

VISITOR INFORMATION

Theodore Roosevelt
National Park
South Unit
Visitor Center Hours
8:00-4:30 MDT

North Unit
Visitor Center Hours
9:00 am -5:30pm CDT

Painted Canyon
8:30 - 4:30 MDT

Drives through both units of the park are currently open.

Knife River Indian Villages
National Historic Site
8:00 am -4:30 pm MDT

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 1, 2010 -Painted Canyon Visitor Center will open for the season. (weather permitting)

April 17-25, 2010 - National Park Week and free admission to all National Parks!

April 24, 2010 - Junior Ranger Day Theodore Roosevelt National Park and Knife River Indian Villages NHS will be hosting special events for kids!



TRNHA Newsletter

Happy Spring!

APRIL 2010

Theodore Roosevelt National Park to Hire Local Youths

Theodore Roosevelt National Park invites local youths to become members of the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) to work in the park this summer. Participants will work in the areas of maintenance and resource conservation and will have opportunities to learn about careers in the National Park Service. YCC positions are available in the North Unit, which is 15 miles south of Watford City, and in the South Unit, which is located near Medora.

To be eligible for the program, young men and women must be at least 16 years of age by June 1, and not older than 18 as of August 30, 2010; they must also be permanent residents of the United States. In addition, applicants must have or be able to obtain a social security card and be able to take part in strenuous work activity, much of which will be outdoors. Par-

ticipants may be exposed to insects, poison ivy and adverse weather conditions. When considering applying for a YCC position, youths and their parents or guardians need to consider the enrollee's need to find a dependable means of transportation to the park on a daily basis.

The park does not provide housing or transportation.

Job Service North Dakota in Dickinson and Williston will handle applications for the positions in the South and North Units, respectively. Selection for YCC positions will be made by random drawing without regard to job skill, social, economic, racial, or ethnic back-

ground. Once the drawings have been completed, the lists of potential enrollees will be forwarded to the park for final selection.

Young people selected for the YCC program will work for approximately 10 weeks, beginning June 7. Enrollees will work 8 hours per day, 40 hours per week. The work schedule will be Monday through Friday; starting and ending times can be somewhat flexible. The salary will be \$7.25 per hour.

Interested persons can obtain an application for the YCC program from either the Dickinson or Williston Job Service North Dakota office. Completed applications must be returned to the appropriate Job Service office by May 12.



Check out these Items!

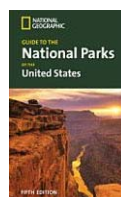
National Geographic Park Profiles: America's Hidden Treasures
by: National Geographic Society



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National Geographic Guide to the National Parks of United States
5th Edition



Over 80 maps and 350 photos make this a must have guide to our nation's National Park locations.

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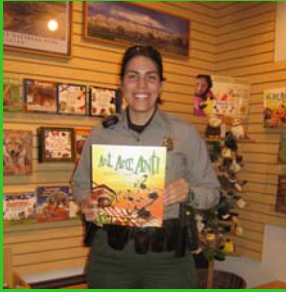
The National Parks: America's Best Idea
by: Dayton Duncan & Ken Burns



National Park supporters will love this book that is jammed with history and photos.

\$50.00

RANGER RECOMMENDS



Kelly Neumann displays her favorite book: *Ant, Ant, Ant: An Insect Chant*

April's featured Ranger is Kelly Neumann, a Law Enforcement Officer at Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Kelly has wanted to be a Ranger since she was around 12 years old and travelled to Grand Teton and Yellowstone with her family. Years later she is living the dream and working for the National Park Service in some of the most beautiful places. She says she is proud to be wearing the flat hat. Kelly comes to Theodore Roosevelt National Park on a temporary assignment and will return to her permanent job at Mount Rushmore in May.

Because Kelly's family is one

of the most important things in her life, especially her 3 year old nephew Benjamin, Kelly has chosen *Ant, Ant, Ant* as her favorite book. She says: "I picked the book *Ant, Ant, Ant!* (an insect chant) because it is getting to the spring season and picnic time! My nephew is just getting to the age where he can enjoy reading and sits through an entire book at bedtime! Getting to know bugs and what they look like is fun for kids of all ages! It's an easy read for a child to start out with, and also at the end of the book there is an educational section to explain a little bit about each

bug listed in the book."

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

Ant, Ant, Ant: an Insect Chant by:

Regular Price: \$15.95

Members Price: \$13.55

MEMBER ONLY SPECIAL!

April's members only coupon is for *The National Parks: America's Best Idea DVD* and is available for purchase at Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Knife River Indian Villages or by contacting us at 701-623-4884.

We invite you take this opportunity to add this historic glimpse into the National Parks by Ken Burn's to your collection. This video is jammed packed with wonderful history and scenery and is a must have for anyone who loves nature.

APRIL'S MEMBER ONLY COUPON IS FOR...

The National Parks: America's Best Idea DVD

SALE PRICE \$80.00
(Price listed is before 15% membership discount for a final price of \$68.00)



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

EXPIRES: April 30, 2010

THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATIONAL PARK ANNOUNCES SPRING VISITOR CENTER HOURS

Beginning April 1, spring visitor center hours will be in effect at Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

The South Unit Visitor Center is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. MDT. Barring unforeseen inclement weather, the Painted Canyon Visitor Center, located on I-94 east of Medora, will open for the season; hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. MDT. The North Unit Visitor Center will be open 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

CDT. All will be open daily, with expanded hours Memorial Day through Labor Day.

"Spring is a wonderful time to visit the park," said Superintendent Valerie Naylor. "As the snow melts and the vegetation starts to green up, visitors can get out into the park to hike and to see migratory birds returning, and newborn animals such as bison, elk, and feral horses."

All three park visitor centers offer information, maps of the park, audio-visual programs, and exhibits. For further information and current road conditions, call 701-623-4466, the North Unit Visitor Center at 701-842-2333, or visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/thro.



ELK MANAGEMENT PLAN/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Theodore Roosevelt National Park has released its final Elk Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). An on-line version of the final document is available to the public on the National Park Service planning website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/thro>. Hard copies will be available soon.

“We are approaching the last step in the planning process for elk management in the park. The plan will allow us to proceed with management of the elk population so that park resources are protected,” said Superintendent Valerie Naylor.

An annual aerial survey conducted last week showed the number of elk in the park to be approximately 950. Although the park objective for elk in the South Unit is 200 - 400, the higher numbers are not currently causing measureable changes in the park

vegetation or environment.

The purpose of the EIS is to disclose the alternatives considered for managing elk numbers in the park, including the preferred alternative, and their impacts on the human environment. The Final EIS addresses over 11,500 comments received on the preferred alternative, which was released in August 2009 and incorporates other public comments received following the release of the Draft EIS in December 2008. The Final EIS is not open to public comment.

The EIS identifies a preferred alternative which primarily would involve park employees leading teams of volunteer shooters to reduce the elk herd in the South Unit of the park. The alternative also allows the park the ability to use other methods if the volunteer effort is unsuccessful in reducing the elk num-

bers to meet park population objectives.

In the next few days, the National Park Service will publish a Notice of Availability for the EIS in the Federal Register. Shortly thereafter, a Notice of Availability will also be published by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Thirty days after the official EPA Notice of Availability of the Elk Management Plan appears in the Federal Register, a Record of Decision can be signed by the Midwest Regional Director of the National Park Service.

The earliest implementation period for elk reduction efforts would be in the fall of 2010.

THE IRON HORSE AND AMERICA'S NATIONAL

For over 150 years railroads have carved out a romanticized place in American history, from the short lines of the 1830s and 40s, to the giant transcontinental railroads after the American Civil War. Railroads had been our country's primary mode of travel prior to the development of President Eisenhower's interstate road system and airplanes. People relied on the American iron horse to take them from city to city, and even to our national parks for recreation and adventure.

Some of our first national parks, such as Yellowstone and Sequoia, witnessed railroads pushing them-

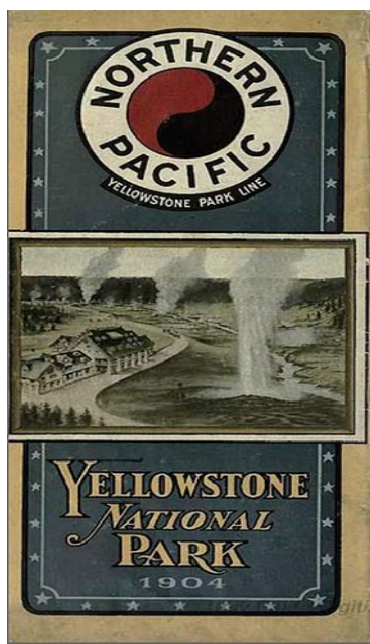
selves into the areas surrounding these parks as financial opportunities developed in these ventures. It was the Northern and Southern Pacific Railroads eventually connecting to the small towns and cities that enabled visitors to travel to these parks.

Early visitation in these parks were dependent upon the access these companies provided, until the rise of the automobile.

For us at Theodore Roosevelt National Park, railroads were not instrumental to the survival of the park or in attracting visitors; instead, railroads were vital to the park's social and cultural history. It was during the early morning hours of September 8, 1883, that a very well dressed young aristocrat stepped off the Northern Pacific Railroad by the name of Theodore Roosevelt. He had traveled all the way from New York City for a bison hunting trip in the Northern Dakota Territory's Badlands. Roosevelt's hunting trip lasted for ten days south of Medora and he left North Dakota with his trophy bison and a partnership in a cattle ranch.

Railroads created unprecedented access to the West and our National Parks for generations. While it's not certain whether Roosevelt would have come to the Badlands if there was no railroad. It was this access by rail that brought Theodore Roosevelt to North Dakota for his hunting trip and the foundations of his conservation legacy to the American people.

Today visitors to Medora are often treated to the sounds of trains passing through town and blowing their horns on a regular basis. However soon the horns may not be heard as the Medora City Council voted to make Medora a quiet zone where trains will not blow their horns. Quiet zones involve safety upgrades at street crossings that eliminate the need for trains to sound their horns to alert traffic and the city council is currently working on hiring a



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Theodore Roosevelt National Park is scheduled to be honored in 2016!

Learn more about the new quarters at:
http://www.usmint.gov/mint_programs/atb/

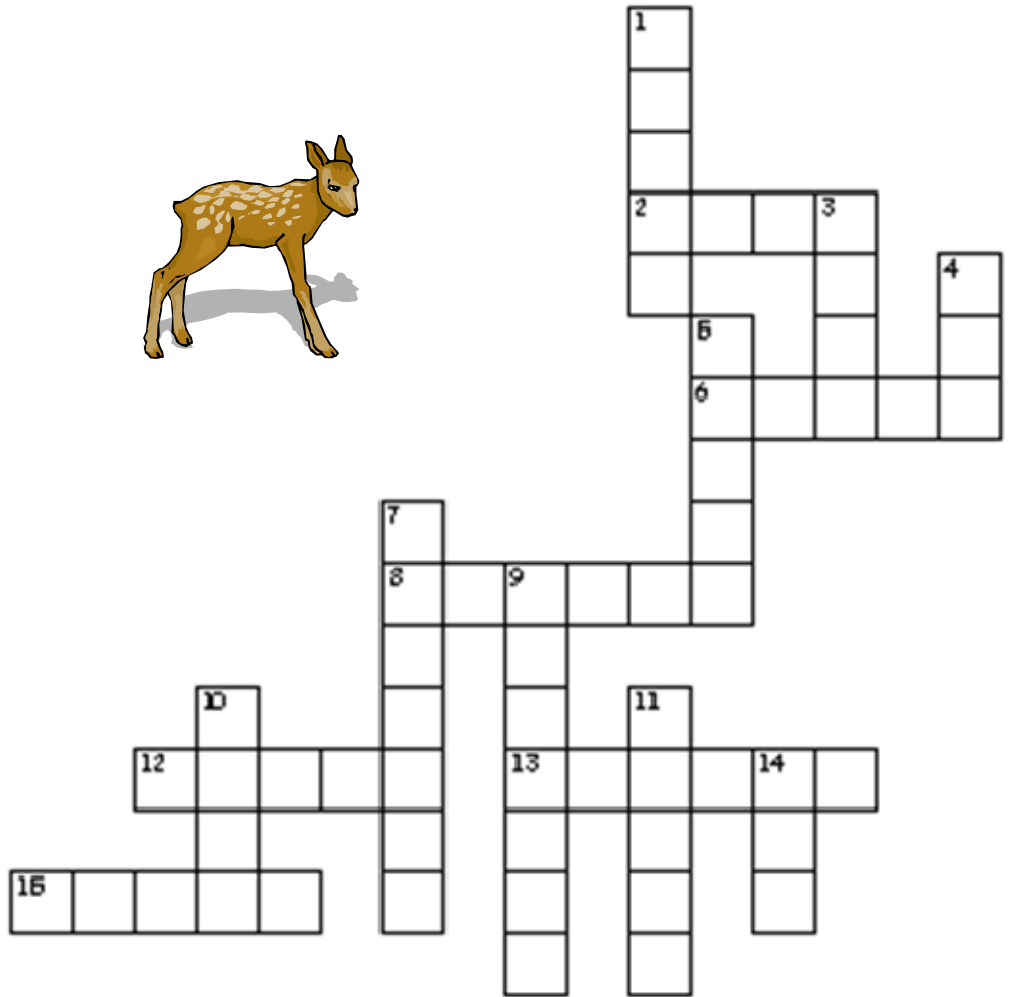
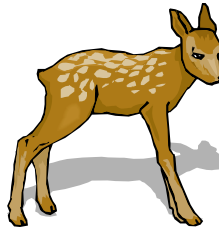


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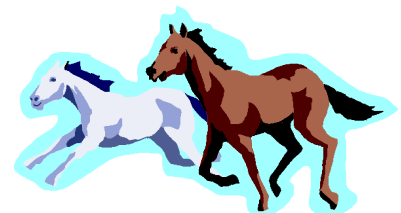


Across

- 2. Bison or Elk
- 6. Owl
- 8. Eagle
- 12. Butterfly
- 13. Mosquito
- 15. Rabbit

Down

- 1. Bird
- 3. Feral horse
- 4. Badger
- 5. Turkey
- 7. Snake
- 9. Goose
- 10. Deer or Pronghorn
- 11. Grasshopper
- 14. Coyote or Prairie Dog



Across: 2. Calif. Fawn 6. Owllet 8. Eaglet 12. Larva 13. Lynmph 15. Bunny Down: 1. Chick 3. Foal 4. Kit 5. Poult 7. Neonate 9. Gosling 10. Fawn 11. Nymph 14. Pup

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.

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Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association!**

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