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THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATIONAL PARK



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The North Dakota Badlands contain a wealth of fossil information including bands of lignite coal and petrified trees, as well as fossils of freshwater clams, crocodiles, alligators, turtles, and champsosaurs. Each fossil is like a piece in a giant puzzle that scientists have used to reconstruct the ancient history of the park.

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