



Visitor Guide

2011 Edition



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Wind Canyon Sunset

North Dakota's National Parks Welcome You

On behalf of the National Park Service, I welcome you to your national parks.

We have redesigned our newspaper this year so that it will be more useful in helping you plan your visit to Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, and Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site. The North Dakota National Parks, as we like to call them, are all very special places among the 394 units of the National Park System nationwide. Let your North Dakota adventure begin here!

Whether you want to sight-see, watch birds, photograph wildlife, hike, fish, learn about history, tour a historic building, attend a special event, ride a horse,

cross country ski, participate in an interpretive walk or program, identify wildflowers, explore, camp, picnic, bicycle, or just get away from it all, the North Dakota parks have a place for you. We have plenty of room to roam. Here, you will not find crowds, lines, or traffic jams (unless the buffalo or wild turkeys are crossing the road). Parking spaces are always available. Hike a short distance away from the roads and developed areas, and you can find satisfying solitude and a place to yourself.

There is lots to do here. Slow down and enjoy your time. Park staff can provide you with directions and ideas for a successful visit. Publications are available for sale in the visitor centers to enhance your experience and provide you with something to take home so that you will remember your visit.

National Parks are in every corner of the United States, from American Samoa, Guam, and Hawaii to Alaska and the U.S. mainland, to the Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. Chances are, you have a national park in your own "backyard." All of these areas are managed for you by the National Park Service, the agency that was established within the Department of Interior in 1916 to unite the parks into one cohesive system.

A lifetime of experiences awaits you in America's national parks. Have a wonderful time!

Valerie Naylor
Superintendent



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"The National Park Service preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the national park system for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations."



Accessibility



The National Park Service is committed to making National Park Service facilities, programs, services, employment, and meaningful work opportunities accessible and usable by all people, including those with disabilities. For more information please visit www.nps.gov/accessibility.htm

Theodore Roosevelt National Park



South Unit

The best way to see the South Unit is by touring the 36-mile Scenic Loop Drive. The drive takes about two hours. Wildlife including prairie dogs, bison,

feral horses, mule deer, and white-tailed deer are commonly seen along the route. Visitors will experience a variety of



Rainbow over the Badlands

habitats including river

bottoms, grasslands, forested slopes, and coulees as the road traverses the broken badlands topography. Stop at the Badlands and Boicourt Overlooks or walk to the top of Buck Hill for dramatic views. Short trails are located throughout the park. Inquire at the visitor center for hiking guides and additional information.

Your Entrance Fees at Work

National park lands are not free. Protecting our natural and cultural heritage and providing a safe, enjoyable, and educational place to visit requires substantial funding. Although your taxes help offset the costs of operating parks like Theodore Roosevelt National Park, they do not cover all of the costs. As expenses to maintain and staff the parks rise each year, government funding is

unable to keep up. In an attempt to address this shortfall, Congress passed the Federal Lands Recreational Enhancement Act, which helps spread



Paving park roads is one way we may use your fee money

some of the operating costs among the people who use the parks. Projects include road repair, fence repair, campground maintenance, and trail maintenance.

All entrance and camping fees directly support Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Entrance Fees

Individual Entry

\$5.00, entrance by foot, bike, or horse
Valid for 7 days

Private vehicle

(including motorcycle)
\$10.00 per vehicle
Valid for 7 days

Theodore Roosevelt Annual Park Pass

\$20, good for 1 year from month of purchase

Senior Pass

\$10, lifetime pass good for all federal fee areas. Must be 62 and a permanent U.S. resident.

Access Pass

Free, lifetime pass good for all federal fee areas. Must have a permanent disability and be a permanent U.S. resident.

Commercial Tours

Inquire

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24-hours a day or contact a park ranger

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State road conditions:
contact the visitor
center or dial 511 from
any phone.

Information and Services

Park Roads

East River road is open year round. Miles 7-25 of the Scenic Loop Drive may be closed due to snowy and icy conditions.

Visitor Centers:

South Unit: Open daily 8:00 am to 4:30 pm (MT) except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Extended hours during the summer months. Lost and found services are located here.

Painted Canyon: Open daily April 1 through November 11, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm (MT). Extended hours during the summer months.

Campgrounds:
Cottonwood: \$10/night, \$5 with Senior or Access Pass. Space

available for tents and RVs on a first come, first served basis. A group site is available by reservation only; contact visitor center for additional information.

Roundup Horse Camp: Available through a lottery system. Contact visitor center for more information.

Picnic Area: A picnic area is located adjacent to the cottonwood campground. Available on a first come, first served basis.

Restrooms: Restrooms are located at the Painted Canyon Visitor Center, the South Unit Visitor Center, picnic area, Cottonwood campground (5

miles), and at Peaceful Valley Ranch (7 miles). To protect the scenery, wildlife, and the badlands ecosystem there are **NO RESTROOMS** along the 24 mile scenic loop drive.

Telephones: Located at the Painted Canyon Visitor Center from April 1 through November 11. Additionally, telephones are located in Cottonwood Campground and in Medora at the Community Center and Badlands Pizza (collect or calling card only for long distance).

Food Services: There are no food services available in the park. The town of Medora has a wide variety of options during the summer months, and a limited selection in the off-season.



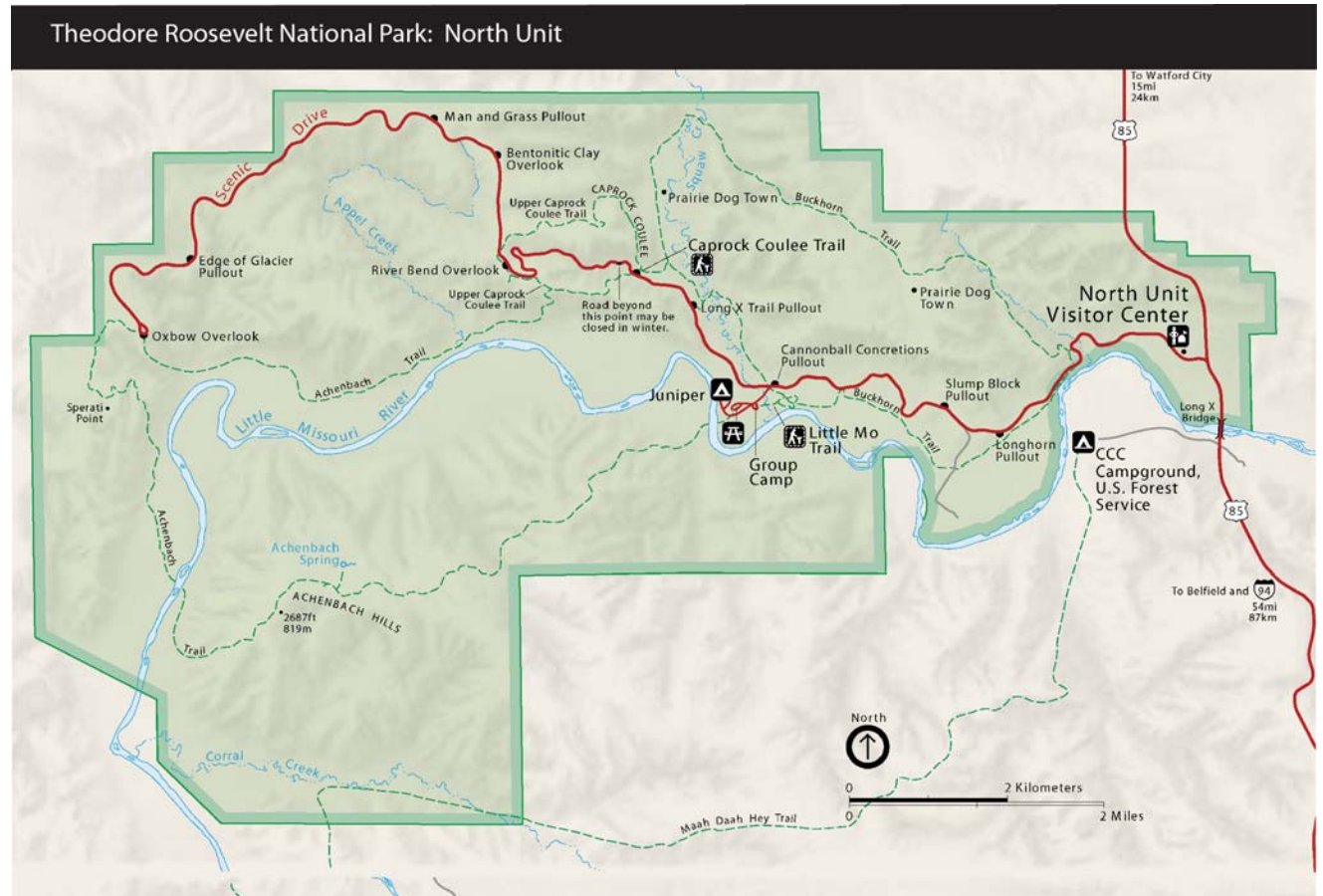


North Unit

Visit the North Unit and enjoy the 14-mile scenic drive. Allow at least 1½ hours for the round-trip journey. The paved road climbs up from the Little Missouri River Valley, through the silver sagebrush flats, past slopes, buttes and canyons, finally rising to reveal rolling grasslands. For dramatic views of the river below, plan to stop at the Oxbow Overlook or at the historic shelter built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) at the River Bend Overlook. Along the way, visitors will encounter unique geological features, like cannonball concretions and glacial erratics, large boulders that hint at the region's dynamic past. The rugged terrain also sets the stage for wildlife viewing: see if you can spot a bighorn sheep, bison, or longhorn steer. For those who want to include a short walk, the 1.1 mile Little Mo Nature Trail begins at the campground. For a longer hike, the Caprock Coulee Nature Trail, 1.6 miles round trip, is a good choice, or combine it with the Upper Caprock Coulee Trail for a 4.3 mile loop. Stop at the visitor center to inquire about other hiking options.



Riverbend Overlook



Information and Services

Park Roads

The park road is open all year, weather permitting. During the winter the road may close at the Caprock Coulee trail head.



Picnic Area:

A picnic area is located adjacent to the Juniper Campground. Available on a first come, first served basis.



Visitor Center:

Open daily, April 1 through Nov. 11; 9:00 am to 5:30 pm, with extended hours during summer. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, the rest of the year as staffing allows. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.



Restrooms:

Restrooms are located at the visitor center, picnic area and Juniper Campground. To protect the scenery, wildlife, and the badlands ecosystem there are **NO RESTROOMS** along the park road.



Campground:

Juniper: \$10/night, \$5 with Senior or Access Pass. Space available for tents and RVs on a first come, first served basis. A group site is available by reservation only; contact visitor center for additional information.



Telephones:

Courtesy phones are located at the visitor center and at the campground; calling card required for long distance.



Food Services:

There are no food services available in the park. The town of Watford City (15 miles north) has a variety of options open year round.



Elkhorn Ranch taken by Theodore Roosevelt, 1886

Elkhorn Ranch Unit

The Elkhorn Ranch Unit, the location of Roosevelt's "home ranch" in the badlands, is 35 miles north of the South Unit Visitor Center. The ranch buildings no longer exist, but interpretive panels give insight to the area using Roosevelt's own words. Ask at one of the visitor centers for route information before attempting to drive to the site.

"My home ranch lies on both sides of the Little Missouri, the nearest ranch man above me being about twelve, and the nearest below me about ten, miles distant."

~Theodore Roosevelt 1887~

The greater Elkhorn Ranch area is comprised of private, state and federal lands. Because this special place was so important to the greatest conservationist in Presidential history, the National Park Service chooses to leave it as Roosevelt knew it: as unimpaired as possible. Rebuilding of the house or other structures is not part of the park's long-range plan for the site.

The secluded and quiet spot Roosevelt chose for his Elkhorn Ranch brought much comfort and solitude to a man who was still reeling from personal tragedy. The rugged terrain and all its inhabitants aided in his reawakening. His days were filled with the rewarding manual labor of cattle ranching while his nights were spent relaxing on

the veranda overlooking the Little Missouri River. It was at this place that Roosevelt learned about the importance of conservation. In North Dakota he had witnessed first hand the near extinction of the bison and the potential dangers of human development.



Theodore Roosevelt Collection, Harvard College



What Can I Do Here?

Less Than 4 Hours

Visitor Centers
Stop at any one of the three visitor centers for information, exhibits and orientation films.

Auto Tours
South Unit: Driving the 36-mile Scenic Loop Drive is the best way to see the South Unit if you have a limited amount of time. The drive takes about two hours. There are a variety of overlooks along the road with information about the park.

North Unit: If you have limited time, the best way to experience the North Unit is to drive the 14-mile scenic road, which takes about an 1 ½ hours.

Short Hikes
All units of the park offer a variety of short walks such as the Wind Canyon trail in the South Unit and the Caprock Coulee Nature Trail in the North Unit.

Elkhorn Ranch
Located 35 miles north of Medora, the third unit of the park is the least frequented. Walk in the footsteps of Theodore Roosevelt and experience first hand what drew him to the North Dakota Badlands. Please inquire at one of the park visitor centers for detailed driving directions and current road conditions. Allow about 4 hours for the trip and plan on a 2 mile (round trip) hike once you arrive at the parking area. All roads to the Elkhorn Ranch Unit are dirt and gravel, and can be slippery or impassable when wet.

More Than 4 Hours

Visitor Center, Auto Tour, Short Hike and....

Day Hiking and other outdoor activities
There are a variety of hiking options as well as other activities, such as canoeing the Little Missouri River. Please visit any of the visitor centers for additional information.

Backcountry Hiking
Visitors can spend a night in the backcountry; ninety-five miles of trails are available. Hikers, horseback riders, and boaters who wish to camp overnight in the backcountry must obtain a free permit at either the South or North Unit Visitor Center.

Interpretive Programs
South Unit: Guided tours of Roosevelt's Maltese Cross Cabin are offered; self-guided tours are available during the off-season. Evening Programs at Cottonwood Campground and a variety of ranger-guided activities are offered early-June through mid-September. Check at the visitor center or park bulletin boards for the current schedule.

North Unit: Evening Programs at Juniper Campground and a variety of other ranger-guided activities are offered early-June through mid-September. Inquire at the visitor center for the current schedule.

Wildlife Viewing

Theodore Roosevelt National Park is home to a wide variety of animals. Wildlife viewing is one of the most popular activities enjoyed by park visitors. Dawn and dusk are the best times to spot wildlife. When watching wildlife, please remember that the park is their home and we are the visitors. Drive slowly, view from a distance, and never feed animals. Here are some of the park's more commonly seen inhabitants:



American Bison

The American bison is the park's most popular resident. Bison are constantly on the move and travel in herds led by matriarch cows. They are frequently seen in prairie dog towns, grazing on new grass shoots or wallowing in the loose dirt. Bison are dangerous animals, so don't let their seemingly slow and lumbering nature fool you. They can spin around faster than a horse and run at speeds up to 35 mph. Mature bulls can weigh up to 2000 pounds and stand 6 feet tall at the shoulder. The best way to view bison is from the inside of your car.

Pronghorn, often incorrectly called antelope, live mainly on the open grasslands. These animals possess remarkable endurance and can run at speeds up to 40 mph for long distances. Look for them along the north side of the South Unit Scenic Drive or in the open grassland areas east of Painted Canyon Visitor Center.



Pronghorn



Black-Tailed Prairie Dog

Black-tailed prairie dogs are the park's most gregarious residents. They live in large towns composed of many families. Their antics are sure to amuse visitors of all ages. The South Unit Scenic Loop Drive passes through several large prairie dog towns, making them hot spots for wildlife viewing.

The North Unit is home to approximately 35 Bighorn Sheep. Bighorns are named for the large, curved horns borne by the rams (males). Ewes (females) also have horns, but they are shorter and straighter. Bighorn sheep graze on grasses in summer and browse shrubs in fall and winter. They also seek minerals at natural salt licks.



Bighorn Sheep



Feral Horses

Wild horses have existed in the Badlands of western North Dakota since the middle of the 19th century. The South Unit is home to approximately 115 feral horses, descendants from those that escaped from local ranches decades ago. They are often seen near the Cottonwood Campground or the Painted Canyon area.

Although numerous, elk are seldom seen during the daytime. Found mostly in the South Unit, the best time to look for them is at dawn or dusk near the tree line on the badlands hills. They are also frequently spotted from I-94 east of Painted Canyon.



Elk

Safety & Regulations

PETS IN THE PARK

To ensure that you and your pet enjoy a safe visit, follow all pet regulations while inside the park. Pets are allowed inside any of the National Parks in North Dakota under the following conditions: pets must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet and/or otherwise physically confined. They must remain in developed areas. Pets are not allowed on trails or inside visitor centers.

FIRES

Fire grills are provided at each campsite and in the picnic areas. Self-contained camp stoves are also permitted and may be used in the backcountry. There may be fire restrictions when there is extreme fire danger.

COLLECTION

Collection of artifacts and other park resources is prohibited. This prohibition includes rocks, fossils, petrified wood, antlers, bones, and picking flowers or other plants.

FIREWOOD ALERT

Help stop the spread of exotic pests. Exotic insects like the Emerald Ash Borer are a major threat to North Dakota's trees. If you or someone you know is planning to visit North Dakota, please follow these steps:

- Don't bring firewood from out of state
- Use North Dakota sources of firewood.

Firewood may be available for purchase at park visitor centers; inquire at the information desk or ask a ranger.



How many Animals?

The effects of westward expansion on the northern plains were profound. Some species were hunted to extinction. Others were extirpated from North Dakota by the early 20th century. Over the years, some species have been reintroduced and provide much enjoyment to keen observers. Today, Theodore Roosevelt National Park exists as an “island” of undeveloped land, providing necessary habitat for many wildlife species. Here are population estimates for hoofed species within the park. These estimates are for 2011 before the young were born:

SPECIES	NORTH UNIT	SOUTH UNIT
BIGHORN SHEEP	30-35	Occasional
BISON	108	325
ELK	Occasional	600
FERAL HORSES	-	115
LONGHORN STEERS	11	-

North Dakota Weather

Like other states of the Great Plains, the climate of western North Dakota is extremely variable. Temperatures as high as 110° F and as low as -49° F have been recorded in Medora. The climate is semi-arid with average precipitation of 15 inches per year. Wind is common.

Summer Weather

Between May and September, average high temperatures range from the low 70s to the upper 80s °F and average lows range in the 40s and 50s °F. In July and August, highs are frequently in the 90s and will sometimes climb to over 100°F. Summer is the wettest time of the year in this relatively dry area. June receives the most precipitation with an average rainfall of 3.3 inches.

Winter Weather

The winter climate in western North Dakota is cold with occasional warming

spells. Between December and February, average highs are in the 20s and 30s with average lows in the single digits. Temperatures vary wildly, and are often much warmer or colder than the average. Low temperatures commonly dip well below zero. Average snowfall is 30 inches per year, falling mostly between November and April. Roads may be partially closed due to snowy and icy conditions. Winter visitors should be prepared for cold, extreme wind chill, and blowing snow that may obscure visibility and create deep drifts across the roads.

Spring and Fall Weather

Spring and fall can be pleasant times to visit the park, although, like in all seasons, the weather will vary. These seasons generally see the most rapid changes to the area’s daily temperature, wind, and precipitation. In the spring, be aware of high river levels which can make river crossings dangerous or impossible.

**REMEMBER ...
WILDLIFE CAN BE UNPREDICTABLE & DANGEROUS.
VIEW AND PHOTOGRAPH FROM A DISTANCE**

If an animal changes its behavior because of your presence, you are too close!



Average Temperature Medora, ND

JANUARY	HIGH 27.2°F	LOW 2°F
FEBRUARY	HIGH 33.9°F	LOW 8.5°
MARCH	HIGH 43.6°F	LOW 17.9°F
APRIL	HIGH 58.3°F	LOW 29.5°F
MAY	HIGH 70.1°F	LOW 40.7°F
JUNE	HIGH 79.2°F	LOW 49.9°F
JULY	HIGH 87.2°F	LOW 54.9°F
AUGUST	HIGH 86.9°F	LOW 52.8°F
SEPTEMBER	HIGH 75°F	LOW 41.6°F
OCTOBER	HIGH 61.3°F	LOW 30.5°F
NOVEMBER	HIGH 43.6°F	LOW 18.5°F
DECEMBER	HIGH 31.5°F	LOW 7.1°F

Summer visitors should be aware that violent thunderstorms producing lightning, heavy rain, and hail can develop quickly. Be sure to keep an eye on the sky and be prepared to seek shelter immediately.

Become a Junior Ranger

Every year hundreds of families participate in the Junior Ranger program at Theodore Roosevelt National Park. The program offers a variety of activities that include hiking and attending ranger-led programs, while the Junior Ranger journal explores a variety of topics including wildlife, geology, and history.

For those interested in becoming a Junior Ranger, journals can be obtained at any of the park’s visitor centers; ask a park employee. Most children can finish the activities during a brief visit to the park. Both the North and South Unit Visitor Centers offer exhibits and films that can help youngsters complete some of the activities.

Upon completion of a Junior Ranger journal, children will be sworn in by a park ranger as they recite the Junior Ranger pledge. The pledge instills the importance of

leading by example and continuing to explore all that national parks have to offer. After taking the pledge, children receive Junior Ranger badges signifying their hard work and dedication to the park.



Junior Rangers enjoying a ranger program

Borrow a Family Fun Pack!

Theodore Roosevelt National Park offers a great tool to help potential Junior Rangers and their families explore the park: the Family Fun Pack. Families can check out the packs for 24 hours at either the North or South Unit Visitor Center at no charge. Each pack contains a pair of binoculars, magnifying glasses, guidebooks, and activities for all ages. Visitors are encouraged to check out a Fun Pack, even if no one in their group is participating in the Junior Ranger program.



Family Fun Pack



The Grandest Fort on the Upper Missouri

Fort Union Trading Post was the most important fur trading post on the upper Missouri from 1828 to 1867. Here, the Assiniboine, Crow, Cree, Ojibwa, Blackfeet, Hidatsa, and other tribes traded buffalo robes and other furs for trade goods such as cloth, guns, blankets, knives, cookware, and beads.



Fort Union Trading Post was established in 1828 by the American Fur Company. It was not a government or military post, but a business, established for the specific purpose of trading with the northern plains tribes. This trade business continued until 1867, making it the longest lasting American fur trading post.

A number of famous people from the fur trade period, such as George Catlin, Karl Bodmer, John James Audubon, and Prince Maximilian visited the fort. Tribal leaders came from many of the nations that traded at Fort Union. A variety of skilled workers performed the many tasks necessary to keep the fort operating.

People, places and stories are a large part of the history of Fort Union.

Historical activities and demonstrations

Activities: Plains Indian Sign Talk, Hide Scraping, and Blacksmithing

Demonstrations: Black Powder Demonstrations, Dutch Oven Cooking, and Traditional Crafts



Special events for all ages bring history to life throughout the summer

The Fort Union Rendezvous: Our largest special event in its 29th year: June 16-19, 2011. Mr. John Curry, a historic re-enactor, a muzzle loader expert, and leading authority on 18th century long hunters, will be the event headliner. Early frontiersmen such as George Drouillard of the Lewis and Clark Expedition and Daniel Boone were famous long hunters. During the Rendezvous, Traders' Row and various historical demonstrations will feature early to mid-century sale and trade items. Many demonstrations will be presented throughout the day, including brain tanning, pottery making, beaver skinning, and weapons firing.

Rendezvous Kids' Day: Thursday June 16, featuring activities for kids of all ages.

Rendezvous Run: Saturday June 18. This annual event will feature special guest Mr. Billy Mills, an Oglala Lakota member and the only American Olympic Gold Medalist in the 10,000 meters.

Indian Arts Showcase: August 6 - 7. "This will be our 20th Indian Arts Showcase," said Chief Ranger Loren Yellow Bird, Sr. The program will include two of the leading experts among their tribes: Dr. Janine Pease of the Crow Nation and Mr. George Horse Capture, Plains Indian historian, author and member of the



Atsina or Gros Ventre Nation. Our traditional dance group and singers will perform each day. Artisans will

once again demonstrate traditional artwork such as beading, quill work, crafts, pipe making, and others. This year's show will be another exciting opportunity to visit the fort and enjoy the native cultures.

Living History Weekend: September 3 - 5. The Fort Union Muzzleloaders, volunteers and park staff will demonstrate what a living, active fort was like during the fort's heyday. On Saturday evening the Last Bell Tour will be presented. This historic re-enactment brings to life one of Fort Union's many stories.

Information and Services

Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site is located 66 miles northwest of Theodore Roosevelt National Park's North Unit, 20 miles southwest of Williston, ND or 24 miles north of Sidney, MT.

Bourgeois House Visitor Center
Open Daily Memorial Day through Labor Day
8:00 am to 8:00 pm (CT)
Remainder of the year:
9:00 am to 5:30 pm (CT)

Indian Trade House
Open daily during warm weather months 9:45 am to 5:45 pm.
Living History Activities
Daily Memorial day weekend through labor day:
9:45 am to 5:45 pm (CT)

All Facilities and activities are wheelchair accessible.

Hiking
Bodmer Overlook Trail: Open May - October
Enjoy a short hike to the location where Karl Bodmer painted Fort Union in 1835. Ask for details at the Visitor Center.

Lewis & Clark Trail: Open May - October
Enjoy a short hike to the Missouri River.



Special Events:

June 16-19 Fort Union Rendezvous: A 19th century fur trade fair

August 6-7 Indian Arts Showcase: Traditional crafts and music

September 3-5 Living History Weekend: Re-enactors portray fur trade employees

For more information:

Fort Union Trading Post
National Historic Site
15550 Hwy 1804
Williston, ND 58801

Phone: (701) 572-9083
Fax: (701) 572-7321





An Earthlodge in the Classroom

Would you like a Park Ranger from Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site to visit your classroom? Distance learning technology makes it possible for Park Rangers to visit your classroom anywhere in the United States. Curriculum based programs are available through the World Wide Web or by audio or video conferencing. Sessions in which students can interact with the ranger can be broadcast live from inside the park's Earthlodge. Access to distance learning equipment is necessary in order to participate in the program.

A wide variety of programs focusing on the Hidatsa, Mandan, and Arikara cultures, as well as other historical, cultural, and natural history topics can be tailored to your curriculum. For additional information about program topics and details for broadcasting, please visit the "For Teachers" section of the



Rangers presenting a live Earthlodge program

park's website at www.nps.gov/knri or contact the park's Education Specialist at 701-745-3300. Distance learning programs are free.

Distance Learning programs are available from many National Park sites. Visit <http://www.nps.gov/learn/distance.cfm> for a complete listing.

What's Happening at Knife River Indian Villages NHS?

July 5, 12, 19, & 26: Kid's Camp
Children ages 6 to 12 can participate in special activities from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. CT. Each week focuses on a different theme. Join us for one or all four weeks. For safety reasons, those who wish to participate on the 26th must have already attended at least one other week. Please reserve your space in advance by calling 701-745-3300.

July 30-31: Northern Great Plains Culture Fest
Cultural demonstrations and presentations the lives of the people who lived on the Plains. Demonstrations may include flint knapping, bead work, quill work, pottery, flute music and storytelling, among others. Participate in games and craft activities. Event is cosponsored by Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association.

October 1: Fall in the Field Photography Workshop
Whether you are a professional or a beginner, join the group for the practical application of photography. All camera formats are welcome from "point and shoot" to digital SLR, to film. Contact us for more information at 701-745-3300.

February 2012: Winter Outbound Knife River Indian Villages NHS in partnership with the State Historical Society of North Dakota and the Knife River Indian Heritage Foundation presents a day of winter activities including learning about Native American crafts, a snowshoe hike into the villages and dinner in an earthlodge with special presentations by Native American storytellers and artists. (There is a fee for this event).

What Can I Do Here?

- Check out a Discovery Pack containing a bird guide, pair of binoculars, magnifying glasses, and a pack of wildflower cards. Use it while walking the trails.
- Children ages 3-5, can complete the Jr. Explorer booklet and receive a Jr. Explorer button.
- Children ages 6-12, can complete the Jr. Ranger booklet and receive a Jr. Ranger badge.
- Attend a Ranger-guided program offered throughout the day, Memorial Day through Labor Day.
- Fish from the parking lot of the Sakakawea Site, must follow all North Dakota fishing regulations. People 16 and older need a fishing license.
- Look at the Native Prairie Display in front of the visitor center.
- Enjoy "Maxidiwac" a 15 minute park orientation film.
- Explore the museum, learn more about the Northern Great Plains Indian Culture; touch a bison, beaver or badger hide.
- Walk the trail to the Knife River; travel through the remains of two village sites, a 1.5 mile roundtrip.
- Find the eagles in the visitor center lobby.
- Purchase handcrafted Native American arts, specialty books and a variety of items reflecting the Great Plains Cultures are available in the bookstore.



Earthlodge

Information and Services

The park is located ½ mile north of Stanton, ND via County Road 37.

Visitor Center
Open daily, Memorial Day through Labor Day, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm(CT). Winter hours: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm(CT). Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Park grounds are open until 10:00 pm (CT). A museum and film (closed captioned) interpret tribal life in the villages. Free.

Programs
Ranger-guided programs are offered throughout the day, Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Hiking
Consisting of almost 1,800 acres of prairie and woodland, the park offers a wealth of hiking opportunities. Due to recent erosion, sections of trails have been lost, areas have been rerouted, and ground may be unstable.

The Visitor Center and picnic shelter as well as some activities and trails are wheelchair accessible.

For more information:

Knife River Indian Villages
National Historic Site
P.O. Box 9
Stanton, ND 58571

701-745-3300
www.nps.gov/knri

Firearms

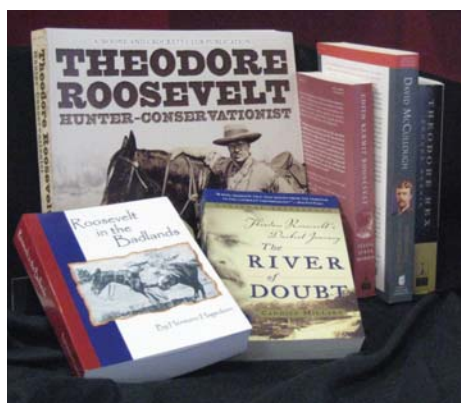
Firearms are permitted in National Parks. As of February 22, 2010, a new federal law allows people who can legally possess firearms under federal, North Dakota, and local laws, to possess firearms in a National Park area. It is the visitor's responsibility to understand and comply with all applicable North Dakota, local, and federal firearms laws. Federal law prohibits firearms in certain facilities in any National Park.



Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association was organized in 1951 by a group of park enthusiasts to promote and support the historical, scientific, and educational activities of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. This commitment has broadened to offer support to Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site and Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge.

The Association is a non-federal, nonprofit organization governed by a volunteer board of directors. To accomplish its goals, the Association is authorized by the National Park Service to sell publications, maps, interpretive learning tools and theme-related items. From its inception, the Association has donated more than \$860,000 from the sales receipts of these materials to the National Park Service and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service areas in North Dakota. This money has been used to support interpretive and visitor service activities such as trail guides, exhibits, informational handouts, funding for new site-specific publications and the printing of this visitor guide, *Frontier Fragments*. The Association has also paid for housing for volunteers, supported park libraries, sponsored scientific research, funded Student Conservation Association positions, and many other projects.

You are invited to enjoy the visitor centers that house our bookstores, and we remind you that all purchases will directly support the park. The association takes great pride in its ability to provide assistance to our natural areas throughout North Dakota. Enjoy the adventure!



The Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association publishes quality products about the park areas we serve. These interpretive publications unravel the rest of the story, and are an extension of the interpretive activities offered by the National Park Service. In addition to books, we offer a variety of theme-related items, maps, posters, custom t-shirts, postcards, and American Indian crafts. These items can be purchased at the park visitor centers, by mail or online at www.trnha.org.

TRNHA Celebrates 60 Years of Cooperative Service

The Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association is celebrating 60 years of support and cooperation with Theodore Roosevelt National Park. TRNHA held its first meeting on Sunday, December 9, 1951 at the home of Chester L. Brooks, Theodore Roosevelt National (Memorial) Park historian. The association constitution, by-laws and the membership dues structure were established at this meeting.



“To stimulate interest in educational activities and encourage scientific investigation and research...in subjects bearing on the Theodore Roosevelt National (Memorial) Park region” was the purpose of the newly formed organization established that cold wintery evening.

This mission has expanded over the past 60 years to include support for Knife River Indian Villages and Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge. TRNHA also offered past assistance to Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site and Sullys Hill National Game Preserve, which have since formed their own association or other support organization.

At that first meeting, the board of directors voted to borrow \$100 to finance the printing of booklets to share with park visitors and to raise funds for TRNHA. We have come far since that first financial decision and have published over fifteen site-specific publications, helping visitors further explore the park’s history. We have also developed many postcards, book bags, and t-shirts, along with other non-book items that help us secure revenue to maintain our benevolence toward the sites we support.

Join us in a yearlong celebration by attending one of the many special events we have planned. For list of our 60th anniversary celebration happenings please visit our web site at www.trnha.org



Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association Annual Membership



Membership benefits Include:

- 15% discount in all TRNHA bookstores.
- A discount on items purchased at other National Park Cooperating Association bookstores.
- Monthly e-newsletter and program announcements on the activities of the association and areas it serves.
- The pleasure of knowing that your membership contributes to the support of park and refuge sites in North Dakota!

Memberships Registration Form

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