

VISITOR INFORMATION

Theodore Roosevelt
National Park

South Unit

Visitor Center Hours
8:00-4:30 MST

North Unit

Visitor Center Hours
9:00 am –5:30pm CST
Friday, Saturday, & Sunday
& as time allows on other days.
(701) 842-2333 for more info.

Painted Canyon

Closed November 11th
Will Reopen April 1st
(weather permitting)

The drives in both units of
the park will be open as
long as the weather permits.

**Knife River Indian Villages
National Historic Site**
8:00 am –4:30 pm MST

Upper Souris NWR
8:00 am - 4:30 pm CST
Monday-Friday

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 4-5, 2009

Medora's Old Fashioned Cowboy
Christmas.

December 25, 2009

All National Park facilities will be
closed for Christmas. Weather
permitting the drives through Theo-
dore Roosevelt National Park will
be open.

December 2009

The annual Theodore Roosevelt
National Park Christmas bird count
will be held. The date and time
have not been set please check with
the park.



TRNHA Newsletter

Happy Holidays!

DECEMBER 2009



Medora's 14th Annual Old Fashioned Cowboy Christmas



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The Medora Chamber of
Commerce, local businesses
and volunteers have been
working hard preparing for
Medora's 14th Annual Old
Fashioned Cowboy Christ-
mas. It's a Cowboy week-
end filled with cowboy
music, poetry, food, fire-
works, shopping, and more!

Please join us in celebrating
the Christmas season in Me-
dora!

Medora merchants open daily
Quilt Show/Silent Auction @ AmericInn
The following Medora attractions are open daily:

8am to 4:30pm - Theodore Roosevelt National Park Visitor Center
9am to 5pm - Chateau Interpretive Center - (Refreshments Served)
10am to 4pm - NDCHF

Friday, December 4th

3pm - Chateau Interpretive Center - Bob Peterman's Cowboy Music
4:30pm - Cowboy Café - till the food runs out - OYSTER STEW
6:30 pm - Wreath Ceremony - Presented on horseback; starts NDCHF
2009 Wreath Bearers: Joe LaDuke & Friends
7pm to 12:30am - MCC - Medora's Cowboy Idol Jamboree
/Military Veterans Awards/Dance

Saturday, December 5th

9am - Movie *Stranger in the Woods* - Theodore Roosevelt NP
10am - Chateau Interpretive Center - Bob Peterman's Cowboy Music
10am to 3pm - Hay Wagon Rides
11am to 1pm - Billings Count Museum - Annual Open House
11am to 2pm - EATS ON THE STREETS
1pm - MCC - ND Cattlewomen's Fowl Fling
2pm - Movie *Stranger in the Woods* - Theodore Roosevelt NP
2pm - MCC - Fireside Cowboy Poetry
3pm - Chateau Interpretive Center - Bob Peterman's Cowboy Music
4pm - MCC - Christmas Mass
5pm to 7pm - MCC - Cowboys' Christmas Dinner
6pm to 7pm - MCC - Open Mike hour
7:30pm - FIRE & Ice Fireworks Display
8pm - MCC - Dance to "Thunder Road"



Check out these Items!

Stranger in the Woods
by: Carl Sams II & Jean Stoick



Learn how the woodland's
animals respond to a stranger
that appears.

\$19.95

Outdoor Safety Handbook
by: Buck Tilton



Prepare yourself for all of your
outdoor adventures with this great
book!

\$9.95

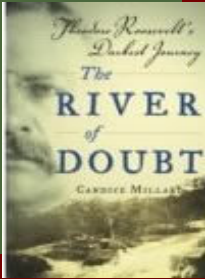
Sacagawea Cookbook
by: T. Everson, L Lesmeister, & J.
Everson



A wonderful collections of con-
temporary recipes and beautiful
artwork.

\$19.95

Ranger Recommends



December's featured Ranger is Nathan King from Rochester, Minnesota. Nathan came to Theodore Roosevelt National Park because he says he is fascinated with the man the park is named after. Nathan has spent the past couple of winters working at Theodore Roosevelt National Park and has worked at various parks throughout the country. His love for history and nature has been a great help to many park visitors.

Nathan highly recommends, "*The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey*" by Candice Millard.

Nathan says, "The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey" is the story of TR's expedition of an unexplored tributary of the Amazon known then as the River of Doubt. The true story reminds the reader of "Heart of Darkness," as the expedition is repeatedly dogged with hardship, despair, and in one instance, murder. Roosevelt, sick and injured, at one point asks to be left behind to die. It's a fascinating true story that reads like a novel, a joy for readers who

like biographies as well as adventure stories."

If you are interested in purchasing this book or any other items in this newsletter, please visit one of our Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History bookstores or visit our online store at:

[www.trnha.org/
bookstorehome.htm](http://www.trnha.org/bookstorehome.htm)

The River of Doubt

Regular Price: \$14.95
Members Price: \$12.71



Member Only Special!

December's member only coupon is an appreciation gift to all of our loyal supporters and members. We appreciate your generous donations and support throughout the year! Please bring this coupon with you on your next visit to one of our bookstores or call us at 701-623-4884 and place your order today!

**DECEMBER'S MEMBER ONLY
COUPON IS FOR...**

An Additional 5% OFF all purchases
(For a total of 20% off your entire purchase)



Must show coupon and membership card in TRNHA bookstore or contact TRNHA (701) 623-4884 to order by mail.

EXPIRES: December 31, 2009

Holiday Happenings at Knife River Indian Villages

Looking for a place to take the family and guests during the holiday season? Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, a unit of the National Park System, is open year-round. The Visitor Center and the earthlodge are open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., but will be closed on December 25 and January 1. The 14 miles of trails and historic village sites are open daily from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

At the Visitor Center, you

can enjoy the park movie, a reconstructed earthlodge, exhibits and a bookstore with lots of books and craft items suitable for holiday gifts.

Currently the center has a temporary exhibit, until December 17, celebrating the 35th anniversary of Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site. Also, young folks between ages 3-12 can become Junior Rangers or Knife River Explorers.

Come walk the trails to

view the wildlife, especially the thousands of geese and ducks that are gathering on the Knife and Missouri Rivers. The Awatixa Parking Area (locally called the "Fishing Hole") is closed for the winter but visitors are welcome to park at the gate and walk in. All other parking areas remain open.

For more information, call 701-745-3300.

Park Thanks Partners and Visitors

As 2009 comes to a close, I thank all members and friends of TRNHA for your support throughout the year. This year was one of the busiest of the last thirty years and it was an exciting time in the park. The South Unit Campground, which usually fills up only a few days each summer, was full on about 45 nights. Attendance at interpretive/education programs was high throughout the year.

The American family is rediscovering national parks throughout the country, and our visitation at Theodore Roosevelt National Park reflects that trend. TRNHA and the park are working together to engage young people in the park – through the Junior Ranger program, family fun

packs that can be checked out, family fun days, Teddy Bear Picnics, other special events, and new sales items designed to appeal to youth. If national parks are to survive, we must ensure that young people are interested and engaged in their parks.

Theodore Roosevelt National Park is also dependent on the support of its visitors and the general public – including those who have the opportunity to visit the park in person, and those who do so remotely through a newsletter or website. We appreciate all of you. I thank all of you who volunteered to be on the TRNHA board of directors, purchased a book from TRNHA, attended the annual

Bird Walk, or just read the newsletter to become more informed. We appreciate you. We expect 2010 to be an even busier year in the park. We hope to see you **HERE!**

Valerie Naylor
Superintendent



Join Us for a Movie!

Winter is on the way, so why not join us in getting into the winter spirit by watching a movie full of snow! On Saturday, December 5, 2009 TRNHA will have two showings of *Stranger in the Woods* in the theatre of Theodore Roosevelt National Park's South Unit. The movie is approximately 40 minutes long and will be shown at 9:00 am and 2:00 pm.



Based on the best-selling children's book, this movie will take you on a journey through the breathtaking winter woods where you will encounter numerous forest friends along the way including a stranger. This movie is perfect for all ages as they enjoy the wonderful story of how the woodland animals react to a magically appearing snowman.



Interior Secretary Ken Salazar Urges Americans to Connect with Nature and Visit a National Wildlife Refuge

Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar has announced the launch of an extensive public service radio campaign urging Americans to connect with nature and visit a National Wildlife Refuge. "Americans can take pride in the tremendous beauty and diversity of refuge lands dedicated to the protection of wildlife habitat," Salazar said. "By visiting these places and encouraging their children to forge a connection with nature, they can help ensure vital wildlife conservation efforts will continue for generations to come."

The public service radio campaign consists of eight professionally recorded 60-second spots extolling the sights and sounds of refuges and their efforts to preserve some of these species. Over 3,500 radio stations will receive the first four of these educational messages in November; the second set of four will be distributed in April.

"This is another National Wildlife Refuge minute," begins each segment, which encourages visitors to see a national wildlife refuge that undertakes much the same kind of resource management that are given as examples in the four recorded spots. The four spots to be distributed in the spring convey how four of the senses – sight, hearing, touch and smell – are ignited when visiting refuges "where nature still exists as it was meant to be experienced."



Winter Word Find

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BOOTS



COLD

CHIMNEY

DECEMBER



CHRISTMAS

FREEZING

HATS

HOLIDAY

LIGHTS

MITTENS

NEW YEAR



SNOWFLAKE

SNOWMAN

WIND CHILL

WINTER SOLSTICE

Become a Member of the Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association and help us support North Dakota's National Parks, Historic Sites, and Wildlife Refuges!



Membership Donations are used to help fund:

- The publishing of free trail guides, informational brochures, plant and animal checklist, junior ranger activity books, and the park newspaper.
- Housing assistance for Volunteers and Student Conservation Resource Assistants.
- Acquiring publications for reference libraries at three park sites.
- Money for scientific research and oral history projects. TRNHA had recently helped fund an ongoing Mountain Lion study in Theodore Roosevelt National Park.
- Funding for interpretive training, materials, and supplies.
- Sponsoring special interpretive programs and events such as the Northern Plains Culture Fest and birding festivals.
- Provide Support Staff in the Visitor Centers.

Reasons to become a member of TRNHA

1. 15% Discount on sales items at our five bookstore locations: Painted Canyon, South Unit, & North Unit (All in Theodore Roosevelt National Park); Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, and Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge.
2. TRNHA membership is honored by most National Park Cooperating Associations with a reciprocal discount.
3. Monthly e-newsletters and association updates.
4. Receive newsletters and program announcements on the activities of the Association and the areas it serves.
5. Special member only offers. *(Please check our website for monthly specials www.trnha.org)*
6. All members are entitled to vote for TRNHA Board of Directors.
7. The pleasures of knowing that your membership contributes to the support of National park and refuge sites in North Dakota.

Print and mail in the form below to become a member today!

Yes! I would like to become a member of Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association!

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Renewal

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

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|--|-----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | \$20.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family | \$30.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contributing | \$75.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting | \$250.00 |

Please Mail and Make Checks Payable to:

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