelt National (Memorial) Park region" was the purpose of the newly formed organization established that wintery evening.

TRNHA's mission has expanded in the past 60 years to include support for Knife River Indian Villages and Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge. TRNHA also offered past assistance to Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site and Sully Hill National Game Preserve and they have since formed their own association or other support organization.

At that first meeting the board of directors voted to borrow \$100 to finance the printing of booklets to share with park visitors and to raise funds for TRNHA. We have come far since that first financial decision and have published over fifteen site-specific publications helping visitors further explore the park's history. We have also developed many postcards, book bags, tee shirts along with other non-book items that help us secure revenue to maintain our benevolence toward the sites we support.

Join us in a yearlong celebration by attending one of many special events planned. For list of our 60th anniversary celebration happenings please visit our web site at [www.trnha.org](http://www.trnha.org).

*From the TRNHA Archives: December 14, 1951 The Dickinson Press reported on the historic first meeting of the Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association. These were humble beginnings with only 18 charter members, but great leadership and guidance from executive secretary and park historian Chet Brooks.*

## Calendar of Events

**April 17-24, 2011**

**National Park Week**

Stay tuned for special events throughout the week!

**May 14, 2011**

**8th Annual Birdwatching Event & Fourth Annual Spring in-the field Photography Workshop at Knife River.**

[www.nps.gov/knri](http://www.nps.gov/knri) 701-745-3300

**June 5, 2011**

TRNHA's 57th Annual Birdwalk and 50th Annual Chuckwagon Breakfast.

Happy  St. Patrick's Day



## Visitor Information

**Theodore Roosevelt National Park**

**South Unit Visitor Center**

8:00-4:30 MST

**North Unit Visitor Center**

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



## Ranger Recommends



March's featured Ranger is Linda Heyd an Interpretative Ranger at Theodore Roosevelt National Park's south unit. She joined the TRNP park staff in January, but has worked as a park ranger since 2005.

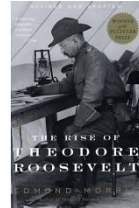
Linda started her career at Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve in Kansas. From there, she moved on to Bryce Canyon National Park, Death Valley National Park, and Rocky Mountain National Park. Linda says: "Each park has had something wonderful and unique to offer. The journey has been fun exciting and I'm looking forward to the adventure my time here in North Dakota will hold."

Linda says "As a brand-new ranger at Theodore Roosevelt National Park, I was looking for a book to help me get an intimate look at the President for whom this park was named. I needed something that I could trust as accurate. Nothing is more embarrassing than talking to a visitor and finding out that your information is wrong! I also wanted a book that wasn't going to put me to sleep. I found all that and more in *The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt*, by Edmund Morris.

Morris's writing is entertaining and engaging, but at the same time, well researched and cited. You will hear about the boyhood Teedie who drove the household help crazy with the "Roosevelt Museum of Natural History" that included a snapping turtle tied to the legs of the sink! You'll rejoice in his passion and love for his first wife, Alice, and cry when tragedy strikes his life. You'll adventure with him in the Dakotas and watch the young politician develop into a man. You'll follow his career as he becomes our Nation's

26th President. A brilliant chronicle of his life, easy and enjoyable, *The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt* is a fascinating read!"

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.



*The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt*  
by: Edmund Morris

Regular Price: \$17.95  
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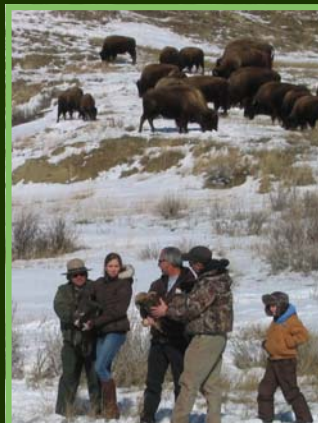
## Eagles to Be Released in Theodore Roosevelt National Park

Theodore Roosevelt National Park, the Dakota Zoo and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service are pleased to announce the scheduled release of two Golden Eagles and one Bald Eagle at a remote location in the south Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. The releases will take place on Thursday, March 3 at 1:00 p.m. MST.

"We are very excited to participate in the effort to return these eagles to the wild," said Superintendent Valerie Naylor. "The park provides excellent habitat and forage for the birds. Because our elk reduction program was so successful, there is a good supply of elk meat available for them to feed on if they stay inside the park boundary."

The eagles have been undergoing rehabilitation at the Dakota Zoo in Bismarck. The Dakota Zoo conducts medical treatment and rehabilitation for numerous raptors each year, specializing in endangered and threatened species, particularly eagles.

Eagles have made a remarkable comeback in North Dakota, due in part to the outlawing of the pesticide DDT, which caused eggshells to be too thin for incubation. Once endangered, Bald Eagles were removed from the Endangered Species List in 2007. Both species of eagles are protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act.





## Popcorn and a Movie!

Peter P. Dog and many other familiar faces traveled through wintery conditions to be a part of TRNHA's first 60th anniversary celebration on February 19th. Visitors to Theodore Roosevelt National Park were greeted by the amazing aroma of freshly popped popcorn. Once their hands were full of popcorn, candy, and soda moviegoers headed down the red carpet to the theater where they were given a brief overview of the movie by the producer Darrell Dorgan. *TR: A Cowboy's Ride to the White House* tells the tale of Theodore Roosevelt's journey to becoming president and is filled with breathtaking images of the North Dakota Badlands.



Following the film one lucky guest took home a popcorn bucket filled with everything to recreate his movie experience at home, while others purchased their own signed copies of the movie before returning home with bellies and minds full of great things!



## Outbound Adventure a Success!

The fourth annual Heritage Winter Outbound Adventure was held at Knife River Indian Villages NHS on Saturday, February 12 and the weather was perfect.

Fifteen participants began the Adventure with a hearty lunch of sandwiches, knoephle soup, and a variety of desserts at the Seven Trails Trading Post. After lunch, participants sewed leather pouches and decorated them with beads. Several participants shared the significance to the beading on their pouches. "The original energy ball" was the next activity. This was made of crushed graham crackers, almonds, sunflower seeds, dried blueberries, powdered milk, honey, and lemon juice. Food similar to "the original energy ball" was often carried in leather pouches to provide a burst of energy to Tribal people as they traveled.

Participants had fun snowshoeing down the trail to the Knife River. The two-hour hike was lead by John Hoganson, Tim Reed, Erik Holland, and Maureen McGee Ballinger. The participants learned about history of the area, archeology, and geology. When returning to the visitor center, they tried their hands at tossing ice gliders and throwing atlatls.

Everyone gathered around the roaring fire in the earthlodge to enjoy a traditional dinner of bison roast, squash, corn soup, and frybread with berry jam and mint tea. After dinner, Marilyn Hudson presented "The Gift of Warmth" sharing the history and importance of buffalo robes and blankets in the Hidatsa culture. The event concluded with Matt Schanandore playing flute music and telling traditional stories.

Participants came as far away as St. Paul, Minnesota and Rapid City, South Dakota for the event. Other people came from Jamestown, Dickinson, Belfield, Beulah, Hazen, and Bismarck. One participant said "he came just to throw the atlatl" but also enjoyed the other activities.

The event was sponsored by the Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, the State Historical Society of North Dakota, the North Dakota Geological Survey, and the Knife River Indian Heritage Foundation. When the date is set for the 2012 event, we will make sure it is in the newsletter, so you too, can mark your calendar and experience the Heritage Winter Outbound Adventure; however we do not guarantee the perfect weather for 2012.



Photo from the Hazen Star

## Knife River Indian Villages NHS



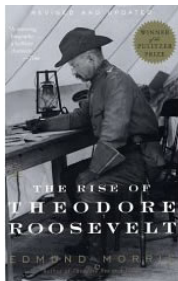
The People exhibit in the Knife River Indian Villages NHS museum is now digital. Originally, the exhibit was developed to inform visitors that the Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Nation is an active community today. Photographs taken in the 1990's were not fully representing today's active tribal life.

A plasma screen has replaced the static wall of photographs allowing the display of both the original work and updated tribal activities including sound.

# Happy St. Patrick's Day!

### March's Member Only Coupon

**The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt**  
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**SALE PRICE \$16.50**

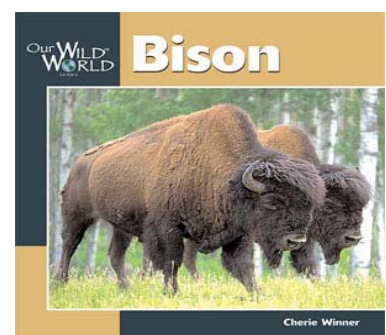
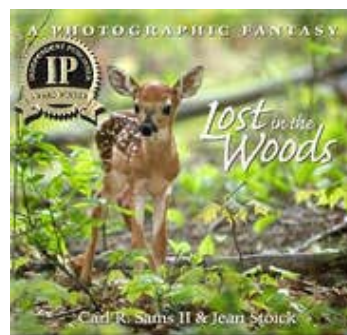
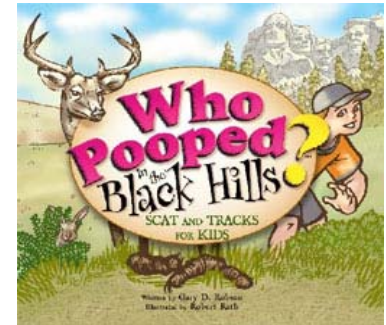
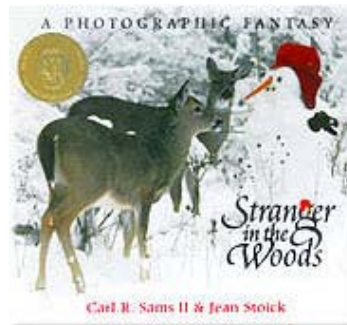
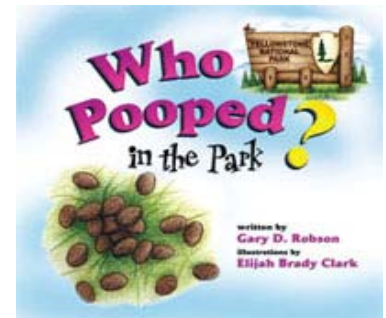
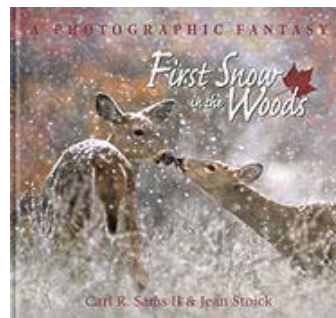
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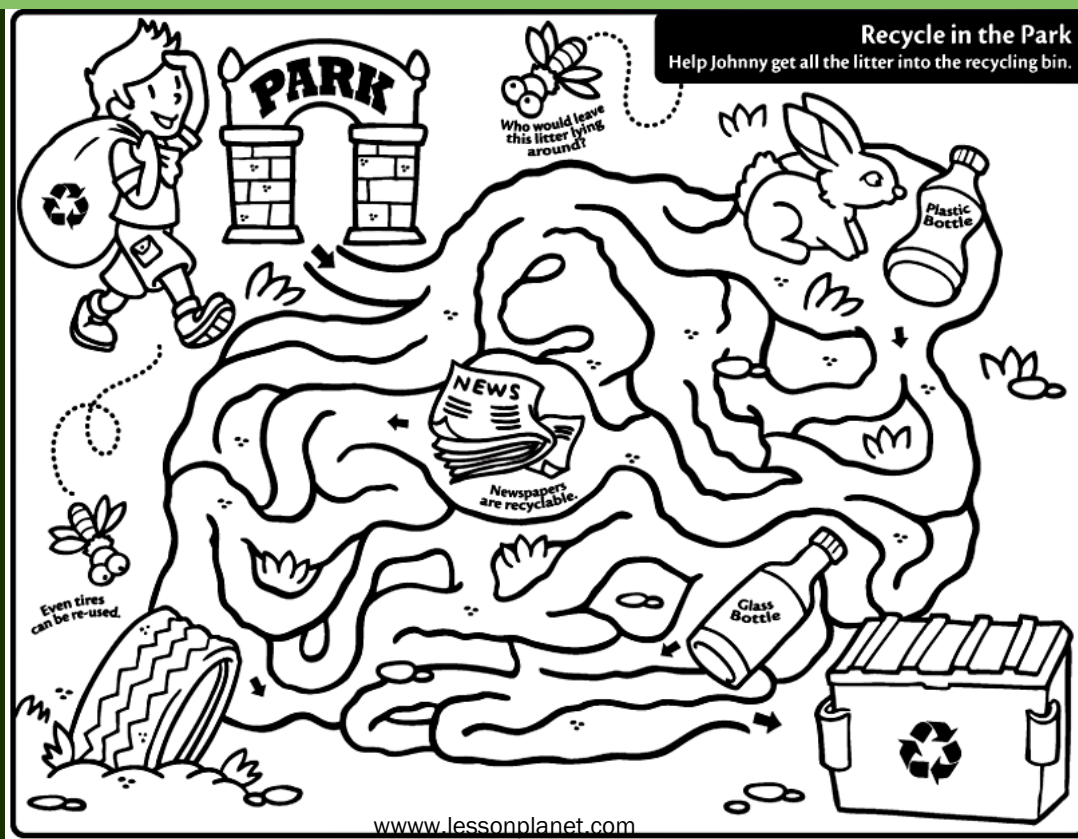
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## Go Green in March!



## 12 Ways to Go Low-Energy at Home by [Green World](#)

Are you concerned about the [amount of energy you use](#) in and around your home? Here are 12 easy-to-implement ideas your family go low-energy at home.

- 1. Do a home energy audit.** Go through your home and note the type and location of insulation, the state of the weather stripping on windows and doors, lighting, and so forth. As you do your audit, keep the following tips in mind.
- 2. Insulate your walls.** If you remove a wall switch plate and you don't see any insulation behind it, you probably don't have insulation in your walls. That is a key priority if you are going to have a low-energy home. You can have insulation blown into your walls behind the siding. There are eco-friendly options for blown insulation, too.
- 3. Insulate your attic.** Your attic should have at least a foot of insulation. A lot of heat loss can occur if the insulation is not adequate. Add more as necessary, and check for leaks and cracks between the side of the house and the eaves.
- 4. Replace your faucets with low-flow ones, or low-flow aerators.** These are available for showers, kitchen and bathroom faucets. They are very inexpensive, and can save you a bundle in water bills and energy use.
- 5. Keep cool with fans and shade in the summer.** Rather than automatically switching to air conditioning when the outside temperature gets above 75, try running fans placed in screened windows during the night and early morning. Draw curtains and blinds to block the sun as the day gets hotter, and move the fans out of the windows (so you aren't drawing in hot air, but conserving the cool night and morning air). If

you must run the air conditioner, try to limit it to several hours in the late afternoon.

- 6. Let the sunshine in.** In the winter, open curtains, shades and blinds during the day to let warming sunshine in. At night, close the blinds and curtains to keep cold air from leaking in around the edges of the windows, and warm air from leaking out.
- 7. Hang your laundry out to dry.** If you have a screened-in porch, you can hang it out all year round. This saves a lot of energy – clothes dryers use quite a bit of electricity.
- 8. Insulate your water heater and pipes.**
- 9. Turn off the lights.** This advice is ignored as often as it is repeated, but it's still important. When you leave a room, get into the habit of turning off the light(s). Even if you are in a room, use the natural light whenever possible. When you do need electric lighting – such as when you have the blinds and curtains drawn against the sunlight – use lights with LED or CFL bulbs.
- 10. Turn it off!** Turn off electronic devices at night, or when they are not in use.
- 11. Set up a rain barrel or two.** The water can be used to wash your hair, cars, pets, and to water plants (don't drink it, though).
- 12. Invest in energy-efficient appliances.** Regardless of what appliances you have, use them efficiently. Don't hold the refrigerator door open, for example, or preheat the oven for excessive amounts of time.



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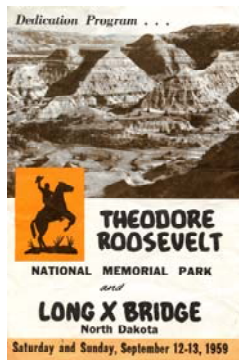


# TRNHA NEWSLETTER

April 2011

## The Nifty Fifties...

The 1950's were new beginnings for more than the Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association. The National Park Service built a new visitor center and entrance road into the park in the community of Medora. The scenic re-routing of U.S. Highway 85 and the Long X Bridge across the Little Missouri River were dedicated; these events were celebrated September 12-13, 1959 with a weekend long dedication program. Dignitaries were plentiful from ND Governor John Davis, state senators Milton Young and Quentin Burdick to National Park Service Director Conrad L. Wirth and Fred G. Aandahl, Assistant Secretary, Department of Interior. Mission 66, the long range program of improvement in all national parks, brought development of the visitor center, park housing, campgrounds, new nature trails, scenic overlooks along the road and signs explaining the natural and human history.

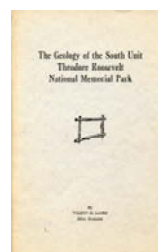
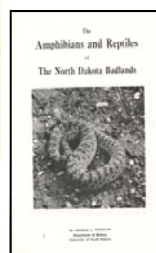
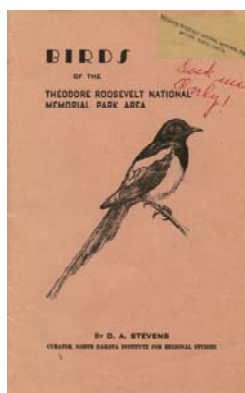


The \$100 loan to publish park brochures was paid in full by 1952 and this was the same year TRNHA officially launched its publication program, a practice that continues today. More money was borrowed, this time from the Rocky Mountain Nature Association and the Yellowstone Library and Museum Association, to fund printing of Dr. O.A. Stevens' *Birds of Theodore Roosevelt National Park Area* and thus the first book published by TRNHA. By the end of the decade the Association had published *Geology of the South Unit* (later the full version *Geology of Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park* by Wilson Laird), *Amphibians and Reptiles of the North Dakota Badlands* by G.C. Wheeler, and another Dr. O.A. Stevens title *Flowers of Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park*. The free publications program also began with the appearance of free handouts nature trails guide information sheets on bison, prairie dogs and various historic features of the park.

The annual meetings of the Association were highlighted with entertainers (a favorite was the

bagpipe band from Bismarck Junior College performance at the April 1956 meeting), art shows, history lectures and a field trip to the Theodore Roosevelt's Elkhorn Ranch site. 1958 marked the 100th anniversary of TR's birth and TRNHA was a big part of events and celebrations held throughout the year. These events were hosted by organizations all over North Dakota. The State Teachers College in Dickinson (now Dickinson State University) hosted a Theodore Roosevelt Symposium from April 12 - October 27, 1958. The symposium had a series of five lectures by notable speakers, beginning with Senator John Kennedy of Massachusetts. We recently celebrated Theodore Roosevelt's Sesquicentennial in 2008 with all Theodore Roosevelt National Park Service sites hosting their own special events throughout the year. History does repeat and we must be acknowledge of what worked well in the past as worth repeating.

Stay tuned....next review of TRNHA history will focus on the 1960's.



## Calendar of Events

**April 17-24, 2011**

**National Park Week**

Stay tuned for special events throughout the week!

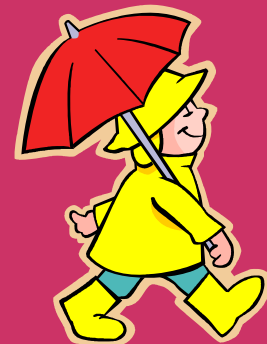
**May 14, 2011**

**8th Annual Birdwatching Event & Fourth Annual Spring in-the field Photography Workshop at Knife River.**

[www.nps.gov/knri](http://www.nps.gov/knri) 701-745-3300

**June 5, 2011**

**TRNHA's 57th Annual Birdwalk and 50th Annual Chuckwagon Breakfast.**



## Visitor Information

**Theodore Roosevelt National Park**

**South Unit Visitor Center**

8:00 am -4:30 pm MDT

**North Unit Visitor Center**

9:00 am -5:30 pm CDT

**Painted Canyon**

8:30 am -4:30 pm MDT

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 CDT

**Upper Souris NWR**

8:00 am - 4:30 pm CDT

Monday-Friday

## Ranger Recommends



April's featured Ranger is Bret Morton a Law Enforcement Ranger at Theodore Roosevelt National Park's south unit. Bret says, "My dream of becoming a protector of our nation's wild and unscathed places began as a boy growing up in Missouri. As a youngster, I enjoyed hiking and hunting in the woods and farmlands of Missouri along with my brothers, Dad, and Grandpa. Lawful, safe, and ethical hunting were not the only traits passed through the Morton family. A good hunter is an observant individual, and learning to observe and interpret the signs of wildlife is rewarding to any outdoor enthusiast, whether hunting game for your table, or for that once in a life-time photograph."

Bret recommends the book, ***Who Pooped in the Black Hills? Scat and Tracks for Kids*** by Gary D. Robson. He says "Every chance we had our family would adventure west to a National Park to learn, experience, and earn our Jr. Ranger badges. Being a home-schooled family, my teacher (Mama) would have her students research and study the areas we were to explore prior to our arrival. Rarely did we ever go for a hike or outing without a handy field observation guide to assist in the identification of the local plants, animals, tracks and scat.

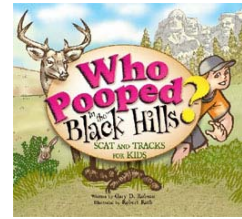
Correctly identifying animal tracks and their scat is not only a valuable and fun challenge for all ages, but it can also serve to help outdoor adventurers enjoy nature safely. Certain wildlife can be dangerous if approached too closely or surprised, and scat identification can help alert you to what forms of wildlife are in the area you are exploring!

That's why I recommend ***Who Pooped in the Black Hills? Scat and Tracks for Kids*** by Gary D. Robson. This book is bound to spark curiosity in the Jr. Ranger in your fam-

ily and open the door to learning about the great outdoors."

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 our online store.

### **Who Pooped in the Black Hills? Scats and Tracks for Kids** by: Gary D. Robson



Regular Price: \$11.95  
Members Price: \$10.16

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



## Theodore Roosevelt National Park 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.

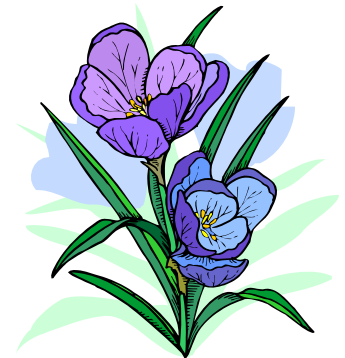
"Spring is a wonderful time to visit the park,"

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](http://www.nps.gov/thro).







## Images of the Past

*Ribbon cutting ceremony of the new Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park South Unit Visitor Center. Doing the honors was TR's granddaughter Mrs. Andrew M. Williams. Looking on, in front of the new visitor center in Medora are (left to right) Regional Park Service Director Howard W. Baker; Assistant Secretary of the Interior Fred G. Aandahl; Mrs. Maurice Cunningham, Daughter of Roosevelt's Elkhorn ranch foreman William Sewall; Governor John E. Davis; Mrs. Andrew M. Williams; A.D. (Doug) Ferris, grandson of Joe Ferris, Roosevelt's hunting guide; Conrad L. Wirth, National Park Service Director; and John W. Jay, Jr., Superintendent of Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park.*

## Member Only Monthly Special



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

**Junior Rangerland**

**Northern Rocky Mountain Edition**

**SALE PRICE \$19.00**

(Price listed is before 15% membership discount for a final price of \$16.15)

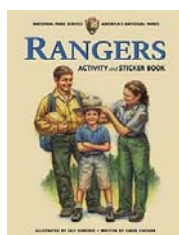
Must show coupon and membership card in TRNHA bookstore or contact TRNHA (701) 623-4884 to order by mail.

**EXPIRES: April 30, 2011**

April'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.

Why stop learning about the park when you leave? Take this game home and continue learning about nature.

**Be sure to stop by and check out the all of our  
Junior Ranger Merchandise and more!**



## Spring Flowers

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GOLDENROD

PRAIRIE CONEFLOWER

BLACK-EYED SUSAN

IRONWEED

PRIMROSE

BLAZINGSTAR

LEADPLANT

SMOOTH ASTER

COLUMBINE

MARSH MARIGOLD

SUNFLOWER

CORCUS

MILKWEED

WHITE ASTER

GOLDEN ALEXANDERS

PRAIRIE CLOVER

WILDROSE

## Share Your Memories with Us!



**EXPLORE ~ EMBRACE ~ ENJOY!**

### Tell us what you think...

Have you recently visited a park in North Dakota or do you have memories of past visits? Either way we would love to hear your stories of Theodore Roosevelt National, Knife River Indian Villages, Upper Souris NWR, or just North Dakota in general. Please send us stories, facts, or photos that help us learn about your experiences in our great state!! Any feedback we receive will be used in future newsletters and on our webpage. So please tell us what you think. To send us your stories and photos please e-mail: [info@trnha.org](mailto:info@trnha.org)

# 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.
- 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.
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](http://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  
Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association!**

☐ New      ☐ Renewal

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$20.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$30.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Contributing	\$75.00
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## 57th Annual Birdwalk

The Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association welcomes your participation at the 57th Annual Birdwalk on June 5, 2011. Come rain or shine we will gather in the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park and add to our life lists. We are in the middle of a year-long celebration heralding TRNHA's 60 years of support for Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Three years after the birth of this Association a tradition was started and now we earmark the bird walk's 57th year. Join the celebration and bring a friend – the more the merrier. We will introduce new titles for the 2011 season and give away numerous prizes.

We will gather at 6:30 a.m. (Mountain Time) at the Cottonwood Campground in the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Immediately following the Birdwalk, approximately 8:00 a.m. (Mountain Time), TRNHA will host the 50th Annual Chuckwagon Breakfast at the Cottonwood

Campground picnic area. For the past 17 years Genie's Kitchen Crew has served up heaping helpings of buttermilk pancakes, country sausage, cowboy coffee, juice and their ever popular rhubarb syrup and they will be there cooking, serving and smiling once again. 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 by June 3, 2011.



## Join Us in Welcoming Our New Painted Canyon Service Clerk



We would like you to join us in welcoming Emily Nelson as this season's Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Associations Painted Canyon employee. Emily comes to us with great enthusiasm to share her passion for history and nature. A student of history and a masters' emphasis on Great Plains, North American west, cultural and environmental histories we think she is the perfect choice to be greeting visitors at Theodore Roosevelt National Park's Painted Canyon.

Emily is also the new museum technician at TRNP and will be caring for the curatorial collections 8 hours a week. She also enjoys volunteering, in her free time, for the Theodore Roosevelt Center at Dickinson State University analyzing documents about Roosevelt's life and presidency to help create a digital database for use by scholars and the general public. She is certainly becoming very knowledgeable on all things Theodore Roosevelt and we are thrilled to have Emily on staff for TRNHA.

## Calendar of Events

### May 14, 2011

8th Annual Birdwatching Event & 4th Annual Spring in-the field Photography Workshop at Knife River Indian Villages NHS. For more information contact the park 701-745-3300

### May 21, 2011

Junior Ranger Day at Knife River Indian Villages NHS. For more information contact the park at 701-745-3300

### June 5, 2011

TRNHA's 57th Annual Birdwalk and 50th Annual Chuckwagon Breakfast at the Cottonwood Campground in the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. For more information visit [www.trnha.org](http://www.trnha.org) or contact us at [info@trnha.org](mailto:info@trnha.org).



## Visitor Information

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Monday-Friday

## Ranger Recommends



May's featured Ranger is Katelynn McDonald, an Interpretive Ranger at Theodore Roosevelt National Park. This is Katelynn's second season working in TRNP, as she worked as a Student Conservation Association Intern in the North Unit last summer. She has also worked in Death Valley National Park and at various environmental education centers across the United States. Katelynn loves being outdoors and enjoys teaching about nature, science, and history. Her next occupational mission is to work

and teach with birds of prey, including bald eagles, osprey, hawks, and owls.

Katelynn says "I recommend Joseph Cornell's *Sharing Nature with Children*. For me, this book started it all for my career. I was taking a class in college about teaching in the outdoors and my professor gave us this book to read. I found the topic completely refreshing because teaching children about our environment is the key to helping them take care of it.

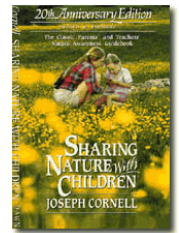
The book contains various different activities to present to children of all ages, including sensory, movement, and environmental activities. This book also gives insight on how to be the best nature guide you can be, which is relevant because anyone who is interested in the outdoors can teach about nature on some

level, whether beginner or novice. Cornell did an amazing job of creating a teaching tool that anyone can use, and he filled it with activities that are not only educational, but will keep a child's attention for a long time. Whether you are a future ranger, a school teacher, or a parent, you will benefit in more ways than one from this book."

### **Sharing Nature with Children** by: Joseph Cornell

Regular Price: \$9.95  
Members Price: \$8.46

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and check out our new look!

## National Park Week a Success at Theodore Roosevelt National Park

Springtime is upon us and Theodore Roosevelt National Park proved to be the perfect place to shake off the winter doldrums during National Park Week, April 16 - 24. Visits to the park during this annual celebration were free, as the National Park Service offered free entrance at all of its 394 parks which regularly charge fees. The focus of this year's National Park Week was Healthy Parks, Healthy People, and highlighted the connection between human and environmental health and the vital role America's national parks play in both.

Theodore Roosevelt National Park offered visitors an opportunity to participate in a few special events including a special presentation called "Calling All Rangers", a presentation and book signing by author Stacy Cordery, and a Theodore Roosevelt National Park birthday celebration.



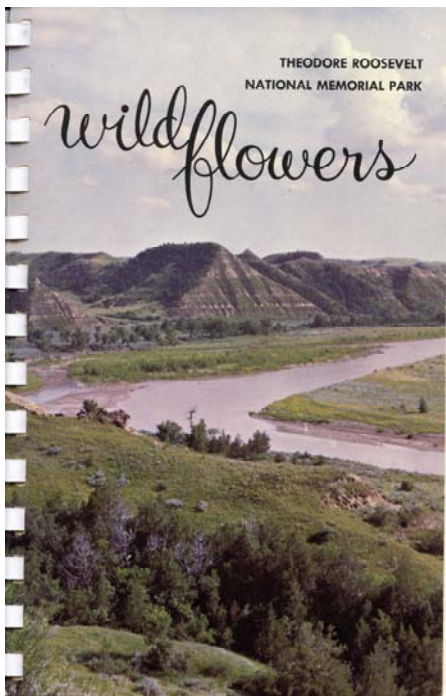
Park Ranger, Linda Heyd educated and entertained children and adults with her "Calling All Rangers," program about national parks and the rangers who work in them at South Unit Visitor Center. Children who attended became National Park Junior Rangers.

## Flower Power —TRNHA in the 1960's

The '60's were groovy for TRNHA, as well as, Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Our quarterly meetings were productive yet always entertaining. In 1961 Governor William Guy was featured speaker at the April meeting held in Bismarck. Later that year the TRNHA general membership gathering took place at the Chimney Butte Ranch and all attendees enjoyed a tour of TR's former ranch (original site of the Maltese cross cabin) by owner Joe Hild. This was a popular event that would be repeated many times in the future. The March 17, 1968 meeting featured an extravaganza of pioneer exhibits and demonstrations including: Ukrainian Easter egg painting; yarn spinning; a group of fiddlers; homemade soap demonstration and "recipe"; displays of artifacts depicting pioneer heritage; and the lively Ukrainian folk dancers entertained a record attendance. This gala took place at the Medora Town Hall. Many events hosted by TRNHA asked attendees to bring their own picnic lunch and the invitations read "Bring your own victuals and utensils. Coffee will be provided by the Association". These days we provide the victuals, utensils and coffee.

Throughout the decade membership dues were still \$1.00! The ever-increasing membership numbers became an involved and passionate group. Many supporters offered programs for meetings and also hosted the quarterly gatherings in their community centers, homes and other public areas. Our annual birdwalk was still the highlight of the year and lead by Dr. and Mrs. Gammel from Kenmare. They often hosted the event at Des Lacs Wildlife Refuge, but the birdwalk found a more permanent home in the mid-60's at the Cottonwood Campground.

The 1962 August Roosevelt Roundup newsletter described a wonderful display of wildflowers; some that haven't bloomed in over six years. A repeat performance was reported in 1963. TRNHA published a new wildflower guide, and, after a few struggles with printing issues, offered the full color book *Wildflowers of Theodore Roosevelt National Park* by John D. Staudinger. It was an immediate hit with park visitors and the high demand forced a reprint after only one year. TRNHA's publication program also produced Caprock-Coulee Nature Trail booklet (a free handout) in 1963 and five postcards in 1968.



Milestones, celebrations and happenings throughout the '60's include: TRNHA incorporated in 1961; a celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Park Service on August 25, 1966; Bighorn reintroduced in 1959 struggle to establish sustainable numbers and are closely monitored; 20 bison are relocated to the North Unit; Harold Schafer starts his restoration of Medora, even blacktopping the city streets in 1966; Interstate 94 is also completed in 1966 and new ideas and plans for Painted Canyon were in first discussed that fall; and in 1967 the South Unit loop was completed and dedicated in September.

*The National Park Service  
and the  
Greater North Dakota Association  
request the honor of your presence  
at the ceremony  
marking the dedication of the completed  
Scenic Loop Road  
at  
Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park  
Medora, North Dakota  
Sunday, September twenty-second,  
nineteen hundred and sixty-eight  
two o'clock in the afternoon CDT*

R.S.V.P.  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
MEDORA, NORTH DAKOTA 58645

1968 was a big year for the Association – the Board hired a bookkeeper! The first formal sales report was published in the minutes and stated:

Gross Sales:	\$1,328.61
Cost of Goods Sold:	<del>-\$344.36</del>
Net Sales:	\$984.25
Less expenses:	<del>-\$152.17</del>
Plus Interest Income	\$100.00
Total Income:	\$932.08

In 1969 it was announced the Association would also function as the support organization for Fort Union NHS, a new site acquired by the NPS in 1966. This expansion of TRNHA's mission after only 18 years in existence is a great tribute to the founders and leaders of the organization's focus and commitment to find new ways to support the National Park Service.

Stay tuned. Next month we will review the 1970's as part of TRNHA's year long 60th anniversary tribute.





## Theodore Roosevelt National Park to Conduct Prescribed Fires

The National Park Service plans to implement prescribed fire projects in Theodore Roosevelt National Park's North Unit between May 1 and May 27, 2011. Prescribed fires are those started by park managers under specific weather and fuel conditions for a particular purpose. Air temperature, humidity, fuel load and moisture, and wind speed and direction are some of the many factors considered in determining whether conditions are favorable to start a burn.

"Fire, like grazing by bison and other large herbivores, is a natural process that contributes to the maintenance and health of prairie ecosystems within the park," said Superintendent Valerie Naylor. "National Park Service policy stresses managing fire for resource benefits rather than merely suppressing it."

Two separate areas are expected to be burned, totaling approximately 1,200 to 2,200 acres. One burn area is near the Longhorn Flats Pullout and the other is west of River Bend Overlook, in the park's Theodore Roosevelt Wilderness Area between the Little Missouri River and the

scenic tour road. The primary objective of the burns is to restore fire to parts of the landscape that have historically been subject to natural, periodic wildfire. The topography includes numerous clay buttes, moist drainages, and areas of bare ground which provide natural firebreaks. These help firefighters contain the fire to desired areas and avoid impacts to fire sensitive vegetation and culturally important sites. The burn prescription, fire behavior, and site conditions will result in a only fraction of the area actually being burned. This mosaic of burned and unburned areas is an outcome expected in a naturally occurring fire.

Research has shown that native grassland diversity and forage quality deteriorate when fire is excluded from natural fire dependent



systems for extended periods of time. Fires of appropriate intensity transform dead plant material into soil nutrients and increase the amount of nitrogen-fixing microorganisms, encouraging plant and animal diversity across the landscape. The variety and health of plants and animals found at Theodore Roosevelt National Park is partially the result of past fire activity.

If favorable weather conditions exist to allow for a safe burn, local fire departments and law enforcement agencies will be notified and signs will be placed along the road and at park visitor centers to notify the public. National Park Service personnel will be assisted by other federal land management agencies to safely carry out the prescribed burns. A short closure of the Scenic Drive may be necessary for visitor safety.

Information will be available on the park's website at [www.nps.gov/thro](http://www.nps.gov/thro). In addition, an excellent source of fire information specific to Theodore Roosevelt National Park and the Northern Great Plains can be found at [www.nps.gov/ngpfire/thro.htm](http://www.nps.gov/ngpfire/thro.htm).

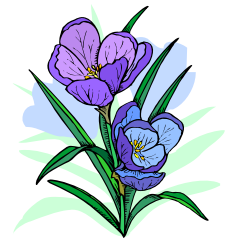
## Walk on the Wild Side

**Saturday June 4, 2011**

**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.

"Brothers and sisters, Joshua, Josiah, Amena, and Abigail complete their 112th Jr. Ranger program at Knife River Indian Villages NHS. Rocky Mountain National Park was their first Jr. Ranger program."



Learn all about North Dakota while becoming a Junior Ranger!  
Click the links below to learn more.

[Knife River Junior Ranger Program](#)

[Theodore Roosevelt National Park Junior Ranger Program](#)

[Be a Web Ranger](#)

## Spring Events at Knife River Indian Villages

### Bird Walk to be Held

Whether you are a beginning or an experienced birder, you are welcome to join the Eighth Annual Knife River Bird Walk on Saturday, May 14, 2011. Meet at the 7-Trails Trading Post (just south of the park) at 7:00 a.m. Central Time. Dalles and Marilyn Krause of Hazen will be leading the walk.

Superintendent Wendy Ross says "Please join us during this eventful time of year to identify birds and experience the park. After the never ending winter, people are excited to be in the outdoors and experience nature."

Again, birders of all experience levels are welcome to participate in the event. Bring your binoculars, spotting scopes and identification manuals for a fun filled, educational opportunity in the park.

The Knife River Indian Heritage Foundation, sponsor of the event, invites all participants for a hearty post-birding breakfast and wrap-up of the bird walk. Breakfast will be enjoyed at the 7-Trails Trading Post.

All activities are free. For additional information, please contact the park at (701) 745-3300.

### Spring in-the Field Photography Workshop

An outdoor photography workshop will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2011, at Knife River Indian Villages NHS from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Central Time. Participants should meet at the visitor center.

Photographer Garry Redmann from Bismarck will be leading the workshop. Garry has been taking photos for 48 years. He taught at Bismarck State College for 25 years encouraging students in the field of photography. Garry has photographed seven North Dakota governors as well as many other dignitaries.

In addition to those images, he is known for his wildlife and flower images of the North Dakota landscape. He is a past member of the Professional Photographers of America and North Dakota. His photography experience provides him with an excellent background to lead the workshop.

"With the latest moisture and warm temperatures in the forecast, vegetation will be greening up in the park, making it a perfect setting for photography" says Superintendent Wendy Ross. She encourages everyone to attend the workshop and experience spring in the park.

Workshop participants will be spending time in the field at the park. All camera formats are welcome from "point and shoot," to digital SLR to film. Appropriate shoes and outer clothing suitable for spring weather and walking in the park are encouraged. Participants may bring a sack lunch or purchase lunch locally in Stanton.

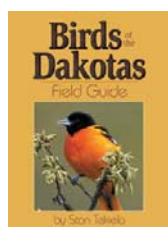
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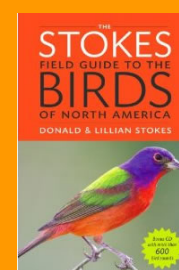
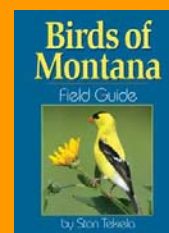
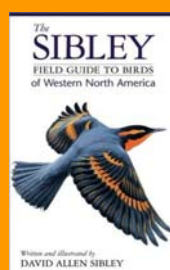
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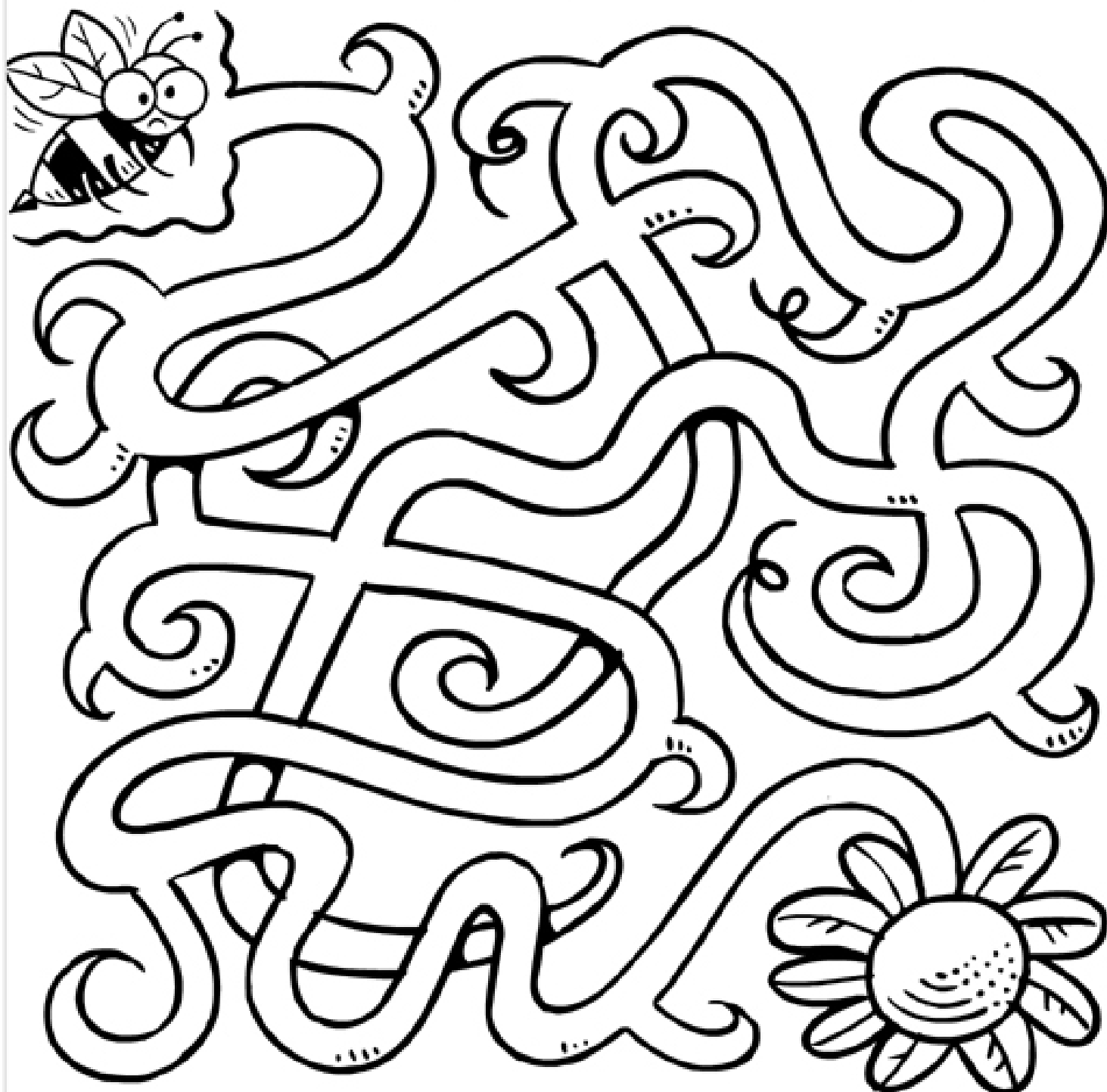
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### Be sure to stop by and check out these Bird Books and more!



# Spring Flower Maze

Help Bumbles the Bee find his way through the stem maze to find the yummy flower!





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# TRNHA NEWSLETTER

June 2011

## Prosperity and Growth: TRNHA in the 1970's

The 1970's produced a combination of new partners, new bookstore facilities and new employees. The decade proved to contain the most changes and prosperity since the Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association's humble beginnings. The Times They Are a-Changin'.

In the early 70's the programs, events and meetings followed the pattern of previous years. Doc Hubbard was still a regular presenter – this time it was the history of chuck wagon cooking with a demonstration and opportunity to taste the results. Other programs explored an array of subjects from the environment to a very specific presentation on the economic uses of local clays. I found one presentation particularly interesting. My relative Nick Zaczekowski, professor at the College of St. Benedict (the college I would later attend), gave a presentation on badlands flowers. I love finding those kinds of surprises while perusing the archives of TRNHA.

In 1972 TRNHA expanded its mission to include support for Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site. A special TRNHA meeting was held at the new site in August of that year and a flag

### GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY PAINTED CANYON VISITORS CENTER THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATIONAL MEMORIAL PARK AUGUST 13, 1977

Master of Ceremonies  
John O. Lancaster, Superintendent, Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park

Musical Selections ..... Burning Hills Singers;  
Jimmy Kennedy, Organist

Invocation ..... Reverend Jim Liefeld, Director,  
Lutheran Bible Camp

Welcome ..... John Lancaster, Superintendent  
Theodore Roosevelt  
National Memorial Park

Introduction of Special Guests ..... Lynn Thompson, Regional Director,  
National Park Service, Denver  
Wally Reber,  
North Dakota Travel Director  
Congressman Mark Andrews,  
North Dakota  
Congressman Ralph S. Regula,  
Ohio

Musical Selections ..... Burning Hills Singers

Benediction ..... Father Fahlander, Director,  
Home on the Range for Boys

Ground Breaking Ceremony

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## Annual Bird Walk and Breakfast to be Held in Theodore Roosevelt National Park

The Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association invites birders of all ages and experience levels to participate in the 57th Annual Bird Walk on Sunday, June 5. The walk will start at 6:30 a.m. MDT in the Cottonwood Picnic Area in the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Because of recent flooding in Cottonwood Campground, the meeting place for the walk will be in the picnic area, but the bird walk will still take place in familiar areas. The casual one-hour stroll will meander along the Little Missouri River in search of as many bird species as possible. Each year, 40-50 species are heard and seen during this popular event.

Following the walk, the Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association will host its annual Chuck Wagon Breakfast at the Cottonwood Picnic Area, which is adjacent to the campground. Buttermilk pancakes, country sausage, cowboy coffee and juice will be served beginning at 8:00 a.m. A free-will donation is suggested to help defray expenses of the meal. Those interested in attending the breakfast

should make reservations in order to assist in planning the event.

"The number of birds utilizing the recently flooded areas is astounding," said Superintendent Valerie Naylor. "We may find some species and numbers of birds that are unprecedented due to the recent flood events. From white pelicans to warblers, the birds are moving in. We sincerely appreciate the Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association's success in keeping this tradition alive for the past 57 years."

As the national park's non-profit partner, the Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association sells books and other interpretive materials in the park's visitor centers. Proceeds are donated to the park to support interpretation and research.

Participants should bring binoculars, field guides, and keen eyes to help record the day's sightings, and should be prepared for any kind of weather. To make reservations for the breakfast, call 701-623-4730 ext: 3419 or e-mail [info@trnha.org](mailto:info@trnha.org).

## Calendar of Events

### June 5, 2011

TRNHA's 57th Annual Birdwalk and 50th Annual Chuckwagon Breakfast at the Cottonwood Campground in the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. For more information visit [www.trnha.org](http://www.trnha.org) or contact us at [info@trnha.org](mailto:info@trnha.org).

### July 10, 2011

TRNHA will be celebrating the Teddy Bear with a Teddy Bear Picnic Day. For more information visit [www.trnha.org](http://www.trnha.org) or contact us at [info@trnha.org](mailto:info@trnha.org).



## Visitor Information

### Theodore Roosevelt National Park

#### South Unit Visitor Center

8:00 am – 6:00 pm MDT

#### North Unit Visitor Center

8:00 am – 6:00 pm CDT

#### Painted Canyon

8:30 am – 6:00 pm MDT

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

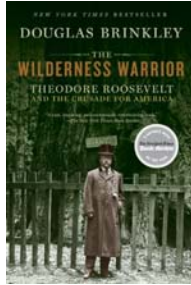
#### Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site

8:00 am – 6:00 pm CDT

#### Upper Souris NWR

8:00 am – 4:30 pm CDT  
Monday-Friday

## Ranger Recommends



June's featured Ranger is Luke Johnson a seasonal park ranger in the North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Luke has worked in the North Unit for several summers and is very knowledgeable about everything Theodore Roosevelt. Park visitors and staff benefit greatly from Luke's knowledge and eagerness to help those he comes into contact with.

Luke recommends the book, *Wilderness Warrior: Theodore Roosevelt and the Crusade for America* by Douglas Brinkley.

Luke says: "Many people know the Theodore Roosevelt who rode up San Juan Hill, who spoke softly and carried a big stick, who busted the trusts. Many people though, including myself before I started working here, are not as familiar with the man who set aside over 230 million acres so that they would remain unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations. This is the story of Theodore Roosevelt the naturalist and conservationist. It is a big book packed with details that I would highly recommend to anyone with an interest in the early conservation movement.

From a sickly young boy and his "Roosevelt Museum of Natural History" to a strong presi-

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

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## Jr. Ranger Day Celebrated at Knife River Indian Villages NHS

Healthy Parks and Healthy People was the theme for Junior Ranger Day at Knife River on May 21. To be healthy, Junior Rangers need to be active and at Knife River they had an opportunity get active by doing a variety of activities.

Each participant received a pedometer to track their steps during the event. Children participated in the hoop and stick game and double ball. They also jumped rope, hula-hooped, and played hop-scotch. In addition, they participated in a healthy food scavenger hunt.

Junior Rangers discussed of the food pyramid and shared what their favorite fruits and vegetables were. Katie DuMond said "All the food groups are found on pizza and gave an example of each ingredient."

Upon completion of the activities, each child received a certificate, patch, and pedometer. They left excited and enthused about being active junior rangers.



A Junior Ranger Day participant plays hop-scotch in the visitor center at Knife River Indian Villages NHS.

## Knife River Indian Villages on Summer Time

The summer season begins Memorial Day weekend with extended visitor center hours at Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site. The park visitor center will be open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Central Time from May 27 through September 6, 2011. The park grounds are open until 10:00 p.m.

Park staff have planned several events for the 2011 summer season. The Northern Great Plains Culture Fest will be held on July 30 and 31. Four sessions of the fourth annual Kid's Camp will take place from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on July 5, 12, 19, and 26. A monthly Surprise Themed Weekend is planned in June, July and August. These new programs and demonstrations will provide an in-depth look at various aspects of the lives of Native

Plains Indians. Keep your eyes open for more details on summer events, ranger programs, earthlodge tours, and guided hikes.

Superintendent Wendy Ross says "New visitors and old friends are invited to participate in the numerous events and programs that we are offering this summer. We hope to provide something interesting for everyone."

Please remember the park is now operating in the Central Time Zone.

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## Prosperity and Growth: TRNHA in the 1970's

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### DEDICATION PROGRAM THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATIONAL MEMORIAL PARK MEDORA, NORTH DAKOTA AUGUST 31, 1978

Master of Ceremonies  
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Presentation of Colors	Park Rangers
National Anthem	Burning Hill Singers Accompanied by: Jimmy Kennedy David Frank
Invocation	Reverend Jim Liefeld, Director, Lutheran Bible Camp
Welcome	Gen Bean, Regional Director, Rocky Mtn, Regional Office
Introduction of Special Guests	Congressman Mark Andrews, North Dakota Congressman Keith G. Sebelius, Kansas
Musical Interlude	Burning Hill Singers
Dedicatory Address	Governor Arthur A. Link, North Dakota
Benediction	Father Fahlander, Director, Home on the Range for Boys
Retirement of Colors	Park Rangers
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony	Regional Director Glen Bean and Governor Arthur A. Link

raising ceremony solidified the new partnership. In 1976 an opportunity to offer support to another NPS site was first mentioned. Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site was a potential new NPS designation and we would be the cooperating association to support their interpretive activities. This bookstore did not open until 1978. Two new partners and bookstores increased the opportunity to share the rest of the story with visitors to the North Dakota NPS sites.

Meanwhile back at TR National Park a new visitor center at Painted Canyon was dedicated in 1978. The sales for Painted Canyon increased 134% from 1977 to 1978. With the increase in inventory, sales outlets and accounting details the TRNHA board of directors hired a non-NPS person as a part-time business manager. The new employee would actually be the first non-government personnel involved in taking on the duties of accountant and business manager. Diane Liefeld was hired in February 1978. The organization also started doing annual audits with Gene Brose in 1975. Gene continues to perform our annual internal audit 36 years later.

The 20th anniversary of TRNHA in 1971 was sleepy and uneventful, but as the decade progressed the momentum definitely increased. Stay tuned as we continue this trip down memory lane. Next month we will explore the 1980's.

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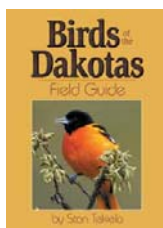
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## Spring Photography Workshop a Success at Knife River.

Despite cloudy and rainy weather, eighteen people joined photographer Garry Redmann to sharpen their photography skills at Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site on Saturday, May 14.

After receiving some basic photography instructions from Garry and seeing some of the photos he had taken, participants took advantage of the clearing skies and headed into the park to capture scenery for about two hours.

Participant's photos were downloaded and Garry gave pointers to the participants. Images included scenes inside the earthlodge, trees on the trail, birds, and others. Everyone had a good time and commented on how much fun it was and how much they learned.

Garry Redmann has been taking photos for 48 years and was a perfect instructor for the workshop.

A Fall-in-the-Field Photography Workshop will be offered on October 1, 2011, at the park. Keep an eye on the TRNHA newsletter for further details.

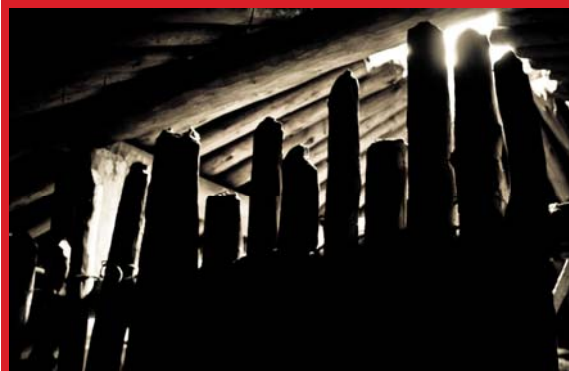
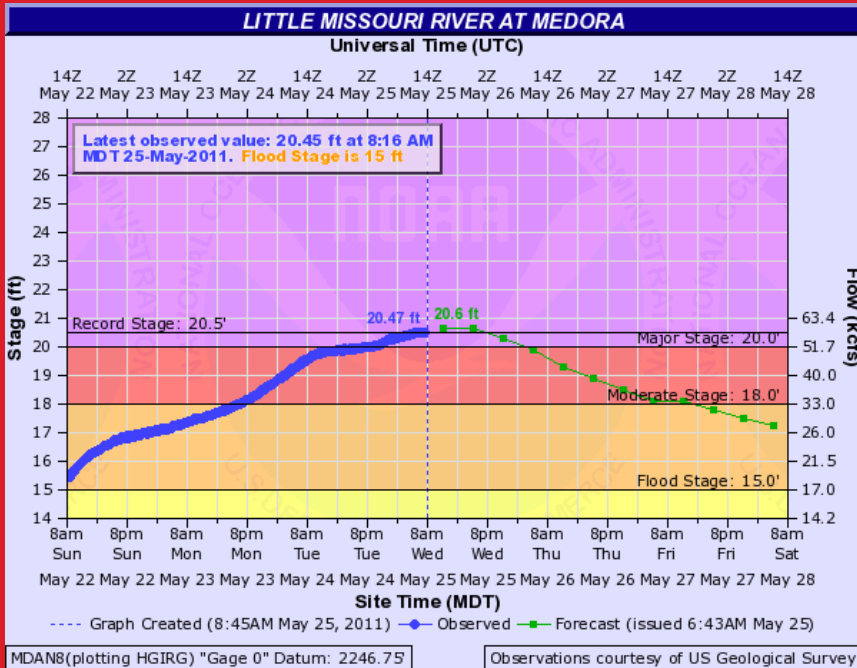


Image by Adam Emter, workshop participant.

## How High is the Water?



If you would have glanced at a computer screen in Theodore Roosevelt National Park last week you may have saw the image to the left. It is the stream gauge provided on the ND National Weather Service's webpage. Everyone located along the Little Missouri River watched closely waiting to see how high the river would rise.

However watching the gauge was not the only thing happening in the area. On Monday and Tuesday park service staff, county emergency managers, Medora residents and employees, and many other local North Dakotans began preparing for high waters by placing sandbags and building dirt berms throughout town, the South Unit and North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park, including a sandbag wall around TR's Maltese Cross Cabin to insure that a piece of history was not destroyed.

Once the sandbag walls and dirt berms were built we all sat back and watched as the water continued to rise. While the river in Medora never quite hit the highest recorded mark in history of 20.5 set in 1947, we did find ourselves with the second highest at 20.48. The high waters reeked havoc on many locations but thanks to the hard work of many people most of Theodore Roosevelt National Park was spared from major damage.

The water has begun to go down, but the hard work has only began. Some people will begin cleaning up their damaged property and others will begin to breakdown the great walls they built for protection.

### Historical Crests for Little Missouri River at Medora

- (1) 20.50 ft on 03/23/1947
- (2) 18.68 ft on 03/11/1972
- (3) 17.32 ft on 04/08/1952
- (4) 17.20 ft on 06/07/1929
- (5) 16.52 ft on 03/28/1978
- (6) 16.43 ft on 04/19/2009
- (7) 16.00 ft on 04/24/1907
- (8) 14.15 ft on 03/20/2010
- (9) 14.10 ft on 06/16/1915
- (10) 14.00 ft on 05/09/1975
- (11) 13.90 ft on 07/27/1955
- (12) 13.82 ft on 04/25/2006
- (13) 11.75 ft on 06/09/2007
- (14) 11.70 ft on 05/11/2008
- (15) 11.43 ft on 06/30/2005
- (16) 10.21 ft on 03/16/2003

### Record Crest before May 2011



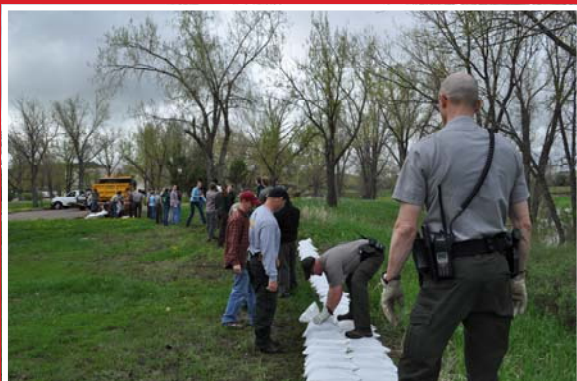
Chad Sexton, GIS Analysis for the park spent many long hours measuring elevation and making calculations of where the water would go as the river rose. His measurements were instrumental in deciding how high the sandbag walls and dirt berms should be built.





## The Rising of the Little Missouri River

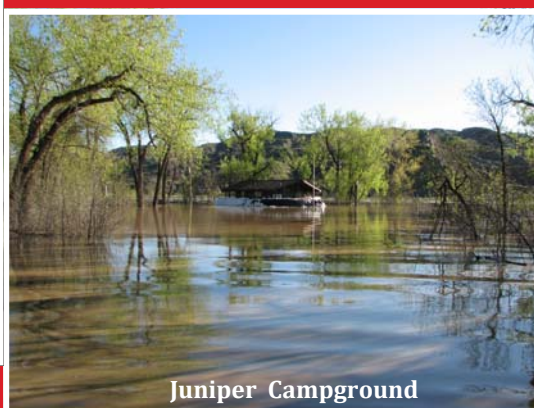
Park staff worked hard to protect the Maltese Cross Cabin, South Unit Visitor Center, and the Campenders House in the North Unit.



Park Staff and TRNHA employees pose in front of the cabin after the sandbags were in place to help preserve a piece of history.



Cottonwood Campground



Juniper Campground

Juniper Campground in the North Unit and Cottonwood Campground in the South Unit both found themselves completely under water.





# Birds Word Search

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Theodore Roosevelt National Park Interpretation Staff took a break from training to pose in front of Theodore Roosevelt's Maltese Cross Cabin. The staff plans to begin cabin tours on Friday, June 3rd. Stop by the South Unit Visitor Center for a schedule of tours.

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North Unit 8:00 am to 6:00 pm CST

Interpretive Programs are scheduled to begin shortly. For more information and to meet the new staff please stop by the visitor centers.

## Friends of Theodore Roosevelt National Park to Sponsor Park Trails Event

On Saturday, June 4, The Friends of Theodore Roosevelt National Park and park staff will work together to mark some of the backcountry trails in the South Unit for the summer season.

Interested members of the public should meet at the Theodore Roosevelt National Park Visitor Center in Medora at 9 am MDT.

"The park staff and friends group realize that many people are involved in cleaning up or preparing for flooding in North Dakota," said Superintendent Valerie Naylor. "But for those who need a break or would like to spend some time in the badlands, this should be a great volunteer day."

Volunteers should come dressed for the weather, bring a lunch, water, sun screen, hat, work gloves and comfortable boots or walking shoes. The work requires walking several miles on park trails carrying trail posts and tools. Volunteers will cover as many trails as possible, in groups of 4-5. The Friends will supply snacks for trail workers.

Interested persons are encouraged to RSVP by calling the park at 701-623-4730 ext 3401.

The mission of Friends of Theodore Roosevelt National Park is to support the natural, cultural, and scenic resources, and the spirit and sense of place of the three units of Theodore Roosevelt National Park and the Little Missouri River that

unites them in the badlands of North Dakota. This will be accomplished by advocating for the park, raising public awareness, engaging youth, and raising funds for projects that support the park's mission and Theodore Roosevelt's conservation legacy.

Friends of Theodore Roosevelt National Park has recently developed a website, [www.friendsoftr.org](http://www.friendsoftr.org). Videos of well known North Dakotans and Friends Group members Clay Jenkinson and Sheila Schafer are featured along with videos from park visitors. Park enthusiasts are encouraged to submit their own videos about the park for posting on the website.

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July 2011

## Birds of a Feather Flock Together!

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birdwalk. Three of the four groups had the opportunity to see this new kid on the block and later members of the fourth group made another trip through the campground to capture a glimpse.

Pictures provided by Stacey Cordery will accompany our documented sighting in our report to the Audubon Society and help us remember this moment. What a day!

Along with the new sighting 73 participants managed to identify 51 species. Many new faces joined in the fun and we enjoyed many familiar faces from bird walks past. The sun also accompanied us on our walk which was welcome after endless days of rain. The campground was still muddied in after the swollen Little Missouri flooded the river bottoms all along its route, but we still explored and found this to be a great year for birding. TRNHA thanks leaders Clark Talkington, John Heiser, Jack Lefor, Cory Ellingson and Valerie Naylor for guiding eager birders and helping make this another banner birdwalk.

The history of an annual birdwalk sponsored by the Association goes back to 1954. TRNHA was a new organization supporting the recently established Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park. The first birdwalk was June 6, 1954 and was led by Dr. and Mrs. R.T. Gammell, season editors of the Audubon Society. For many years the birdwalk was called the Association-Audubon Society Bird Walk. Along with the Audubon Society this was also the start of the Bismarck Bird Club's involvement with this annual event. Ed Hiberade and Dr. Kenneth Johnson's participation and the introduction of the Bismarck Bird Club were highlighted in TRNHA minutes. Ken and his wife Adele would later help us

celebrate 50 years of birding in 2004 having made each and every birdwalk from 1954-2004. The Bismarck Bird Club has been involved in this event from leading groups to giving special programs on winged creatures.



We are grateful for their involvement and appreciate their willingness to continually attend this June tradition.

There were various years the birdwalk did not take place at TR National Park. The venue changed a few times; a couple were held at the Des Lacs Wildlife Refuge near Kenmare with the Gammell's as hosts. In 1962 we held the event at the North Unit campground. The event also migrated from early June to late June during the 60's. It finally settled to be held annually on the first Sunday in June and always at the Cottonwood Campground in the South Unit of TRNP.

As TRNHA celebrates its 60th Anniversary we look back to traditions and events that enhanced our membership, strengthened our relationship with the National Park Service and established our presence as a support group for TRNP. We have truly enjoyed the journey. Stay tuned for memories of the 1980's in the August e-newsletter.



## Calendar of Events

### July 5, 12, 19, & 26

#### Kid's Camp

Every Tuesday in July Knife River Indian Villages invites children to the park to participate in educational activities. To reserve a space and for more info contact 701-745-3300

### July 10 & August 10

#### Teddy Bear Picnics

TRNHA will be celebrating the Teddy Bear with two Teddy Bear Picnic Days this year. For more information visit [www.trnha.org](http://www.trnha.org) or contact us at [info@trnha.org](mailto:info@trnha.org).

### July 16th

#### Junior Ranger Day at Theodore Roosevelt National Park—South Unit

We will hike, look at rocks and minerals, make a watershed and learn about the rock cycle. It will begin at 9 am at the SU Picnic Area and will conclude with a JR graduation at 3 pm. Lunch must be provided and parents must accompany children. Everyone must bring a lunch, water, sunscreen, comfortable shoes and appropriate clothing.

### July 30 & 31

#### Northern Great Plains Culture Fest

Stop by Knife River and enjoy free cultural demonstrations, participate in games, and learn about the lives of people that lived on the Plains. More info contact 701-745-3300

## Visitor Information

### Theodore Roosevelt National Park

#### South Unit Visitor Center

8:00 am - 6:00 pm MDT

#### North Unit Visitor Center

8:00 am - 6:00 pm CDT

#### Painted Canyon

8:30 am - 6:00 pm MDT

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 - 6:00 pm CDT

#### Upper Souris NWR

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



## Ranger Recommends



July's featured Ranger is Phillip Smith, a seasonal park ranger in the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Phil is in his first season as a National Park Ranger and is a student at Ohio University where he is studying History. Park visitors benefit from Phil's

can do attitude and willingness to help make their experience great!

Phil recommends the book, *We are Americans, We are Scouts* by David C. Scott. He says: "*We are Americans, We are Scouts* is a very inspiring little book and I personally recommend this book to all and not just Scouts. As an Eagle Scout, myself, I believe this book is an essential reference for every citizen."

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

### We are Americans, We are Scouts

Regular Price: \$11.95

Members Price: \$10.16

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## Theodore Roosevelt National Park Celebrates Teddy Bear Picnic Day

Have you ever wondered how the "Teddy Bear" got its name? The Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association (TRNHA) will host a Teddy Bear Picnic on Sunday, July 10 at 1:00 p.m. to celebrate National Teddy Bear Picnic Day.

Registration is at 12:45 p.m. MDT at the South Unit Visitor Center; picnic festivities will begin at 1:00 p.m. The picnic is free, though the park's regular entrance fee will be charged.

"July 10 is actually National Teddy Bear Picnic Day, so this will be fun," said Superintendent Valerie Naylor. "We encourage kids and their parents to attend this light-hearted event in the park dedicated to the man who inspired the Teddy Bear."

The picnic will have a unique theme and will give children (and adults) 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! There will also be a visit by a very special surprise guest.

"It's always great fun to see how Teddy Bears bring out the kid in all of us," said Jane Muggli, TRNHA Executive Director. "We love hosting this picnic in the park."

Another Teddy Bear Picnic will be held on August 10. For further information, call the Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association, the park's non-profit partner, at 701-623-4884 or visit the website at [www.trnha.org](http://www.trnha.org).



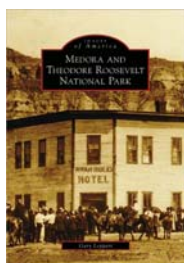
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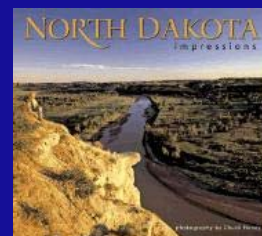
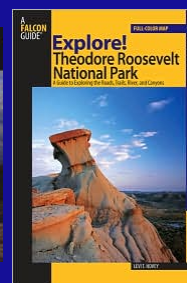
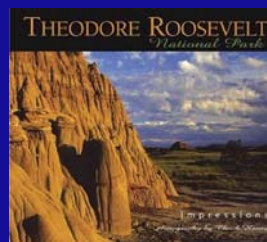
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July's members only coupon is for a Gary Leppart's book *Images of America: Medora and Theodore Roosevelt National Park* which is currently available at Theodore Roosevelt National Park or by contacting us at 701-623-4884.

In 1883, two notable individuals traveled along similar, yet later diverging paths from the eastern United States to a hamlet located on the west bank of the Little Missouri River in southwestern North Dakota. Both men, the Marquis de Mores and Theodore Roosevelt, were to distinguish themselves as wealthy cattle ranchers within months of arriving on what was then the western Dakota Territory frontier. The names of both individuals continue to resound through the historical chapters that shaped this part of the American landscape.

Check out these other great books about Theodore Roosevelt National Park and North Dakota.



## Knife River Indian Villages Special Events



Theodore Roosevelt National Park's Wildlife Biologist, Mike Oehler and his family took a turn at the wheel during Knife River Indian Villages pottery themed weekend.



Children from the Boys & Girls Club of New Town were treated to a game of double ball and many other special activities while visiting Knife River Indian Villages.



Pottery created by children participating in the children's pottery themed weekend.



## My Teddy Bear is...

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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](http://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  
Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association!**

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## Growth, prosperity and a computer too! TRNHA in the 1980's....

The 1980's were a coming of age for the Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association. Hiring a part time business manager in the late 1970's would lead to that position becoming full time in 1988. The publications program was full steam ahead with the production of 6 new titles published by TRNHA. We also explored new items such as limited edition artwork and Native American craft items. With the addition of Fort Union Trading Post NHS and Knife River Indian Villages NHS in the 1970's the Association stepped up their publication offerings and support for these two new sites.

Other milestones include the TRNHA office becoming computerized. MS-DOS operating system was cutting edge for this nonprofit organization and made some of our accounting procedures much easier to maintain. Our TRNHA logo was born in 1984 including an earthlodge and Fort Union's bastion and palisades representing all NPS sites we support in the graphic. Our commit-

ment to assist research activities prompted our support of aerial surveys, basketry methods of the plains Indians, a development of an ungulate model for bison, elk and horses, and the feral horse study. A few of these research projects would become site specific publications in the future.

The Conference of National Park Cooperating Associations was founded and became a grandfather organization to NPS cooperating associations across the country. Biennial conventions allowed members to network, share ideas, receive training and collectively work toward fulfilling our support mission to the NPS. These were exciting times that facilitated better communication and stronger commitments between the NPS and cooperating associations.



## Special Presentation at Theodore Roosevelt National Park August 12, 2011

### Scratchings and Squeakings: Lesser Known Mammals of the North Dakota Badlands

By Dr. Robert Seabloom, Professor Emeritus, University of North Dakota

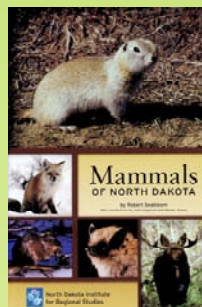


1:45 pm - 2:30 pm MDT  
South Unit Visitor Center Auditorium

Followed by a signing of Dr. Seabloom's new book  
***Mammals of North Dakota***

### ***Mammals of North Dakota* - by Robert Seabloom, with contributions by John Hoganson and William Jensen**

The first comprehensive work on the mammalian fauna of the state since Vernon Bailey's early "Biological Survey of North Dakota" published in 1926. This book is intended to be used by students, professional biologists, and serious naturalists. Detailed accounts of each of the state's 86 mammal species include common, scientific, and known Native American names, and sections on Species Description, Distribution, Habitat, Ecology and Behavior, Reproduction, Status and Conservation, and Selected References. Important introductory chapters deal with the mammalian biogeography of the state, the mammalian paleofauna of North Dakota (John Hoganson), and the principal habitats of North Dakota (Bill Jensen). Additional chapters deal with investigating mammals and taxonomic keys for species identification.



## Calendar of Events

### August 10, 2011

#### **Teddy Bear Picnics**

Join TRNHA for a Teddy Bear Picnic at the South Unit. For more information visit [www.trnha.org](http://www.trnha.org) or contact us at [info@trnha.org](mailto:info@trnha.org).

### August 7, 2011

North Unit Wilderness Hike

### August 12, 2011

Special Presentation and book signing with professor Robert W. Seabloom, author of recently released *Mammals of North Dakota*. For more information visit [www.trnha.org](http://www.trnha.org) or contact us at [info@trnha.org](mailto:info@trnha.org).

### August 25, 2011

National Park Founders Day

### August 26 & 27, 2011

Tour of the Night Sky in the North Unit. Oxbow Overlook at 10pm CDT. For more information contact the park at 701-842-2333.



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Monday-Friday

## Ranger Recommends



August's featured Ranger is Christopher Collins, a seasonal park ranger in the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Chris is in his first season as a National Park Ranger. When he isn't being a park ranger, he teaches 11th and 12th grade Earth and Environmental Science in Weymouth, Massachusetts. Park visitors bene-

fit greatly from Christopher's vast knowledge of the sciences and his willingness to share his knowledge to help make their trip memorable.

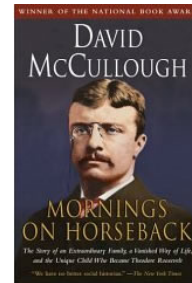
Chris recommends the book, *Mornings on Horseback* by David McCullough

He says: "For all of you who are interested in understanding more about the early life of Theodore Roosevelt, I highly recommend reading *Mornings on Horseback*. This book covers TR's intriguing family background as well as the finite details of the first third of his life. This book provides a detailed explanation of his dynamic family structure which in turn allows readers to understand the young would be president on a deeper and more profound level. This is also a great resource for investigating TR's time here in Medora and the surrounding Badlands

If you are interested in purchasing this book,

please visit one of our Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History bookstores or visit our online store at:

### **Mornings on Horseback by David McCullough**



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## Teddy Bear Picnic Fun!

Come out to the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park and take part in our last picnic of the summer on August 10th. We will learn about how the Teddy Bear got his name and go on a camping adventure with Curious George. Participants will receive a goodie bag full of Teddy Bear treats and have an opportunity to meet Smokey Bear. So load the kids and their teddy bears in the car and come out to Medora for a Bear-y Good Time!

Registration is at 12:45 p.m. MDT at the South Unit Visitor Center; picnic festivities will begin at 1:00 p.m. The picnic is free, though the park's regular entrance fee will be charged. (*Lunch will not be served, so please be sure to grab lunch at one of Medora's fine restaurants before heading over*)



Photos from our Teddy Bear Picnic July 10, 2011





## Park Welcomes Dean Wyckoff as New Chief Ranger

Dean Wyckoff has been selected as the new Chief Ranger for Theodore Roosevelt National Park. He began his assignment on July 17, filling the position previously held by Tom Cox, who retired from the NPS in January.

"It is wonderful to have Dean join the park management team," said Superintendent Valerie Naylor. "He has deep knowledge of the park and its issues, along with a strong connection to the local area. Dean will bring exceptional leadership to our law enforcement and resource and visitor protection programs."

Wyckoff grew up in Sentinel Butte, North Dakota and has a Bachelor's Degree from Dickinson State University. He served as the park's South Unit District Ranger from 1996 - 2003 and as a seasonal ranger in the park from 1988 - 1990.

As Chief Ranger, Wyckoff oversees law enforcement, fee collection operations, emergency medical services, search and rescue, concessions management, special park uses, wilderness and backcountry management, and campground operations for all three units of the park.

Wyckoff began his National Park Service career as a seasonal Park Ranger at Theodore Roosevelt National Park and also worked in seasonal positions at Badlands National Park in South Dakota. He

held permanent positions as a park ranger at Statue of Liberty National Monument in New York City, and as a refuge officer at DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge in Iowa. After serving as District Ranger at Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Wyckoff was a Zone Law Enforcement Officer with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Bismarck. His most recent assignment was as a Supervisory Criminal Investigator with the Bureau of Land Management in Billings, Montana.

"I am very honored and excited to serve as the park's Chief Ranger," said Wyckoff. "I look forward to working with the local communities on park-related issues."



## North Unit Road Restrictions Take Effect

A portion of the North Unit Scenic Drive in Theodore Roosevelt National Park has been reduced to one lane during daylight hours and will be closed at night due to slumping.

The portion of the road from Caprock Coulee to Riverbend Overlook will be closed from dusk until 7:30 am daily due to a section of road that has been compromised due to slumping and sliding from wet conditions. In the Cedar Canyon area, the road will be reduced to one lane with two way traffic taking turns on a short stretch. The restrictions will remain in place indefinitely.

"The wet conditions of the last two years have taken a toll on park roads as they have on other roads and highways in western North Dakota," said Superintendent Valerie Naylor. "These restrictions are necessary to ensure the safety of visitors using the road and to allow us to keep the road open to all visitor traffic during daylight hours."

The first 7 miles of the road, from the Visitor Center to the Caprock Coulee pullout will have no restrictions and access to and from the campground will not be affected.

"We want to stress that the road, trails, campground, and backcountry in the North Unit are open and that no park activities should be seriously affected," said Naylor. "Visitors do need to keep to the speed limit and drive with caution throughout the park as there are areas of broken pavement due to the wet conditions this year."

The North Unit is located 15 miles South of Watford City off Highway 85. The park is open every day. For additional information about the park, including updates about the road restrictions, please call the North Unit Visitor Center at 842-2333.



## Member Only Special

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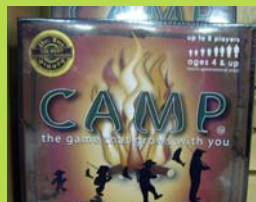
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### Check out these other great games available in our stores!



**Camp Board Game**  
\$24.99



**Junior RangerLand**  
\$16.99



**National Park Scrabble**  
\$25.00



**National Uno**  
\$12.99

## VOLUNTEERS SELECTED FOR 2011 ELK REDUCTION PROGRAM

Letters are in the mail to 200 potential volunteers who will assist Theodore Roosevelt National Park with its elk reduction program this fall and winter.

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 elk in the park between October 17 and December 23. The reduction will again focus on cow elk, although some yearling bulls will also be targeted for removal. Shooting will be restricted to Tuesday through Thursday to minimize disruption to normal park operations and weekend visitation by the public.

"We look forward to another successful year of elk reduction in the park," said Superintendent Valerie Naylor. "Last year we successfully removed 406 elk with no injuries or accidents. Our goal is to have a safe and successful effort in 2011."

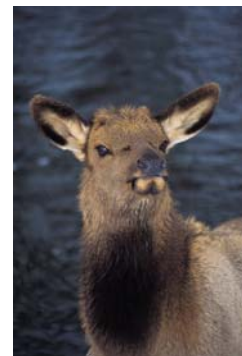
The elk reduction volunteer application period was open from July 9 - 23. During this fifteen day application period, a total of 399 unique applications were received. Because volunteers could apply in teams of 2-4, there were 875 eligible applicants. Overall, applications were received from 33 different states. North Dakota and Minnesota represented the largest portion of applicants, accounting for 42% and 23% of eligible volunteers respectively.

The overall odds of being selected to participate as a volunteer were much higher than in 2010. For 2011 the drawing odds for any given week ranged from a low of 17% to a high of 31%. In the 2010 selection, the drawing odds were .5% - 1.1%.

The volunteers were randomly selected using a computer program. Twelve volunteers who participated in 2010 were selected to participate again this year.

The people who received packets have until August 22 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. Applicants who are not notified can assume they were not selected for the elk reduction effort.

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.



# National Park Wilderness Hike Highlights Backcountry Springs

Fresh water springs are an important source of water in the arid badlands of Theodore Roosevelt National Park, but they are few and far between. Ranger John Heiser will lead a “Backcountry Spring Adventure” to one of the natural springs in the park’s wilderness on Sunday, August 7.

“Backcountry springs sustain a wide variety of wildlife and plants in the park,” said Superintendent Valerie Naylor. “This hike will be an excellent opportunity to spend some time with an experienced ranger while exploring the challenges of life in the badlands.”

Hikers should meet Heiser at the picnic area in the Juniper Campground in the park’s North Unit at 9:00 a.m. CDT. Group size and weather conditions will determine the length and time of the hike, which could last from 4 to 6 hours and cover 2 to 6 miles. Participants should be prepared for strenuous hiking and variable

weather, and should wear sturdy boots and durable clothes. Each person should bring plenty of drinking water, food, rain gear, sunscreen, and insect repellent. Binoculars, cameras, and a favorite poem or quote are also encouraged. 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. The final wilderness hike of the season is scheduled for September 4.



## Thunderstorm Word Find

- BANG
- BOOM
- CLOUDY
- CUMULUS
- DAMAGE
- DARK
- DOWNPOUR
- FLOOD
- HAIL
- LIGHTNING
- MUD
- PUDDLES
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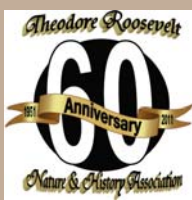
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# TRNHA NEWSLETTER

September 2011

## Celebrating the 90's

The Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association spent the 1990's welcoming new visitor centers and helping their agency partners celebrate anniversaries. The decade of celebration was kicked off in 1991 with the 75th anniversary of the National Park Service. A year-long series of events commemorated this milestone with TRNHA funding many of the activities. As we gear up for the 100th anniversary in 2016 TRNHA is already making plans to help our park partners celebrate in style.

The Knife River Indian Villages welcomed a new visitor center on June 27, 1992. Tribal members, NPS officials, ND senators, and representatives welcomed more than 1500 visitors to the dedication ceremony. Two months later TRNP's North Unit officially dedicated their new visitor center on August 22, 1992. TRNHA was there to lend their support at each ceremony and thrilled to be a part of such exciting progress.

In the spring of 1993 TRNHA said farewell to Fort Union Trading Post NHS. They formed their own association that would take over bookstore sales and

support of the site. It was a daring undertaking but time for the new Fort Union Association to spread its wings. FUA will also furnish and sell items in the new trade house.

With partings come opportunities to welcome new partners. In 1996 Sullys Hill National Wildlife Refuge joined our roster. This USFWS site was originally designated Sullys Hill National Park by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1904 (it became national game preserve in 1914) and it is most fitting that TRNHA be their support organization.

Upper Souris NWR turned 60 in 1995; Theodore Roosevelt NP South Unit celebrated 50 years in 1997; the North Unit would follow with their 50th in 1998; finally, Knife River Indian Villages NHS, the youngster in the group, would celebrate their 25th anniversary in 1999. TRNHA did acknowledge a few milestones of their own with the organization turning 40 in 1991, observing both the 40th and 45th anniversaries of the annual birdwalk and looked forward to the next millennium filled with new celebrations to commemorate.

## Rain Continues to Cause Problems in TRNP

A portion of the North Unit Scenic Drive in Theodore Roosevelt National Park has been closed due to continued slumping.

The road from Caprock Coulee to Oxbow Overlook is closed because a section of road in the Cedar Canyon area has been compromised and is slumping and sliding. The closure will remain in place until further notice. No entrance fees will be charged in the North Unit while the road is closed.

The first 7 miles of the road, from the Visitor Center to the Caprock Coulee pullout, will have no restrictions and access to and from the campground will not be affected.

"The formation of the badlands is a constant and ongoing natural process," said Superintendent Valerie Naylor. "The erosional processes that have given us

our beautiful scenery, in combination with the wet conditions of the last two years, have led to the current condition of the park road. We regret the necessity of closing any part of the scenic drive, but the safety of visitors and park staff is paramount."

The North Unit is located 15 miles south of Watford City off Highway 85. The park is open every day. For further information, including current road conditions, please call the North Unit Visitor Center at 701-842-2333 or visit the park's website at [www.nps.gov/thro](http://www.nps.gov/thro).



## Calendar of Events

### September 4, 2011

Wilderness Hike in the North Unit. Those interested should meet Ranger John Heiser in the Juniper Campground at 9:00 am CDT

### September 6, 2011

Theodore Roosevelt National Park South Unit, North Unit, and Painted Canyon will be switching to off season visitor center hours. Ranger led talks and hikes will continue throughout September, contact the park for more info.

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### September 24, 2011

National Public Lands Day

### October 1, 2011

Knife River Indian Villages will be hosting a Fall-in-the-Field Photography Workshop. Contact KNRI for more info at 701-745-3300

## Visitor Information

### Theodore Roosevelt National Park South Unit

Summer - 8:00 am - 6:00 pm MDT  
Off Season - 8:00 am - 5:00 pm MDT  
Loop Drive Currently Open

### North Unit

Summer - 8:00 am - 6:00 pm CDT  
Off Season - 9:00 am - 5:30 pm CDT  
Portions of the drive are closed

### Painted Canyon

Summer - 8:30 - 6:00 pm MDT  
Off Season - 8:30 am - 4:30 pm MDT

### Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site

Summer - 8:00 am - 6:00 pm CDT  
Off Season - 8:00 am - 4:30 pm CDT

### Upper Souris NWR

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

## Ranger Recommends



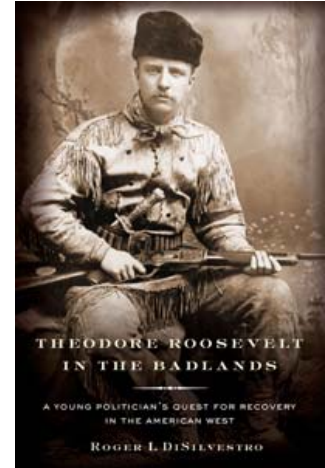
September's featured Ranger is Nate Gosselin, a seasonal SCA park ranger in the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. At the completion of his first summer season as a National Park employee, Nate will be returning to graduate school in his hometown, Omaha, Nebraska. Nate has been a great asset to the park quickly win-

ning over park visitors with his natural charisma, passion for the park, and love of the job.

Nate recommends the book, *Theodore Roosevelt in the Badlands* by Roger Di Silverstro. He says: "*Theodore Roosevelt in the Badlands* is the best contemporary piece of literature concerning the life of our nation's 26th President. From childhood to the beginning of Roosevelt's presidency, Di Silverstro takes you on a voyage that adequately describes the ups and downs of Roosevelt's life. Using credible sources and mixing them with a clever pen, Di Silverstro welcomes the reader into a book full of knowledge. I promise this book will not disappoint."

If you are interested in purchasing this book, please visit one of our Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History bookstores or visit our online store at [www.trnha.org](http://www.trnha.org)

### Theodore Roosevelt in the Badlands by Roger Di Silverstro



Regular Price: \$27.00  
Members Price: \$22.95

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## Youngest Hiker

August 17, 2011 was a remarkable day in the North Unit as six year old Jack O'Brien, Saint Paul, Minnesota, possibly became the youngest hiker to complete the 18 mile Achenbach loop trail. It is even more impressive considering the conditions he and his father, Terry, encountered. With the Little Missouri River flooding earlier this summer the river bottom was altered substantially. The high water caused the fast current to move the bottom sediment farther downriver making the river channel deeper and uneven. To complete the trail loop the O'Brien's had to ford the river twice. The crossing near the North Unit's Juniper Campground became much deeper from the scouring and Terry crossed several times to find a route with the lowest level to cross.

High river levels prevented hikers from attempting the South Achenbach trail in June and July; the low number of bison on the south side also made it difficult for hikers to follow a route because they typically travel the backcountry trails, keeping them well worn. Compounding this, the cyclic peak of Yellow Sweet Clover and record amounts of rain this season had caused the clover to be as thick as a jungle, four to six feet tall and thus obscuring the trail posts. This all led veteran North Unit backcountry ranger John Heiser to say he has not seen such conditions in his 38 years working at the park. Terry O'Brien said "With a topographic map and compass, we still had to use his GPS system to maneuver through the clover". Heiser complimented O'Brien on his preparation for the trip, saying that he was one of the rare backpackers

who essentially did everything right. Terry and Jack had done day hikes in the North Unit last summer and had become accustomed to the terrain of the badlands. Heiser noted that hikers consistently underestimate the extreme nature of hiking the badlands, too often wanting to start on the most challenging trails and thus getting into trouble. Terry O'Brien had downloaded the Achenbach trail onto his GPS system during the winter while planning the trip.

The Jack and Terry completed the Achenbach trail in two days, following the hike they spent a day at Fort Union Trading Post and returned to hike the North Unit's Buckhorn trail. They spent two nights on it as Jack wanted to spend a night near a prairie dog town. Both father and son said they would be back next summer for more hiking adventures.





## 2011 Northern Great Plains Culture Fest a Success

The 30th annual Culture Fest held on July 30 and 31 was a success. This two day event welcomed over five hundred visitors participating in building a half-scale earthlodge, playing traditional Mandan-Hidatsa games, tossing the atlatl, and making beaded corncob key chains.

The Knife River Indian Heritage Foundation sold food concessions that included bison burgers and traditional fry bread. In addition to the tasty food offerings visitors enjoyed demonstrations on flint knapping, pottery making, traditional flute music, Arikara history, fur trade history, porcupine quillwork, and beadwork. Formal presentations included: flute music, medicine bags and dream catchers, words from the traders, and flint knapping.

The annual event is sponsored by the Knife River Indian Heritage Foundation, Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association, Union State Bank, and Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site. Culture Fest 2012 will be held on July 28 and 29 – be sure to mark your calendars.



TRNHA Board member, Marlene Frei, volunteered at Knife River Indian Villages NHS Culture Fest and had a few thoughts to share about the annual event.

"One of the things I notice year-after-year is the dedication of the staff at Knife River to make this a stellar event. The presenters are always eager to share their knowledge and are genuinely happy to be there. I think the setting at Knife River is peaceful and quaint, and very surprising to people. Every year the event seems to get better! Many visitors return each year to take part in the weekend events and always seemed pleased they stop for a visit. I'm looking forward to helping out again next year."



## National Park to Offer People's Choice Wilderness Hike

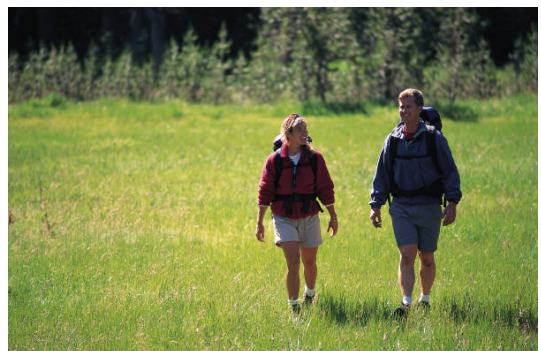
Visitors will choose the destination for a wilderness hike on Sunday, September 4 in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. The hike in the park's North Unit will be the last one of the 2011 summer season.

Backcountry Ranger John Heiser will offer 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. The number of participants and weather conditions will also help determine the hike's destination. 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.



## Member Only Specials

SEPTEMBER'S MEMBER ONLY COUPON IS FOR...

### Mornings on Horseback

by David McCullough

**SALE PRICE \$14.00**

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**EXPIRES: September 30, 2011**

August's members only coupon is for *Mornings on Horseback* by David McCullough which is currently available at Theodore Roosevelt National Park or by contacting us at 701-623-4884.

*Mornings on Horseback* is the brilliant biography of the young Theodore Roosevelt. Hailed as "a masterpiece" (John A. Gable, Newsday), it is the winner of the Los Angeles Times 1981 Book Prize for Biography and the National Book Award for Biography. Written by David McCullough, the author of *Truman*, this is the story of a remarkable little boy, seriously handicapped by recurrent and almost fatal asthma attacks, and his struggle to manhood: an amazing metamorphosis seen in the context of the very uncommon household in which he was raised.

## While Supplies Last!

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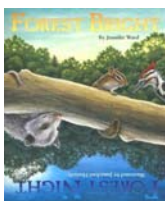
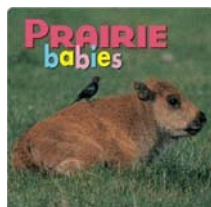
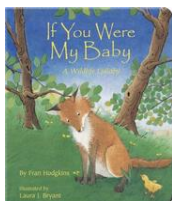
The bright colors and interesting questions encourage learning. Children and adults will have the time of their lives attempting to solve the bingo and scavenger hunt games.

### Board Books

If You Were, My Baby ~~\$7.95~~ \$6.00

Forest Bright, Forest Night ~~\$7.95~~ \$6.00

Prairie Babies ~~\$5.95~~ \$4.50

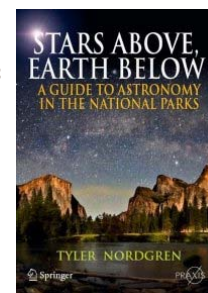


### Stars Above, Earth Below:

A Guide to Astronomy in the National Parks

~~\$29.95~~ \$20.95

*Stars Above, Earth Below* uses photographs and sky charts to form a connection between what is seen on the ground and in the sky, and looks at the deeper scientific meaning behind these sights. Nordgren describes other objects in the Solar System with features similar to those on Earth and links the geological features seen in the national parks to the very latest NASA spacecraft discoveries on other planets and their moons.



### Junior Rangerland

Northern Rocky Mountains Edition Board Game

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## 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.
- 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.
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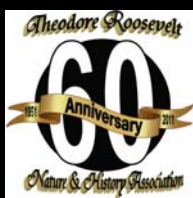
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# TRNHA NEWSLETTER

October 2011

## 60 Years Young...

With the new decade and new millennium Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association jumped from getting by with computers to exploring and conquering the World Wide Web. TRNHA presence online was first escorted by the National Park Service setting up a page with our basic info and later enhancing this page to include a listing of items for sale and how to contact us for purchase. This sufficed, but when Tracy Larsen came on board in 2007 we followed her lead and welcomed her expertise and web design talents. Our web page [www.trnha.org](http://www.trnha.org) debuted in January 2008. TRNHA is now a full-fledged web presence with constant updates and consistent enhancements to capture our members and other browsers full attention.

We spent much of the decade preparing for, seriously celebrating for two years, and then going through a sort of withdrawal from the bicentennial celebration of Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery. By the time 2004-2006 came around we were almost weary of the subject, but did enjoy phenomenal signature events and other activities to celebrate this great historic event.

In 2001, in cooperation with Dickinson State University, Theodore Roosevelt National Park and TRNHA participated in a Theodore Roosevelt Symposium. This event was tied into the great authors' series on C-SPAN complete with a live broadcast featuring

Tweed Roosevelt and H.W. Brands. TRNHA hosted many authors throughout the decade complete with book signing events for our visitors. This list includes: H.W. Brands; Chuck Haney; Dr. Kenneth Johnson; Michael Terry; Jan and Bob Sisk; Gary Leppart; James Ronda; Clay Jenkinson; Stacy Cordery; and Robert Seabloom.

We explored other ways to generate funds and for three years we operated a Christmas sales kiosk at the mall in Dickinson, ND. This was great exposure and an opportunity to share who we are and what we do with many local patrons. Another clever way to generate more aid dollars was the development of a t-shirt. This interpretive clothing item proved to be a great income generator and we continue to develop new shirt designs for visitors to enjoy. We also expanded our non-book items all themed at exploring our natural world (sun hat, water bottle, book bag, backpacks, Jr. Ranger items, hiking sticks, nature games....just to name a few).

As we look forward to the next sixty years we will continue to be mindful of our past with hats off to all those who carried us to this milestone. History is our middle name and it is wise to pay homage to ones humble beginnings. Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association!

## Upcoming Events

### October 1, 2011

Knife River Indian Villages will be hosting a Fall-in-the-Field Photography Workshop. Contact KNRI for more info at 701-745-3300

### October 27, 2011

Theodore Roosevelt's Birthday (October 27, 1858)

### October 27-30, 2011

Theodore Roosevelt: In the Arena of the West., Theodore Roosevelt Association 92nd Annual Meeting and the 6th Annual DSU Theodore Roosevelt Symposium. For more information visit - [www.theodorerooseveltcenter.org](http://www.theodorerooseveltcenter.org)

### February 11, 2012

Knife River Indian Villages will be hosting Heritage Outbound Winter Adventure .



## Former Upper Souris NWR Employee Receives Legends Award

Article and photo taken from USFWS Update

Jennifer Jewett, education and outreach coordinator at Des Lacs National Wildlife Refuge, ND, was named the Legends Award recipient. She was recognized for her innovative programs to inspire and educate youth and for developing community partners.

She oversaw two Americorps National Civilian Community Corps crews that completed major improvement projects, including renovating an accessible nature trail, removing hazardous trees at a dangerous intersection, prepping and assisting with prescribed fires, and organizing events such as Christmas bird counts and an endangered species day at a North Dakota zoo.

The Legends Award is presented annually by the American Recreation Coalition, in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other federal land



Jennifer Jewett, Legends Award recipient, hiking with her son Tommy at Des Lacs National Wildlife Refuge in North Dakota.

## Visitor Information

### Theodore Roosevelt National Park South Unit

8:00 am - 5:00 pm MDT

Loop Drive Currently Open

### North Unit

9:00 am - 5:30 pm CDT

Portions of the drive are closed

### Painted Canyon

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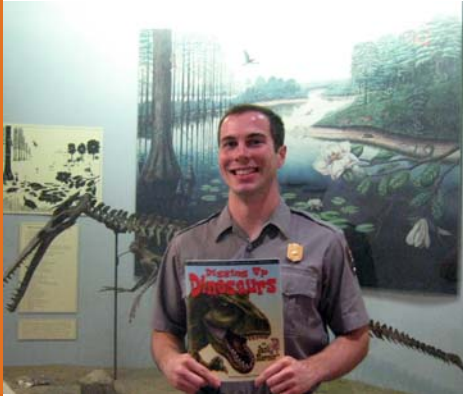
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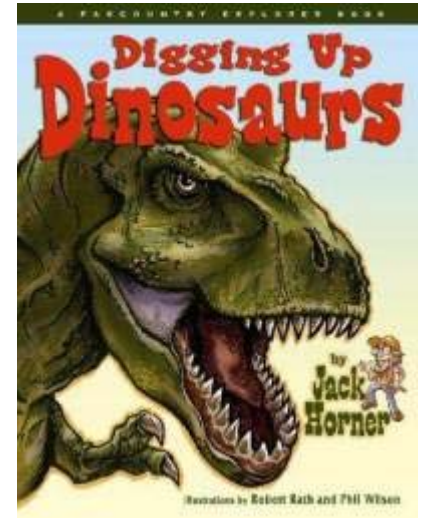


ence at Theodore Roosevelt National Park memorable.

Jesse recommends, *Digging Up Dinosaurs* by Jack Horner. He says, "*Digging Up Dinosaurs* is an excellent introductory book for both children and adults tackling the often difficult subject of geology and paleontology. It combines large print and colorful artistry to weave an intriguing story of time periods gone by. Not only is it fun to read and look at, but it's written by an actual paleontologist, what more could you ask for? Whether you're young or old, give *Digging Up Dinosaurs* a read if you want to know more about dinosaurs or paleontology."

If you are interested in purchasing this book, please visit one of our Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History bookstores or visit our online store at [www.trnha.org](http://www.trnha.org)

### Digging Up Dinosaurs by Jack Horner



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

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## Theodore Roosevelt Symposium - October 27-30

The Theodore Roosevelt Center at Dickinson State University invites you to the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Theodore Roosevelt Symposium to be held October 27-30 on the campus of Dickinson State University. Featured will be a new documentary film on Roosevelt in the Badlands, touring remote places where TR found his stride and his adult character, and revealing both a commemorative statue and symphony to honor our 26<sup>th</sup> U.S. president. Information is available at [www.TheodoreRooseveltCenter.org](http://www.TheodoreRooseveltCenter.org), or 701-483-2728.

## Knife River Indian Villages Host Educational Special Event

**Question:** What would bring 1300 students and teachers from across North Dakota to Knife River Indian Villages NHS during a week in September?

**Answer:** Lifeways of the Northern Plains. "Lifeways" is an interactive educational event that makes history come alive for visiting classrooms. In 2004 the educational component of the event started as a one day activity and hosted 150 students. This year "Lifeways" grew to a four-day event attended by thousands.



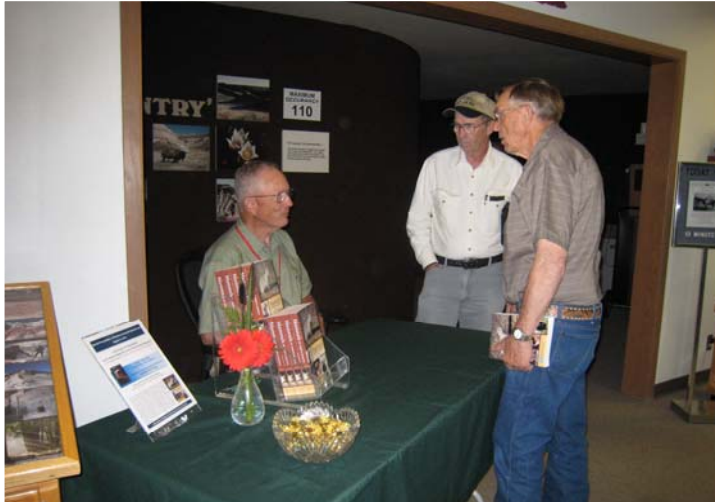
Students wait to enter the earthlodge during "Lifeways".

The students rotated through six different activity stations. Students visited the earthlodge and learned about life in the traditional Hidatsa dwelling. Keith Bear, Mandan/Hidatsa flute player and story teller, played the flute and talked about the role of the flute in Hidatsa-Mandan tribal life. Chris Floyd, a historical reenactor, taught the importance of sign language used on the Northern Plains. Students participated in a hands-on demonstration using symbols to tell a story on blocks. Park Rangers assisted students with reconstructing the frame of a kid's size earthlodge and they also tried their hand at throwing the atlatl, a prehistoric hunting tool, which was one of the highlights of the day.

One teacher had this to share with park staff, "My students loved all the stations and talked about it on the way home. It [Lifeways] is so organized and appropriate for their grade level." Due to the popularity of this event Knife River looks to expand "Lifeways" in the future.



## Book signing with Dr. Robert Seabloom



Dr. Robert Seabloom renews acquaintance with colleagues at the recent book signing event on August 12, 2011. The new title, ***Mammals of North Dakota***, is the first comprehensive work on the mammalian fauna of the state since 1926.



Superintendent Valerie Naylor enjoys visiting with her graduate school advisor Robert Seabloom, Professor Emeritus of Biology at the University of North Dakota. A presentation on the lesser known mammals of North Dakota was followed by a book signing in the Medora Visitor Center.

## Member Only Specials

October's members only coupon is for *Mammals of North Dakota* by Robert Seabloom which is currently available at Theodore Roosevelt National Park or by contacting us at 701-623-4884.

The first comprehensive work on the mammalian fauna of the state since Vernon Bailey's early "Biological Survey of North Dakota" published in 1926. This book is intended to be used by students, professional biologists, and serious naturalists. Detailed accounts of each of the state's 86 mammal species include common, scientific, and known Native American names, and sections on Species Description, Distribution, Habitat, Ecology and Behavior, Reproduction, Status and Conservation, and Selected References.



Nikki and Robert Seabloom are all smiles after a well-attended presentation and book signing hosted by TRNHA.

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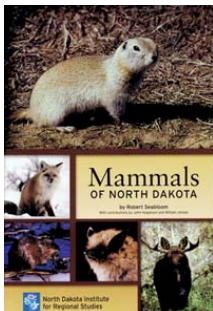
## Mammals of North Dakota

by Robert Seabloom with contributions by John Hoganson and William Jensen

**SALE PRICE \$34.00**

Regular Price \$36.00

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# Autumn

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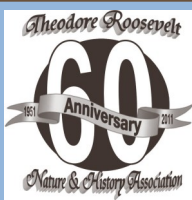
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## Midwest Region Parks Collaborate to Accomplish Prescribed Fire Goals in North Dakota and Nebraska

Managers and fire personnel from several Northern Great Plains area parks recently came together to conduct the Sheep Rx, a large prescribed fire in the wilderness area of Theodore Roosevelt National Park's North Unit. Red-carded employees from Wyoming, North Dakota, and South Dakota parks in addition to the US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Forest Service and The Nature Conservancy participated in this collaborative effort. Overall, more than forty people were involved in this 3618 acre burn, each essential to implementing the prescribed fire safely.

Key objectives for the Sheep Rx included reducing fuel loads, protection of sensitive cultural resources, improving foraging and lambing habitat for bighorn sheep, slowing juniper encroachment, and ultimately, to restore fire to its natural role in the fire-dependent ecosystem. Park Superintendent Valerie Naylor affirmed the prescribed fire objectives, stating "fire is a natural process... NPS policy stresses managing fire for resource benefits rather than merely suppressing it."

Shortly after finishing the Sheep Rx fire personnel moved on to complete a second prescribed fire in the Longhorn Flats unit which totaled 413 acres. This burn was also very successful at reducing density and cover of sage brush in order to enhance native grass forage for Theodore Roosevelt grazing animals, as well as, resident Longhorn cattle.

Fire personnel then traveled nine hours south to Agate Fossil Beds NM near Harrison, NE to complete the third and final prescribed fire in the North Carnegie unit. According to NPS records, eighty percent of this 464 acre area had not been burned in 25 years. The aim for this prescribed fire was to decrease thatch accumulation by reintroducing fire, and in so doing, reinvigorate the native prairie composition. Volunteers from Harrison VFD provided valuable local knowledge as well as operational support necessary to complete the burn efficiently.

In total the three burn units successfully treated 4495 acres. These prescribed fires are considered a great accomplishment by the parks and individuals involved, demonstrating the collaboration that is possible when agencies and volunteers partner together to reach mutually beneficial goals.

Contact: Leah Mitchell, Fire Administration, NGP Fire Management

Phone: (605) 745-1192

**Initiative:** National Fire Plan

**Category:** Prescribed Fire

**Fiscal Year:** 2011

**State:** North Dakota, Nebraska

**Agency:** National Park Service



## Upcoming Events

### November 4, 2011

Medora's annual Wildlife Feed is held each November on the opening day of deer season and takes place at the Medora Community Center. [Click here for information](#)

### November 11, 2011

Theodore Roosevelt National Park Visitor Centers will be moving to Winter Hours.

South Unit - 7 days a week 8-4:30 MT

North Unit - Fri, Sat, Sun 9-5:30 CT

Painted Canyon—Closed for Season

### November 24, 2011

Park Visitor Centers will be closed for Thanksgiving.

### December 2-4, 2011

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### Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site

Summer - 8:00 am - 6:00 pm CT

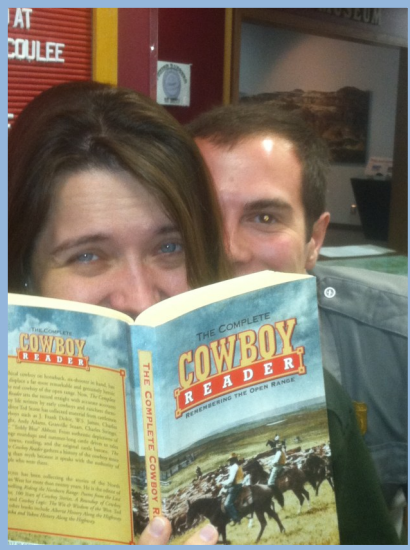
Off Season - 8:00 am - 4:30 pm CT

### Upper Souris NWR

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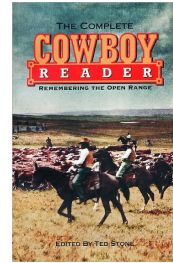
for several summers to work as a park ranger across the Dakotas, Wyoming, and Montana. This season, she has enjoyed learning and sharing the history of Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Marlo recommends, **The Complete Cowboy Reader: Remembering the Open Range** edited by Ted Stone. She says, "The Complete Cowboy Reader is a great compilation of primary sources about the nineteenth century cattle business across the United States. Stone has chosen excerpts that revive open range life, struggle through trail work, lament the end of the open range, and introduce western romance. Nearly all excerpts are written by the guys who lived the life. Among those featured authors, Theodore Roosevelt makes two appearances with his most exciting writings on ranching. Exciting is definitely the word. I learned so much reading these fascinating, sometimes funny, firsthand accounts – you won't want to put it

down (and may attract over-the-shoulder readers!)"

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## Elk Reduction Requires Midweek Backcountry Closures



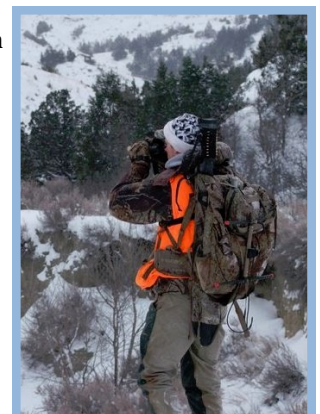
Backcountry areas and hiking trails in the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park will be closed on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from October 18 – December 22 to accommodate the park's elk reduction effort.

"For safety reasons, we are closing the South Unit'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."

This is the second year of the park's elk reduction effort, which is conducted so that the backcountry areas and trails in the South Unit are 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 also remain open.

The elk reduction is starting two weeks earlier this year and is ending a month earlier. Last year's elk management action lasted 12 weeks; this year it will be 10 weeks in length. No entrance fees will be charged in the South Unit on the days when the backcountry areas are closed.



Elk Reduction Team leader, Charles Black, scouts for elk during the 2010 Reduction.



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The answer to all of the following questions can be found on our website [www.trnha.org](http://www.trnha.org) , so if you need help please visit.

1. What do the initials TRNHA represent?
2. What year was TRNHA established?
3. What parks do we serve?
4. How many bookstores do we have?
5. Name 5 items TRNHA sells?
6. How much does a family membership cost?
7. What % discount do we offer those who are members of our association?
8. What year and month did we send out our first e-newsletter?
9. How many volunteer board members does TRNHA have?
10. How many employees does TRNHA have?
11. Name the TRNHA employees and their title.
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Happy Birthday TRNHA!



## Old Fashioned Cowboy Christmas

The Medora Chamber of Commerce, local businesses and volunteers have been working hard preparing for Medora's 16th 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!



[Facebook: Medora's Old Fashioned Cowboy Christmas](#)

### Schedule of events - subject to change

#### Friday December 2nd

- 11:30 am - 7:00pm Shops Open
- 4:00 pm - until it's gone Oyster Stew at Cowboy Café
- 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Wreath Ceremony and Parade of Lights
- 7:00 pm - 7:15 pm Veteran's Memorial Service
- 7:15 pm - 11:00 pm Wine and Beer tasting
- 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm Cowboy Christmas Carol (theatre)
- 10:00 pm - 12:30 am Holiday Bar Stroll (local bars)

#### Saturday December 3th

- 8:30 am - 6:00 pm Shops Open
- 9:30 am - 4:00 pm Kids Games and hay/sleigh rides
- 11:00 am - 2:00 pm Eats on the Streets
- 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Cowboy Snow Sculpting
- 11:30 am - 3:00 pm Badlands Ministries Carolers
- 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm Cowboy Poetry and Music
- 4:00 pm - Catholic Mass

- 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Cowboy Christmas Supper
- 7:30 pm - 8:00 pm Fireworks
- 8:00 pm - 12:30 am Dance - Thunder Road
- 9:30 pm - 10:00 pm - Dance Contest
- Midnight Buffet

#### Sunday December 4th - Family Fun Day

- 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Shops Open
- 9:00 am - 10:30 am Breakfast
- 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Decorating Christmas Cookies at the Rough Rider Hotel
- 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Cookies with Santa
- 12:00 pm - Cookie Contest Winner Announced
- 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm Sledding at the Chateau
- 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm Cowboy Christmas Carol (theatre)

Medora Chamber of Commerce  
701-623-4910  
mofcc@hotmail.com

## Upcoming Events

### December 2-4, 2011

Medora's Old Fashion Cowboy Christmas. [Click here for information.](#)

### December 18, 2011

Christmas Bird Count in the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park

### December 25, 2011

Park Visitor Centers will be closed for Christmas

### January 1, 2012

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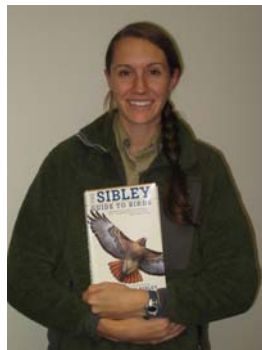
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## Ranger Recommends



December's featured ranger is Laura Thomas, a volunteer interpretive ranger at Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Laura came to North Dakota from Virginia in May with her husband Shawn.

She graciously dedicated her summer and fall to volunteering as an interpretive ranger in both the north and south unit since her arrival. Beginning January Laura will officially join the south unit interpretive staff as a seasonal ranger. Her vast knowledge and love of the outdoors combined with her months of exploring the North and South Unit make her an excellent source for park information.

Laura recommends, *Sibley Guide to Birds* by David Sibley. She says, "A few weeks before making the move to Theodore Roosevelt National Park I felt compelled to do some research. I picked up a biography of Theodore Roosevelt and was immediately impressed with his passion for birding. I was surprised to learn that Roosevelt had been birding since before the age of 10!

Roosevelt's own remembrances of traipsing about the Adirondacks with hefty field guides in tow inspired me to pick up a field guide of my own. This past April, I purchased my very first bird guide. I learned quickly how easy it is to become confused and discouraged in my first unsuccessful attempts at identifying the birds I saw in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Then I came across the Sibley Guide to Birds in our visitor center, with its detailed drawings and descriptions, I was finally able to make some headway!

The Sibley Guide to Birds has many features that are helpful to rookie and seasoned birders alike. They show both the top and bottom of each bird's wing in flight, and note distinguishing features to help you differentiate between species that have a similar appearance.

My favorite thing about this guide is that the varying plumages of every species are depicted. What frustrated me most about other field guides was that they generally only show adult male and female plumages. Sometimes a juvenile bird looks almost nothing like its adult counterpart – which is interesting to me now, but was frustrating for me before I had this guide book.

I have come to find that Theodore Roosevelt National Park is a perfect place to watch birds! We're situated so that we see both eastern and western species – like the Eastern and Western Kingbirds. There is a wide assortment of birds that take advantage of the many different habitats in the badlands. For example, we have my favorite bird, the Rock Wren, who delights in dry, open rocky ledges and also my husband's favorite bird, the Belted Kingfisher, who prefers sheltered waters. With the help of the Sibley Guide to Birds I have been able to identify over 70 species of birds in Theodore Roosevelt National Park!"

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## Cause & Effect

Everyday North Dakota's National Parks face challenges or changes that directly effect the parks and their visitors. However those who support, visit, and work in or near the parks might not realize the effects, both positive and negative, these events have on the park. We have decided to dedicate this section of our newsletter to focus on these "Causes and Effects". Please feel free to share your comments or concerns with North Dakota's parks and the TRNHA staff by sending an e-mail to: [info@trnha.org](mailto:info@trnha.org).



### Fryburg Rail Facility

One of the many issues facing Theodore Roosevelt National Park is a proposed rail facility near Fryburg which would be used to load oil from trucks or pipelines into rail cars. The proposed Bakken Link pipeline (which is another issue facing the park) would be expected to terminate at the rail facility. If built, this rail facility will cover 270 acres, just 1-1/2 miles from the South Unit boundary. It will include 2 giant tanks that will hold

150,000 barrels (6.3 million gallons) of oil each. Much of the rail facility would be visible from the park's east boundary. Little information on the proposed rail facility has been released to the public, but there are concerns regarding view shed, noise, lights, dust, and 250 trucks a day right near the park boundary.

### How is the Park Responding?

Park staff attended the September Billings County Commission meeting at which time the rail facility approval was tabled. At a special county commissioners' meeting in October, we expressed concern over the proximity of the rail facility to the park and the effects of lighting, truck traffic, and noise. Local residents of the Fryburg area were also very concerned about this facility, due to the size of the tanks, the number of trucks that would be hauling on the gravel roads in the Fryburg area.

### Current Status

The facility was approved by the Billings County Zoning Commission and Billings County Commission. It still must pass some Public Service Commission scrutiny. The company developing the facility has agreed to work with the park on issues such as lighting, but this will be a huge industrial intrusion onto the landscape, very near the park.





## Find 7 Differences in the Cabin Photos



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