

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AREAS IN NORTH DAKOTA

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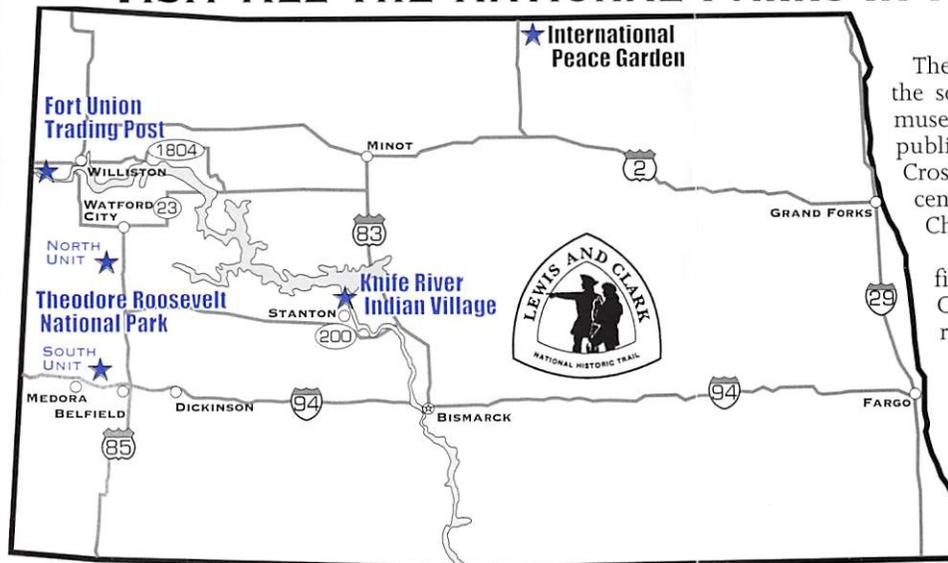
The nation's cultural and natural heritage is vast. To help ensure that our national treasures are protected, the National Park Service was established "to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

In 1872, the first National Park in the world was created by an act of the United States Congress. This park was called Yellowstone. This was just the beginning. Today there are almost 400 National Park Service areas. Three are located in North Dakota. Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, and Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site provide for unique reflections on our country and its people. The International Peace Garden is an affiliated area of the National Park Service. They are for your use and enjoyment.

For detailed information on services and available activities for any of these areas in North Dakota, call or write the park or check their web site.

CONTINUE YOUR JOURNEY

VISIT ALL THE NATIONAL PARKS IN NORTH DAKOTA



The Medora Visitor Center is located at the south entrance of the park and has a museum, theater, information desk, and publications outlet. Roosevelt's Maltese Cross Cabin is located next to the visitor center. Open daily except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

Cottonwood Campground is located five miles from the Medora Visitor Center along the loop drive. Water and restrooms are available; no hookups.

NORTH UNIT

The North Unit is located 15 miles south of Watford City along U.S. Highway 85. The distance between Medora at the South Unit and the visitor center in the North Unit is 70 miles.

The North Unit Visitor Center has an information desk, a theater, exhibits, and a publications outlet. Open daily during the summer; weekends and most weekdays during the winter except federal holidays.

A 14-mile paved scenic drive from the entrance station to the Oxbow Overlook provides turnouts and interpretive signs.

Juniper Campground is five miles from the park entrance. Water and restrooms are available; there is a dump station but no hookups.

ELKHORN RANCH SITE

The Elkhorn Ranch Site, Roosevelt's principal home in the Badlands, is located 35 miles north of the Medora Visitor Center. The ranch buildings no longer exist, but a model of the ranch can be seen in the Medora Visitor Center Museum. Ask at the visitor center for access information before going to the site. The Maah Daah Hey Trail skirts along the western edge of the Elkhorn site.

Winter activities in the park include camping, cross-country ski tours, and wildlife viewing.

Summer interpretive program includes talks, cabin tours, walks, and evening campfire programs.

For further information, write:

Superintendent, Theodore Roosevelt National Park
Box 7 • Medora, North Dakota 58645
701/623-4466 • www.nps.gov/thro

THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATIONAL PARK

The colorful North Dakota Badlands provides the scenic backdrop to Theodore Roosevelt National Park, which memorializes the 26th President for his enduring contributions to the conservation of our nation's resources. The Little Missouri River has shaped this land which is home to a variety of plants and animals.



SOUTH UNIT

The South Unit is located along I-94. A paved, 36-mile loop road includes scenic pullouts and interpretive signs that explain some of the park's historical and natural features.

Painted Canyon Visitor Center is located seven miles east of Medora on I-94 and is open daily spring through fall; closed during winter months. At Painted Canyon you will find an information desk, an overlook, restrooms, picnic shelters, tables, water, publications outlet, and exhibits.

YOUR PARK VISIT...

A visit to any of the National Park System areas in North Dakota should be a memorable one, one that you will enjoy recalling. To help you get the most out of your visit, the park staffs are ready to inform you of the wonders to be discovered and the opportunities that these areas offer.

Be sure to ask about:

- ★ Special programs and activities, such as guided walks and talks
- ★ Trails for walking, hiking, and skiing
- ★ Opportunities to observe wildlife
- ★ Wildflowers that may be in bloom
- ★ Scenic views to photograph
- ★ Safety tips to follow
- ★ Park regulations

Each year thousands of people enjoy the outdoors on lands and waters in public ownership. These federal, state and local public lands provide for important recreational needs and public enjoyment. Public lands are managed to preserve valuable resources for future generations. This goal becomes a responsibility for each of us. How we use these lands today will determine their availability for our pleasure tomorrow.

"...If we of this generation destroy the resources from which our children would otherwise derive their livelihood, we reduce the capacity of our land to support a population, and so either degrade the standard of living or deprive the coming generations of their right to life on this continent."

—Theodore Roosevelt

FORT UNION TRADING POST NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE



Between 1828 and 1867 Fort Union Trading Post dominated the fur trade on the upper Missouri River. Built near the confluence of the Yellowstone and Missouri Rivers by John Jacob Astor's powerful American Fur Company, Fort Union shaped the trading economy of the

upper Missouri. Assiniboin, Blackfeet, Cree, Crow, Ojibway, Hidatsa, and Mandan exchanged buffalo robes and other furs for trade goods.

The National Park Service has partially reconstructed Fort Union Trading Post to its appearance in 1851. A lavish Bourgeois House dominates the setting. It houses the visitor center, museum, and administrative offices. Interpreters in period dress occupy a variety of stations including the fully furnished Trade House. Tours can be arranged by contacting the park. Special programs include the Fort Union Rendezvous in mid-June.

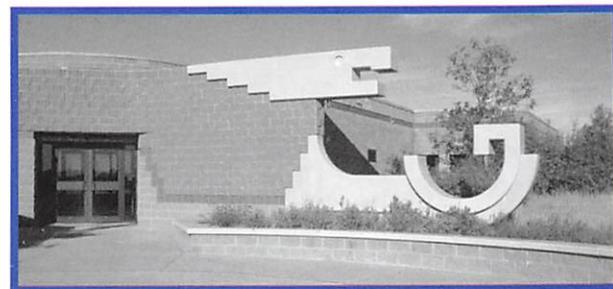
Located 25 miles southwest of
Williston, North Dakota, on Highway 1804.
701/572-9083 • www.nps.gov/fous

KNIFE RIVER INDIAN VILLAGES NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The Hidatsa were living along the Knife and Missouri Rivers when European-American explorers arrived in the eighteenth century. Living in earthlodges, the Hidatsa occupied the hub of a prosperous intertribal trade network.

Three villages on the Knife River were the center of population for the Hidatsa when the Lewis and Clark expedition arrived in October 1804. Not long after, traveling artists such as Karl Bodmer and George Catlin visually documented village life in the early 1800s. After a smallpox epidemic, the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara joined together to become the Three Affiliated Tribes.

Knife River Indian Villages NHS is located one-half mile north of Stanton, ND. Self-guiding trails to three villages, 14 miles of hiking/cross-country ski trails, a visitor center with exhibits, a fifteen minute video, and a sales outlet with books and crafts are open daily, except Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.



Summer activities include programs inside a full-scale furnished earthlodge, guided hikes, and an annual "Culture Festival" to celebrate and learn about the Northern Plains Indian Culture.

Located 1/2 mile north of
Stanton, North Dakota, on County Road 37.
701/745-3300 • www.nps.gov/knri

INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN

Nestled in the Turtle Mountains, the International Peace Garden is a symbolic and scenic tribute to peace and friendship between the people of the United States of America and the people of Canada.

This botanical garden encompasses 2300 acres of nature's beauty; two pristine fresh water lakes, scenic hiking and driving trails, wildflowers, waterfalls and a large variety of birds & animals. Modern and rustic camping facilities are

available. The phenomenal Formal Garden has over 150,000 flowers displayed. Site includes the Peace Tower, Peace Chapel, Carillon Bell Tower, Game Warden Museum, Legion Athletic Camp and International Music Camp.

Located 13 miles north of
Dunseith, North Dakota, on Highway 281
888/432-6733 • www.peacegarden.com

