

TRNHA NEWSLETTER

February 2019

Government Shutdown and Non-Profit Partners

The partial government shutdown has ended, leaving an uncertainty of what will happen when funds once again run out on February 15th. At Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association we are grateful to be back at work, and excited to begin 2019. A closer look at our finances shows that this time the closure was easier on our organization than it was on some of our friends. Thanks to the efforts of the Public Lands Alliance the stories of organizations like ours are being told. Below we have shared with you a report put together by the Public Lands Alliance sharing the devastation some groups have experienced.



The Public Lands Alliance's mission is "We connect, strengthen and represent the nonprofit partners of America's public lands.", and during this time of uncertainty they have stepped up to represent us all. They published several reports and their Executive Director, Dan Puskar, testified on the impacts of the government shutdown on public lands nonprofits at a House Democratic Forum. You can learn more about Public Lands Alliance and their mission at: www.publiclandsalliance.org Below are some of the facts compiled and shared by the Public Lands Alliance during the most recent shutdown.



What a Federal Government Shutdown Means for PLA Members

"In a recent survey, several nonprofit partners of these public lands reported how this shutdown is impacting them. This page will be updated as we receive more information from our members and stakeholders. Due to the shutdown:

- \$4.1 million lost in retail sales and visitor programs. This amount will continue to rise as the shutdown continues. These funds would have supported their nonprofit missions and enhanced public lands.

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2019 Employment at TRNHA

Retail Support Manager

TRNHA is looking for someone who is energetic and excited to learn and share their knowledge of the park and surrounding area with visitors. The Retail Support Manager plays a critical role in overseeing day to day operations in TRNHA's stores including assisting with the management of store inventory, web sales, TRNHA's membership program, special events, and store operations. This position also assists in managing the selection, training, and development of all Seasonal Sales Clerks. It is very important that the Retail Support Manager understands our partnerships with the National Park Service and United States Fish and Wildlife Services as they will be responsible for assisting in providing educational products honoring and supporting these partnerships. TRNHA is looking for a flexible, driven individual who can work both independently and as a part of our team.

[Learn more about this position here.](#)



Summer Seasonal Positions

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- 530+ nonprofit employees laid off, furloughed or compelled to take leave without pay. Congress is not considering legislation to provide back pay to these private sector workers.

Meanwhile, these nonprofits have also stepped up to support their public lands in this challenging time.

- 65% have provided visitor information online and onsite
- 24% have coordinated volunteer clean-ups and cleaned restrooms
- Over \$300,000 has been given in direct donations to land management agencies.

Shutdown Impacts on Nonprofits

- ✘ No access to offices on public lands to write checks, receive shipments or do inventory. Many nonprofits are not allowed to access information essential to performing basic functions.
- ✘ Loss of valuable staff. The shutdown poses a risk to the stability of the nonprofit workforce, which relies on public lands to be open for nonprofit employees to staff visitor centers.
- ✘ Planning and hiring are on-hold. This is a critical time for many nonprofits to meet with their agency partners to hire seasonal staff and coordinate 2019 projects.
- ✘ Youth programs canceled. Students hoping to take part in outdoor activities on public lands this winter are not able to attend canceled programs and events.
- ✘ Hurricane recovery efforts halted. Nonprofits in the Southeast are faced with a one-two punch as recent hurricanes already damaged public lands and facilities. The shutdown has cost funding that is needed for those recovery efforts.
- ✘ Fundraising projects on-hold as nonprofits are unable to work with agency partners to discuss project goals.

This February we share the love with the Public Lands Alliance and give them a BIG THANK YOU for all they have done and will continue to do for non-profit Public Land Partners!



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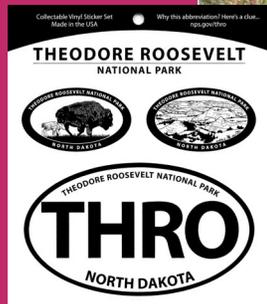
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National Park Service visitation tops 318 million!

WASHINGTON - Visitation to America's national parks in 2018 exceeded 300 million recreation visits for the fourth consecutive year. The 318.2 million recreation visits total is the third highest since record keeping began in 1904.

"America's national parks are national treasures that tell the story of our nation and celebrate its beauty, history and culture," said Acting Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt. "I am pleased that so many Americans and visitors from around the world continue to take advantage of the affordable and accessible recreational opportunities provided by these sites."

"The visitation to our national parks continues to affirm that Americans are in love with their public lands and hold dear the stories of our nation embodied in the natural, cultural and historic landscapes we protect in the National Park System," National Park Service Deputy Director Dan Smith said.

The 418 national parks throughout the country provide a vast array of opportunities for recreation and inspiration for visitors of all ages. With at least one located in every state, national parks are easily accessible and affordable destinations. In the past five years there have been about 1.6 billion recreational visits to national parks.

In 2018, Golden Gate National Recreation Area reclaimed the top spot for highest visitation in the National Park System from the Blue Ridge Parkway. These two parks have been trading places at one and two since 1979. In the national parks category, Great Smoky Mountains National Park (11.4 million) and Grand Canyon National Park (6.4 million) continue to hold the top two spots, as they have since 1990.

For an in-depth look at 2018 visitation, including individual park figures, please visit the NPS Social Science web site.



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Picture Perfect Painted Canyon

By: Kevin Kitzhoffer

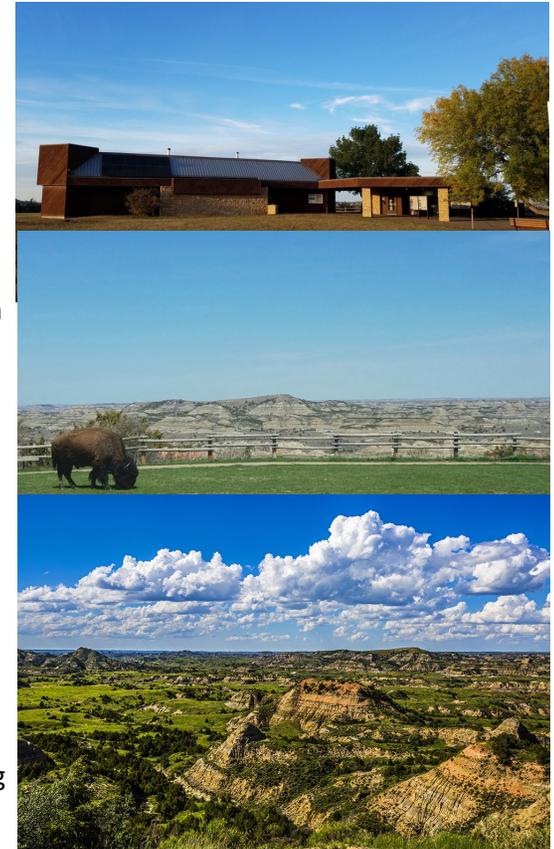
Do you love taking pictures? Are you looking for that perfect photo opportunity here at Theodore Roosevelt National Park? Where can you capture the most epic North Dakota sunset and see bison roaming the park all at the same time? Look no further than Painted Canyon.

Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association has the privilege to serve park patrons at the Visitor Center here at Painted Canyon. Located just off exit 32 on Interstate 94, Painted Canyon is only 5 miles east of the park's main entrance in Medora. For those traveling on a long route west and looking for a taste of the badlands, the view from Painted Canyon is more than a mouthful of rolling bluffs and colorful scenery. It truly is a mesmerizing wonder, and one of the most breathtaking views of the park. Painted Canyon has always drawn the attention of onlookers, most notably was Brigadier General Alfred Sully who in 1864 called it "grand and majestic." From the 1930s through the 1960s, the canyon overlook was a major tourist rest stop that was independently owned, and amenities such as a gas station, a curio shop, a dining room, and even live animals could be found there.

Today, the Painted Canyon Visitor Center, built in the 1970s, is a place for highway travelers to stop, get information about the park and the surrounding area, pick up a souvenir, go for a hike, and take a picture of the badlands that is sure to create a lasting memory. Even if a visitor spends 5 minutes or 5

hours at Painted Canyon, it's here where the perceptions of North Dakota instantly change. The quiet and barren prairie transforms into the silent vastness of the Little Missouri Badlands all within the blink of an eye.

It's here that the landscape (and North Dakota itself) becomes greatly more romantic. It's here where wide open space stretches out boundlessly and reminds us all of the infinitude of the human spirit. It's here where a future president, and scores of other homesteaders, would forge a new life - one full of struggle, pain, and obstacles. The land humbles you, and any local rancher today can certainly tell you that personally. It shapes the soul and makes one ponder the essential truths of living. You are thrust into the embodiment of American idealism, where success means not becoming a famous "somebody," but rather becoming a rugged "individual." This is what Painted Canyon, the badlands, and North Dakota will make of you. All you have to do, however, is get here and see for yourself. Make sure to bring a camera and a selfie stick!



National Park Service (continued from page 1)

By The Numbers around the National Park System

- 318,211,833 recreation visits (385 of 418 parks report visitation figures)
- 1,401,420,191 recreation visitor hours
- 13,950,759 overnight stays
- 28 parks set a new record for visitation (about 7% of reporting parks)
- 17 parks broke a record they set in 2017
- Three parks had over 10 million recreation visits – Blue Ridge Parkway, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, and Great Smoky Mountains National Park
- Nine parks had over 5 million recreation visits
- 77 parks had over 1 million recreation visits (about 20% of reporting parks)



Top 10 - All Parks in the National Park System

Golden Gate National Recreation Area – 15,223,697
Blue Ridge Parkway – 14,690,418
Great Smoky Mountains National Park – 11,421,200
Gateway National Recreation Area – 9,243,305
Lincoln Memorial – 7,804,683
Lake Mead National Recreation Area – 7,578,958
George Washington Memorial Parkway – 7,288,623
Grand Canyon National Park – 6,380,495
Natchez Trace Parkway – 6,362,439
Vietnam Veterans Memorial – 4,719,148

National Park Service News Release
Contact: NewsMedia@nps.gov for
more information



National Park Week

April 20 - 28

Keep your eyes peeled for special event details in next months newsletter. Highlights include:

April 20th - Free Entrance to all National Park Service Sites

Weekend programs including Junior Ranger activities, Theodore Roosevelt National Park history, Women in Nature, and hikes.

TRNHA will also be announcing our 2019 Photo Contest during National Park Week!



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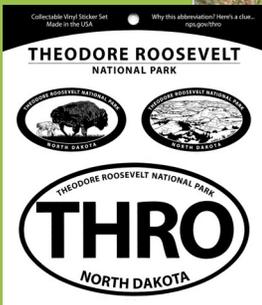
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National Park Week is Back (and Bigger Than Ever!)

By: Ranger Kevin Kitzhoffer

They create lasting memories, they reinvigorate tired souls, and they even have the power to stretch our imagination to extraordinary limits. For over one hundred years, National Parks have showcased the “best” that the United States of America has to offer, and have told the story of “us” by preserving the most natural, historic, and culturally significant places in the country. This system of specially-protected areas started in 1872 when Yellowstone National Park was established, and has grown today to include 418 sites all across the 50 states, plus territories like Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Guam. These parks are visited by hundreds of millions of visitors every year, but for one week in April, they are celebrated for being what author Wallace Stegner once called them - “America’s best idea.”



In 2019, National Park Week will be observed from Saturday, April 20th through Sunday, April 28th. These two weekends will host a variety of special events and programs at National Parks across the country, and Theodore Roosevelt National Park is no exception! To kick off the week, park entrance fees will be waived on Saturday, April 20th. In addition, a variety of programs for kids will be held at the South Unit Visitor Center of Theodore Roosevelt National Park in order to recognize the park’s youngest supporters. Activities will include designing Junior Ranger badges and cupcakes at 10am MT & 2pm MT. On Sunday, April 21st, Junior Ranger activities continue with a ranger-led hike in the park. Intended for all ages, this hike will get kids out and active while they learn about Theodore Roosevelt National Park. This hike will meet at the South Unit Visitor Center at 1:30pm MT, and please remember to have everyone wear comfortable clothing and sturdy shoes (parents too)! Also bring along water and a big smile! Events continue the following Saturday, April 27th with a special program titled “Park Pastime.” This 45-minute presentation will tell the story of how Theodore Roosevelt National Park was established and everything else you never knew about the humble beginnings of



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CALLING ALL VISITORS!

We want you to

Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park

for our
2019 Photo Contest

Winners will be awarded in 4 photo categories

1. Landscape
2. Animals of TRNP
3. Night Sky
4. Flowers and Plants



HOW TO ENTER

Submit up to two photos (taken between September 1, 2018 and August 31, 2019) online at www.trnha.org/pictureyourselfintrnp.html of any subject found within the three units of Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Category Prize - The winner in each category will be submitted for the Overall Winner Award. They will also be featured in a 2020 calendar and receive various prizes.

Overall Winner - The overall winner's photograph will be the featured photograph on the 2020 park annual pass. Additionally, the winner will have their photo on the cover of the 2020 Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park Calendar and will receive prizes valuing \$75.

Our favorite photos will be featured in the 2020 Calendar with category winners receiving prizes.



For registration information and contest details, please visit:

WWW.TRNHA.ORG/PICTUREYOURSELFINTRNP.HTML

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Visitor Use Study in TRNP

Kansas State University, Clemson University and the University of Utah teamed up to conduct a visitor use study at Theodore Roosevelt National Park. The study, funded by the park, focused on understanding several visitor use related topics over the course of the two years.

Researchers from Clemson University and Kansas State University were in the park throughout 2018. 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 engaged members of local communities to understand how they interact with the 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 looks forward to providing park managers with useful information to enhance the already extraordinary experiences available at Theodore Roosevelt National Park.



Theodore Roosevelt National Park Special Presentation

April 30, 2019

6:30 pm CT

Civic Center

Watford City, ND

May 1, 2019

6:30 pm MT

South Unit Visitor Center

Medora, ND

Painted Canyon to Open



Come out and see us at
Painted Canyon!
We will be open 8:00 am to 4:30
pm MT beginning April 27th!

Researchers from Kansas State University, Clemson University, and University of Utah will be offering a glimpse into their the result of their two year Visitor Use Study research project in Theodore Roosevelt National Parks.

National Park Week
April 20 - 28, 2019

Saturday - April 20th

Fee Free Day - Park entrance fee is waived.

Junior Ranger Activities - Stop by the South Unit Visitor Center at 10 am and 2 pm to participate in Junior Ranger fun!

Sunday - April 21st

Ranger-Led Hike - "Junior Ranger Hike"
Meet at the South Unit Visitor Center at 1:30 pm MT

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"Park Pastime" - Special Program at the South Unit Visitor Center at 2:00 pm MT.

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Fuels Reduction in Theodore Roosevelt National Park

MEDORA, ND: The National Park Service plans to implement a fuels reduction project in Theodore Roosevelt National Park's South Unit.

This project will remove Rocky Mountain juniper that has encroached upon eastern cottonwood galleries along the Little Missouri River near Peaceful Valley Ranch and Cottonwood Campground. Work will begin April 1, 2019 and continue intermittently through spring 2020.

Juniper thinning will improve cottonwood survival by reducing competition and removing unnatural fuels. The project will include hand cutting the trees. The cut trees will be moved into piles by hand and with tracked equipment. Piles will be given time to cure and then be burned in place when conditions allow.

An excellent source of fire information specific to Theodore Roosevelt National Park and the Northern Great Plains can be found at www.nps.gov/ngpfire/thro.htm.



National Park Week *(continued from page 1)*

North Dakota's first National Park! In addition, museum pieces pertaining to the park's history will be put on display for public viewing. This program is absolutely free and open to everyone. It will start at 2pm MT at the South Unit Visitor Center as well. The final day of National Park Week is Sunday, April 28, and the park is finishing off the celebration with a W.I.N.! A W.I.N. is a Women In Nature hike, and is geared towards women who enjoy nature, but may be uncertain about hiking alone. Those who wish to adventure through the badlands led by a female ranger can gather at the South Unit Visitor Center and go from there. This 2.5 mile hike may last for a few hours outside, so please wear comfortable clothing, sturdy shoes, and bring along some water.

With so many events taking place during National Park Week, there will be something for everyone to enjoy at Theodore Roosevelt National Park. As we take the time to celebrate all of the parks around the country, we reflect on places that hold special meaning to us and the people we visit them with. Parks play a significant role in our American way of life, and the National Park Service and Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association are proud to be strong supporters of what truly has become "America's best idea."

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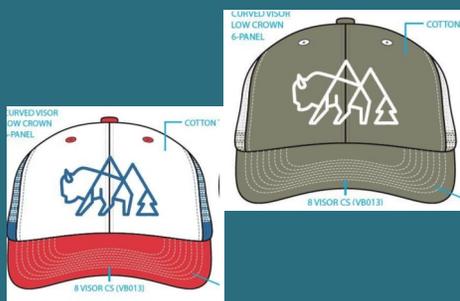
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Open until filled

Inventory & Media Associate





Theodore Roosevelt National Park Closes Section of the South Unit Loop

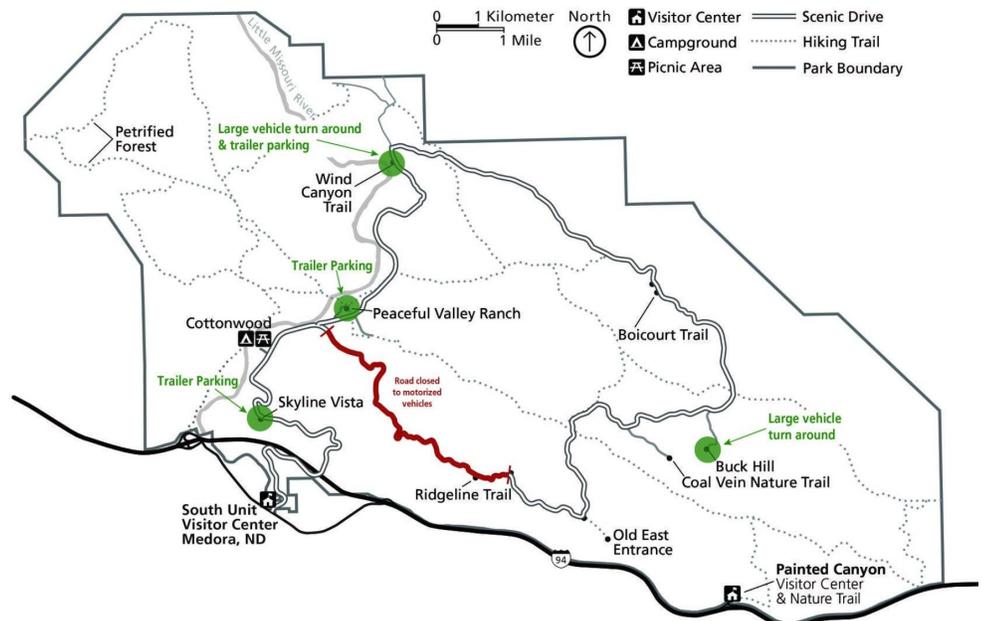
MEDORA, ND: A 4.5 mile section of the Scenic Loop Drive in the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park is closed to motor vehicles indefinitely due to erosion failure. The south side of the loop road is closed from the mile 7 closure gate to the Badlands Overlook at mile 11.5.

Roads in the park are frequently in need of repair, as the Badlands erode easily. There is currently no estimate for the length of time of the road closure. An emergency repair funding request has been submitted through the National Park Service road repair program.



“Constant erosion of the soft rock and soils of the Badlands has given us fantastic scenery,” said Chief of Interpretation Eileen Andes. “The geology of the area also poses challenges in maintaining our infrastructure, especially our roads.”

Oversized vehicles may be difficult to turn around in smaller pullouts. Signs, posted information, and the park’s website and social media will notify drivers of areas where oversized or towed vehicles are not permitted. Visitors traveling through the park’s South Unit will be asked to unhook trailers and park them in designated areas. The public is encouraged to inquire at park visitor centers for further information and current road conditions.



Monthly Newsletter

May 2019

Theodore Roosevelt
Nature & History
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Prescribed Fire Planned in Theodore Roosevelt National Park

The National Park Service plans to implement prescribed fire projects in Theodore Roosevelt National Park's North Unit between April 29 and May 25. Portions of two areas covering approximately 4,300 acres could receive burn treatments this spring.

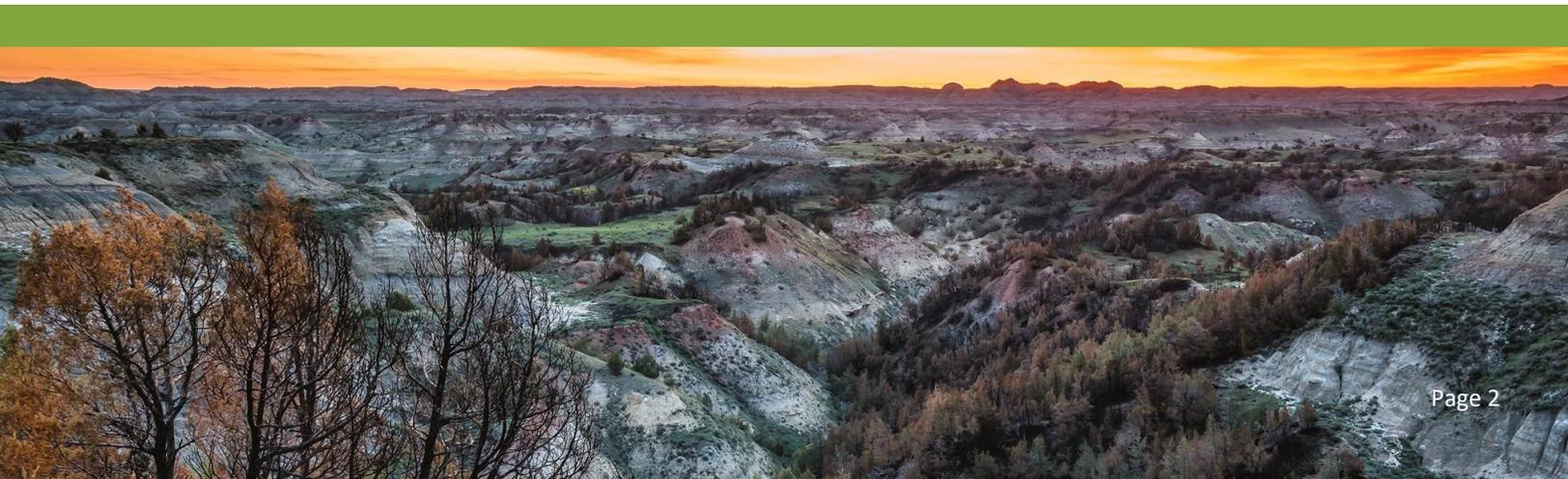
The largest area consists of everything from the Scenic Drive south to the Little Missouri River, extending from River Bend Overlook west to Oxbow Overlook and is approximately 3,600 acres of which 1,800 contains burnable vegetation. The second area is north of the Scenic Drive to the north boundary between Mile 9.5 and Oxbow Overlook and is approximately 700 acres.

A primary objective of the burns is to restore fire to areas of the park that have historically been subjected to natural periodic wildfire. Nearly two thirds of the topography within the burn units includes clay buttes, moist drainages, and areas of bare ground that will not burn. These natural firebreaks greatly reduce the total area that actually burns and help firefighters contain the fire to desired areas, avoiding impacts to fire sensitive vegetation and culturally important sites. The resulting mosaic of burned and unburned areas is the desired outcome, as would be expected in a naturally occurring fire.

If favorable weather and vegetative conditions continue this spring to allow for safe burns, local fire departments and law enforcement agencies will be notified and signs will be placed along neighboring roadways and at park visitor centers to notify the public. National Park Service personnel will be assisted by other federal land management agencies to carry out the prescribed burns. Portions of the park's North Unit Scenic Drive as well as the Achenbach and Caprock Coulee trails may be temporarily closed as necessary for visitor safety.

You've seen the stories on television, read the newspaper headlines that blazed about the devastation caused by wildfires, but as a visitor to the national parks, that plume of smoke you see towering over the trees may be from a fire benefitting not only the land, but you as a park visitor.

Learn about the Benefits of wildfire (<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/fire/wildland-fire-subject.htm>)



2019 Summer Events Planned at Knife River Indian Villages NHS

June 22nd: Hands on History- Pottery Workshop Time: 10:00pm – 2:00pm

Instructor Derek Stewart will give an overview of Native pottery history and techniques. Participants will have their own opportunity to give it a try using clay provided. No registration required and all ages welcome!

July 6th: Hands on History- Beading Workshop Time: 2:00pm – 4:00pm

KNRI staff will instruct the basics of setting up and using a bead loom. Participants will have an opportunity to craft their very own bracelet using the beads and materials provided. No registration required and all ages welcome!

July 16th: Kid's Camp Day Time: 9:00am - 2:00pm

Explore, create and learn something new! Join KNRI park rangers on a day filled with adventure with games, crafts, and exploring the park. Lunch and snacks will be provided by the Knife River Indian Heritage Foundation. Call (701) 745-3300 for registering children ages 6-12 (space is limited).

July 20th: Hands on History: Music Time: 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Join Native flutist and storyteller, Keith Bear, as he shares his music and experiences of over two decades playing around the world. He will demonstrate the techniques of Native flute playing through the many flutes he has crafted himself over the years. No registration required and all ages welcome!

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August 17th: Special Event: Photography- Wet Plate Ambrotypes with Shane Balkowitsch

Time: 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Take a step back in time and join Ambrotypist, Shane Balkowitsch, as he explains his process and creation of a modern take on wet plate photography. On display will be many of his works featuring Native American portraits. No registration required and all ages welcome!

August 24th: Special Event: Language Summit Time: 1:00pm – 5:00pm

What would you hear at the Villages? Join Native linguists as they speak Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara, and Plains Indian Sign Language. Each segment will cover the origins, formations/pronunciations, and common words. Refreshments will be provided by the Knife River Indian Heritage Foundation. No registration required and all ages welcome!



Visitor Use Study Reaching Completion in Theodore Roosevelt National Park

A two year Visitor Use Study in Theodore Roosevelt National Park is nearing completion. Researchers from Kansas State University, Clemson University, and the University of Utah were on hand last week to offer insights into their findings. Some of their initial results included visitors being generally satisfied with the park, enjoying the wildlife and solitude of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. The report will be completed late summer or early fall of 2019.



What's Happening at Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge

Signs of Spring!

Spring is here and so are the sharp-tailed grouse! If you are interested in watching/photographing their annual courtship, call or email our office to reserve one of our viewing blinds. Headquarters office phone number is 701-468-5467 or email us at uppersouris@fws.gov

The Prairie-Marsh Scenic Drive is now open! Come out and enjoy a nice drive and see what waterfowl have shown up here on the refuge.

The docks are in! On Wednesday, May 1st, boat fishing and paddle craft will be allowed on Lake Darling between the hours of 5 AM and 10 PM. Have a safe and enjoyable summer fishing season!

Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge is part of the picturesque Souris River Valley of the Prairie Pothole Region of the northern Great Plains. In the valley, you can find steep, native prairie grass-covered hills, shrub-filled coulees (ravines), and a clear, slowly meandering river lined with hardwoods. This unique landscape, formed by glacial activity 6,000 to 12,000 years ago, is home to hundreds of wildlife and fish species. For the official source of information about Upper Souris NWR: <http://www.fws.gov/uppersouris/> For more about the Fish and Wildlife Service www.fws.gov/mountain-prairie



TRNHA Partners with Wild Tribute To Support National Park Week

National Park Week in Theodore Roosevelt National Park proved to be a busy one. Park Rangers started off the week greeting visitors on Fee Free and Junior Ranger Day. Rangers led kids of all ages in a variety of activities including a Park Ranger egg hunt, Junior Ranger badge making, a hike, and more.

Later in the week TRNHA used funds donated by Wild Tribute to support bringing bus loads of 3rd and 4th grade students to the park for a day of learning. Students learned about the jobs park rangers do, the wildlife in Theodore Roosevelt National Park, and being prepared when exploring the great outdoors.

The week would not have been complete without a Birthday Cake and special presentation celebrating the history of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. All of these great events were made possible thanks to the wonderful staff of Theodore Roosevelt National Park and our partner Wild Tribute (www.wildtribute.com).

Over the past few years TRNHA has partnered with, our t-shirt creators, Wild Tribute on a variety of activities. This year we worked with them to provide funding for National Park week. Wild Tribute was founded to honor our national parks and public lands. They donate 4% of their proceeds to protect these historic and wild places. Their designs pay tribute to where legacy roams. So next time you pick up a shirt in one of our visitor centers or another National Park, look for the Wild Tribute logo and know that you are supporting us in more ways than one!



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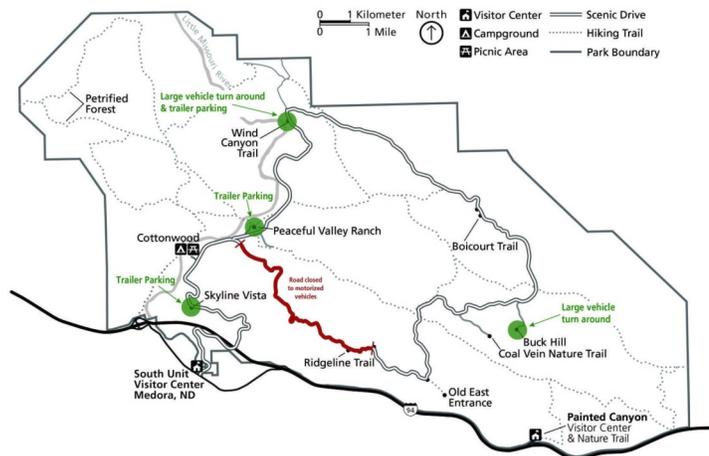
Yes, You Can Still Drive the South Unit Road

There has been a lot of confusion regarding the drive in the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. While there is a small section of the road that is closed to traffic, there is 30+ miles that remain OPEN!

As you may know the south unit road is a loop, or we should say was a loop. However, a small section of that loop has been lost to erosion. Near mile marker 11 of the loop drive, what had previously been a road mid-way up the slope has become a crumbled road in the bottom of the canyon.



So, what does all of this mean to you? Well it means that you get to spend a little extra time in the park and see the area from two different view points. The word loop generally means a shape produced by a curve that bends around and crosses itself. Therefore, what had been a loop has now become an opportunity to backtrack and retrace your route. Instead of driving a 36 mile loop. You are now able to drive all the way around to Badlands overlook (roughly 30 miles) and then turn around and retrace your path on your way back out. Often backtracking and retracing our steps is no fun, however on the park scenic drive it gives you an opportunity to view the terrain, wildlife, and more from a different perspective. So we encourage you to not look at this closure as a deterrent, but an opportunity to explore and enjoy more of Theodore Roosevelt National Park.



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Theodore Roosevelt National Park Prescribed Fire Held in North Unit

Prescribed Fire at the North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. The Sheep and Northwest burn units on Thursday May 9, 2019.

Over 40 firefighters from the National Park Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, The Nature Conservancy, USDA Forest Service, and the North Dakota Forest Service burned close to 4,000 acres.

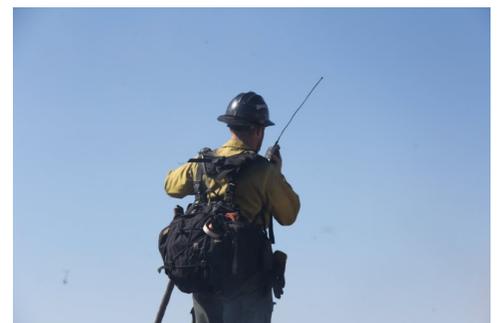
The burns were conducted to reduce hazardous fuels and in the Sheep unit to enhance bighorn sheep habitat. In the Northwest unit, to slow the encroachment of junipers, improving foraging for wildlife and restoring fire back to the landscape.



Firefighters look over the map and discuss the details of their assignments during the morning briefing. All resources are required to attend a briefing to discuss the roles and objectives of each individual.



Roads are used when possible to break the fire into more manageable units.



Firefighters check in with the burn boss, via radio to provide timely updates.



The steep terrain in the park requires a safe approach to implementing the prescribed fire.



Theodore Roosevelt National Park Prescribed Fire Held in North Unit



Trails are often used as control lines. In these photos a hose laid out along the trail as a contingency if it is needed.



Bison are adapted to fire on the landscape. They are able to move into areas that have recently burned. After the fire is over, they will enjoy grazing on the fresh shoots of grass that will emerge.



The park scenic road was closed to visitors while the prescribed fire was underway, allowing fire fighters safe access. Water resources are staged in advance for use by firefighters. After the burn is completed, firefighters and engines patrol the edges of the fire to ensure that any hotspots near the edge are extinguished.

Information and photos in the article were taken from the National Park Service Fire and Aviation Management program. Learn more about this program and other Fire and Aviation programs in the park service via their Facebook page or website.

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/FireAviationNPS>

<https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1319/index.htm>

TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

COME GET BUGGY WITH US!



JUNE 26, 2019 - 11:30 AM CT

**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 hot dog lunch.

12:15 to 1:15

Join us as we explore the life of bugs! Participants will make bug related crafts and learn about bugs found in Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

1:15 to 1:30

Our special guest will pay us a visit and share Teddy Bears with everyone in attendance.

This event is free but you will need to pay Park Entrance Fee. Also we will be accepting Free Will Donations to help with the cost of this ever growing event!



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RSVP not required but appreciated!

For more information contact:

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B.A.R.K. Ranger *What is it and why your pet should be one!*

National parks are exciting place for pets to visit with their family while on vacation. Sometimes these new places can be so exciting as to be overstimulating. If you plan to visit a National Park with your four legged family member we encourage you to learn the B.A.R.K. principles so you and your pet can have a safe and fun visit.

Bag your dog's waste

Always use a leash

Respect wildlife

Know where you can go



TRNHA is pleased to offer B.A.R.K. Ranger merchandise be sure to get yours today!

Pets are welcome in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. If you are planning to visit with your pet, you will need to make a few special considerations.

Pet Safety The park is home to all kinds of animals, big and small. Because the park is their home and we and our pets are the visitors, regulations are in place to minimize our impacts on wildlife.

When in the park, pets should always be leashed when not otherwise contained in a vehicle or tent. To maintain proper control, leashes should be 6 feet or shorter. Be aware that dogs can agitate bison, horses, and other animals, creating unsafe situations. Maintain extra distance from wildlife when enjoying the park with your dog. Never leave pets unattended.

Where can I walk my Dog? Leashed pets may be walked along roads and road shoulders, sidewalks, parking areas, and in campgrounds and picnic areas. The sidewalk at the Painted Canyon Visitor Center (I-94, exit 32) is a good place to walk dogs and has fantastic views of the badlands all along the way. Be sure to clean up after your pet.

Helpful hint: On hot days, the best places to walk pets are campgrounds and picnic areas where there is shade. Other areas of the park are fully exposed to the sun. Learn more at: <https://www.nps.gov/thro/planyourvisit/>

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Fungus that Causes White-Nose Syndrome in Bats Detected in North Dakota for the First Time

A fungus that causes white-nose syndrome (WNS), a deadly disease of hibernating bats but not a direct health risk for humans, has been detected in North Dakota for the first time. The fungus was detected on one little brown bat (*Myotis lucifugus*) that was captured on the night of May 6, 2019 within the boundary of Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, during proactive WNS testing conducted by the National Park Service Northern Great Plains Network in collaboration with the University of Wyoming.

Bats are important for healthy ecosystems and contribute at least \$3 billion annually to the U.S. agriculture economy through pest control and pollination. WNS has killed millions of bats in North America—with mortality rates of up to 100 percent observed at some colonies—since it was first seen in New York in 2006. To date, WNS has been confirmed in bats from 33 states and 7 Canadian provinces. North Dakota joins Wyoming, Mississippi and Texas as states that have detected Pd, but not yet confirmed WNS. The fungus, *Pseudogymnoascus destructans*, (Pd) causes WNS, named for the powdery, white fungus that often appears around infected bats' muzzles.



“Detection of the fungus in North Dakota this May demonstrates the continued expansion of this invasive pathogen through North America,” said Jeremy Coleman, National White-nose Syndrome Coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which leads the national response to WNS. “As Pd continues to spread into new territory, biologists from many agencies and institutions are working together to understand and manage the impact of WNS on our native bats.” The National Park Service supported the operation with funds dedicated to WNS response in national parks to actively protect bats and their habitats.



The fungus was detected in North Dakota during field examination of live bats using swab samples that were sent to the Colorado State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory for testing. Those results were repeated in follow-up tests by the U.S. Geological

Survey's (USGS) National Wildlife Health Center. While these results confirm the presence of the fungus, they do not confirm that the bat had WNS disease, which can only be confirmed by microscopic examination of tissue samples. Tissue samples were not collected from this individual bat.

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Pottery Workshop success at Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site

Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site hosted a Pottery Workshop as part of their Hands on History Program. Attendees created pots similar to what would have been used by those who once lived on what is now the Park Site.



July Event Schedule

July 6th - Hands on History: Beading Workshop

Time: 2:00pm – 4:00pm

KNRI staff will instruct the basics of setting up and using a bead loom. Participants will have an opportunity to craft their very own bracelet using the beads and materials provided. No registration required and all ages welcome!



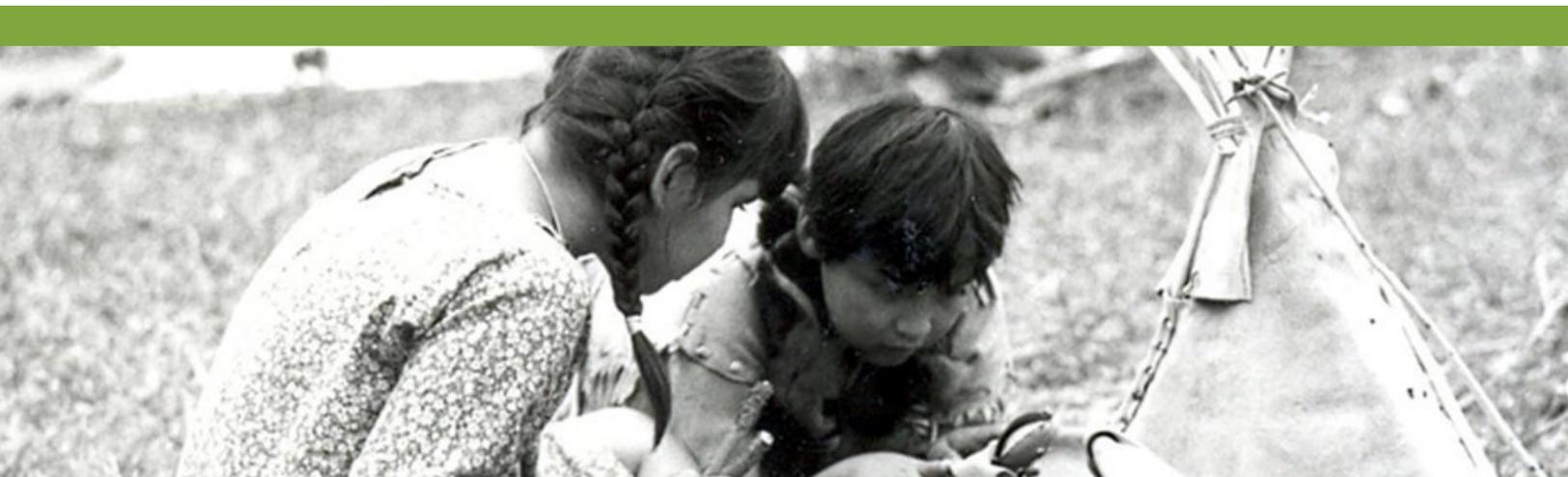
July 16th - Kid's Camp Day

Time: 9:00am - 2:00pm

Explore, create and learn something new! Join KNRI park rangers on a day filled with adventure with games, crafts, and exploring the park. Lunch and snacks will be provided by the Knife River Indian Heritage Foundation. Call (701) 745-3300 for registering children ages 6-12 (space is limited).

July 20th - Hands on History: Music

Join Native flutist and storyteller, Keith Bear, as he shares his music and experiences of over two decades playing around the world. He will demonstrate the techniques of Native flute playing through the many flutes he has crafted himself over the years. No registration required and all ages welcome!



North Unit Teddy Bear Picnic a Huge Success

On June 26th, over 326 people arrived in the picnic shelter of Juniper Campground for the largest Teddy Bear Picnic ever held in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Children of all ages enjoyed a hot dog lunch and learned about bugs through crafts, activities, and more. The picnic finished up with our good buddy Yogi arriving and give each child a Teddy Bear. TRNHA is beyond thankful for the support we received in hosting our 8th annual Teddy Bear Picnic in the North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Keep your eyes peeled for details of our next kids event coming soon!



Fungus that Causes White-Nose Syndrome in Bats Detected in North Dakota for the First Time (continued from pg1)

The National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, USGS, University of Wyoming, and North Dakota Game and Fish Department will continue to work together to screen for Pd and WNS in North Dakota. “It’s difficult to determine where this individual bat encountered the fungus, because these bats were captured after they emerged from winter hibernation when they already could have traveled hundreds of miles this spring,” said Patrick Isakson, biologist with North Dakota Game and Fish Department.

“The National Park Service works with many other state and federal agencies of the [White-nose Syndrome Response Team](#) to learn more about the fatal disease and how to slow its spread,” said Michelle Verant, National Park Service Wildlife Veterinarian and WNS expert. “Because of these proactive efforts to look for Pd, we are better positioned to respond and protect valuable bat populations.”

State and federal agencies are asking for help to stop the spread of this disease. The best way to help protect bats is by staying out of caves and areas that are closed. If you see a dead or sick bat, notify park rangers or state biologists. Do not handle bats. Additionally, you can help slow the spread of WNS by decontaminating your caving and hiking gear and boots, and by not moving potentially contaminated clothing and equipment to areas where Pd is not known to occur. Visit <https://www.whitenosesyndrome.org/> for more information.

The agencies and organizations of the White-nose Syndrome Response Team are dedicated to finding ways to reduce the effects of WNS and improve survival of bats. Several potential solutions are under development, including habitat modification, biologically derived antifungal agents and a vaccine for bats.

For more information about WNS, see <https://www.whitenosesyndrome.org/>. For information about WNS response in the National Park Service, see <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/bats/white-nose-syndrome.htm>.



Upcoming TRNHA Children's Events

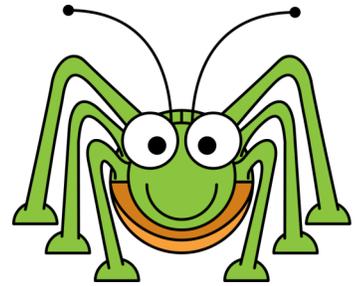


TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

Come Get BUGGY with US!

July 10, 2019 - 11:30 am MT

Picnic Area of Cottonwood Campground (South Unit)
Theodore Roosevelt National Park



EVENT SCHEDULE

11:30 to 12:15

Join us for a hot dog lunch.

12:15 to 1:15

Join us as we explore the life of bugs! Participants will make bug related crafts and learn about bugs found in Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

1:15 to 1:30

Our special guest will pay us a visit and share Teddy Bears with everyone in attendance.



Art in the Park - Kid's Event

July 30, 2019 - 2:00 pm CT

Picnic Area Juniper Campground (North Unit)
Theodore Roosevelt National Park

Join us for a Paint Party where participants will be painting a bison canvas project and learning about bison. We will be limiting this event to the first 100 kids that register. Interested families must complete a registration form by July 20, 2019 (<https://form.jotform.com/trnha1951/art-in-park-form>). Only those who have pre-registered will be permitted to participate. This is a free event sponsored by Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association and XTO Energy. However, you will be required to pay the park entrance fee upon entering Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

For more information contact: info@trnha.org or 701-623-4884



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TRNHA Hosts a Kid's Art in the Park

There is nothing more amazing than a large group of children arriving in a National Park. Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association (TRNHA) has made it our mission to bring children to Theodore Roosevelt National Park through a variety of events including Teddy Bear Picnics, School Trips, and most recently Art the Park. TRNHA partnered with XTO Energy to bring 100 kids to the North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park for a painting party. Registration was limited to the first 100 kids and filled within one week, leaving a really long waiting list.



Children of all ages arrived in Juniper Campground of Theodore Roosevelt National Park where they spent the afternoon with TRNHA staff painting a bison canvas and learning more about bison. Association staff pre-painted samples to help get the creative juices flowing, but we could never have imagined the creations the beautiful artwork we would see. This event was about the experience, the children may not remember anything about bison, but they will remember meeting new friends and painting in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Just seeing the smiles and having the children show us their paintings with pride made the whole event worth every penny and minute of staff time. It's why TRNHA exists and why we love our jobs!



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Dakota Nights Astronomy Festival



August 30 through September 1, 2019

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, special presentations, rocket building and launching, children's activities, and much more as we celebrate Dakota Nights!

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

Daytime Activities - Saturday & Sunday

People of all ages are welcome at all activities!

Discovery Dome Theater - Immerse yourself in films about outer space, planets, stars, and black holes!

Kids' Crafts and Activities - Take part in FREE hands-on activities that help kids learn about astronomy and unleash their creativity.

Rocket Building and Launching - Build, paint, and launch a rocket! Rocket kits are \$10.

Solar Viewing - Have you ever seen a sunspot? Safely view the sun (and its spots!) through telescopes and by other means.

Solar System Hikes - Start at the Sun and hike your way to Neptune. (Sorry, Pluto!) Learn about the planets in our solar system as you walk. Distance: 0.5 mile Difficulty: Easy

Featured Presentations

Cottonwood Campground Amphitheater

Each night of the festival, a guest speaker offers their unique take on the night sky. Topics of past programs have included astronomy, star stories, cultural values and significance of the night sky, natural darkness, and we even heard what it's like to be in space from an actual NASA astronomer.

Speakers are:

William Wren, Special Assistant to the Superintendent @ the University of Texas, McDonald Observatory
Dr. Matthew Craig, Professor of Physics and Astronomy @ Minnesota State University

Stargazing and Telescopes

Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Get an up-close look at stars, star clusters, and planets in the telescope field at Peaceful Valley Ranch. Listen as astronomers and rangers share stories about the night sky. Preserve your night vision! Get the most out of your experience and protect the night vision of others by leaving flashlights, cell phones, and all other light-emitting devices behind.



Bert Frost Named Director of the National Park Service's Midwest Region

WASHINGTON - National Park Service (NPS) Deputy Director P. Daniel Smith today announced the appointment of Dr. Herbert (Bert) C. Frost to be the new director of the Midwest Region, which will transition to Unified Regions 3, 4, and 5 under the Department of the Interior's plan to [realign its regional boundaries](#). Frost currently serves as the director of the Alaska Region, which will transition to Unified Region 11.

"Bert is a dedicated leader, who cares deeply about protecting America's national parks," Smith said. "The Midwest Region is home to stories of American ingenuity and innovation, as well as remarkable natural features like the Great Lakes and the Badlands, and I am confident in Bert's ability to lead this unique and diverse region."

"Working as the Alaska regional director has been an amazing and humbling experience and Alaska will always have a special place in my heart," Frost said. "As I look forward to new challenges and opportunities in the Midwest Region, I will apply the many things I've learned in Alaska to NPS operations in the American Midwest."



Over the past five years, Frost guided the region through complex and changing conditions. He led the NPS in assessing the "State of the Parks" for all Alaska parklands. Frost hosted the region's first Science Symposium held in conjunction with the NPS Centennial, and maintained an emphasis on the importance of science to inform decision making and management of national park areas throughout the state. In 2017, he served as the NPS Acting Deputy Director for Operations in Washington, D.C. for six months.

Prior to his role in Alaska, Frost was the NPS associate director for the Natural Resource Stewardship and Science program, serving as the chief scientist for the NPS with programmatic responsibility for all aspects of the natural resource and science programs for the agency.

Frost began his career with the NPS in 1994 as the wildlife biologist and natural resource program manager at Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower National Historic Site. He has a B.S. in Wildlife and Range Management and an M.S. in Zoology, both from Brigham Young University, and a Ph.D. in Wildlife Ecology from the University of Maine.

Frost will begin his new assignment in early fall. Denali National Park and Preserve Superintendent Don Striker will serve as acting director for the Alaska Region until a permanent regional director is named.

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About the National Park Service. More than 20,000 National Park Service employees care for America's 419 national parks and work with communities across the nation to help preserve local history and create close-to-home recreational opportunities. Learn more at www.nps.gov, and on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#).

Late Summer/Early Fall Ranger Hikes

Theodore Roosevelt National Park

August 18th - 9:15 am –12:30 pm

Petrified Forest Hike (South Unit) - Meet at the South Unit Visitor Center at 9:15 AM to caravan up to the trail head of the Petrified Forest (30 minute drive). Hike starts at 10 AM, is 3 miles and lasts 2 hours. Bring plenty of water, dress for weather and wear sturdy shoes. Sun-screen, bug spray and snacks are recommended

August 25th - 9:00 am –12:00 pm

Women in Nature (WiN) Hike (South Unit) - For female hikers; join a female ranger for a specialty program. Meet at the Visitor Center for location of the hike and details (length will vary). Come prepared (plenty of water, layers and boots) for fun!

All hikes start at 9 am unless otherwise specified. North Unit hikes are 9 am CT and South Unit hikes are 9 am MT.

Dress for the weather, wear close-toe shoes, and carry plenty of water. Sunscreen, hats and bug spray recommended.

Every Sunday, until Sept 8th

Roosevelt Wilderness Hike (Big Plateau Trail, South Unit) - Meet at the Peaceful Valley Ranch hiker parking area. Be prepared to ford the river twice! Bring extra shoes to keep hiking boots dry while crossing. 2.5 miles - strenuous

Through the Prairie We Go (River Bend Overlook, North Unit) - Discover the wild flowers and colorful geology on a hike overlooking the beautiful Badlands.

Every Monday, until Sept 2nd

A Big Stick to Perch On (Peaceful Valley Ranch to CCC Trail, South Unit) - Search for the birds Theodore Roosevelt loved. Meet at Peaceful Valley Ranch hiker parking area. 0.3 miles - easy

Every Monday, until Sept 16th

Settling Down in the Badlands (Little Mo Trailhead, North Unit) - Come and see the Badlands as early settlers and American Indians of the latter 1800's would have; could you have called this place "Home?"

Every Tuesday, until Sept 3rd

Out of the Ashes (Lower Jones Creek Trail, South Unit) - Hike through an area burned last year as you learn about the importance of fire in the badlands. 2 miles - moderate

Every Wednesday, until Aug 28th

Birding in the Badlands (Little Mo Trail Head, North Unit) - There are many birds to be spotted in the Badlands. Bring your binoculars and come bird the Badlands with us!

Every Thursday, until Aug 29th

Evolution of the Little Missouri Badlands (Coal Vein Trail, South Unit) - Learn how the Little Missouri Badlands evolved from 65 million years ago to what you see today. 1 mile - moderate

Every Friday, until Sept 20th

Sperati Point Vista (Oxbow Overlook, North Unit) - Witness the jaw-dropping views that only the Little Missouri Badlands can provide!

Every Friday, until Sept 6th

The Naturalist Notebook (Talkington Trailhead, South Unit) - Learn about prairie plants and wildlife while keeping a field journal (journal will be provided). 1.5 miles - moderate

Every Saturday, until Sept 7th

Game Trail Gambol (Lower Paddock Creek Trail, South Unit) - Hike along some of the park's game trails, and see the park as the wildlife do. 1.5 miles - strenuous

Every Saturday, until Aug 31st

Junior Ranger Prairie Dog Fun! (Caprock Coulee Trail Head, North Unit) - Learn about the park's "keystone species" and earn your Jr. Ranger Badge!



Photo Contest Ends this month!

CALLING ALL VISITORS!

We want you to

**Picture Yourself in
Theodore Roosevelt National Park**
for our
2019 Photo Contest

Winners will be awarded in 4 photo categories

1. Landscape
2. Animals of TRNP
3. Night Sky
4. Flowers and Plants



Photo by Larry Paulson

HOW TO ENTER

Submit up to two photos (taken between September 1, 2018 and August 31, 2019) online at www.trnha.org/pictureyourselfintrnp.html of any subject found within the three units of Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Category Prize - The winner in each category will be submitted for the Overall Winner Award. They will also be featured in a 2020 calendar and receive various prizes.

Overall Winner - The overall winner's photograph will be the featured photograph on the 2020 park annual pass. Additionally, the winner will have their photo on the cover of the 2020 Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park Calendar and will receive prizes valuing \$75.

Our favorite photos will be featured in the 2020 Calendar with category winners receiving prizes.

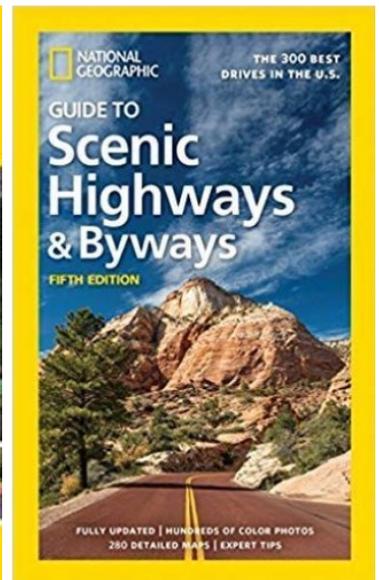
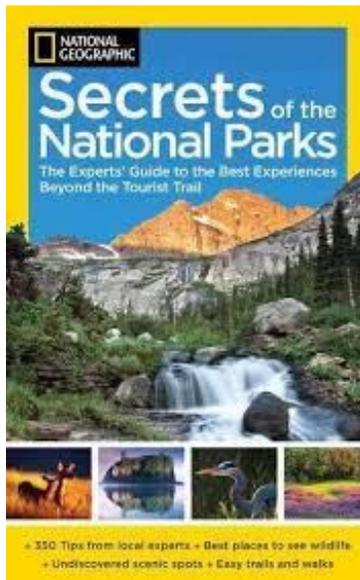
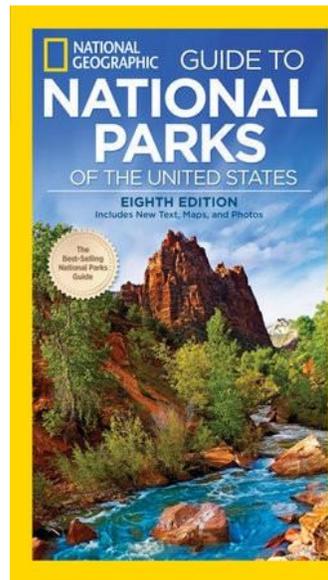
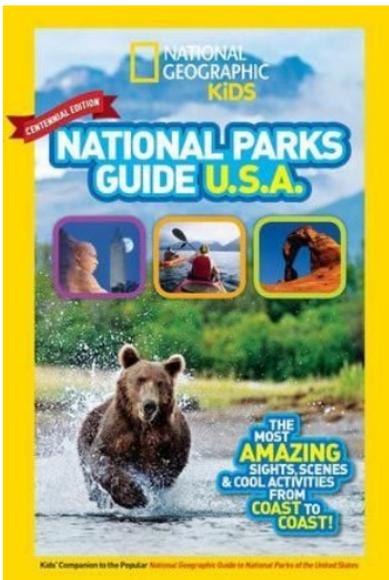
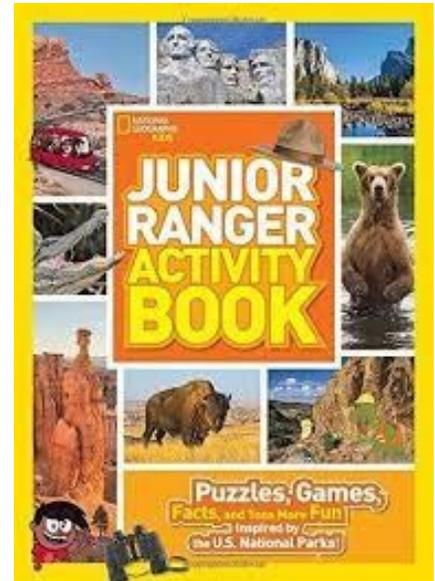
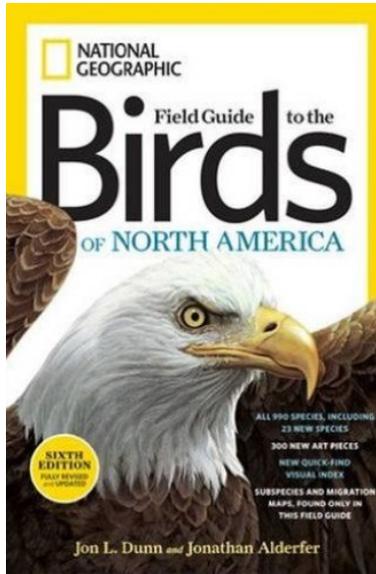
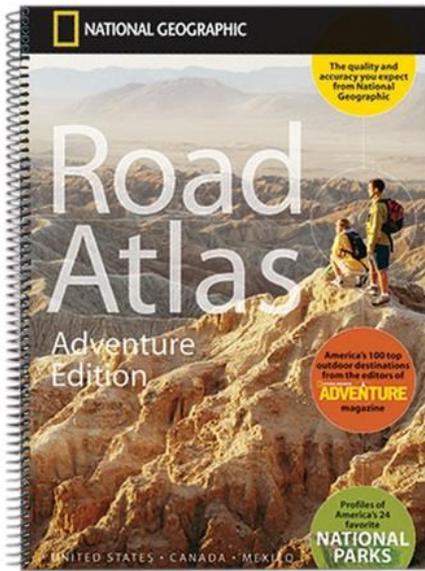


For registration information and contest details, please visit:

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Every Kid Outdoors Program Provides Fourth Grade Students with Free Entrance to Public Lands

WASHINGTON – Fourth grade students can get a free annual pass to visit more than 2,000 federal recreation areas with their families, classmates, and friends. The [Every Kid Outdoors Program](#) is an interagency collaboration between the Department of the Interior, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and U.S. Forest Service that provides fourth graders with free access to explore, learn, and recreate in spectacular settings, including national parks, wildlife refuges, marine sanctuaries, and forests.

“Introducing fourth grade students to America’s public lands provides them with limitless opportunities to have fun, be active, improve fitness, and learn critical skills,” said U.S. Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt. “Visits on class trips or family vacations to the rich variety of astonishing landscapes and historic treasures located on public lands will result in unforgettable experiences and, hopefully, forge lifelong connections to the outdoors.”

The bipartisan John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management and Recreation Act, which was signed into law by President Trump on March 12, 2019, authorized funding for [Every Kid Outdoors](#) for the next seven years.

To obtain the free pass, fourth grade students visit the [Every Kid Outdoors website](#), participate in a short educational activity, and download a voucher. The voucher is valid for multiple use between Sept. 1, 2019 and Aug. 31, 2020 to correspond to the traditional school year. The voucher may be exchanged for a keepsake pass at participating federal lands.



The voucher or pass grants free entry for fourth graders, all children under 16 in the group and up to three accompanying adults (or an entire car for drive-in parks) to most federally managed lands and waters. The pass does not cover expanded amenity fees such as camping or boat rides.

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Dakota Nights Astronomy Festival

The great outdoors make a great classroom. Fourth grade educators are encouraged to take advantage of the wide range of educational programs and tools associated with the [Every Kid Outdoors Program](#). Educational activities, field trip options, information and tools in English and Spanish, and the ability to print vouchers for passes for students are all available on the website.

The [Every Kid Outdoors Program](#) replaces the Every Kid in a Park Program that was established in 2015.

The program focuses on children 10 years of age—the age of most fourth graders—based on research that indicates children ages 9–11 are at a unique developmental stage in their learning where they begin to understand how the world around them works in more concrete ways and they are more receptive to engaging with nature and the environment. By focusing on this age group year after year, the program aims to ensure every child in the United States has the opportunity to visit their Federal lands and waters by the time he or she is 11 years old, thereby establishing a lifelong connection to enjoy and protect our American outdoor heritage.

There are seven federal agencies participating in the [Every Kid Outdoors Program](#). You can search for participating lands and waters (by agency) through the links below:

[U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service](#)

[U.S. Forest Service](#)

[National Park Service](#)

[U.S. Bureau of Land Management](#)

[U.S. Bureau of Reclamation](#)

[National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration](#)

[U.S. Army Corps of Engineers](#)

1 Get your pass

Get and print fourth-grade passes to our national lands and waters.

FOURTH GRADERS

EDUCATORS



2 Plan a trip

It's a good idea to involve your parent or guardian in this.

START



3 Hit the road!

Enjoy national parks, lands, and waters for a full year. Leave only footsteps. Take only pictures.



A few things to know

You need to print your pass and bring it with you when you visit. Electronic copies aren't accepted.

Your pass has a unique code. That means you can't copy it and give it to friends. Encourage your friends to get their own pass if they're in the fourth grade.

This program only provides passes for fourth graders.

Dakota Nights

Theodore Roosevelt National Park's seventh annual Dakota Nights Astronomy Festival was a resounding success with a 128% increase in public participation. Rangers, volunteers, and presenters made over 3,372 visitor contacts throughout the course of the festival. William Wren, from the McDonald Observatory, kicked off the weekend with an in-depth presentation about saving our dark skies by keeping our light on the ground.



Astronomy volunteers from professors and NASA ambassadors to neighboring state astronomy clubs makes this event a success by sharing their expertise and telescopes. Saturday night visitors were invited to observe the heavens through various lenses in a field of 15 telescopes viewing the Universe's vast array of planets, nebulas, and galaxies.

Daytime activities on Saturday and Sunday, offered in the town of Historic Medora, included taking in shows at DSU's Discovery Dome, viewing our sun though a variety of solar telescopes, and exploring our solar system though an interactive exhibit or participating in a solar hike. Our busiest and largest crowd were families participating in building and launching model rockets. Many families also enjoyed completing the Junior Ranger Spaceflight Explorer book. One child said, "Oh my gosh! I have to go show all the other kids my space shuttle."



Theodore Roosevelt National Park would like to thank the Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association, Dickinson State University, Medora Area CVB, Chateau De Mores State Historic Site, the City of Historic Medora, Dickinson Library, and the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation for supporting this event.

Bring This, Not That: Keep Wildlife Wild!

Learn what to bring to enhance your experience and what items you should leave at home. Seeing wildlife in their natural habitat is a privilege, and we need to respect them and the habitats in which they live. The best viewing experiences happen when the animals act naturally, without being distracted by a human presence or interference. They'll behave most naturally when they don't know you're watching.

The safety of these animals, as well as human safety, depends on everyone using good judgment.



Bring this:

Binoculars/Spotting Scope – A watching wildlife necessity! Get up close and personal without moving an inch. The wildlife act naturally while you sit comfortably a safe distance away, taking in the scene. Make sure to keep your distance from wild animals. If an animal approaches you, back away.

Camera with zoom – Take a picture, it'll last longer! Preserve those wild moments by snapping a photo that will last a lifetime. Just remember, don't get too close! Pack a zoom to get a closer look. Oh! And don't forget extra batteries for your camera. Check out this handy [beginner's photography guide](#) for tips on capturing the perfect shot.

ID Books – Use field guides to help you identify what you're seeing. They can be found online, in your smartphone app store, in most bookstores, or even in park visitor centers.

Journal/Field Book – Take notes about what you saw or draw pictures. These keepsakes will be a good reference if you're ever out observing in the same place again.

iNaturalist app – The National Park Service is proud to team up with iNaturalist, the mobile app that allows you to make observations from your smartphone. You can add to the [service-wide BioBlitz project*](#), too, through the end of the year. It's fun to be a citizen scientist!

Bring This, Not That: Keep Wildlife Wild!

Sun Protection – Chances are you will be sitting outside (patiently waiting for your sighting) for a while. You may need to wait several minutes, sometimes hours, to see some wild species. Protect yourself from the sun by wearing long-sleeved shirts, sunscreen, hats, and sunglasses.

Water – Make sure you stay hydrated while enjoying the great outdoors.

Bear Spray – If you're heading to a park with bears, consider bringing bear spray. It's just like pepper spray or mace that humans use for self-defense but much stronger! You can use bear spray to stop an aggressive, charging, or attacking bear. Learn more about bear spray from [Yellowstone National Park's "A Bear Doesn't Care" Campaign](#).

Leave at home:

Food for animals – Do not feed birds or any other wildlife in national parks. This is dangerous to you and the animal, and it's against the law. When wildlife eat human food, it can lead to serious consequences, like getting sick, catching diseases, or even having to be killed if they become too aggressive looking for more food. Wildlife looking for food can approach humans resulting in injury.

Animal/bird calls – Do not use bird calls, or apps that imitate animal sounds. Mimicking animal sounds is considered harassment, which is illegal. Using animal calls can also harm wildlife. For example, it can cause birds to leave their nests, leaving their young vulnerable to predation. Animals who feel threatened may try to protect themselves resulting in human injury.

Spotlights/laser pointers – Spotlights and laser pointers can be disruptive to animals and are prohibited items in some parks.

Pets – Pets are prohibited on most trails in national parks, so it's best to leave them behind during your visit. They may chase or threaten wildlife, scaring small animals away or becoming prey for larger predators. Wildlife may also chase or threaten your pet. Dogs may bark and cause unfamiliar sounds and smells that can disturb wildlife. Pets may also carry or catch diseases or parasites. Where pets are allowed, please keep pets leashed and ALWAYS clean up after them

WILDLIFE PETTING CHART

National parks offer a unique experience for watching wildlife. Animals in parks are wild—visitors have the amazing opportunity to view animals as they live and interact with each other in their natural homes.

But with that privilege comes responsibility. Visitors are responsible for their own safety and for the safety of the animals, too

#KEEPWILDLIFEWILD

Remember to keep your distance, and enjoy your experience watching wildlife. No touching, no feeding, no harassing.

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(Total of 25% off with your membership discount)

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Bison Roundup in Theodore Roosevelt National Park October 6th-11th

Medora, ND– A bison roundup is scheduled for the week of October 6 at the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

For safety reasons, this operation will be closed to the public, but media are invited to cover the story. Most of the roundup will take place October 6 - 11. The best photographic opportunities will likely be on October 7 and 8. Media must be accompanied by park staff while at the roundup. Please call the park at 701-623-4466 after 8:00 a.m. MDT on the day you plan to attend the roundup to confirm staff will be available and to ensure the operation has not been postponed or changed due to weather or other issues.

The park plans to reduce the current population of approximately 550 bison in the South Unit to about 350 animals. Recipients of live surplus animals for this year's roundup will be determined by the Intertribal Buffalo Council.



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Spending my summer in Western North Dakota!

My first impression of Western North Dakota was quite a shock! I remember passing the exit for Painted Canyon visitor center on my way to Medora. Suddenly, I looked out to my right and saw an amazing site- the Painted Canyon. Completely shocked, I quickly (and safely) pulled over to view this amazing site. It was a shock to see a deep canyon after hundreds of miles of endless prairie grassland.

Entering Medora was another beautiful site; sunshine, western buildings and signs, horses on the bluffs, and people everywhere on the streets. Mid-June brought many people from all over the country, myself included, to see what Medora and Theodore Roosevelt National Park had to offer. I could not wait to start working with Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association (TRNHA) in this beautiful park.

From day one, I began learning a lot of information that would be useful to assist visitors and travelers with planning there time in North Dakota. I learned things like how to travel and navigate through the park, which hikes were the best, where the nearest towns were, how to identifying plants and snakes, where to camp, where the nearest gas stations was, and so much more. Now, in October, I truly feel like an expert of this area of the country!

One of my favorite parts of being out here has been visiting the park. I enjoyed viewing the prairie dogs roaming about (even in the snow!) and watching the bison herds graze. I explored most of the hiking trails in the South Unit and North Unit. My favorite by far was the Big Plateau Loop, which requires wading the Little Missouri River and hiking up across the plateau. Guaranteed to see some Bison up there!

Meet Teresa Mattura, a spunky city girl from the East Coast, who decided to check out western North Dakota for the summer. TRNHA had the pleasure of employing Teresa throughout the past 5 months and we couldn't be happier.



When Teresa pulled up mid-June at our offices, we knew instantly that she would fit in. She was excited to be in North Dakota for the first time and eager to learn everything about our great state and Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Throughout her time in North Dakota she not only worked extremely hard to make sure TRNHA had a successful summer, but also worked hard to insure visitors had an awesome experience in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. She never said no and went the extra mile on each task we assigned, including this blog style article!

As summer changes to fall (or winter), we are preparing to say goodbye to Teresa as she heads on to her next adventure. We would like to wish her the best of luck and will keep our fingers crossed that she decides she misses us and spends next summer in North Dakota!



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Besides Medora and the park, I explored many other places in and out of North Dakota. I participated in Badlands Ukrainian Days festival, dancing Ukrainian dance for the first time ever. I also visited Bismarck, Watford City, Makoshika State Park, the Black Hills and Badlands National Park. Many visitors ask: What is the difference between North Dakota badlands and South Dakota badlands? At Badlands National Park I found the answer: erosion from the Black Hills created South Dakota badlands, and their badlands do not have the burning coal veins like ours do.



Another highlight has been working with TRNHA. A small unit of the best coworkers one could ask for, we all had a great time working together. And we had even more fun with our Teddy Bear picnics and Art in the Park events! I got to lead many kids in yoga and crafts. Also, seeing the work we put in to maintaining our visitor centers go right back to supporting the national park is very rewarding. It has been an incredible opportunity to be working with TRNHA and the park!

Stamp your Passport Book at Painted Canyon!

As many of our readers know, TRNHA has the pleasure of operating the Painted Canyon Visitor Center on behalf of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. This is a huge honor for our staff as Painted Canyon is one of the most loved sites in North Dakota. It's hard to pass by the canyon without pulling off and enjoying the amazing view. At Painted Canyon we get visitors from all over the world and for many it is the first if not only glimpse they ever get of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. TRNHA's Staff prides ourselves in providing excellent customer service and convincing travelers that this park really is something to see.



U.S. Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt places a pin in his hometown at the Painted Canyon's gift shop. Nathaniel A. Barrera / Forum News Service

This past week we had some special visitors to Painted Canyon, including U.S. Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt, who was excited to stamp his Passport Book and pin his hometown on our map. Have you purchased your Passport to National Parks...if not we would love to help you get started!



TRNHA Visitor Service Clerk, Linda Simmons, had an opportunity to assist the Secretary of Interior David Bernhardt in stamping his passport book and then took a photo with Secretary Bernhardt, Sen. Cramer, Sen. Hoeven, and Governor Burgum.

Secretary Bernhardt Announces New National Park Service Leadership

WASHINGTON – U.S. Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt announced that David Vela will serve as the deputy director for operations and will also exercise the delegated authority of the director of the National Park Service (NPS) beginning Oct. 1, 2019.

“David Vela brings nearly 30 years of valuable experience working for the National Park Service in a number of key leadership roles,” said Bernhardt. “I am confident that he will continue to serve the American people well in his new capacity.”

“The selection of David Vela to lead the National Park Service deeper into the 21st century is the right choice at the right time,” said Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks Rob Wallace. “I look forward to working with him and congratulate him on this extraordinary accomplishment in an already distinguished career.”

“I am deeply humbled and honored for this opportunity to help prepare, support, and empower the National Park Service workforce for a second century of service,” said Vela.

Vela has served as the superintendent of Grand Teton National Park & the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway since 2014. He previously served as associate director for Workforce, Relevancy and Inclusion in the NPS Washington headquarters offices. He also served for over four years as the NPS Southeast Regional Director and as superintendent of Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site, Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park, and the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Since April 15, Vela has served as the NPS acting deputy director for operations.

In the role of deputy director exercising the authority of the director, Vela will lead an agency with more than 20,000 employees, a nearly \$3 billion budget, and 419 national parks. National parks attract more than 300 million visitors every year, generating over \$30 billion in economic benefits across the nation.

Bernhardt also announced that Deputy Director P. Daniel Smith will lead NPS efforts on the 250th commemoration of our nation’s independence. As special assistant to the director, Smith will serve an essential role in leading the service, its partners, and visitors through a national effort to commemorate the 250th anniversary.

“It has been the highlight of my career to serve as the deputy director of the National Park Service,” Smith said. “The 250th anniversary of our nation’s independence is something I have been personally invested in since my superintendency at Colonial National Historical Park. I look forward to working with our parks, partners, and stakeholders to plan an inclusive commemoration for visitors from around the world.”

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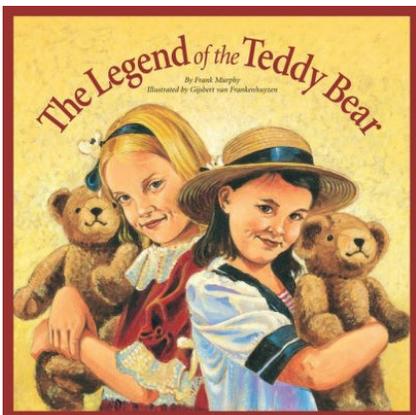
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Honoring an American Legend

In 2016, a Presidential proclamation was signed declaring the first Saturday in November as National Buffalo Day, honoring this amazing animal as part of Native American Month. Federal lawmakers have stated that the American Bison is the embodiment of American strength, resilience and the nation's pioneer spirit.

The American Bison (*Bison bison*) is the largest mammal on the North American continent. This magnificent creature, which is a member of the Bovidae or cow family, was given the name "les boeufs," meaning oxen, by early French explorers. Over time, the name went through several changes from "buffle" to "buffelo" and finally to its present "buffalo." *Bison* is the correct scientific and common name, but buffalo has been widely used and accepted for many decades.



Photo by: Roger Schafer

Ancestry of the American bison has been traced by fossilized bones and is thought to have originated in southern Asia during the Pliocene epoch more than 400,000 years ago. The ancient bison was much larger than the present-day animal and ranged throughout the northern hemisphere. Paleontologists have learned that during its long history, bison went through many changes. At one point in its evolution, a prehistoric bison, *Bison latifrons*, had horns measuring nine feet from tip to tip. Bison initially made their way to America by crossing the ancient land bridge that once connected Asia with North America. During the ensuing centuries, bison moved south and east, at one time ranging from Mexico to southern New England. The largest concentration of bison was found in the Great Plains where the peak number has been estimated at over 60 million.

In 1956, 29 bison were obtained from Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge in Nebraska and released in the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Here they roamed freely on 46,000 acres of park land. By 1962, the

herd had increased to 145 animals and 10 bulls and 10 cows were transported to the North Unit. Although both units of the park could handle larger numbers of bison, park managers have currently set the herd size at approximately 300 for the South Unit and 150 for the North Unit in order to maintain a healthy herd.



Photo by: Bryant Gernes

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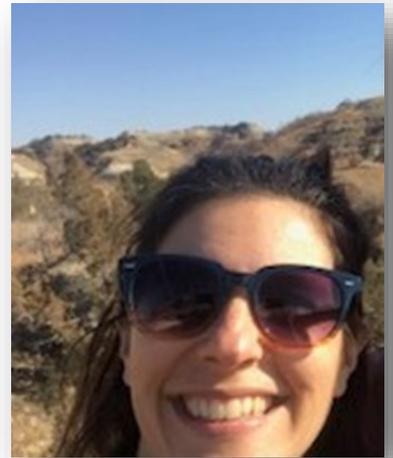
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Welcome to TRNHA, Jessie!

TRNHA is pleased to introduce the newest member of our team, Jessica Phelps. Jessie hails from the Commonwealth of Kentucky, lived in the Commonwealth of Virginia for five years, and is adjusting to state life here in North Dakota. Prior to joining TRNHA as the Inventory and Media Specialist, she worked as a seasonal receptionist for two summers in the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. She is excited to learn more about TRNHA, continue to build relationships with park staff, and work on a variety of projects aimed at promoting TRNHA and Theodore Roosevelt National Park.



Title: TRNHA Inventory and Media Specialist

Job Description: Assist the Executive Director with merchandise, organize monthly newsletters, develop and execute a social media plan, additional tasks.

First Impressions of North Dakota: North Dakota nice is legit, the people are friendly and willing to assist with anything.

Previous career/employment experience: Various office and government jobs in Louisville, KY and Washington DC. I worked as a part-time legal assistant and part time for the public library in Louisville for almost five years, worked for a member of the United States House of Representatives in DC for five years, and worked odd/temporary jobs thereafter.

Hobbies to keep you occupied during the winter: knitting, reading, crocheting, learning to be a wife, and learning to sew; being southern and chatting with people in the checkout line at the grocery store.

TRNP Welcomes Some New Faces

After a busy summer season, Theodore Roosevelt National Park was excited to welcome some new faces. Please join the us in welcoming them to North Dakota.



Evan Flynn

Title: THRO Information Technology Specialist

Job Description: In simplest terms if it plugs in I probably work on it. Server management, helpdesk support, and network administration.

First Impressions of North Dakota: ND is very pretty, but the drive times to get anywhere are wild!

Previous career/employment experience: I worked for the Department Of Defense as a server administrator for the last 2ish years. Mostly my previous job was focused on servers and server migration. I also dabbled in website content management as my realm was mostly the public facing websites for the Indiana National Guard. I did 9 years in the Indiana Guard as an Information Systems Analyst and during my traditional guard time

I held a few different jobs, anything from Cable Technician to IT Specialist for the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra.

Hobbies to keep you occupied during the winter: I am an avid video game player, so I am likely behind a computer screen when I get home too. I also enjoy board games, and going to coffee shops to read.

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Judith Krauss

Title: THRO Visitor Use Assistant (Career Seasonal)

Job Description: I collect fees in the booth during the summer and get to help on the visitor desk in the winter.

First impressions of North Dakota: This is not the beach! But I'm glad to be out of hurricane country. It was a bit of change. I went from 85 degrees in North Carolina to snow on the day I got here. Everyone here is super welcoming. Lots of things to learn about living in a place that gets SUPER cold. I didn't have to have a winter survival kit in my car in North Carolina. I will miss my ferry naps.

Employment Experience: US Forest Service in Bridger-Teton in Big Piney, Wyoming and the Ouachita in Arkansas, 2 summer seasons at Cape Hatteras National Seashore, 1 season at Petrified Forest National Park in Arizona then back to Cape Hatteras for this last summer

Hobbies: I'm always down for the movie marathon or tv binge. I write bad stories during NaNoWriMo.



Katherine Sedlacek

Title: THRO South Unit Park Guide

Job Description: Operating the Visitor Center and connecting with the public; through media (website, Social Media, and publications)

First Impressions of North Dakota:

Arriving to ND in 2014, I still remember my first impressions being A) driving on the interstate felt SO fast and B) Dickinson seemed SO far away.

Now, after 5 years, A) 75mph(ND) and 80mph(MT) seem normal speeds and I can tell when there's an out of state car when they're driving below the speed limit and B) now Minneapolis is the far drive, Fargo-Billings-Rapid City are all weekend trips, and Bismarck is a day trip.

Previous career/employment experience: Pretty much just NPS; after college in WI, a Fulbright to Russia, and working at the capitol in my home state of WA, on a whim I did a Student Conservation Association internship with THRO in 2014. Little did I know this would turn into a career and a passion. Completing 7 out of my 9 seasons as a Park Ranger for Interpretation at TRNP (summer of 2016 at Glacier National Park and summer of 2018 at Kenai Fjords National Park), it is my great pleasure to have been hired as a permanent employee of the NPS at this hidden gem of a national park.

Hobbies to keep you occupied during the winter: so many puzzles, crafting, and game nights!!!



It's Not Goodbye - It's See You Later!

It is that time of the year, when we sadly say goodbye to the Painted Canyon Visitor Center for another year. As cold temperatures arrive, staff and visitors become sparse meaning it is time to close Painted Canyon for the year. TRNHA staff spent the last week in October packing up merchandise and preparing for winter.

Throughout the busy summer season our staff happily, serves hundreds of people each day. Painted Canyon brings in visitors from around the world who make the stop to take in the to awe-inspiring scenery. Visitors who enter the visitor center learn about park programs, trip planning and chose from a wide variety of park merchandise in our shop. All proceeds from purchases made in the store stay at Theodore Roosevelt National Park and are used to enhance the experience of future park visitors.

Mark your calendar for early May 2020 when we will be reopening our doors for another great season!



Photo by: James Montalbano

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Thank You for Another Great Year!

Since 1951, Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association (TRNHA) has made it our mission to enhance the experience of visitors through education and research. Our goal is to connect visitors with North Dakota's public lands not only through the sale of educational merchandise, but also by providing experiences. In 2019, we focused our attention on getting the word out about our mission, and it appears to have paid off with us experiencing record sales.



Each year TRNHA works with the National Park Service to set a budget for spending funds raised the previous year. In 2019, we provided the NPS with a total of \$89,781 in Aid which was the highest amount of aid we have ever provided. These funds were raised through Park Store sales and were used in a variety of ways.

Aid funds supported special events in Theodore Roosevelt National Park and at Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site. We also had the opportunity to work with the park on the beginning stages of developing a new South Unit Interpretive Display, which is set to be completed in April 2020. Other funds were used for interpretive interns, education supplies, visitor center services, and more! We loved 2019, which was made remarkable by the generosity of our members and store shoppers. To say 2019 was a spectacular year, would be an understatement. Yet, we are confident that the best is yet to come!

As we move into 2020, we are excited to begin spending some of the funds we have been reserving for larger projects on larger projects within our partner sites. We are planning to once again break our funding records, and assist the park with some awesome projects! In 2020, we will have an opportunity to give over \$200,000 back to our NPS partners and it was made possible by you!

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2019 TRNP Photo Contest Results

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 photos, making choosing the winner very difficult.

However, we were pleased to award Paula Scherbroeck of Davenport, IA with top honors for “Frosty Morning”. Paula’s photo will appear on Theodore Roosevelt National Park’s 2020 Annual Park Pass and is the cover photo on our 2020 calendar.



Category Winners included:

Wildlife - Leander L. Urmy, Littleton, CO

Landscape - Paula Scherbroeck, Davenport, IA

Plants - Bryon Knutson, Dickinson, ND

Night Sky - Katherine Plessner, Verona, ND

These photos will appear with the many other photos in our 2020 Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park Calendar, which will be sold in our bookstores or online at www.trnha.org.

The 2020 photo contest will be for photos take between September 1, 2019 and August 31, 2020. The official contest will be announced in April and we will begin accepting photos at that time.

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



Out with the old, in with the new!

It is project time at Theodore Roosevelt National Park! To lessen the impact on visitors, the easiest time to upgrade park facilities is fall and winter. As our Facebook followers are aware, the South Unit Visitor Center recently received a much needed carpet and floor update. We hope you stop on by to check out the changes in person.



Another ongoing project is the installation of new toilets in the Cottonwood and Juniper campgrounds. In addition, new sidewalks will make it easier to access campground facilities. Visit in the Spring when they are finished!



Share your love for Public Lands this holiday season!

Why shop with us for the holidays? Easy answer, we have amazing products and the money you spend goes back to our partner sites to enhance visitor experiences.

Here are a few holiday gift suggestions:

1. Buy a membership for a friend or family member (starting at \$20.00)



2. Bring your loved one to the park to buy them an annual Park Pass (\$55.00)



3. Hang an ornament as an "extra" on a gift



4. Send good cheer with a holiday card



Check out our online store at www.shoptrnha.org for fabulous t-shirts, hats, mugs, card offerings, books, and more. Please give us a call at 701-623-4884, we are happy to assist!

National Park Service Entrance Fee-Free Days Announced for 2020

The National Park Service will have five entrance fee-free days in 2020. On each of these significant days of celebration or commemoration, all national parks will waive entrance fees.



2020 Fee Free Days

- Monday, January 20
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Saturday, April 18
First Day of National Park Week
National Junior Ranger Day
- Tuesday, August 25
National Park Service Birthday
- Saturday, September 26
National Public Lands Day
- Wednesday, November 11
Veterans Day

"Across the country, more than 400 national parks preserve significant natural and cultural areas, each one an important piece of our national identity and heritage," said National Park Service Deputy Director David Vela. "Free entrance days serve as additional motivation for people to get outside and enjoy these places of inspiration and recreation."

Out of the 419 National Park Service sites, 110 charge an entrance fee, with costs ranging from \$5 to \$35. The other 309 national parks do not have entrance fees. The entrance fee waiver for the fee-free days does not cover amenity or user fees for activities such as camping, boat launches, transportation or special tours.

December 2019 Member Coupon

Each month we offer our members a very special discount on their favorite items. This month we are offering a variety of online only discounts, please see the discount codes below. Not a member yet? You can learn more and become a member at: <http://trnha.org/membership.htm>

Why you should be a Member of TRNHA!

Our members are passionate about our park partners and believe in helping us spread the word about the beauty that can be found in North Dakota. By joining Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association as a member you will be helping us:

- Support educational and interpretive programs
- Enhance the visitor centers in all our partner parks
- Support wildlife research in Theodore Roosevelt National Park.
- Publish trail guides, books, and multi-media products to educate our visitors.
- Host special events in our parks including Teddy Bear Picnics, Birdwalks, and photo contest
- Promote North Dakota's public lands.
- Offer housing assistance for Volunteers and Interns.
- Provide support staff in visitor centers

All memberships are valid for one year. All members will receive: Membership card, e-newsletter (which includes member only coupons), 15% discount at all our stores, reciprocal discounts at other National Park stores, and are entitled to vote in TRNHA's Board of Directors elections.



December 2019—ONLINE Only Discount

Promo Code	Spend	Get
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Dec10	\$35 to \$64.99	\$10 Off
Dec15	\$65 to \$100	\$15 Off
Dec20	\$100+	\$20 off

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To receive your discount, you must enter the promo code of your choice at checkout. DISCOUNTS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE ONLINE! (Discounts cannot be combined with any other discount and members will not receive an extra 15% when using. Expires: 12/31/2019)