

# Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

The holidays have past and the new year has begun! Hopefully everyone had a lovely holiday season with your family and friends. Theodore Roosevelt loved spending the holiday season with his family! Theodore Roosevelt's joy for the holiday season can be read here in his letter to his sister Anna Roosevelt Cowles, December 26, 1890.

*"But we had a lovely time here; and the children enjoyed it with the same wild rapture we ourselves felt twenty-five years ago; and I think I enjoyed it almost as much as the children. Even Kermit really liked his stocking and toys, though in abject terror of the menagerie of squeaking wooly animals which covered his table. Soon after seven Alice and Ted fairly galloped (sic) into our room to look for their stockings—such nice stockings, with such an entrancing way of revealing in their bulging outlines the promise of what was inside. They burrowed into them with their eager, chubby little hands, and hailed each new treasure with sounds of delight.*

*Then after breakfast we all walked into the room where the big toys, so many of them were on the tables, and I suppose Alice and Ted came near to realizing the feelings of those who enter Paradise as they ever will on this earth. They worshipped all the wonderful things, and soon the trains of cars were loaded with the luridly imaginative beasts of Noah's Ark, while Buffalo Bill and his Indians walked in wonderful procession with soldiers and dolls, and my jaded mind had to find names for each of the new skin horses — by the way, one of their games is to lasso (sic), throw and brand these skin horses."*

You can find the originally copy of the letter at <https://goo.gl/HqJhgs>



## What's Happening?

**January 16:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day (fee free)

**February 20:** Presidents' Day (fee free)



## Visitor Center Hours

### Theodore Roosevelt National Park

South Unit: 8:00-4:30 MT

Painted Canyon: Closed for season

North Unit: 9:00-5:00 CT (Thurs-Mon)

### Knife River Indian Villages NHS

8:00-4:30 CT

### Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge

8:00-4:30 CT (Mon-Fri)

# WINTER NEWS



15 inches!

Due to blizzard effects, Theodore Roosevelt National Park was closed on December 26, 2016. The park received over 15 inches of snow causing unsafe road conditions. The park is currently back open but the full loop road is still closed. East River Road from Medora to Wind Canyon is open, but proceed with caution.

Always visit North Dakota Department of Transportation for additional road information at <http://www.dot.nd.gov/travel-info-v2/> before venturing to the park. Never hesitate to call the North (701-842-2333) or South (701-623-4466) Visitor Centers to find out more about road closures and access in the park.

Even if you can't visit the badlands in the winter, you can catch your own *winter views* through the National Park Service air quality webcam. Visit [www.nature.nps.gov/air/webcams](http://www.nature.nps.gov/air/webcams) to check out current pictures of Theodore Roosevelt National Park throughout the season!

*"...its toughness and hardy endurance fitted it to contend with purely natural forces...to resist cold and wintry blasts or the heat of the thirsty summer, to wander away to new pastures, to plunge over the broken ground, and to plow its way through snow drifts or quagmires."*

*Theodore Roosevelt on bison*

## 2016 AUDOBON CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT



December 18th marked TRNP's Annual Audubon Christmas bird count. Park visitors and rangers braved the chilly North Dakota winds to spend the day counting birds. Park Rangers led visitors in searching out birds and counting as many as possible before they flew away! before they flew away! It was a successful day with 13 observers spotting 22 total species and 301 birds in all. Be sure to keep your eyes open for this annual event next winter!



# BLIZZARD OF 1887

Back in the late 19th century, the land that is now Wyoming, Montana, and the Dakotas were mostly miles of open terrain, punctuated by the few brave settlers who braved isolation and hostile conditions in hopes of finding adventure and decent work. One of those who braved the frontier was Theodore Roosevelt and, like many others, came for the beef business. The fenceless open range meant ranchers could own massive herds of cattle. Between 1866 and 1885, around 5.7 million cattle were driven to market or northern ranges. Everything changed in the disastrous winter of 1886-1887.



*"Waiting for a Chinook" by C.M. Russell*

A blazing summer had scorched the prairies, so when snow started falling in early November much of the frontier's livestock was already starving and ill equipped for a hard winter. The problem became a catastrophe when, on January 9, 1887, a blizzard hit, covering parts of the Great Plains in more than 16 inches of snow and temperatures dropped to around 50 below. The cattle that didn't succumb to the cold eventually died due to starvation. When spring arrived, millions of animals were dead, with around 90 percent of the open range's cattle rotting where they fell. Many ranchers went bankrupt and others simply called it quits and moved back east where conditions appeared less punishing. Many called the event "The Great Die-Up."

Tens of thousands of cattle died in the Badlands in the winter of 1886-1887 and in the spring, the Little Missouri swelled onto its floodplain, surging with carcasses of innumerable cattle bobbed down the river. Roosevelt had been abroad during the devastating winter and was unaware of the horror until March of 1887. Upon his return to Medora, Roosevelt had found out he had lost over half his herd. Where he once thought to see a return on his many investments, Roosevelt now sought to minimize his losses. He wrote his sister Bamie, "I am planning to get out of [the ranching business]."

He would sell his interests in the Maltese Cross to his partners, and gradually divest himself of the Elkhorn. Although his ranch was used for numerous excursions and hunting trips, Roosevelt focuses his energies on writing and politics. He finished selling off his Elkhorn interests by 1898.

Excerpts from "The 1887 Blizzard that changed the American Frontier Forever" by Laura Clark in [smithsonian.com](http://smithsonian.com)



## TRNHA Member Only Coupon

**Sale Price \$ 6.99**

**(Price listed is before 15% membership discount  
for a final price of \$5.95 + tax)**

**Regular Price \$7.99**

Bring the coupon to one of our stores, call us, or use coupon code "January2017" on our website ([www.trnha.org](http://www.trnha.org)) to receive the discount. Expires January 31, 2017



# TRNHA EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

## SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT

### Visitor Service Clerk (2 vacancies)

TRNHA is seeking to fill a full-time seasonal position as a Visitor Service Clerk. This position will be responsible for operating bookstores, managing inventory, maintaining TRNHA funds, and interpreting the National Park. The visitor service clerk will operate bookstores at the Painted Canyon and South Unit Visitor centers of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Employees must have strong social skills, be well organized and be independent.

**Salary:** \$13.55/hr

**Employment Date:** May 2017 through September 2017 (flexible)

**Travel Requirements:** Must have personal transportation to travel to and from assigned work station



### Administrative Sales Clerk (1 vacancy)

TRNHA is seeking to fill a full-time seasonal position as an Administrative Service Clerk. This position is an excellent opportunity for someone who is independent, has strong social skills, and is well-organized. The incumbent will have continuing contact with park visitors and National Park Service (NPS) employees. Qualified candidates should possess strong communication skills, social media knowledge, and be organized, and self motivated.

**Salary:** \$13.65/hr

**Employment Date:** April 17, 2017 through September 30, 2017

**Travel Requirements:** Must have personal transportation to travel to and from assigned work station

## THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATIONAL PARK EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Have you ever thought about being a park ranger? Ever wished you could work for Theodore Roosevelt National Park? Well here's your chance, check out these great term and seasonal opportunities. Jobs include biological technicians, interpretive park rangers, and more!

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/461189700/>

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/459636100/>

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/459632200/>

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/458498300/>

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/459067900/>





# TRNHA Membership

Since 1951, TRNHA has donated over \$900,000 to the parks we serve!



*Become a Member today and help TRNHA support North Dakota's National Parks. Proceeds from sales of membership donations support Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, and Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge.*

## COOPERATION

TRNHA partners with the National Park Service in operating visitor centers by providing visitor service clerks. We also assist with the cost of student internships, volunteer programs, and other conservation efforts.

## EXPLORATION

TRNHA provides funds to support scientific and oral history research. Recent funding has been used for mountain lion studies and elk management efforts.

## EDUCATION

TRNHA assists in the publishing of free trail guides, informational brochures, plant and animal checklists, and the junior ranger program. In addition to free publications TRNHA also helps educate the public by funding and hosting special events in the sites we serve.

Become a member today and enjoy one full year of membership privileges while supporting North Dakota's National Parks!

### Join today at a higher level and receive additional gifts as a thank you!

All Members will receive: •Park Sticker •15% in our stores •Reciprocal discount at other park stores •Monthly e-newsletter subscription. •Opportunity to vote for TRNHA Board Elections •Monthly Member Only Coupons.	Membership Levels		Support Pin	TRNP Mint Tin	TRNHA Mug	Photo Book	TR Bobble Head	Donor Listing in TRNHA Annual Report
	\$20	Individual						
	\$35	Family	X					
	\$50	Friend	X	X				
	\$100	Contributor	X	X	X			
	\$250	Supporter	X	X	X	X		
	\$500	Partner	X	X	X	X	X	X
	\$1000	Corporate	X	X	X	X	X	X

Join today! <https://www.shoptrnha.org/pages/support-trnha>

# Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association

## Heritage Outbound Winter Adventure

This year's Winter Adventure begins at 10:15 am at Fort Clark State Historic Site. Snowshoe across the archaeological site while discussing winter 200 years ago. Learn how the Missouri River has changed and look at some historic maps.

Enjoy a shared meal with fellow adventurers at the Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site Visitor Center and spend the afternoon snowshoeing through the Hidatsa villages. Share a snack and learn how people coped with winter conditions in the past. Back near the visitor center, warm up with hot tea as you learn to use flint and steel to start a fire, make traditional trail food, and learn about some winter survival skills. Even check out your bison hunting skills using atlatls to throw spears or compete with fellow adventurers using ice gliders. We will gather around a roaring fire in the earthlodge, for a traditional bison soup and bread. This unforgettable evening continues with traditional stories and music.

Sponsored by the Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, the Knife River Indian Heritage Foundation and the State Historical Society of North Dakota, registration is \$65 per person. The fee includes two hearty meals, use of snowshoes, all activity supplies, and presentations. This outdoor program requires moderate physical activity and is recommended for ages 12 years and older. Participants are responsible for their own warm clothing. A memorable and safe experience for all participants is our goal. Warm drinks and indoor alternatives will be available throughout the day.



Contact Erik Holland at (701) 328-2792 or [eholland@nd.gov](mailto:eholland@nd.gov) with any questions. Register online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/heritage-outbound-winter-adventure-2017-tickets-31224992794>



## What's Happening?

**February 2:** Groundhog Day

**February 11:** Heritage Outbound

**February 14:** Valentines Day

**February 20:** Presidents' Day (fee free)



## Visitor Center Hours

### Theodore Roosevelt National Park

South Unit: 8:00-4:30 MT

Painted Canyon: Closed for season

North Unit: 9:00-5:00 CT (Thurs-Mon)

### Knife River Indian Villages NHS

8:00-4:30 CT

### Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge

8:00-4:30 CT (Mon-Fri)

## Presidents' Day

Presidents' Day is an American holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February. Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, it is officially called "Washington's Birthday" by the federal government. Traditionally celebrated on February 22.

Washington's actual day of birth, the holiday became popularly known as Presidents' Day after it was moved as part of 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act in an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers. While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other figures, Presidents' Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents past and present.

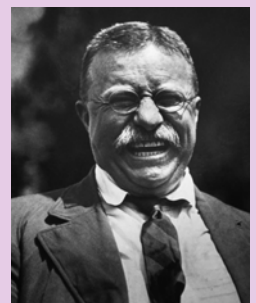
Today, the National Park Service cares for 417 sites in the United States and its territories. These 417 areas cover more than 84 million acres in every state, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Of the 417 units nearly 40 are dedicated to the history of the U.S. Presidents. Theodore Roosevelt National Park is just one of the many park sites featuring our 26th President with other sites including: Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace National Historic Site, Sagamore Hill National Historic Site, Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site, Theodore Roosevelt Island National Memorial, and Mount Rushmore National Memorial.

Theodore Roosevelt National Park is the only National Park named after a person. Celebrate Presidents' Day properly by visiting Theodore Roosevelt National Park and viewing the land that inspired Theodore Roosevelt to strive to protect it.



### Theodore Roosevelt Trivia

- When is his birthday?
- How many children did he have?
- Who was his Vice President?
- How old was he during his first inauguration?
- When did he die?
- Who tried to assassinate Roosevelt in 1912?
- Which state was admitted to the Union during his presidency?
- What was he awarded with in his peace negotiations during the Russo-Japanese War?
- What sport left Roosevelt blind in one eye?



October 27, 1858, Six, Charles W. Fairbanks, 42, January 6, 1919, John Schrank, Oklahoma, Noble Peace Prize, Boxing



---

# TRNHA EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

---

## SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT

### Visitor Service Clerk (2 vacancies)

TRNHA is seeking to fill a full-time seasonal position as a Visitor Service Clerk. This position will be responsible for operating bookstores, managing inventory, maintaining TRNHA funds, and interpreting the National Park. The visitor service clerk will operate bookstores at the Painted Canyon and South Unit Visitor Centers of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Employees must have strong social skills, be well organized, and be independent.

**Salary:** \$13.55/hr

**Employment Date:** May 2017 through September 2017 (flexible)

**Travel Requirements:** Must have personal transportation to travel to and from assigned work.

### Administrative Sales Clerk (1 vacancy)

TRNHA is seeking to fill a full-time seasonal position as an Administrative Service Clerk. This position is an excellent opportunity for someone who is independent, has strong social skills, and is well-organized. The incumbent will have continuing contact with park visitors and National Park Service employees. Qualified candidates should possess strong communication skills, social media knowledge, and be organized and self motivated.

**Salary:** \$13.65/hr

**Employment Date:** April 17, 2017 through September 30, 2017

**Travel Requirements:** Must have personal transportation to travel to and from assigned work.

Learn more at [www.trnha.org/employment.html](http://www.trnha.org/employment.html)

---

## MEMBER ONLY COUPON

---

### TRNHA Member Only Coupon



### North Unit Puzzle

**Sale Price \$13.50**

(Price listed is before 15% membership discount for a final price of \$11.50 + tax)

**Regular Price \$14.99**

Bring the coupon to one of our stores, call us, or use coupon code "February2017" on our website to receive the discount. Expires February 28, 2017

# TRNHA Membership

Since 1951, TRNHA has donated over \$900,000 to the parks we serve!

*Become a Member today and help TRNHA support North Dakota's National Parks. Proceeds from sales of membership donations support Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, and Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge.*



## COOPERATION

TRNHA partners with the National Park Service in operating visitor centers by providing visitor service clerks. We also assist with the cost of student internships, volunteer programs, and other conservation efforts.

## EXPLORATION

TRNHA provides funds to support scientific and oral history research. Recent funding has been used for mountain lion studies and elk management efforts.

## EDUCATION

TRNHA assists in the publishing of free trail guides, informational brochures, plant and animal checklists, and the junior ranger program. In addition to free publications TRNHA also helps educate the public by funding and hosting special events in the sites we serve.

Become a member today and enjoy one full year of membership privileges while supporting North Dakota's National Parks!

**Join today at a higher level and receive additional gifts as a thank you!**

All Members will receive: •Park Sticker •15% in our stores •Reciprocal discount at other park stores •Monthly e-newsletter subscription. •Opportunity to vote for TRNHA Board Elections •Monthly Member Only Coupons.	Membership Levels		Support Pin	TRNP Mint Tin	TRNHA Mug	Photo Book	TR Bobble Head	Donor Listing in TRNHA Annual Report
	\$20	Individual						
	\$35	Family	X					
	\$50	Friend	X	X				
	\$100	Contributor	X	X	X			
	\$250	Supporter	X	X	X	X		
	\$500	Partner	X	X	X	X	X	X
	\$1000	Corporate	X	X	X	X	X	X

**Join today! <https://www.shoptrnha.org/pages/support-trnha>**

# Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association

## ARCHEOBLITZ AWARDED THE MARK E. MACK AWARD!

The Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, along with their many partners, were honored to receive First Place for the Mark E. Mack Community Engagement award at the 2017 annual meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology (SHA) in Fort Worth, TX.

The Mark E. Mack awards are intended to honor those individuals or teams that exhibit outstanding best practices in community collaboration, engagement, and outreach in their historical archaeology and heritage preservation work.

Knife River Indian Villages NHS, the Midwest Archeological Center, and our project partners received the Mark E. Mack Community Engagement award for hosting the National Park Service's first ever ArcheoBlitz that was held at the park in May 2016.

The first-ever NPS "ArcheoBlitz" took place at Knife River Indian Villages NHS engaged 250 middle school students in archeological research. This event built on the popular "BioBlitz" model to involve the public in NPS field studies, but diverged significantly to incorporate archeological methods.



### What's Happening?

**March 12:** Daylight Savings, set your clocks forward!

**March 20:** First Day of Spring

**April 15-16 and 22-23:** Weekends of National Park Week, fee free

**June 4:** Annual Bird Walk

Happy  
Spring

### Visitor Center Hours

#### Theodore Roosevelt National Park

South Unit: 8:00-4:30 MT

Painted Canyon: Closed for season

North Unit: 9:00-5:00 CT (Thurs-Mon)

#### Knife River Indian Villages NHS

8:00-4:30 CT

#### Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge

8:00-4:30 CT (Mon-Fri)



## ELKHORN RANCH

The Elkhorn Ranch Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park is remotely located in the grassland along the Little Missouri River. As far as TR was concerned, the isolation was part of its charm; he considered his ranch a refuge from the hustle and bustle of society. The Elkhorn's calm solitude touched TR's heart so deeply that he never forgot his love of nature. He later became known as "the conservationist president" and the Father of

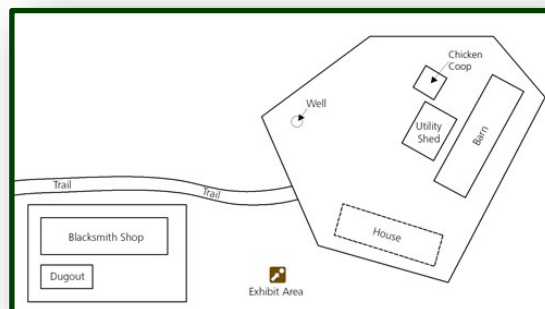


Conservation because of the values he learned here. Though his ranch is long gone, foundation stones remain to remind us of the powerful significance of this place, truly an iconic site for the conservationist movement.

Theodore Roosevelt spent the better part of four years (1883-1887) ranching, hunting, exploring, and living the life of a cowboy in the badlands of western North Dakota. He fell in love with the landscape and invested in two ranches: the Maltese Cross Cabin and the Elkhorn. Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library Foundation (TRPLF) is planning to recreate the Elkhorn Ranch cabin as the first structure on the Presidential Library site in Dickinson, ND.

The 30x60-foot cabin will be built using North Dakota cottonwoods, some from the Little Missouri River valley, using 1884 tools and techniques. Minimal concessions to 21st century protocols and building codes will be made.

Cottonwoods have been donated by the North Dakota Department of Corrections, which culled them from the banks of the Missouri River as part of a flood mitigation project.



### Prairie Rose

North Dakota designated the wild prairie rose (*Rosa arkansana*) as the official state flower in 1907. Roses are pink, white, red, or yellow and can have a wonderfully rich aroma. Often used for making syrups, jams, and tea. Come see the wild prairie rose in Theodore Roosevelt National Park coming this summer! Over 400 species of plants have been identified within the park, while over 500 may inhabit the park. What will you discover?



Excerpts from "The Elkhorn Ranch" by Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library Foundation in [www.trpresidentiallibrary.org](http://www.trpresidentiallibrary.org).

# TRNHA EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

## SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT

### Visitor Service Clerk (4vacancies)

TRNHA is seeking to fill a full-time seasonal position as a Visitor Service Clerk. This position will be responsible for operating bookstores, managing inventory, maintaining TRNHA funds, and interpreting the National Park. The visitor service clerk will operate bookstores at the Painted Canyon and South Unit Visitor Centers of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Employees must have strong social skills, be well organized, and be independent.

**Salary:** \$13.55/hr

**Employment Date:** May 2017 through September 2017 (flexible)

**Travel Requirements:** Must have personal transportation to travel to and from assigned work.

Learn more at [www.trnha.org/employment.html](http://www.trnha.org/employment.html)



## *TRNHA Member Only Coupon*



## America's Best Idea T-Shirt

**Sale Price \$22.50**

(Price listed is before 15% membership discount for a final price of \$19.13 + tax)

**Regular Price \$23.99**

Bring the coupon to one of our stores, call us, or use coupon code "March2017" on our website to receive the discount. Expires March 31, 2017

# TRNHA Membership

Since 1951, TRNHA has donated over \$900,000 to the parks we serve!

*Become a Member today and help TRNHA support North Dakota's National Parks. Proceeds from sales of membership donations support Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, and Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge.*



## COOPERATION

TRNHA partners with the National Park Service in operating visitor centers by providing visitor service clerks. We also assist with the cost of student internships, volunteer programs, and other conservation efforts.

## EXPLORATION

TRNHA provides funds to support scientific and oral history research. Recent funding has been used for mountain lion studies and elk management efforts.

## EDUCATION

TRNHA assists in the publishing of free trail guides, informational brochures, plant and animal checklists, and the junior ranger program. In addition to free publications TRNHA also helps educate the public by funding and hosting special events in the sites we serve.

Become a member today and enjoy one full year of membership privileges while supporting North Dakota's National Parks!

**Join today at a higher level and receive additional gifts as a thank you!**

All Members will receive: •Park Sticker •15% in our stores •Reciprocal discount at other park stores •Monthly e-newsletter subscription. •Opportunity to vote for TRNHA Board Elections •Monthly Member Only Coupons.	Membership Levels		Support Pin	TRNP Mint Tin	TRNHA Mug	Photo Book	TR Bobble Head	Donor Listing in TRNHA Annual
	\$20	Individual						
	\$35	Family	X					
	\$50	Friend	X	X				
	\$100	Contributor	X	X	X			
	\$250	Supporter	X	X	X	X		
	\$500	Partner	X	X	X	X	X	X
	\$1000	Corporate	X	X	X	X	X	X

**Join today!** <https://www.shoptrnha.org/pages/support-trnha>



# Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association

## Her Hand in History: Sacagawea



Few figures in American history have attained legendary status like Sacagawea, the “Bird Women.” Her story has been told and retold to millions of Americans, but despite her popularity little is actually known about her life. The details surrounding her origins, place and time of death, and even the spelling of her

name are still hotly debated. What is clear is that her time living at the Knife River Villages proved fortuitous with the 1804 arrival of the Corps of Discovery led by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark.

A Lemhi Shoshone from present-day Idaho, she was captured at a young age by a Hidatsa raiding party and taken to the Knife River Indian Villages in North Dakota where she married a French-Canadian fur trader, Toussaint Charbonneau. In 1804 Lewis and Clark hired Charbonneau as an interpreter and Sacagawea, who was around 16 years old, joined the expedition due to her experience with the people and land farther to the west. In the end, she proved a valuable member of the expedition with her knowledge of the land and its people, all while caring for her infant son, Jean Baptiste.

Sacagawea returned with the expedition to the Knife River Villages in August 1806. It is believed she traveled south to St. Louis with Charbonneau in 1810 only to die at Fort Manual Lisa in present-day South Dakota from “putrid fever” in 1812. Other theories suggest later marriages and a death date as late as 1884.

No matter what ending you believe, Sacagawea achieved remarkable things during her lifetime and deserves recognition as a woman before her time.

Excerpts from “Sacagawea” at [www.nps.gov/knri/learn/historyculture/sacagawea.htm](http://www.nps.gov/knri/learn/historyculture/sacagawea.htm).



## What's Happening?

**April 15-16 and 22-23:**  
Weekends of National Park Week, fee free

**May 6:** Painted Canyon Visitor Center opens

**June 4:** Annual Bird Walk

# FIND YOUR PARK

## Visitor Center Hours

### Theodore Roosevelt National Park

South Unit: 8:00-4:30 MT

Painted Canyon: Closed for season

North Unit: 9:00-5:00 CT (Thurs-Mon)

### Knife River Indian Villages NHS

8:00-4:30 CT

### Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge

8:00-4:30 CT (Mon-Fri)

## New Vault Toilets in the South Unit!

Ever wondered how your NPS entrance fees are being used? Well here's one way Theodore Roosevelt National Park is using your funds. Last fall two vault toilet buildings were installed in the South Unit. This one at Halliday Well trailhead and a 2nd one located on the loop road between Buck Hill and Coal Vein are receiving the finishing touches.



Theodore Roosevelt National Park was also concerned about the safety of animals who may fit in the ventilation of these buildings, so they teamed up with Teton Raptor Center's Poo-Poo Project. The Poo-Poo Project was developed to help prevent cavity-nesting birds from entering vault toilets through the ventilation pipes and becoming entrapped in the 'basement' of vault toilets.



Each year thousands of cavity-nesters, animals that prefer dark, narrow spaces for nesting and roosting, become entrapped and die in vertical open pipes. Vault toilets feature vertical ventilation pipes that mimic the natural cavities preferred by some species for nesting and roosting. Birds enter the vault toilet through the ventilation pipe and get stuck in the 'basement' of the vault toilet.

In 2010, Teton Raptor Center addressed this problem by installing 100 'rock' screens on the ventilation pipes of toilets throughout Grand Teton National Park. In 2013, Teton Raptor Center created the Poo-Poo Project and developed its own Poo-Poo Screen to prevent wildlife entrapment on a national scale. Since 2013, the Teton Raptor Center has distributed over 8,000 Poo-Poo Screens to more than 240 Poo-Poo Partners in 32 states.

Excerpts taken from [www.tetonraptorcenter.org/our-work/poo-poo-project/](http://www.tetonraptorcenter.org/our-work/poo-poo-project/)

## National Park Week!

*"There is nothing so American as our national parks... the fundamental idea behind the parks... is that the country belongs to the people, that it is in process of making for the enrichment of the lives of us all."- Franklin D. Roosevelt*

National Park Week (April 15 to 23, 2017) is America's largest celebration of national heritage. It's about exploring amazing places, discovering open spaces, enjoying affordable vacations, and enhancing America's best idea—the national parks! On these National Park Week weekends, every national park will give you free admission! Hopefully the warm weather will continue so everyone can go out and #findyourpark!

### Saturday, April 15th: Junior Ranger Day!

**Eggs 101:** 9:30-10:30 am MDT, South Unit Visitor Center

Eggs come in all colors and sizes. Egg-plore who they belong to, color an egg to match its environment and build your own nest. Afterwards, join the Chateau de Mores historic site at Chimney Park for their annual Easter egg hunt starting at 11:00 am.

**Springtime 101:** 1:00 pm MDT, Jones Creek Trail

From bison calves to wildflowers, the Badlands are transitioning from winter to spring. Let's celebrate springtime out on the trail, and explore how the flora and fauna change during this special time.

### Sunday, April 23rd: Park Prescription Day!

**Springtime 101:** 2:00 pm CDT, Caprock Coulee Nature Trail

## Find Your Park!

### Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site

Between 1828 and 1867, Fort Union was the most important fur trade post on the Upper Missouri River. Here, the Assiniboiné and six other Northern Plains Indian Tribes exchanged bison furs and smaller furs for goods from around the world, including cloth, guns, blankets, and beads. The post annually traded over 25,000 bison furs and \$100,000 in merchandise.



Although called a fort, the post was neither a government nor a military installation, but a privately owned commercial establishment founded to engage in business with the Northern Plains Tribes. Built at the request of the Assiniboiné nation, Fort Union Trading Post, then called Fort Union, quickly emerged as the Upper Missouri's most profitable fur trade post.

Take a self-guided tour of the reconstructed fort and trade house or take a hike along the Bodmer Overlook hiking trail at Fort Union Trading Post NHS.

### Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site

The 1,758-acre Knife River Indian Villages preserves historic and archeological remnants of the culture and agricultural lifestyle of the Northern Plains Indians and indicates a possible 8,000-year span of inhabitation. Lewis and Clark passed through on their great expedition and gained the services of Charbonneau, a French Canadian, and his wife, Sacagawea, with their newborn son.



Take a tour around the full-scale reconstructed Earthlodge, Hidatsa garden, and drying racks or hike down the Village Trail and see the remains of the Awatixa Xi'e Village and Awatixa Village. Hike along the Knife River and be sure to grab a free birding checklist from the visitor center desk to help you spot your favorite raptors, waterfowl, thrushes, warblers, and many other birds along the park's trails.

### Guess the Tracks!

(Tracks are not shown to scale)



1.

2.



3.



4.



5.



6.



1. Elk 2. Coyote 3. Horse  
4. Porcupine 5. Bison  
6. Prairie Dog



## CHECK OUT THESE ITEMS!



America's Best Idea T-shirt

\$23.99

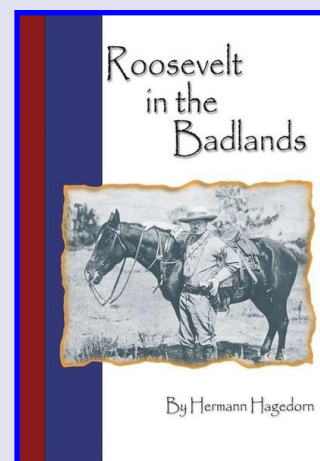
**NOW: \$16.00**



2017 Picture Yourself in  
TRNP Calendar

\$9.95

**NOW: \$6.99**



Roosevelt in the Badlands

\$18.00

**NOW: \$10.00**

All these and more are currently available at [www.shoptrnha.org](http://www.shoptrnha.org) along with other merchandise and online exclusive items! Check out the other items on sale and support your National Parks today!

## MEMBER ONLY COUPON

### TRNHA Member Only Coupon



### Trucker Hat

**Sale Price \$11.70**

(Price listed is before 15% membership discount for  
a final price of \$9.95 + tax)

**Regular Price \$12.95**



April2017

Bring the coupon to one of our stores, call us, or use coupon code "April2017" on our website to receive the discount.

# TRNHA Membership

Since 1951, TRNHA has donated over \$900,000 to the parks we serve!

*Become a Member today and help TRNHA support North Dakota's National Parks. Proceeds from sales of membership donations support Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, and Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge.*



## COOPERATION

TRNHA partners with the National Park Service in operating visitor centers by providing visitor service clerks. We also assist with the cost of student internships, volunteer programs, and other conservation efforts.

## EXPLORATION

TRNHA provides funds to support scientific and oral history research. Recent funding has been used for mountain lion studies and elk management efforts.

## EDUCATION

TRNHA assists in the publishing of free trail guides, informational brochures, plant and animal checklists, and the junior ranger program. In addition to free publications TRNHA also helps educate the public by funding and hosting special events in the sites we serve.

Become a member today and enjoy one full year of membership privileges while supporting North Dakota's National Parks!

**Join today at a higher level and receive additional gifts as a thank you!**

All Members will receive: •Park Sticker •15% in our stores •Reciprocal discount at other park stores •Monthly e-newsletter subscription. •Opportunity to vote for TRNHA Board Elections •Monthly Member Only Coupons.	Membership Levels		Support Pin	TRNP Mint Tin	TRNHA Mug	Photo Book	TR Bobble Head	Donor Listing in TRNHA Annual Report
	\$20	Individual						
	\$35	Family	X					
	\$50	Friend	X	X				
	\$100	Contributor	X	X	X			
	\$250	Supporter	X	X	X	X		
	\$500	Partner	X	X	X	X	X	X
	\$1000	Corporate	X	X	X	X	X	X

**Join today! <https://www.shoptrnha.org/pages/support-trnha>**

# Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association

## MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBERED

For many Americans, Memorial Day is the official kick-off of summer, promising the first camping trip of the season or perhaps an outdoor barbecue. Memorial Day wasn't always celebrated on the last Monday in May, nor was it always called Memorial Day. The tradition of decorating the graves of fallen soldiers became various "Decoration Days" that were set aside to honor Civil War dead. During the 20th century, Decoration Day was expanded to include remembrance of the slain veterans of all US wars. The federal government declared Memorial Day a national holiday in 1967.

The official Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) website, the meaning of Memorial Day is described in this way: "Memorial Day is a sacred day to all war veterans. America's collective consciousness demands that all citizens be reminded of the deaths of their fellow countrymen during wartime. By honoring the nation's war dead, we preserve their memory and thus their service and sacrifice. Sacrifice is meaningless without remembrance."



As a staunch patriot and enthusiastic soldier that was also a dedicated participant in Decoration Day activities throughout his life, Theodore Roosevelt would probably have agreed with the VFW. In a Decoration Day speech he gave to the Long Island Farmer's Club, he said, "I do not even merely ask you to use every energy and every expedient of practical science to increase the food production of the country; I ask you in addition to volunteer for service during the war, both by coming forward into the armed forces of the nation, and by yourselves subscribing to the Liberty Loan."

*Continued on Page 2*

Excerpts taken from "Memorial Day Remembered" by Shanna Shervheim at [www.theodorerooseveltcenter.org](http://www.theodorerooseveltcenter.org).



## What's Happening?

**May 6:** Painted Canyon opens for the season

**May 29:** Memorial Day

**June 4:** 63rd Annual Bird Walk

**July 10:** Teddy Bear Picnic



## Visitor Center Hours

### Theodore Roosevelt National Park

South Unit: 8:00-4:30 MT

Painted Canyon: 8:30-4:30 MT

North Unit: 9:00-5:00 CT (Thurs-Mon)

### Knife River Indian Villages NHS

8:00-4:30 CT

### Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge

8:00-4:30 CT (Mon-Fri)



## MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBERED *Continued....*

Roosevelt was a highly decorated war hero and had instilled in his children a keen sense of patriotic duty. Five of his six children served in WWI, his four sons in the armed forces and his daughter Ethel as a nurse. Of the five, only four returned; Quentin was shot down over France in July 1918. Both Ted and Archie were wounded.

Although Quentin's death shattered Theodore Roosevelt, he did not deviate from his staunch patriotism. In a letter to his daughter-in-law Belle, he wrote, "I would not for all the world have had him fail fearlessly to do his duty, and to tread his allotted path, high of heart; even although it led to the gates of death. But it is useless for me to pretend that it is not very bitter to see that good, gallant, tender-hearted boy, leave life at its crest..."

Memorial Day is a day that is set aside specifically to honor America's war dead. While we enjoy our long weekend, our barbecues and our fishing, perhaps we should take a moment to remember those who have left "life at its crest" in the service of our country.



*"I would rather have led that charge [up San Juan Hill] and earned my colonelcy than served three terms in the US Senate. It makes me feel as though I could now leave something to my children which will serve as an apology for my having existed. " - Theodore Roosevelt*

## TRNHA'S 63RD ANNUAL BIRDWALK AND BREAKFAST

The 63rd Annual Spring Bird Walk in Theodore Roosevelt National Park will be held in the park's South Unit on Sunday, June 4th. The bird walk is sponsored by Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association (TRNHA), the park's non-profit partner. TRNHA stocks and sells books, souvenirs, and other interpretive materials in the park visitor centers and donates the proceeds to Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

The leisurely one-hour stroll begins bright and early at 6:30 a.m. MDT and welcomes both novice and experienced birders alike. Participants will meet at the Cottonwood Campground registration area. Each year, 40-50 species are observed during this popular outing and during the last 20 years over 80 different species have been sighted.



Following the walk, at approximately 8:00 a.m., TRNHA will host breakfast at the Cottonwood Campground Picnic Area. Breakfast will be the traditional pancakes and sausage provided by Snack Shack! Breakfast is free will donations, any donations received will be used defray the cost of breakfast. Those interested in attending breakfast are encouraged to make reservations in order to assist in planning the event. To make reservations for the breakfast, call (701) 623-4884 or e-mail [info@trnha.org](mailto:info@trnha.org).

**Participants should bring binoculars, field guides, and keen eyes to help record the day's sightings!**

## BIRDS TO LOOK FOR IN TRNP!

Theodore Roosevelt National Park's habitat diversity provides homes and food sources for abundant bird life. More than 185 different bird species may be seen in the park at different times of the year. Here are some of the notable year-round residents you can find in the park!

**Golden Eagle:** The golden eagle is one of the largest, fastest, nimblest raptors in North America. Lustrous gold feathers gleam on the back of its head and neck; a powerful beak and talons advertise its hunting prowess.



**Wild Turkey:** These big, spectacular birds are common to see throughout the year, with their flocks striding around like miniature dinosaurs. Courting males puff themselves into feathery balls and fill the air with exuberant gobbling. Turkeys are found in every state but Alaska.



**Black Capped Chickadee:** A bird almost universally considered "cute" thanks to its oversized round head, tiny body, and curiosity about everything. The chickadee's black cap and bib; white cheeks; gray back; wings and tail; and whitish underside with buffy sides are distinctive.



**White Breasted Nuthatch:** These are active, agile little birds with an appetite for insects and large, meaty seeds. They get their common name from their habit of jamming large nuts and acorns into tree bark, then whacking them with their sharp bill to "hatch" out the seed from the inside.



**Great Horned Owl:** With its long, earlike tufts, intimidating yellow-eyed stare, and deep hooting voice, the Great Horned Owl is the quintessential owl of storybooks. This powerful predator can take down birds and mammals even larger than itself, but it also dines on daintier fare.



Photos and information taken from "All About Birds" at [www.allaboutbirds.org](http://www.allaboutbirds.org) of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

Within a short time after the death of Theodore Roosevelt on January 6, 1919, there were proposals to establish a memorial in his honor. The idea was proposed to the NPS Director Stephen T. Mather in 1928 in which he favored the establishment of a small national monument stating, "A national park does not seem justified."

Finally, on April 25, 1947, President Truman signed the bill that created Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park, which is lands that roughly make up the South Unit and Elkhorn Ranch Site. The North Unit was added on June 12, 1948.

On November 10, 1978, the area was given national park status when President Carter changed the memorial park to Theodore Roosevelt National Park.



A crowd gathers for the dedication of Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Park, 1949.

## PICTURE YOURSELF IN TRNP PHOTO CONTEST

If you are planning a trip to Theodore Roosevelt National Park, bring your camera and submit your photos to the 2017 Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park Photo Contest! Photos must depict any natural, cultural, or historic subject found within the park. Submit up to two photos through August 31, 2017.



2016 Winner: William Archer



2015 Winner: Jeff Van Hooser



2014 Winner: Dave Bruner

You can submit your photos into four categories: Landscape, Animals of TRNP, Share Your Adventure, and Macro (larger than life). A winner will be chosen from each category and the finalist will be one of those four photos! The winning photograph will be featured on the 2018 Theodore Roosevelt National Park Annual Pass and the cover of our annual calendar. For complete submission guidelines and to enter the contest, please visit [www.trnha.org/pictureyourselfintrnp.html](http://www.trnha.org/pictureyourselfintrnp.html)

## MEMBER ONLY COUPON

### TRNHA Member Only Coupon



#### Junior Ranger Bucket Hat

**Sale Price \$ 10.95**

**(Price listed is before 15% membership discount for a final price of \$9.31 + tax)**

**Regular Price \$11.95**



**May2017**

Bring the coupon to one of our stores, call us, or use coupon code "May2017" on our website to receive the discount.

Expires May 31, 2017



# TRNHA Membership

Since 1951, TRNHA has donated over \$900,000 to the parks we serve!

*Become a Member today and help TRNHA support North Dakota's National Parks. Proceeds from sales of membership donations support Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, and Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge.*



## COOPERATION

TRNHA partners with the National Park Service in operating visitor centers by providing visitor service clerks. We also assist with the cost of student internships, volunteer programs, and other conservation efforts.

## EXPLORATION

TRNHA provides funds to support scientific and oral history research. Recent funding has been used for mountain lion studies and elk management efforts.

## EDUCATION

TRNHA assists in the publishing of free trail guides, informational brochures, plant and animal checklists, and the junior ranger program. In addition to free publications TRNHA also helps educate the public by funding and hosting special events in the sites we serve.

Become a member today and enjoy one full year of membership privileges while supporting North Dakota's National Parks!

### Join today at a higher level and receive additional gifts as a thank you!

All Members will receive: •Park Sticker •15% in our stores •Reciprocal discount at other park stores •Monthly e-newsletter subscription. •Opportunity to vote for TRNHA Board Elections •Monthly Member Only Coupons.	Membership Levels		Support Pin	TRNP Mint Tin	TRNHA Mug	Photo Book	TR Bobble Head	Donor Listing in TRNHA Annual
	\$20	Individual						
	\$35	Family	X					
	\$50	Friend	X	X				
	\$100	Contributor	X	X	X			
	\$250	Supporter	X	X	X	X		
	\$500	Partner	X	X	X	X	X	X
	\$1000	Corporate	X	X	X	X	X	X

Join today! <https://www.shoptrnha.org/pages/support-trnha>

# Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association



## 63rd Annual Birdwalk and Breakfast

The 63rd Annual Spring Birdwalk in Theodore Roosevelt National Park will be held in the park's South Unit on Sunday, June 4th. Join us for a leisurely one-hour stroll beginning bright and early at 6:30 a.m. MDT. Come rain or shine we will gather in the Campground to add to our life lists. TRNHA archives show not one birdwalk over the past 62 years has been cancelled.



This event welcomes both novice and experienced birders alike. Participants will meet at the Cottonwood Campground registration area. Each year, 40-50 species are observed during this popular outing and during the last 20 years over 80 different species have been sighted.

Following the walk, at approximately 8:00 a.m. TRNHA will host breakfast at the Cottonwood Campground Picnic Area. In order to help defray the cost of breakfast we will be requesting a free-will donation. Those interested in attending the breakfast are encouraged to make reservations in order to assist in planning the event. To make reservations for the breakfast, call 701-623-4884 or e-mail [info@trnha.org](mailto:info@trnha.org).



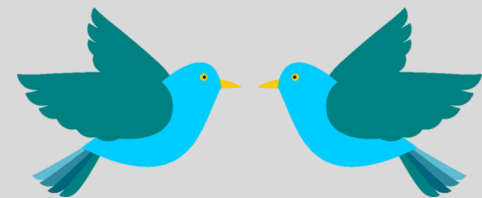
## What's Happening?

**June 4th:** Annual Bird Walk

**July 10th:** Teddy Bear Picnic  
South Unit

**July 25th:** Teddy Bear Picnic  
North Unit

**August 25th:** NPS Birthday!



## Visitor Center Hours

### Theodore Roosevelt National Park

South Unit: 8:00-6:00 MT

Painted Canyon: 8:30-5:30 MT

North Unit: 9:00-5:00 CT

### Knife River Indian Villages NHS

8:00-6:00 CT

### Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge

8:00-4:30 CT (Mon-Fri)

## TOURISM TO ND NATIONAL PARKS CREATES MILLIONS IN ECONOMIC BENEFITS

A new NPS report shows that 793,383 visitors to Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site, Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, and Theodore Roosevelt National Park in 2016 spent \$49.579 million in communities near these parks. That spending supported 681 jobs in the surrounding areas.

“Last year’s National Park Service Centennial events and the Find Your Park campaign brought record visitation to Theodore Roosevelt National Park and substantial increases to Fort Union Trading Post and Knife River Indian Village National Historic Sites,” said Superintendent Wendy Ross.

“The North Dakota national parks tell meaningful stories and protect cherished resources, and they are a significant driver in the state’s tourism economy. We welcome visitors from across the country and around the world to experience these special places. We appreciate the partnership and support of our neighbors and are glad to be able to give back by helping to sustain local communities.”



The peer reviewed visitor spending analysis was conducted by economists Catherine Cullinane Thomas of the U.S. Geological Survey and Lynne Koontz of the National Park Service. The report shows \$18.4 billion of direct spending by 331million park visitors in communities within 60 miles of a national park. This spending supported 318,000 jobs nationally, with 271,544 jobs found in these gateway communities, and had a cumulative benefit to the U.S. economy of \$39.5 billion. National park tourism is a significant driver in the national economy, returning more than \$10 for every \$1 invested in the National Park Service.

To learn more about national parks in North Dakota and how the NPS works with North Dakota communities to help preserve local history, conserve the environment, and provide outdoor recreation, go to [www.nps.gov/](http://www.nps.gov/)

## NEW VISITOR CENTER HOURS IN THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATIONAL PARK

South Unit Visitor Center - 8:00 am to 6:00 pm MDT  
Painted Canyon Visitor Center - 8:30 am to 5:30 MDT  
North Unit Contact Station - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm CDT

**Interpretive Programs will begin on the following dates:**

### **South Unit**

Evening Programs 6/2-6/4; begin nightly 6/8

Maltese Cross Cabin Tours 6/4

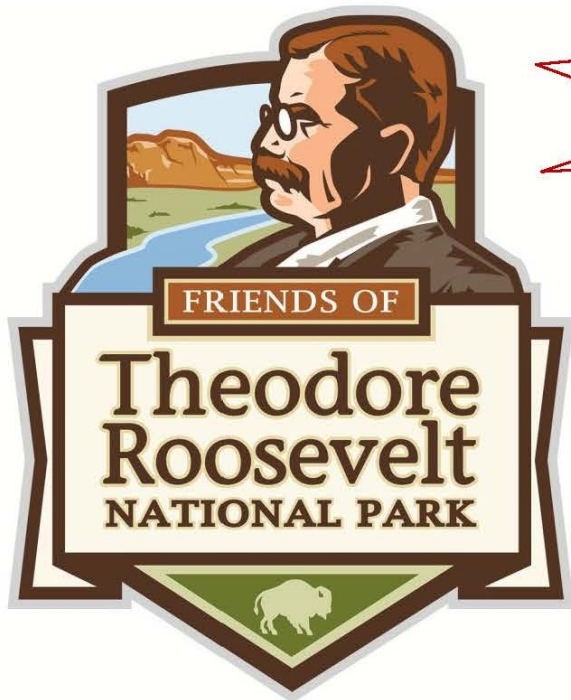
Guided Hikes 6/5

### **North Unit**

Evening Programs 6/2



**CELEBRATE NATIONAL TRAILS DAY!**



**COME HIKING  
WITH US**

**PETRIFIED FOREST  
IN THEODORE  
ROOSEVELT  
NATIONAL PARK**



**Saturday, June 3, 9:00 AM MDT**

**Carpool from Theodore Roosevelt National  
Park South Unit Visitor Center to the  
Trailhead**



*Hosted by Friends of  
Theodore Roosevelt  
National Park*



**RSVP on Facebook Page "Friends of Theodore Roosevelt National Park"**

## Birds of TRNP Word Search



American Goldfinch	American Robin	Black Capped Chickadee
Canada Goose	Common Grackle	Eastern Kingbird
Golden Eagle	Great Blue Heron	Great Horned Owl
Hairy Woodpecker	House Wren	Mourning Dove
Nighthawk	Northern Flicker	Pheasant
Red Tailed Hawk	Spotted Towhee	Western Meadowlark

Although Theodore Roosevelt National Park has more than 185 different species of birds at different times of the year, there is still so much more the park has to offer! Be sure to come check out the prairie dog towns, the herds of bison and horses, and the wildflowers that are popping up after a long winter. Be sure to #findyourpark today!

## Birding Tips!

- **Research:** Become familiar with the birds in your area; take a look online, check out a field guide, and ask for a common birds checklist at your local visitor center.
- **Prepare:** Bring binoculars, a good field guide, and a pen and notebook to keep track of your birding observations.
- **Practice:** Spot a bird with your eyes and bring binoculars up to your eyes without moving your head while keeping the bird in sight.
- **Listen:** While you are in the field, maintain your distance, keep quiet and listen for bird calls.
- **Know the Rules:** Make sure you are not harassing wildlife or encroaching on the management of species with a special status.
- **Have fun!**



## PICTURE YOURSELF IN TRNP PHOTO CONTEST

If you are planning a trip to Theodore Roosevelt National Park, bring your camera and submit your photos to the 2017 Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park Photo Contest! Photos must depict any natural, cultural, or historic subject found within the park. Submit up to two photos through August 31, 2017.



2017 First Place: William Archer



2017 Second Place: Angela Hoffman



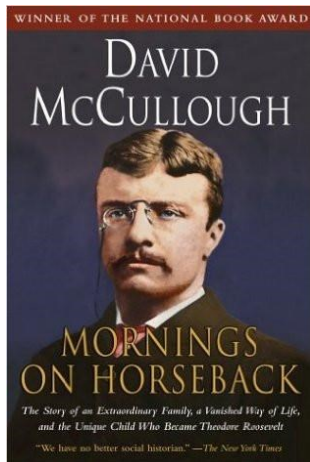
2017 Third Place: Angela Hoffman

The winning photograph will be featured on the 2018 Theodore Roosevelt National Park Annual Pass. For complete submission guidelines, please see the TRNHA website at <http://trnha.org/pictureyourselfintrnp.html>

## MEMBER ONLY COUPON

### TRNHA Member Only Coupon

Mornings on Horseback



**Sale Price \$ 16.95**

**(Price listed is before 15% membership discount for a final price of \$14.41+ tax)**

**Regular Price \$17.95**



June2017

Bring the coupon to one of our stores, call us, or use coupon code "June2017" on our website to receive the discount. Expires June 30, 2017



# TRNHA Membership

Since 1951, TRNHA has donated over \$900,000 to the parks we serve!

*Become a Member today and help TRNHA support North Dakota's National Parks. Proceeds from sales of membership donations support Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, and Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge.*



## COOPERATION

TRNHA partners with the National Park Service in operating visitor centers by providing visitor service clerks. We also assist with the cost of student internships, volunteer programs, and other conservation efforts.

## EXPLORATION

TRNHA provides funds to support scientific and oral history research. Recent funding has been used for mountain lion studies and elk management efforts.

## EDUCATION

TRNHA assists in the publishing of free trail guides, informational brochures, plant and animal checklists, and the junior ranger program. In addition to free publications TRNHA also helps educate the public by funding and hosting special events in the sites we serve.

Become a member today and enjoy one full year of membership privileges while supporting North Dakota's National Parks!

### Join today at a higher level and receive additional gifts as a thank you!

All Members will receive: •Park Sticker •15% in our stores •Reciprocal discount at other park stores •Monthly e-newsletter subscription. •Opportunity to vote for TRNHA Board Elections •Monthly Member Only Coupons.	Membership Levels		Support Pin	TRNP Mint Tin	TRNHA Mug	Photo Book	TR Bobble Head	Donor Listing in TRNHA Annual Report
	\$20	Individual						
	\$35	Family	X					
	\$50	Friend	X	X				
	\$100	Contributor	X	X	X			
	\$250	Supporter	X	X	X	X		
	\$500	Partner	X	X	X	X	X	X
	\$1000	Corporate	X	X	X	X	X	X

Join today! <https://www.shoptrnha.org/pages/support-trnha>



# THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATURE & HISTORY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

July 2017

## HAVE YOU VISITED KNIFE RIVER'S EARTHLODGE?

With their mastery of agriculture, tribes living in the Upper Missouri River Valley developed a unique earth and wooden home to fit their sedentary lifestyle. The result of centuries of innovation and adaptation, the circular earthlodge of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara people was the perfect home for life on the Northern Plains.

Within traditional Hidatsa society, women owned and maintained the earthlodge or awahte. An older woman with the sacred and practical knowledge of earthlodge construction supervised the entire building process. The women cut four cottonwood posts and beams and, with the help of the men, erected a central support structure. The women then erected an outer circle of posts and cross beams, leaned split logs to form a wall, and lifted the rafters into place. On top of this framework, the women laid bunches of willow branches, dried prairie grass, and thick sod to complete the structure. The finished earthlodge would be between thirty and sixty feet in diameter, ten to fifteen feet high, and took approximately seven to ten days to complete from start to



*Continued on page 3*

### Visitor Center Hours

**Theodore Roosevelt National Park**  
South Unit- 8:00-6:00 MT  
Painted Canyon- 8:30-5:30 MT  
North Unit- Fri to Mon 9:00-5:00 CT

**Knife River Indian Villages NHS**  
8:00-6:00CT

**Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge**  
Mon to Fri 8:00-4:30 CT

### What's Happening?

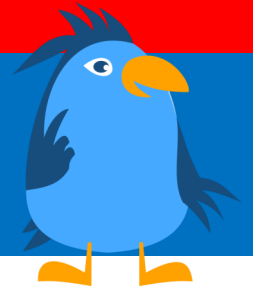
July 10, 2017 - TRNHA'S Annual Teddy Bear Picnic in the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park

July 25, 2017 - TRNHA'S Annual Teddy Bear Picnic in the North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park

# LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE KIDS

## This Teddy Bear Picnic is for the Birds!

July 10, 2017 - 10:30 am MT to 12:45 pm MT  
Picnic Area of Cottonwood Campground  
Theodore Roosevelt National Park  
South Unit - Medora, ND



### EVENT SCHEDULE

#### 10:30 TO 12:00

Since we are having a picnic we thought we would see what a bird picnic might look like! Join us for some fun crafts and learning activities about birds. We will be breaking off in to groups based on the age of the kids in attendance. There will be something for every age of kids!

#### 12:00 TO 12:45

Join us for a walking taco lunch. Complete with a visit from a special guest, goodie bags, and of course Teddy Bears!

July 25, 2017 - 11:30 am CT to 1:15 pm MCT  
Picnic Area of Juniper Campground  
Theodore Roosevelt National Park  
North Unit - Watford City, ND



### EVENT SCHEDULE

#### 11:30 TO 12:15

Join us for a walking taco lunch. Complete with a visit from our special guest!

#### 12:15 TO 1:15

Since we are having a picnic we thought we would see what a bird picnic might look like! Join us for some fun crafts and learning activities about birds. All participants will receive goodie bags and Bears! We will be breaking off in to groups based on the age of the kids in attendance. There will be something for every age of kids!



RSVP not required but appreciated!

For more information contact:

Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association  
701-623-4884 - [info@trnha.org](mailto:info@trnha.org)

Thank you to our event sponsors:  
Dean & Debbie Rodne  
Wild Tribute



# KNIFE RIVER EATHLODGE CONTINUED...

finish. The women rebuilt the earthlodges approximately every ten years.

An earthlodge housed between ten and twenty people, usually sisters and their families. Beds were located around the outer ring in the areas between support poles. Personal items were kept under the beds while general use items were kept on raised platforms similar to bed frames. A typical earthlodge also contained a corral for prized war and hunting ponies on one side of the door.

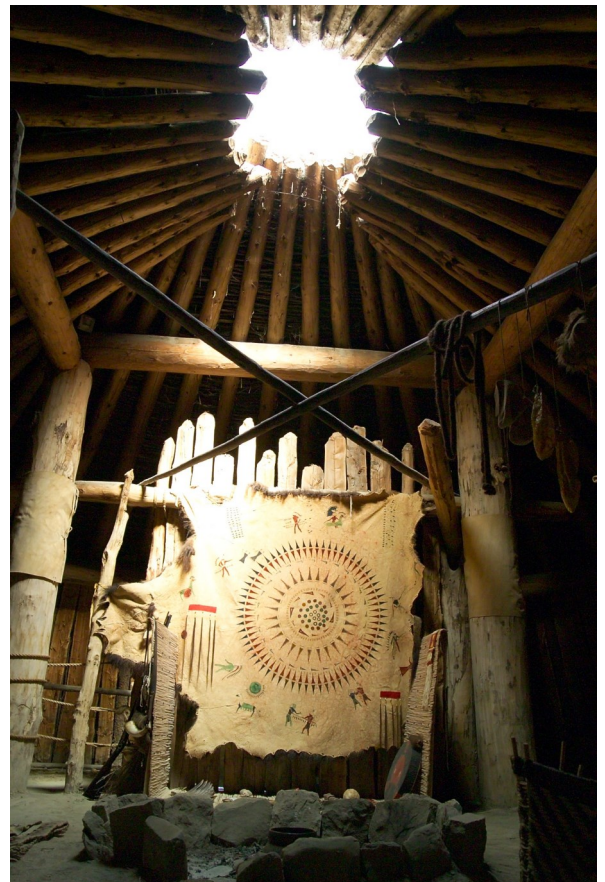
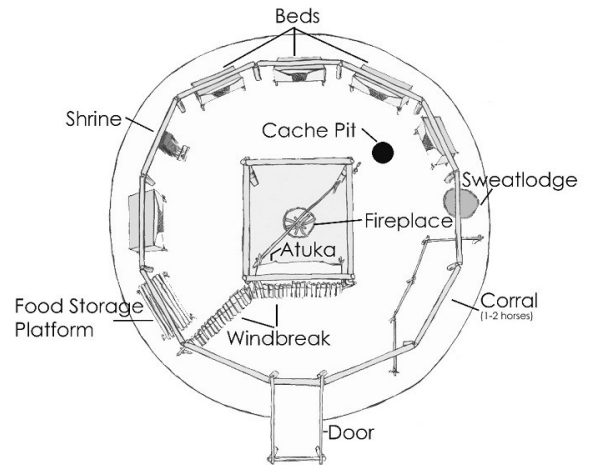
The main focus in the earthlodge was the central fire pit with smoke escaping through a hole in the roof. In the event of heavy rain or snow, an old bullboat could be turned over the hole and propped up to allow smoke to escape. Earthlodge occupants sat around the central fire on reed mats including the atuka, a high-sided seat reserved for the oldest man of the household. The atuka was also offered to visitors as a sign of respect.

The cache pit is a large bell-shaped hole in the floor lined with willow and dry grass and filled with dried corn, beans, squash, and sunflower. The women built several cache pits both inside and outside the earthlodge and covered them over to hide their location. Parfleches were rawhide containers hung from the ceiling used to store a variety of items such as clothes, dried foods, trade items, craft materials, and hides.

The tribes living along the Missouri River considered the earthlodge a sacred structure. The Hidatsa believed the spirit of the earthlodge resided in the four central posts and wrapped them with a hide or trade cloth as an offering. At the back of the earthlodge could be found a shrine containing sacred objects. Only the men who owned the objects were permitted to enter the space near the shrine.

Timber framed houses slowly replaced the earthlodge in the second half of the nineteenth century. The earthlodge lasted into the twentieth century as a ceremonial structure or in a secondary role as a barn or stable. Today, the earthlodge remains an important structure and symbol for the Three Affiliated Tribes (Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara).

In 1995, the National Park Service constructed a forty foot diameter earthlodge with traditional materials next to the Visitor Center. It is fully furnished and open to visitors during regular park hours.



**Learn more and plan your visit at:  
[www.nps.gov/knri](http://www.nps.gov/knri)**

# TIPS FOR CAMPING IN THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATIONAL PARK

Are you thinking of camping at Theodore Roosevelt National Park? Here are a few tips and tricks:

- 1) [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) is your site for reserving campsites on any federal land including our park! Reservations must be made 5 days in advance.
- 2) In the South Unit, at Cottonwood Campground, odd-numbered sites are reservable and even-numbered sites are on a first-come basis. Cottonwood Campground typically fills up daily by mid-afternoon.
- 3) The Juniper Campground in the North Unit is all first come first served sites and usually only gets full on holiday weekends such as Fourth of July.
- 4) Camping is \$14 per night or \$7 per night with a Senior or Access Pass. Cash, credit, and check are all acceptable methods of payment.

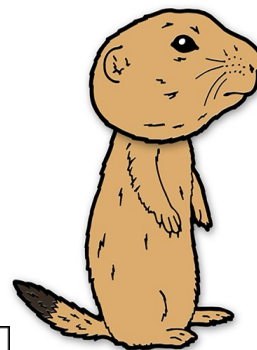
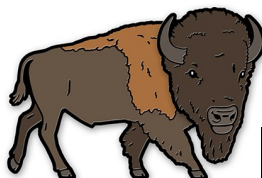


## MEMBER ONLY COUPON

### TRNHA Member Only Coupon

#### Bobblehead Lapel Pins

**\$1.00 off each pin purchased!**



Bring the coupon to one of our stores, call us, or use coupon code "July2017" on our website to receive the discount. Expires July 31, 2017

# TRNHA MEMBERSHIP

Become a member today and enjoy one full year of membership privileges while supporting North Dakota's National Parks!



## Cooperation

TRNHA partners with the National Park Service in operating visitor centers by providing a sales clerk. We also assist with the costs of student internships, volunteer programs, and other conservation opportunities.



## Exploration

TRNHA provides funds to support scientific and oral history research. Recent funding has been used for mountain lion studies and elk management efforts.



## Education

TRNHA assists in the publishing of free trail guides, informational brochures, plant and animal checklist, and the junior ranger program. In addition to free publications TRNHA also helps educate the public by funding and hosting special events in the sites we serve.

**Since 1951, TRNHA has donated over \$900,000 to promote the historical, scientific, and educational activities of the parks we serve.**

### Member benefits include:

### Join today at a higher level and receive an additional special gift as a thank you:

### Corporate Member

Purchase today and receive a park sticker.

15% discount at all TRNHA Park Stores

Reciprocal discounts at participating association bookstores

Monthly e-newsletter subscription

Member only coupons

Support Pin



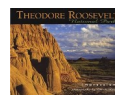
Mint Tin



TRNHA Mug



Photo Book



Bobblehead



Become a Corporate Member and receive:

All membership incentives

Listing as a supporter in the TRNHA e-newsletter

\$35

Family



\$50

Friend



\$100

Contributor



\$250

Supporter



\$500

Partner



## JOIN TODAY!

### Member Information

Member Name

Mailing Address

City/State/Zip Code

Email

### New or Renewing Member

<input type="checkbox"/>	New	<input type="checkbox"/>	Renewal
--------------------------	-----	--------------------------	---------

<input type="checkbox"/>	\$20 Individual
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$35 Family
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50 Friend
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100 Contributor
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$250 Supporter
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$500 Partner
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$1000 Corporate

### Payment Information

<input type="checkbox"/>	Mastercard	<input type="checkbox"/>	Visa	<input type="checkbox"/>	Discover	<input type="checkbox"/>	Check
--------------------------	------------	--------------------------	------	--------------------------	----------	--------------------------	-------

Name on Card

Credit Card #

Expiration Date

Security Code (3 digit on the back of card)

**Mail to: TRNHA, PO Box 167, Medora, ND 58645**





# THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATURE & HISTORY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

July 2017

## TEDDY BEAR PICNIC SUCCESS

Seven years ago we began hosting Teddy Bear Picnics in Theodore Roosevelt National Park, at the time we never expect it to become an annual event. Kids learned about how the Teddy Bear got it's name, participated in nature activities, and met Smokey Bear.

Our very first picnic was held in the South Unit and brought in 17 people. Throughout the next few years the number varied from 20 to 50 people. However last year something changed as we added a picnic in the North Unit and began serving lunch at each picnic, and we were not prepared for the amazing results. The South Unit had the usual number of people but the North Unit amazed us with of 100 people joining us.

This year when planning the events we decided to plan for large numbers and are so happy we did. We were blown away at the excitement and sheer number of children who attended this year. The event in the South Unit brought in 60 people and the North Unit brought in a record 173 people.

It truly was an amazing year for our Teddy Bear Picnics and we are excited to see families getting into the park! Mark your calendar for next year's picnics. Tentative dates are July 10th - South Unit and July 24th - North Unit.

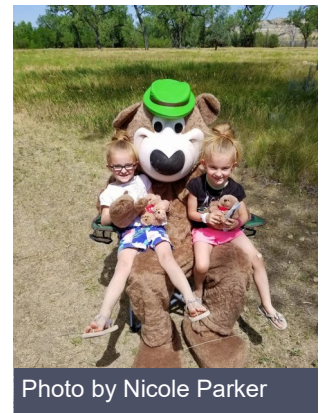


Photo by Nicole Parker

### Visitor Center Hours

#### Theodore Roosevelt National Park

South Unit- 8:00-6:00 MT

Painted Canyon- 8:30-5:30 MT

North Unit- Fri to Mon 9:00-5:00 CT

#### Knife River Indian Villages NHS

8:00-6:00CT

#### Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge

Mon to Fri 8:00-4:30 CT

### What's Happening?

**August 21, 2017**—Check out the Eclipse with staff at either Knife River Indian Villages NHS or Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Call the park for more information.

**August 31, 2017** - Picture Yourself in TRNP Photo Contest Deadline  
Learn more: [www.trnha.org/pictureyourselfintrnp.html](http://www.trnha.org/pictureyourselfintrnp.html)

**September 15 - 17, 2017** Dakota Nights Astronomy Festival in TRNP

---

## WILDLAND FIRE IN TRNP

---



Above: Helicopter flying in buckets of water to suppress the fire near Jones Creek.  
Photo by: Courtney Williams

Right: The blaze on Monday evening.  
Photo by: Jane Muggli

A lack of rain and extreme temperatures have led to a very dry National Park. On July 16th a small thunderstorm brought some lightening strikes to the park. Which resulted in two small fires burning just 2.5 miles apart in the North Dakota badlands. Thanks to the quick response of fire crews the blaze did not grow much and only burnt around 15 acres.

Rod Skalsky, Fire Management Officer, said “ Without the teamwork and help from everyone things may have gone in a different. I would like to thank each and every individual that in some way contributed to the suppression effort.”



---

## FIRE RESTRICTIONS IN TRNP

---

Fire danger in the North and South Units of Theodore Roosevelt National Park is approaching critical levels due to hot and windy conditions. Additionally, the extended forecast from the National Weather Service is predicting near record heat with little or no precipitation. Check out the [current drought status](#) and the National Weather Service's [Fire Danger Rating/Red Flag Warning map](#) for the region.

Accordingly, the following restrictions are in effect until further notice:

**NO WOOD OR CHARCOAL FIRES**

**NO FIRES ARE PERMITTED IN THE BACKCOUNTRY, INCLUDING GAS AND PROPANE STOVES**

**NO SMOKING ON PARK TRAILS**

**SMOKING IS ONLY ALLOWED IN A DEVELOPED CAMPSITE/DEVELOPED PICNIC AREA OR IN A CLOSED VEHICLE**

**GAS OR PROPANE STOVES ARE PERMITTED IN DESIGNATED CAMPGROUNDS AND PICNIC AREAS**



Thank you for your cooperation.

---

# DAKOTA NIGHTS ASTRONOMY FESTIVAL

---

**September 15-17, 2017**

Join astronomers, rangers, and historians as they come together for a three-day festival celebrating North Dakota's starry nights and rich heritage! Stand under the expansive night sky that influenced cultures of American Indian tribes, inspired modern space exploration, and is still yours to experience today!

Theodore Roosevelt National Park and Historic Medora welcome you to evenings of star viewing, presentations by nationally recognized speakers, rocket building and launching, solar system hikes, and much more as we celebrate Dakota Nights!

Most activities are included with your park entry fee, except when otherwise noted.

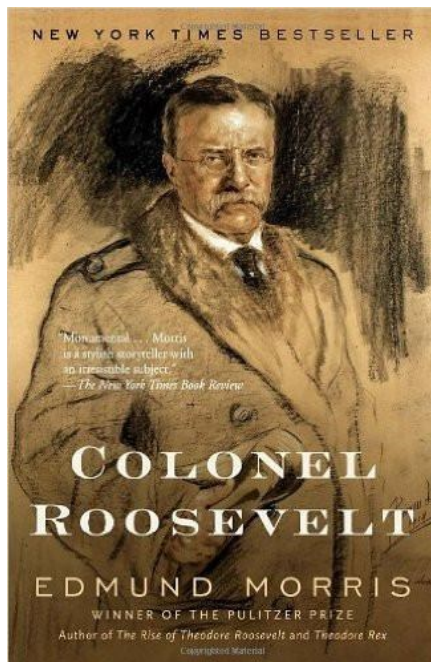
Contact the park if you are interested in volunteering for the event.



---

## MEMBER ONLY COUPON

---



### TRNHA Member Only Coupon

**Colonel Roosevelt by Edmund Morris**

**\$10.00**

regular price \$18.00  
(no additional 15%)

Bring the coupon to one of our stores, call us, or use coupon code  
"August2017" on our website to receive the discount.

Expires August 31, 2017



August2017



# TRNHA MEMBERSHIP

Become a member today and enjoy one full year of membership privileges while supporting North Dakota's National Parks!



## Cooperation

TRNHA partners with the National Park Service in operating visitor centers by providing a sales clerk. We also assist with the costs of student internships, volunteer programs, and other conservation opportunities.



## Exploration




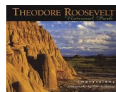
















TRNHA provides funds to support scientific and oral history research. Recent funding has been used for mountain lion studies and elk management efforts.



## Education

TRNHA assists in the publishing of free trail guides, informational brochures, plant and animal checklist, and the junior ranger program. In addition to free publications TRNHA also helps educate the public by funding and hosting special events in the sites we serve.

**Since 1951, TRNHA has donated over \$900,000 to promote the historical, scientific, and educational activities of the parks we serve.**

Member benefits include:			Join today at a higher level and receive an additional special gift as a thank you:					Corporate Member
Purchase today and receive a park sticker.			Support Pin	Mint Tin	TRNHA Mug	Photo Book	Bobblehead	Become a Corporate Member and receive:
15% discount at all TRNHA Park Stores								All membership incentives
Reciprocal discounts at participating association bookstores	\$35	Family						Listing as a supporter in the TRNHA e-newsletter
Monthly e-newsletter subscription	\$50	Friend						
Member only coupons	\$100	Contributor						
	\$250	Supporter						
	\$500	Partner						

## JOIN TODAY!

### Member Information

Member Name

Mailing Address

City/State/Zip Code

Email

### New or Renewing Member

<input type="checkbox"/>	New	<input type="checkbox"/>	Renewal
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$20 Individual		
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$35 Family		
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50 Friend		
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100 Contributor		
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$250 Supporter		
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$500 Partner		
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$1000 Corporate		

### Payment Information

<input type="checkbox"/>	Mastercard	<input type="checkbox"/>	Visa	<input type="checkbox"/>	Discover	<input type="checkbox"/>	Check
--------------------------	------------	--------------------------	------	--------------------------	----------	--------------------------	-------

Name on Card

Credit Card #

Expiration Date

Security Code (3 digit on the back of card)

**Mail to: TRNHA, PO Box 167, Medora, ND 58645**



# THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATURE & HISTORY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

July 2017

## VISITOR USE STUDY HAPPENING IN TRNP

Kansas State University, Clemson University and the University of Utah are teaming up to conduct a visitor use study at Theodore Roosevelt National Park. The study, funded by the park, will focus on understanding several visitor use related topics over the course of the next year.

Researchers from Clemson University and Kansas State University were at the park in early August. They were collecting surveys in the North and South units to better understand visitor's experiences while in the park. The research team was also collecting GPS data on how visitors move around both units of the park. This data will be used to help park managers understand visitor travel patterns and their perceptions of their experience. This data will hopefully help managers to better provide high quality experiences while still protecting the unique resources of the park.

A research team from the University of Utah will also be engaging members of local communities this Fall to understand how they interact with the



Continued on page 2

### Visitor Center Hours

#### Theodore Roosevelt National Park

South Unit- 8:00 - 5:00 MT  
Painted Canyon- 8:30- 4:30 MT  
North Unit- Fri to Mon 9:00 -5:00 CT

#### Knife River Indian Villages NHS

8:00 - 4:30 CT

#### Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge

Mon to Fri 8:00 - 4:30 CT

### What's Happening?

September 15 - 17, 2017

Dakota Nights Astronomy Festival in  
Theodore Roosevelt National Park

September 30, 2017

National Public Lands Day



THEODORE ROOSEVELT  
— NATIONAL PARK —



## VISITOR USE STUDY (CONTINUED FROM PAGE1)

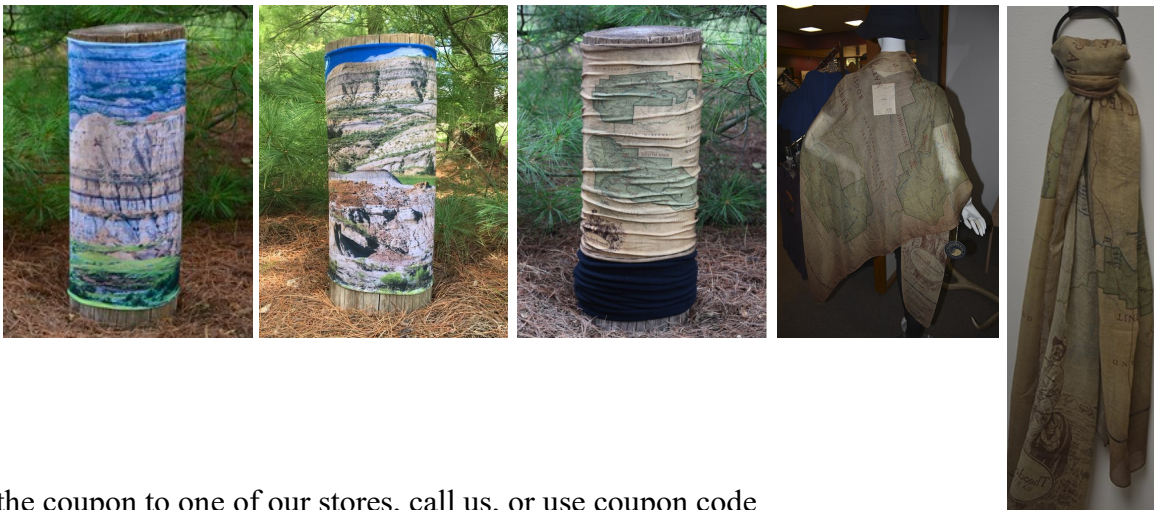
park. This information will be used to understand another element of park management that is often overlooked, the role of communities surrounding parks and protected areas. The research team is excited about this project and looks forward to providing park managers with useful information to enhance the already extraordinary experiences available at Theodore Roosevelt National Park.



## MEMBER ONLY COUPON

### TRNHA Member Only Coupon

**Pick your favorite TRNP Bana and Scarf - \$4.00 Off**



Bring the coupon to one of our stores, call us, or use coupon code  
"September2017" on our website to receive the discount.  
Expires September 30, 2017





# DAKOTA NIGHTS ASTRONOMY FESTIVAL

**September 15-17, 2017**

Come and celebrate our dark night skies, a precious and diminishing resource, by participating in the 5th Annual Dakota Nights Astronomy Festival, September 15-17, 2017!

Theodore Roosevelt National Park and Historic Medora, North Dakota welcome you to a weekend of star viewing, a “Discovery Dome” planetarium with hourly programs on astronomy-related topics, telescope building, solar viewing, rocket building and launching.

In addition, visitors are welcome to enjoy presentations by:

Lynn Powers, NASA ambassador, astronomer and night sky ambassador, will make the featured presentation “NASA Cassini Mission Crash into Saturn” on Friday, September 15 at 7:00p.m. MDT in the Cottonwood Campground amphitheater, in the park’s South Unit. On Saturday, September 16th at 11:00 a.m. MDT at the Chateau de Mores Interpretive Center; Lynn Powers will discuss the August 21st Solar Eclipse, a presentation that will include beautiful photographs of this event.

Dr. Paul Barnhart of the Department of Natural Sciences at Dickinson State University will make the featured presentation; “The Importance of Darkness and The Impact of Light Pollution on Wildlife” on Saturday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m. MDT in the Cottonwood Campground amphitheater.

Chris Milford, NASA ambassador for the State of North Dakota, will be the featured presenter on Sunday, September 17th. Chris Milford will present “Quest to Save North Dakota Darkness” at 7:00 p.m. MDT in the Cottonwood Campground amphitheater.

The full schedule of events is evolving and will be posted and updated at: <https://www.nps.gov/thro>.



# TRNHA MEMBERSHIP

Become a member today and enjoy one full year of membership privileges while supporting North Dakota's National Parks!



## Cooperation

TRNHA partners with the National Park Service in operating visitor centers by providing a sales clerk. We also assist with the costs of student internships, volunteer programs, and other conservation opportunities.



## Exploration

TRNHA provides funds to support scientific and oral history research. Recent funding has been used for mountain lion studies and elk management efforts.



## Education

TRNHA assists in the publishing of free trail guides, informational brochures, plant and animal checklist, and the junior ranger program. In addition to free publications TRNHA also helps educate the public by funding and hosting special events in the sites we serve.

Since 1951, TRNHA has donated over \$900,000 to promote the historical, scientific, and educational activities of the parks we serve.

### Member benefits include:

### Join today at a higher level and receive an additional special gift as a thank you:

### Corporate Member

Purchase today and receive a park sticker.

15% discount at all TRNHA Park Stores

Reciprocal discounts at participating association bookstores

Monthly e-newsletter subscription

Member only coupons

Support Pin



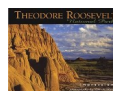
Mint Tin



TRNHA Mug



Photo Book



Bobblehead



Become a Corporate Member and receive:

All membership incentives

Listing as a supporter in the TRNHA e-newsletter

\$35

Family



\$50

Friend



\$100

Contributor



\$250

Supporter



\$500

Partner



## JOIN TODAY!

### Member Information

Member Name

Mailing Address

City/State/Zip Code

Email

### New or Renewing Member

<input type="checkbox"/>	New	<input type="checkbox"/>	Renewal
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$20 Individual		
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$35 Family		
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50 Friend		
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100 Contributor		
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$250 Supporter		
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$500 Partner		
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$1000 Corporate		

### Payment Information

<input type="checkbox"/>	Mastercard	<input type="checkbox"/>	Visa	<input type="checkbox"/>	Discover	<input type="checkbox"/>	Check
--------------------------	------------	--------------------------	------	--------------------------	----------	--------------------------	-------

Name on Card

Credit Card #

Expiration Date

Security Code (3 digit on the back of card)

Mail to: TRNHA, PO Box 167, Medora, ND 58645



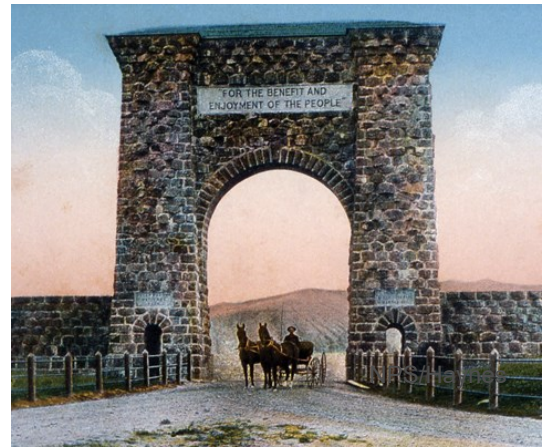
# THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATURE & HISTORY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

October 2017

## FOR THE BENEFIT & ENJOYMENT OF THE PEOPLE

By Kevin Kitzhoffer

In 1903, Theodore Roosevelt visited Yellowstone National Park and was asked to place the cornerstone for the archway that was being built at the northern entrance in Gardiner, Montana. This structure would eventually become known as the "Roosevelt Arch," and inscribed at the top is a quote from the Organic Act of 1872, the legislation which created Yellowstone National Park, which reads: "For the Benefit and Enjoyment of the People."



Nothing sums up the mission and purpose of our parks more precisely than those simple words, and nothing showcases the power of a democracy more than our public lands. In the United States of America, ordinary citizens are shareholders of the nation's most scenic and beautiful landscapes. If handled with care and with the right attitude, these lands may be passed on for future generations to enjoy as well. In order for that to be done, however, the people must have an appreciation for and understanding of our public lands. When these objectives are met, a magnificent change starts to take effect - people develop an intimate relationship with the land. They become stewards, caretakers, and volunteers.

[Continued on page 2](#)

### Visitor Center Hours

#### Theodore Roosevelt National Park

South Unit - 8:00 - 4:30 MT

Painted Canyon - 8:30- 4:30 MT

North Unit - 9:00 -5:00 CT

#### Knife River Indian Villages NHS

8:00- 4:30 CT

#### Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge

Mon to Fri 8:00 - 4:30 CT

### What's Happening?

October 27, 2017

Happy Birthday Theodore Roosevelt

November 10, 2017

Hunter's Feed in Medora

November 11, 2017

TRNHA's Annual Meeting





# FOR THE BENEFIT & ENJOYMENT OF THE PEOPLE

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE1)

This past Saturday, September 30th was National Public Lands Day, a day for volunteers to show their dedication and devotion. National Public Lands Day (NPLD) is the nation's largest, single-day volunteer event for public lands, and is held annually on the fourth Saturday in September. NPLD brings together hundreds of thousands of individual and organizational volunteers to help restore the country's public lands that belong to and are enjoyed by all of us. These include national parks, monuments, wildlife refuges, forests and grasslands, as well as state, county, and city parks that are managed by public agencies. The National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF) coordinates NPLD, and support is also received from federal, state, and local organizations. Participating federal agencies include the Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Forest Service. In 2016, NPLD gathered over 200,000 volunteers across 2,600 sites across the nation. According to NEEF, \$18 million worth of public land improvements were performed by these volunteers.

This year for NPLD, Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association conducted a trash pick-up at the Painted Canyon Visitor Center here at the park. Painted Canyon faithfully delivers on its breath-taking views and occasional animal visitors, but oftentimes, the heavy traffic and high winds bring in unwanted and unsightly litter. In just two hours, an entire kitchen trash bag was filled with cigarette butts, plastic food wrappers, and even a pair of matching hiking socks! Because of this help, the vista at Painted Canyon now has a renewed sparkle.



The message we send when we volunteer is one of love and respect for nature, as well as each other. Taking the initiative to make a difference helps build strong communities and builds character within ourselves. It shows that we care about the lands we have been provided, and reminds us of the promise we have made to the next generation. NPLD may only be one day in the month of September, but community service should be a year-round endeavor. Our public lands require an involved and engaged set of caretakers in order to preserve and protect them. If parks are truly for the benefit and enjoyment of people, then we must all do our part to help keep them that way.



## DONATION FROM XTO ENERGY HELPS WITH EDUCATION

In July TRNHA submitted a request to XTO energy asking for assistance in bringing students to Theodore Roosevelt National Park's Dakota Nights Astronomy Festival. We were pleasantly surprised when a check for \$2500 arrived to assist us with educating children about the night sky.

Thanks to this generous donation TRNHA assisted the park by paying for a bus of students to travel to the park from Marmoth, ND. Funds were also used to purchase journals, bracelets, two amazing tabletop telescopes, and other supplies which were used by Park Rangers to instill the love of Dakota nights in the children in attendance. The telescopes were our favorite investment as they will be used to educate children throughout the next few years!

We would like to say thank you to XTO energy for their willingness to assist us in our efforts to educate local children and to foster a love for the great outdoors.



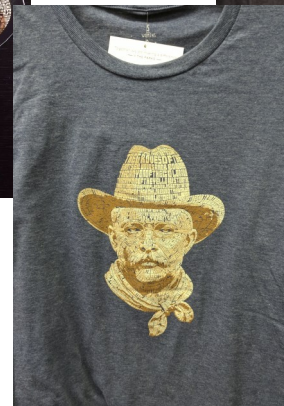
## MEMBER ONLY COUPON

# Buy a t-shirt get a sticker

**Buy one Theodore Roosevelt t-shirt and get one Theodore Roosevelt Sticker**

T-shirt available in men's brown and women's navy

Bring the coupon to one of our stores, call us, or use coupon code "October2017" on our website to receive the discount.  
Expires: October 31, 2017





# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR NEWS FEED?



**Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site**

August 10 · 🌐

For the fourth year in a row, Knife River Indian Villages NHS has earned the Pinnacle Award for outstanding distance learning programs. With a new school year just around the corner, we look forward to providing more great experiences in classrooms across the country...maybe one of them will be yours!

#FindYourPark #EncuentraTuParque #ParksToClassrooms



**Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge** added 5 new photos.

September 25 at 2:11pm · 🌐

Upper Souris NWR was host to the 17th annual Mouse River Loop Envirothon. Fourteen high school teams participated in our outdoor classroom learning about western rangeland management, trapping and furs, raising elk, archery and beneficial insects. The event is sponsored by the Renville and Ward County Soil Conservation Districts, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the ND State University Extension Service and the US Fish & Wildlife Service.



What's happening on your Facebook News Feed? We thought we would share just some of the things we are seeing on ours in hopes that you might check out some of the great pages we follow. If you didn't know many Public Land sites have pages and they would love you to follow them.

Check out some of our favorite pages below:

[Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association](#)

[Theodore Roosevelt National Park](#)

[Knife River Indian Village National Historic Site](#)

[Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge](#)

[Midwest National Parks](#)



**Theodore Roosevelt National Park**

September 30 at 10:44am · 🌐

The fall season is upon us, and camping fees are falling with the leaves! Starting Monday, October 2nd, both Cottonwood and Juniper Campground's rates will go down to \$7 per night for a normal site, and \$3.50 for senior and access pass holders. Water will be turned off; however pit toilets are available in both campgrounds. Camping sites will be all first-come-first-served. Come out and enjoy the beautiful fall weather while it lasts!





# TRNHA MEMBERSHIP

Become a member today and enjoy one full year of membership privileges while supporting North Dakota's National Parks!



## Cooperation

TRNHA partners with the National Park Service in operating visitor centers by providing a sales clerk. We also assist with the costs of student internships, volunteer programs, and other conservation opportunities.



## Exploration

TRNHA provides funds to support scientific and oral history research. Recent funding has been used for mountain lion studies and elk management efforts.



## Education

TRNHA assists in the publishing of free trail guides, informational brochures, plant and animal checklist, and the junior ranger program. In addition to free publications TRNHA also helps educate the public by funding and hosting special events in the sites we serve.

Since 1951, TRNHA has donated over \$900,000 to promote the historical, scientific, and educational activities of the parks we serve.

### Member benefits include:

Join today at a higher level and receive an additional special gift as a thank you:

### Corporate Member

Purchase today and receive a park sticker.

15% discount at all TRNHA Park Stores

Reciprocal discounts at participating association bookstores

Monthly e-newsletter subscription

Member only coupons

Support Pin



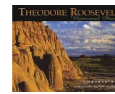
Mint Tin



TRNHA Mug



Photo Book



Bobblehead



Become a Corporate Member and receive:

All membership incentives

Listing as a supporter in the TRNHA e-newsletter

\$35

Family



\$50

Friend



\$100

Contributor



\$250

Supporter



\$500

Partner



## JOIN TODAY!

### Member Information

Member Name

Mailing Address

City/State/Zip Code

Email

### New or Renewing Member

<input type="checkbox"/>	New	<input type="checkbox"/>	Renewal
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$20 Individual		
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$35 Family		
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50 Friend		
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100 Contributor		
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$250 Supporter		
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$500 Partner		
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$1000 Corporate		

### Payment Information

<input type="checkbox"/>	Mastercard	<input type="checkbox"/>	Visa	<input type="checkbox"/>	Discover	<input type="checkbox"/>	Check
--------------------------	------------	--------------------------	------	--------------------------	----------	--------------------------	-------

Name on Card

Credit Card #

Expiration Date

Security Code (3 digit on the back of card)

Mail to: TRNHA, PO Box 167, Medora, ND 58645



# THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATURE & HISTORY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

November 2017

## WELCOME BY KEVIN KITZHOFFER

Welcome! You've just arrived in the Little Missouri Badlands of North Dakota. You've bought your annual pass to the National Parks, and you've even obtained your map of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Now you're wondering what to do first. May I make a suggestion? Head north.

There is plenty of adventure to be found at Theodore Roosevelt National Park, and a trip up to its North Unit should be a "must-see" on any visitor's itinerary. Geographically-speaking, this park isn't your typical looking blot on a map. Theodore Roosevelt National Park is comprised of 3 separate and distinct units totaling 70,447 acres (110 square miles) spread across the badlands of western North Dakota. The North Unit makes up over 24,000 acres of that area. Because of its location 52 miles north of Interstate 94 and 14 miles south of Watford City, terms like "quiet" and "remote" are often attached to this part of the park. In fact, the North Unit receives about three times less visitors than the South Unit receives every year. However, what this part of the park lacks in attendance makes up for it with rugged beauty, jaw-dropping vistas, and peaceful atmosphere.

Nothing makes for a more "peaceful" experience in a National Park than an overnight stay at the North Unit's Juniper Campground. Before you turn in for the night however, make sure you've driven the park's 14-mile scenic byway and taken stock of all that can be experienced up here. Stop by the eerily round Cannonball Concretions –

Continued on page 2

### Visitor Center Hours

#### Theodore Roosevelt National Park

South Unit - 8:00 - 4:30 MT

Painted Canyon - closed for season

North Unit - 9:00 - 5:00 CT - Fri - Mon

#### Knife River Indian Villages NHS

8:00- 4:30 CT

#### Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge

Mon to Fri 8:00 - 4:30 CT

### What's Happening?

November 10, 2017

Hunter's Feed in Medora

November 23, 2017

NPS Visitors Centers closed for  
Thanksgiving

December 8 - 9, 2017

Cowboy Christmas in Medora



## WELCOME CONTINUED...

these perfectly spherical boulders look out of this world! Next, bring your camera up to the River Bend Overlook (the most photographed spot in North Dakota) and admire the rustic architecture of the Overlook Shelter, built by the boys of the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1937. The drive concludes at the Oxbow Overlook, where one can gaze in astonishment at the colorful badlands formations that the Little Missouri River helped to create. In the North Unit, the scenic wonders have the ability to humble you. Disappointment has no residency here.

The local residents that do call the North Unit home are the wide varieties of birds and mammals that can be spotted around every corner of the park. Grazing bison and a herd of longhorn steer are common sights, but the chance to see bighorn sheep require sharp eyes and patience! The sound of a western meadowlark, or the crow of a ring-necked pheasant, creates a wild avian-symphony in the air of the badlands. Bring binoculars and a field guide when heading to the North Unit, just remember to view from a distance and treat Mother Nature with respect.

For those who like to experience National Parks on foot, the North Unit is a hiker's paradise. With 81% wilderness and miles of backcountry trails, this area is a top-tier destination for even the most experienced backpackers. The Buckhorn Trail and the Achenbach Trail provide the ultimate challenge for an overnight trek through the badlands. For those with little ones, or for those who prefer scenic rewards without having to carry much on their backs, the Caprock Coulee Trail and Little Mo Nature Trail provide fantastic, short day-hiking experiences. In the dry badlands of Theodore Roosevelt National Park, be sure to pack plenty of water wherever you go!

The list of reasons to make a trip up to the North Unit of the park is endless. It truly is a place that needs to be experienced rather than just read about in a book. In our 21st century techno-world, Facebook posts and Instagram photos don't quite capture the essence of what can be found in the North Unit, let alone all of the wild nature in our National Parks. These special places preserved for the benefit and enjoyment of each and every American are agents for lifetime experiences spent either alone or in the company of others. They are places where we contemplate and attempt to understand more about the world. They are the settings for the discovery of our greatest selves. Without a doubt, the North Unit provides that exact setting. My wish is that YOUR visit to the park includes a stop to this awe-inspiring place. Welcome to Theodore Roosevelt National Park! You've finally arrived!



Photo by Dave Bruner



# HAVE YOU VISITED KNIFE RIVER INDIAN VILLAGES NHS?

There are many things to see and do at Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site.

## How much time do you have?

### One or two hours:

- Watch the 15 minute orientation film *Maxidiwiac* about the life of Buffalo Bird Woman who lived at the Knife River Indian Villages
- Explore the museum and learn about the history and culture of the Hidatsa people. The exhibits feature artifacts recovered from the village sites as well as decorative arts of Northern Plains Indians.
- Head outside to see the full scale reconstructed Earthlodge, Hidatsa garden, and drying racks.
- Walk down the Village Trail (1.3 mi/2.1km) and see the remains of the Awatixa Xi'e Village (Lower Hidatsa Site) and Awatixa Village (Sakakawea Site). There is a loop at the second village site that includes a walk along the Knife River.

### A half day:

- Hike the North Forest Trail loop (2.2 mi/3.5 km) through bottomland forest and native prairie. Continue onto the Missouri overlook loop (2.8 mi/4.5 km) for spectacular views of the Missouri River. Upon entering the forest, you can also choose to walk 0.1 miles on the Big Hidatsa Trail to the Hidatsa Village (Big Hidatsa Site)
- Grab your binoculars and a free birding checklist from the visitor center desk to help you spot your favorite raptors, waterfowl, thrushes, warblers, and many other birds along the park's trails.

### A full day:

- Hike the Two Rivers Trail (6.2 mi/10 km) that follows the Knife River to the south end of the park. At the southern tip of the trail, you can see where the Knife River flows into the Missouri River.

Try your hand at catching northern pike, walleye, catfish, and trout along the Knife and Missouri Rivers. Knife River Indian Villages NHS follows North Dakota state rules and regulations. For more information, go to the [North Dakota Game and Fish Department](#) website.



## NOVEMBER ONLINE DAILY SPECIALS

The holidays are just around the corner and TRNHA wants to be your go to for unique gifts. The month of November is going to be a special one for our customers. Each day November 6th through the 30th we will be offering a different special. You won't know what the special is until that day when we post it on our Facebook page. If you aren't a Facebook user that's ok you can, just visit our store [www.trnha.org](http://www.trnha.org) and punch in the code! Below is a list of the codes we will be using, don't miss your chance for some great discounts. (Discounts cannot be combined with other codes (member, rack card, etc...))



### November Online Special Codes

Codes will be month (Nov) and then Day (06)

Nov06	Nov07	Nov08	Nov09
Nov10	Nov11	Nov12	Nov13
Nov14	Nov15	Nov16	Nov17
Nov18	Nov19	Nov20	Nov21
Nov21	Nov22	Nov23	Nov24
Nov25	Nov26	Nov27	Nov28
Nov29	Nov30		



## PARK ROAD CLOSURES

During the months of November through April, road closures due to snow and ice are common. Roads close and reopen as conditions permit--there are no set dates.

Whenever possible, park staff clear East River Road in the South Unit (11 miles) and the first 6 miles of road in the North Unit.

Learn more: <https://www.nps.gov/thro/planyourvisit/conditions.htm>

# TRNHA MEMBERSHIP

Become a member today and enjoy one full year of membership privileges while supporting North Dakota's National Parks!



## Cooperation

TRNHA partners with the National Park Service in operating visitor centers by providing a sales clerk. We also assist with the costs of student internships, volunteer programs, and other conservation opportunities.



## Exploration

TRNHA provides funds to support scientific and oral history research. Recent funding has been used for mountain lion studies and elk management efforts.



## Education

TRNHA assists in the publishing of free trail guides, informational brochures, plant and animal checklist, and the junior ranger program. In addition to free publications TRNHA also helps educate the public by funding and hosting special events in the sites we serve.

Since 1951, TRNHA has donated over \$900,000 to promote the historical, scientific, and educational activities of the parks we serve.

### Member benefits include:

Join today at a higher level and receive an additional special gift as a thank you:

### Corporate Member

Purchase today and receive a park sticker.

15% discount at all TRNHA Park Stores

Reciprocal discounts at participating association bookstores

Monthly e-newsletter subscription

Member only coupons

Support Pin



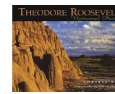
Mint Tin



TRNHA Mug



Photo Book



Bobblehead



Become a Corporate Member and receive:

All membership incentives

Listing as a supporter in the TRNHA e-newsletter

\$35

Family



\$50

Friend



\$100

Contributor



\$250

Supporter



\$500

Partner



## JOIN TODAY!

### Member Information

Member Name

Mailing Address

City/State/Zip Code

Email

### New or Renewing Member

<input type="checkbox"/>	New	<input type="checkbox"/>	Renewal
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$20 Individual		
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$35 Family		
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50 Friend		
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100 Contributor		
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$250 Supporter		
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$500 Partner		
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$1000 Corporate		

### Payment Information

<input type="checkbox"/>	Mastercard	<input type="checkbox"/>	Visa	<input type="checkbox"/>	Discover	<input type="checkbox"/>	Check
--------------------------	------------	--------------------------	------	--------------------------	----------	--------------------------	-------

Name on Card

Credit Card #

Expiration Date

Security Code (3 digit on the back of card)

Mail to: TRNHA, PO Box 167, Medora, ND 58645





# BISON IN THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATIONAL PARK

A close-up photograph of a bison head, showing its dark brown fur, large curved horns, and a green identification tag on its ear. The bison is standing in dry grass.

## A stylized Christmas tree composed of various National Park Service icons. The tree is formed by a dense arrangement of black silhouettes of animals (deer, elk, bison, birds, fish, insects), plants (flowers, mushrooms, ferns), and landmarks (Mount Rushmore, the Lincoln Memorial, the Statue of Liberty, the Gateway Arch, the Washington Monument, the Eiffel Tower, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Colosseum, the Great Wall of China, the Pyramids of Giza, the Sphinx, the Sphinx of Giza, the Sphinx of Giza, the Sphinx of Giza). The tree is topped with a Santa hat. The trunk is a simple black line. The background is dark blue with a subtle pattern of small white stars. The overall theme is the National Park Service's 100th anniversary.

## BISON CONTINUED...

This year Bison were shipped to Oklahoma and North Dakota Tribes. To learn more about where the Theodore Roosevelt National Park's bison have gone in past years and the future of science-based management, please visit

[www.nps.gov/thro/learn/nature/bison-management](http://www.nps.gov/thro/learn/nature/bison-management).

How can a species' past affect its future – and its DNA? Check out our blog following bison genetics research right here in the park! Read the blog here, and stay tuned for updates!

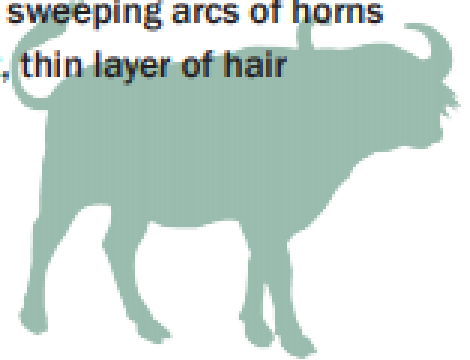
[www.nps.gov/thro/blogs/bisonblog.htm](http://www.nps.gov/thro/blogs/bisonblog.htm)



### Buffalo vs. Bison

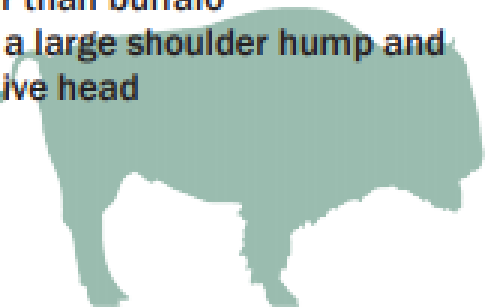
#### Buffalo

- Two main species found in Africa and Asia
- Huge sweeping arcs of horns
- Short, thin layer of hair



#### Bison

- Found in North America and Europe
- Small, cow-like horns
- Very thick coat of hair with a pronounced “bear” looping around ribcage
- Faster than buffalo
- Have a large shoulder hump and massive head



#### What are Beefalo?

- Hybrid of domestic cattle (usually male) with bison (usually female)
- Physically resemble cattle
- Created to combine characteristics of both animals for beef production

This image taken from  
[www.nationalforest.org](http://www.nationalforest.org)



# U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE EXPANDS HUNTING AND FISHING OPPORTUNITIES AT 10 NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES

In a continuing effort to increase access to hunting and fishing on public lands, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service today announced a final rule to open or expand opportunities across 132,000 acres on 10 national wildlife refuges. This will bring the number of refuges where the public may hunt up to 373 and up to 311 where fishing is permitted.

Hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities contributed more than \$156.3 billion in economic activity across the United States according to the Service's National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, published every five years. More than 101.6 million Americans – 40 percent of the U.S. population 16 and older – pursue wildlife-related recreation. The final rule opens more than 60,000 acres of Refuge System lands for hunting species not previously authorized in these areas.

"The nation's sportsmen and women lead the conservation of wildlife and their habitats throughout our nation. They are passionate about the outdoors and are committed to sustainably managing these resources for all Americans to enjoy. Refuges provide all Americans with places to hunt, fish, observe the natural world firsthand and experience the great outdoors," said Service Principal Deputy Director Greg Sheehan. "We are pleased to be able to offer hunting and fishing opportunities and other recreational activities where they are compatible with national wildlife refuge management goals."

[Des Lacs National Wildlife Refuge](#): Open moose hunting for the first time. The refuge is already open to upland game and other big game hunting.

[Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge](#): Open moose and turkey hunting for the first time. Expand upland game and big game hunting. The refuge is already open to upland game hunting, other big game hunting, and sport fishing.



In January 2017, FWS staff from Upper Souris NWR assisted ND Game and Fish Department personnel in a wild turkey trapping and relocating effort. A neighboring refuge rancher was experiencing turkey depredation to his winter livestock hay and silage piles. Approximately 100 wild turkeys were captured and relocated to an area in the state with low turkey numbers.



# 2017 PICTURE YOURSELF IN TRNP CONTEST WINNERS

The National Park Service and Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association announced the winner of the annual “Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park” photo contest on December 1st. We received 269 photos, making choosing the winner very difficult.

However, we were pleased to award Shannon Scott of Williston, ND with top honors for “TRNP Outlook” Shannon’s photo will appear on Theodore Roosevelt National Park’s 2018 Annual Park Pass.

Category Winners included:

Animals of TRNP - “Road Trip” By David Jacobson

Landscape - “TRNP Outlook” by Shannon Scott

Macro - “Be a Busy Bee” by Jeri Ann Payne

Share Your Adventure - “Evening Adventure” by Amy Meng

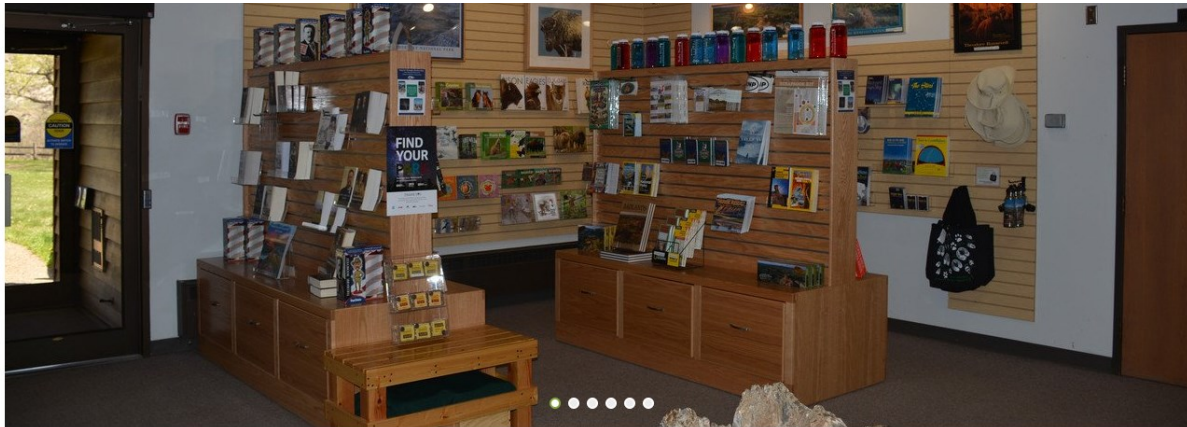
These photos will appear with the many other photos in our 2018 Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park Calendar, which are on sale in our bookstores or online at [www.trnha.org](http://www.trnha.org).

The 2018 photo contest will be for photos take between September 1, 2017 and August 31, 2018. The official contest will be announced in April and we will begin accepting photos at that time.

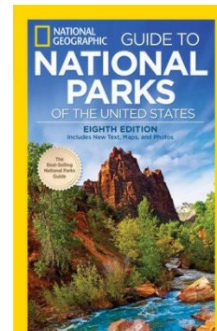
Visit our Facebook page to view all 269 of the photo submissions and see the fan favorite winner on our Facebook page! <https://www.facebook.com/TheodoreRooseveltNHA>



## SHOP WITH TRNHA AND SUPPORT YOUR PARKS



### Featured Items



## MEMBER ONLY COUPON

### TRNHA Member Only Coupon

**\$15 off purchase of \$50 or more**



Bring the coupon to one of our stores, call us, or use coupon code "December2017" on our website to receive the discount. Expires December 31, 2017



# TRNHA MEMBERSHIP

Become a member today and enjoy one full year of membership privileges while supporting North Dakota's National Parks!



## Cooperation

TRNHA partners with the National Park Service in operating visitor centers by providing a sales clerk. We also assist with the costs of student internships, volunteer programs, and other conservation opportunities.



## Exploration

TRNHA provides funds to support scientific and oral history research. Recent funding has been used for mountain lion studies and elk management efforts.



## Education

TRNHA assists in the publishing of free trail guides, informational brochures, plant and animal checklist, and the junior ranger program. In addition to free publications TRNHA also helps educate the public by funding and hosting special events in the sites we serve.

Since 1951, TRNHA has donated over \$900,000 to promote the historical, scientific, and educational activities of the parks we serve.

### Member benefits include:

Join today at a higher level and receive an additional special gift as a thank you:

### Corporate Member

Purchase today and receive a park sticker.

15% discount at all TRNHA Park Stores

Reciprocal discounts at participating association bookstores

Monthly e-newsletter subscription

Member only coupons

Support Pin



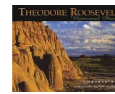
Mint Tin



TRNHA Mug



Photo Book



Bobblehead



Become a Corporate Member and receive:

All membership incentives

Listing as a supporter in the TRNHA e-newsletter

\$35

Family



\$50

Friend



\$100

Contributor



\$250

Supporter



\$500

Partner



## JOIN TODAY!

### Member Information

Member Name

Mailing Address

City/State/Zip Code

Email

### New or Renewing Member

<input type="checkbox"/>	New	<input type="checkbox"/>	Renewal
--------------------------	-----	--------------------------	---------

<input type="checkbox"/>	\$20 Individual
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$35 Family
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50 Friend
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100 Contributor
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$250 Supporter
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$500 Partner
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$1000 Corporate

### Payment Information

<input type="checkbox"/>	Mastercard	<input type="checkbox"/>	Visa	<input type="checkbox"/>	Discover	<input type="checkbox"/>	Check
--------------------------	------------	--------------------------	------	--------------------------	----------	--------------------------	-------

Name on Card

Credit Card #

Expiration Date

Security Code (3 digit on the back of card)

Mail to: TRNHA, PO Box 167, Medora, ND 58645