

APRIL 2025

BISON BRIEF

Monthly Update



**THEODORE ROOSEVELT
NATURE AND HISTORY ASSOCIATION**

TRNHA: A Legacy of Support

Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association (TRNHA) is dedicated to assisting and supporting Theodore Roosevelt National Park and Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site. The revenue generated from our retail operations, memberships, and donations helps fund educational, interpretive, and scientific research programs that enhance the experiences of park visitors. Each year, TRNHA pursues its mission through various initiatives. In this monthly article, we will delve into how TRNHA is supporting our parks in 2025.

Highlighted Initiative for April 2025

Peaceful Valley Education Setup—\$21,500

Background

As you may recall in November of 2011, Theodore Roosevelt National Park rolled out a new movie title “Refuge of the American Spirit”. This movie is an introduction to Theodore Roosevelt National Park and is played daily in the park visitor centers throughout the year. Over the past few years the 16 year old Theater equipment has been on the decline, forcing staff to find ways to piece it together and keep the movie playing. In March, TRNHA stepped in to assist with this issue.

Interpretive Aid Provided

In late January discussions began on what the theater should look like and what equipment should be replaced or updated. TRNHA made a call to Blue Hawk Audio and Video to come out and present a quote to us on how much it would cost to update the system. Ensure it met NPS requirements of having a listening aid, microphone, and more. We received quotes and decided with our partner what route would be best.

In mid-March employees from Blue Hawk Audio spent two days in the theater updating the equipment to ensure it was ready to go as we head into the busy summer season. New surround sound speakers, microphone system, DVD equipment, and more was installed for a total cost of \$21,500 we now have an amazing new system to serve our park partner for the next several years.

“Refuge of the American Spirit” now plays daily every half hour in the theater for Park Visitors to enjoy. In an effort to break the system in right Theodore Roosevelt National Park and Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association would like to invite you out for a Movie Night. Mark your calendars and plan to head to Medora on Friday, April 11, 2025 to enjoy “Night at the Museum” on our big screen. TRNHA will be providing popcorn and candy, and Coca Cola of Dickinson has donated the beverages. This is a totally free program come join us for a night of laughs and history!



National Park Week

Celebrate National Park Week at Theodore Roosevelt National Park with Three Special Events

Love national parks? There's a holiday for that! National Park Week is happening April 19 to April 27 this year. Entrance fees will be waived on April 19, 2025, to kick off the celebration and to encourage everyone to enjoy their national parks in person.

Theodore Roosevelt National Park is celebrating National Park Week with a trio of exciting events offering opportunities for adventure, exploration, and giving back to nature. Mark your calendars and join us!

Junior Ranger Day – April 19, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

MST — Calling all young explorers! Celebrate Junior Ranger Day at Peaceful Valley Ranch in the South Unit. Kids can participate in hands-on activities, discover the wonders of nature, and earn their official Junior Ranger badge. It's a perfect opportunity for families to enjoy a day of learning and fun.

Guided Hike – April 20, 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM MST

— Join Ranger Peelee for a special National Park Week guided hike on Sunday, April 20. This 4-mile round-trip adventure will take you to the park's only sandstone arch, offering incredible views along the way. Expect a moderate 2 to 2.5-hour hike. Meet at the Halliday Well Trailhead, located at Mile 7 on the South Unit Scenic Drive. Wear sturdy hiking boots, bring plenty of water, and dress for the weather.

Spring Clean-Up Day – April 26, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM MST

— Help keep Theodore Roosevelt National Park beautiful by joining our Spring Clean-Up Day. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to participate. Meet at the South Unit Visitor Center in Medora, ND, and lend a hand as we clear debris and spruce up the park for the season. We'll provide gloves and garbage bags — just bring sturdy hiking boots, water, and weather-appropriate gear.



NPS Image

National parks and communities are ever-changing. Whether it is in nature, history, opportunities to experience places, or our journeys, public lands offer visitors an environment to transform and grow.

For more information about Theodore Roosevelt National Park visit www.nps.gov/thro

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Upcoming Events

LIGHTS, POPCORN, ACTION!

Get ready for a wildly fun movie night at Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Date: Friday, April 11, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: South Unit Visitor Center, Theodore Roosevelt National Park

We're rolling out the big screen for "Night at the Museum." Bring your friends, pack a cozy blanket, and settle in for a night of laughs, history coming to life, and of course—free popcorn!



YOUTH ART EXHIBITION

Check out all of the submissions to the second annual TRNHA Youth Art Contest.

Date: Sat, April 19 to April 27, 2025

Location: South Unit Visitor Center, Theodore Roosevelt National Park

Stop by to check out all of the awesome artwork regional students submitted. Cast your own vote for our "People's Choice Winner."

OPENING DAY AT PAINTED CANYON

Painted Canyon Visitor Center opens for the season

Date: Saturday May 3, 2025

Location: Painted Canyon Visitor Center, Theodore Roosevelt National Park

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American Museum of Natural History Image

At the American Museum of Natural History in New York, Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Hall features a life-size bronze sculpture of Theodore Roosevelt. The sculpture portrays Roosevelt as he was during his 1903 presidential trip to Yosemite. "Next to the sculpture, a bronze medallion embedded in the floor depicts American bison grazing in Theodore Roosevelt National Park with an inscription 'There can be no greater issue than that of conservation in this country...'"

Last Month's Photo

Theodore Roosevelt National Park Welcome Sign (South Unit Visitor Center, Medora)

The National Park Service began using standard signs as early as the 1920's. Over the past one hundred years, the signs standards have been intermittently updated. Many visitors stop to take their photos near these welcoming icons of the National Parks.



Our signature sign at the South Unit Visitor Center echoes the rustic masonry from the days of the Works Progress Administration from the 1930-40's.

Mystery Photo

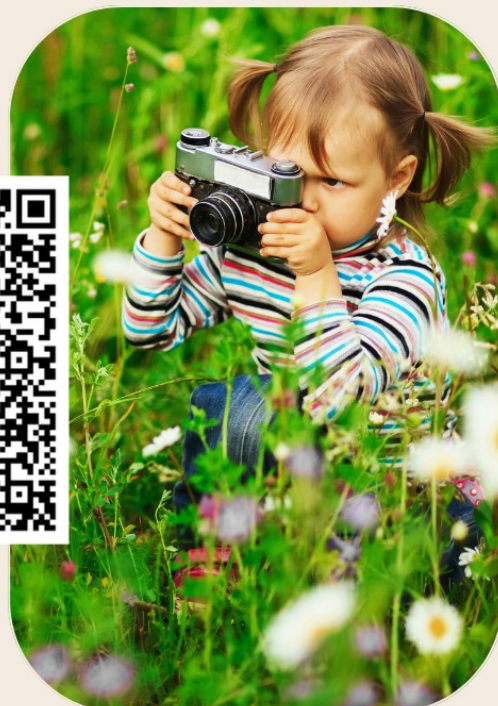
Test your knowledge of Theodore Roosevelt National Park and Knife River Indian Villages NHS.
Have you seen the item in this picture? Where? When?





PHOTO CONTEST 2025

THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATIONAL PARK



**PICTURE
YOURSELF IN
TRNP**

Open to All Ages

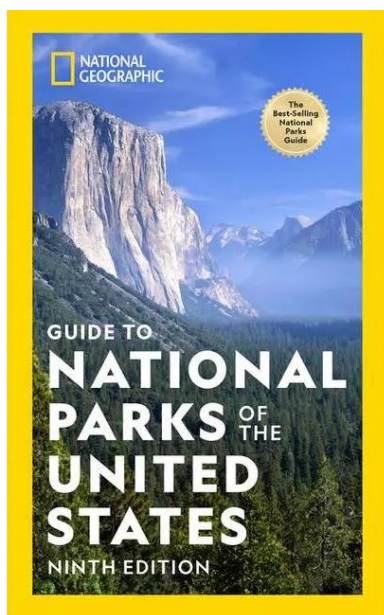
**ADVENTURES
IN TRNP
YOUTH**

18 and under

Scan the QR code above or visit
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to learn more about this year's contest.

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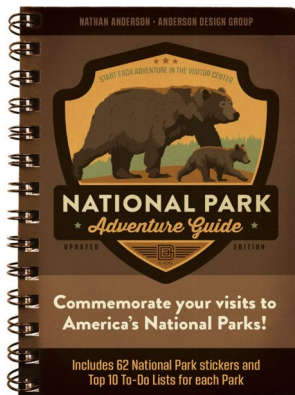
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Featured Products of the Month



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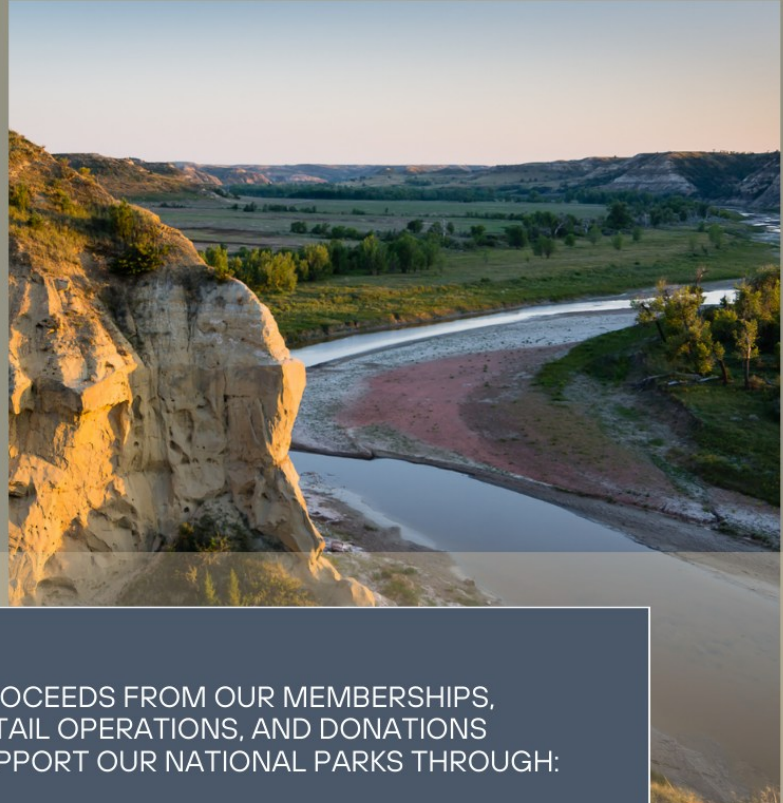
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TRNHA IS THE NON-PROFIT PARTNER OF
THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATIONAL PARK
& KNIFE RIVER INDIAN VILLAGES
NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE.

PROCEEDS FROM OUR MEMBERSHIPS,
RETAIL OPERATIONS, AND DONATIONS
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- SUPPORTING WILDLIFE RESEARCH
- STAFFING PARK VISITOR CENTERS
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