



TRNHA's 2020 Initiatives and Priorities

Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association (TRNHA), a nonprofit organization, exists to assist and support Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, and Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge. Proceeds from our retail operations, membership program, and donations support the educational, interpretive, and scientific research programs to enhance the experience of park visitors.

In 2020, we are excited to have an opportunity to do this in a big way. We will be hosting more events and supporting in the park in several ways.

Here's a glimpse into 2020, please mark your calendars!

April 19-25, 2020 - National Park Week

TRNHA has set aside funds to assist Theodore Roosevelt National Park in bringing buses of school children to the park during National Park Week. We will also be providing funding for special events host by the park throughout the week.

Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park Photo Contest will officially open for 2020 on April 19th!

Early May 2020 - Painted Canyon Opens for the Season

TRNHA is excited to once again assist Theodore Roosevelt National Park by staffing the Painted Canyon Visitor Center. On opening day we will have treats, door prizes, and more!

June 7, 2020 - 66th Annual Birdwalk and Breakfast

The 66th Annual TRNHA Birdwalk in Theodore Roosevelt National Park will be held in the park's Cottonwood Campground on Sunday, June 7th. This annual event is held the first Sunday of June and TRNHA's archives show not one birdwalk over the past 65 years has been cancelled. This event welcomes both novice and experienced birders alike. The walk is followed by a free-will Breakfast hosted by TRNHA.



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June 24, 2020 - Teddy Bear Picnic in the North Unit

Our North Unit Teddy Bear picnic is by far our most popular event with about 350 people attending in 2019. Come out the Juniper campground and join us for a light lunch, kids activities, and a visit from our friend Yogi Bear.

July 3-5, 2020 - Independence Day Celebration in Medora

TRNHA staff loves to get creative and build a float for Medora's celebration. We use this opportunity to not only promote TRNHA but also our partners!

July 10, 2020 - Teddy Bear Picnic in the South Unit

In 2009, we had a crazy idea to host a Teddy Bear Picnic in honor of Theodore Roosevelt on National Teddy Bear Picnic Day and we have been doing it every since. Be sure to mark your calendar to join us for a light lunch, kids activities, and of course a visit from our friend Yogi Bear!



Late July 2020 - Art in the Park (North Unit)

Last summer we decided to offer a unique opportunity in the North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park and had a paint party! It was such a huge success that we are doing it again this year. We haven't set an exact date yet, but will soon. This event does require you to register in advance as we have to limit the number to make it manageable! Be sure to check our Facebook page for the registration form once we get closer to summer!

Other ways TRNHA is supporting our partners in 2020!:

- Interpretive displays - TRNHA is partnering with Theodore Roosevelt National Park to assist in the updating of educational displays in the visitor centers.
- Junior Ranger Program Support - TRNHA provides funds to purchase books, badges, and more.
- 3d Survey Grade Laser Scanner Project - We have partnered with Theodore Roosevelt National Park and Knife River Indian Villages to provide a Trimble 3d Laser Scanner. This tool will be invaluable to assist the park with the management and protecting of NPS resources for future generations.
- Preparing College Students for Public Land Careers - Theodore Roosevelt National Park and TRNHA will be working together to build an internship program which will be funded by TRNHA.
- Local Family Outreach Program - TRNHA will be distributing 100 THRO Annual Park Passes throughout North Dakota. The goal of the program is to bring the local community into the park and to get the word out about all the wonderful opportunities the park offers its visitors.
- Why Painted Canyon Publication - One of the most frequently asked questions at Painted Canyon is: "Why is it called Painted Canyon?" TRNHA will be working to revive and update a publication from the 1980s. A donation of \$4000 has been received from Wild Tribute, our apparel vendor, to fund this project.

Meet TRNP's Newest Employees

Please join us in welcoming Theodore Roosevelt National Park's newest permanent employees!

Megan Klosterman

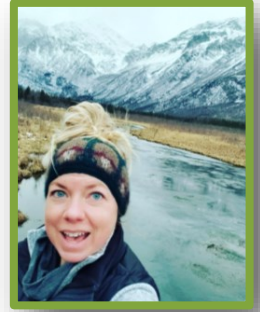
Title: Resources Management Specialist

Job Description: Assisting with the management of the Park's variety of resources including bison, elk, feral horses, vegetation, museum curation, historical buildings; the list goes on.

First Impressions of North Dakota: This is actually not my first time working and living in North Dakota. I attended graduate school at North Dakota State University and traveled around the state collecting data on blackbird damage to corn and sunflower. I think my first impression back then was that the landscape was vast and I think that still applies today. This part of the world is vast and breathtaking (and sometimes a little cold).

Previous career/employment experience: My career began with an SCA internship at Lassen Volcanic National Park. From there, I have worked as an airport biologist with APHIS Wildlife Services in San Jose, California, served as a wildlife refuge specialist at Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge in Colorado, and worked as a regulatory wildlife biologist/analyst/GIS specialist for the Office of Subsistence Management in Anchorage, Alaska. These positions provided me with experience in wildlife damage management, resource plan development, and management of our natural landscapes, as well as experience working closely with Tribes.

Hobbies to keep you occupied during the winter: In the winter I like to cross country ski, ice skate, and hike. I'm looking forward to my belongings making their way down from Alaska, so I can get out with my skis and enjoy the snow!



Kaitlyn Knick

Title: Park Guide

Job Description: Working out of the North Unit, my job is talking with park visitors about the incredible resources that we have at TRNP. To contribute to a positive visitor experience, I share information on why the resources are special and worth protecting by providing services that enhance the visitor understanding and appreciation of the park.

First Impressions of North Dakota: It is vast and open, and is a land of subtle and simple beauty.

Previous career/employment experience: I have been with the NPS since 2014 when I first got my start as a Volunteer-In-Park Intern at Isle Royale. Halfway through that first summer I was hooked and knew that this is the career I wanted. I later returned to Isle Royale 3 summers as a seasonal park ranger. I have also worked at Voyageurs National Park where I presented a variety of "in-character" or first person reenactment programs on the North American Fur Trade. I spent a winter season providing snowshoe and winter ecology programs as an Education Technician at Glacier National Park. Most recently, I worked this last summer up in Alaska at Lake Clark National Park and Preserve. This park is not a traditional National Park Service site that typically has a steady flow of visitors to provide services. Instead, most of my work was focused on relationship building with the communities in and outside of the park that have ties to the land. A lot of my community outreach was completed not in the park, but in local villages only accessible by bush plane. I have also spent some in between winter seasons as an outdoor recreational instructor at Carver County Parks in MN where I provided snowshoe and cross country ski programs, geocaching programs, dog sled events, and maple syrup programs.

Hobbies to keep you occupied during the winter: I like to spend time outside snowshoeing or winter hiking. But if it's a day spent inside I like to read, do jigsaw puzzles, or find crafts to keep me occupied. I also love to cook, and enjoy trying out new recipes since I tend to have more time in the kitchen during the winter months.

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Meet TRNP's Newest Employees (continued)

Alexander Cutrone

Title: Park Ranger Protection

Job Description: Law Enforcement

First Impressions of North Dakota: When I arrived to both the north and south unit, the landscape drastically changed, I thought that was pretty amazing to drive upon, after driving across North Dakota.

Previous career/employment: My first National Park Service job was at the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River in Pennsylvania where I grew up. I spent 5 years in the Marine Corps in the Infantry. After the military, I decided to pursue Law Enforcement with the National Park Service. I worked for two seasons in the North Unit of TRNP prior to becoming a full time ranger here in the South Unit. Happy to be here.

Hobbies to keep you occupied during the winter: I really enjoy cars — especially working on mine, staying fit, and being outside. I snowboard as well, and hope to get some good trips in this winter.



Keela Burt

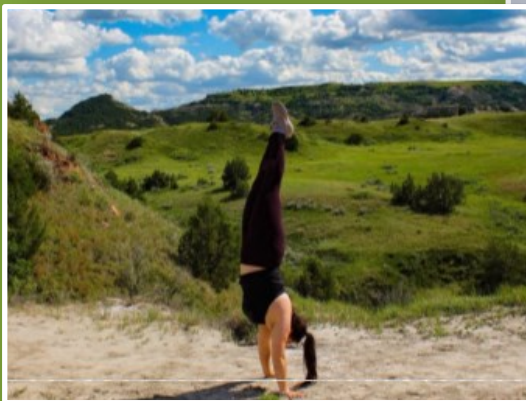
Title: Park Ranger Protection

Job Description: I protect the people from the park, and the park from the people.

First Impressions of North Dakota: I forgot how cold it is here...and I'm from here; the scenery and the people remind me why I love it.

Previous career/employment: I worked for the State of North Dakota in the Parks and Recreation Department for 6 Years as a Park Ranger. Five of those years were spent at Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park in Mandan, and the sixth year was spent at Sully Creek State Park in Medora. I then attended Law Enforcement Academy in Ely, MN. After academy I worked one season at Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia, PA.

Hobbies to keep you occupied during the winter: I enjoy drinking coffee and watching the latest crime documentaries. I also like to hike with my dog (Don't worry, not in the National Park), and take photos. I also consider myself a professional napper.



Be Sure to Get Your Application in for Summer 2020 National Park Service Jobs!

The National Park Service hires thousands of seasonal employees each year to welcome and educate visitors, conduct research, protect our resources, help keep our parks looking beautiful, and so much more. Seasons vary by park, but summer seasons generally operate between March and September, and winter seasons between October and February.

*****a few seasonal positions at Theodore Roosevelt National Park are currently listed on USAJobs and additional seasonal job announcements are scheduled to be added on a rolling basis through March 2020. *****

Tips When Applying to Seasonal Positions

- The park service accepts applications for summer positions between October and February and for winter positions between July and August.
- All seasonal vacancies are posted on USAJobs. Search "National Park Service" and select "Temporary" in the Work Type field.
- Some of the larger parks receive hundreds of applications for only a handful of openings, so your chances for selection may improve if you apply to a smaller park. Consider volunteering or interning with some of our youth program partners to gain additional experience.

For more information, see [frequently asked questions about seasonal hiring](#).

Closing Date...REMINDER

Remember that your application needs to be submitted prior to the closing date. All announcements will close at 11:59pm EST. If you have questions regarding your application or if you are having technical problems with the system, please try to call or email within 48 hours of the closing date so we can help you. We check our voicemail/email daily and will try to return all calls/emails within 24 hours. Once the announcement has closed we cannot change any information.



Take a look at Department of Interior positions currently available in [North Dakota](#).



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Trekking National Parks Board Game
or Trekking National Parks Trivia

20% Discount

(20% = 15% member discount + an extra 5% off)

Expires: January 31, 2019

Bring this coupon and your membership card to one of our stores or go online at www.shoptrnha.org and enter code "Jan2020 at checkout



Why We Love America's Public Lands



From white sand seashores and rugged mountains to ancient cliff dwellings and forests of towering trees, America's public lands give us so much. Now it's your chance to give America's public lands something in return.

Thank a park today for all they give us by volunteering at your favorite public land.

To inspire you to get out there and give back, here's some of our favorite things about America's public lands:

Epic views that leave you breathless

Whether you're hiking to the top of a mountain or hopping out of your car at a scenic overlook, the views from America's public lands can't be beat. When you consider the sheer size and scale of these vistas, it's sure to leave you stunned.



Photo by Angie Hoffman—2016 Photo Contest

Spotting wildlife in their natural habitats

Public lands aren't just for humans. They protect ecosystems that are important for the survival of wildlife, ensuring that current and future generations can see animals in their natural habitats -- from a safe distance, of course.



Photo by Shannon Ng—2018 Photo Contest

Creating a lifetime of memories

It's the first time your parents took you camping. It's the hike you shared with someone special. It's the lake where you met lifelong friends. Public lands are the basis of so many extraordinary moments that last a lifetime, and you never know who you'll meet while you're there.

Start exploring today to make some unforgettable memories.

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Why We Love America's Public Lands

Finding new adventures (on a budget)

Ever want to gaze at the Milky Way sparkling overhead or summit a 14,000-foot peak or paddle through clear-blue waters? Public lands give you a chance to try something new. With many national parks, wildlife refuges and other public lands near urban areas offering free programs, these new adventures don't even have to break the bank.

Honoring our nation's history

Our public lands are living, breathing history books, preserving millions of years of our natural and cultural past. Visiting national monuments, historic sites and other public lands can open your eyes to things like dinosaur fossils and petroglyphs; the fight for freedom and independence; and the march toward equality.

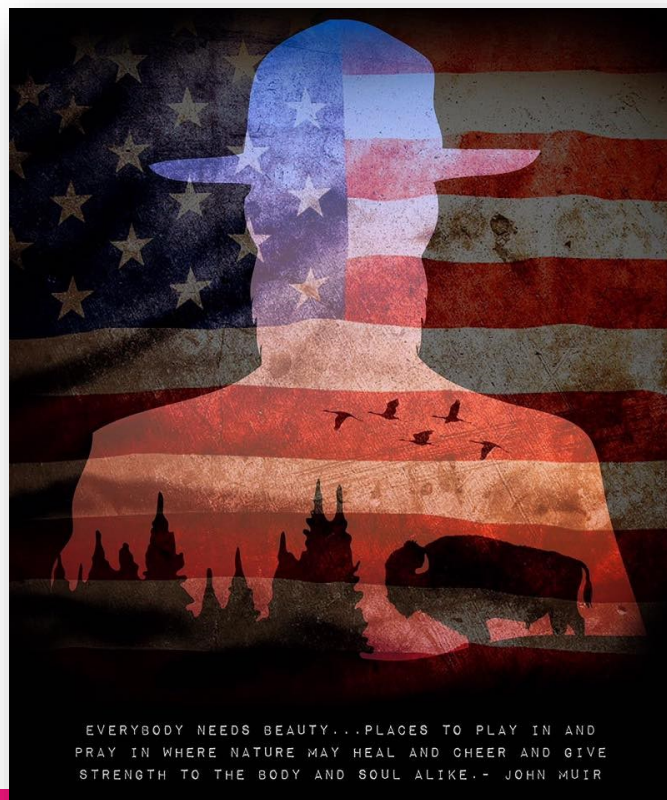
Getting active

Connecting to nature and the outdoors can help you create a healthy, active lifestyle with opportunities for hiking, biking and boating to name a few. Breathe in fresh air, feel the warm sun on your face and the breeze drying the sweat on your skin -- it'll revitalize your mind and body!

Moments of zen

Need to get away from the daily grind? Break free from the everyday with America's public lands. Whether hitting the trail or marveling at a stunning photo of a park on your computer screen, public lands are a great way pause for a moment of zen.

Article from: doi.gov/blog/why-we-love-Americas-public-lands



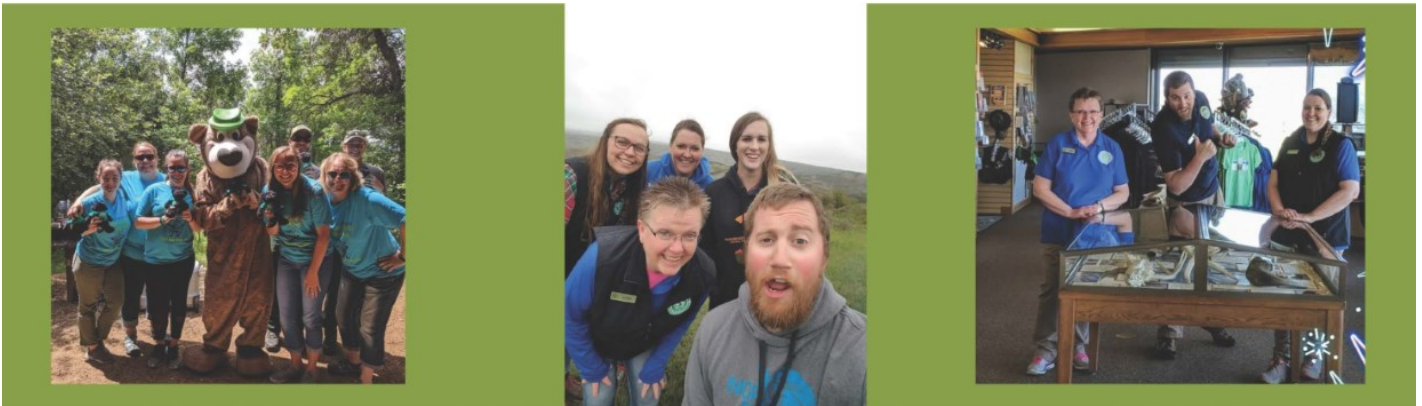
Spend the Summer Loving Your Job!

Join TRNHA in Supporting Theodore Roosevelt National Park

TRNHA is looking for someone who is passionate about our National Parks to work with our non-profit organization supporting North Dakota's public lands. Join our team and work alongside National Park Rangers in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Successful applicants must be hardworking, believe in teamwork, and passionate about our mission.

We will be hiring 5-6 seasonal employees, who will work at the Painted Canyon Visitor Center and the Medora Visitor Center of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Employment will start April/May and end August/September (flexible for students), we will discuss at the interview.

To apply: Complete an application at www.trnha.org/employment.htm



Seasonal Retail Support Assistant (Full time Summer 2020)

The Retail Support Assistant plays a critical role in overseeing day to day operations in TRNHA's stores including assisting with the management of store inventory, web sales, TRNHA's membership program, special events, and store operations. It is very important that the Retail Support Assistant understands our partnerships with the National Park Service and United States Fish and Wildlife Services as they will be responsible for assisting in providing educational products honoring and supporting these partnerships. TRNHA is looking for a flexible, driven individual who can work both independently and as a part of our team.

Visitor Service Clerk (Full or Part time Summer 2020)

TRNHA is looking for someone who is energetic and excited to learn and share their knowledge of the park and surrounding area with visitors. The primary duty of the service clerk will be customer service at the Painted Canyon Visitor Center located along I-94 in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Clerks provide park information, area information, sell merchandise, stock shelves, and insure that the visitor has the best experience possible. This position is an excellent opportunity for someone who is independent, has strong social skills, and is well-organized.

Build Your Skills and Do What You Love as an Intern in Theodore Roosevelt National Park

2020 Interpretive Internships in Theodore Roosevelt National Park

Park interpreters are the public face of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Interns, with support from experienced rangers, are responsible for researching, preparing, and presenting a range of interpretive programs, including guided hikes and interpretive talks on the park's interpretive themes (e.g., wildlife, geology, ecology, and human history). These programs are given in a variety of park locations such as campgrounds, trails, visitor centers, and Roosevelt's cabin. In addition, interns assist in visitor centers providing information and orientation to visitors.



Interns receive 80 hours of formal training including: how to conduct an interpretive programs, customer service, safety, park resources and operations. Additional training and professional development opportunities are also available. If you love learning, sharing what you've learned with others, and working hard in a team environment, these positions prove to be incredibly rewarding. College credits may apply. Supported by Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association.

Required Skills & Interest: Public speaking and presentation skills and abilities; interest and/or knowledge in natural and/or cultural history; computer skills; ability to work independently and live in a remote area; valid driver's license.

Internship Dates: Interns work 40 hours per week with two consecutive days off. Summer internships run from approximately May 10 to August 15, 2020. Beginning and ending date may be flexible. Extensions possible.

Application Information: **Apply at [volunteer.gov](https://www.volunteer.gov).** Then send resume, cover letter, and contact information for three professional references via email by March 1, 2020. Unofficial college transcripts encouraged. See contact information below.

Position Location: Two positions are located in the South Unit and one in the North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Internships will be based out of Medora or the Watford City area.

Living Expenses & Housing: Interns are reimbursed for living expenses at the rate of \$100 a week. A travel allowance will be provided. The park provides housing, name tags, and uniform shirts. Housing is a furnished apartment or a shared house.

Park Contact: Amy McCann, District Interpreter, Theodore Roosevelt National Park, PO Box 7, Medora, ND 58645, amy_mccann@nps.gov, 701-623-4730 ext. 1418

Things We Love in Our Stores!

LEATHER PATCH BISON CAP ----->

<-----Map Banas

Whose Butt? ----->

Miami Vice TRNP T-Shirts ----->

Proceeds from all items sold through TRNHA directly support educational activities, scientific research, and historical research in Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Knife River Indian Villages NHS, and Upper Souris Wildlife Refuge.

Show your love visit www.trnha.org to purchase your Theodore Roosevelt National Park Gear today!

TRNP Map Socks ----->



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BOGO on All T-shirts

Buy one at regular price get
the second 50% off

(Discount applied to lower priced item, Not eligible for the 15% member discount)

Expires: February 29, 2019

Bring this coupon and your membership card to one of our stores or
go online at www.shopttrnha.org and enter code "Feb2020" at checkout



TRNHA Staff and Board visit Washington DC

“Each year, the Public Lands Alliance Convention and Trade Show brings together nonprofit organizations, land management agencies and companies to learn, network and engage on public lands issues. America’s public lands have always had champions, and there is great value in those champions coming together to connect and act together.” (*Public Lands Alliance*)



TRNHA staff and board members had an opportunity to attend this year’s convention in Washington D.C. and connect with so many who love our public lands. While attending the convention we participated in several educational sessions which allowed us to learn more about customer service, building a strong board of directors, protecting our land, and partnering with our Public Land agency partners. We also networked with over 600 individuals who are passionate about protecting our lands, and had an opportunity to meet with several vendors to develop and purchase several new products for summer 2020.

However, it wasn’t all work as we had an opportunity to take in several Park Ranger led programs where we learned about our Nation’s history. An evening tour of D.C.’s Distinct Beauty: Memorials and Monuments was just what was needed to inspire us as we move into a new season. We can’t thank the Public Lands Alliance enough for offering this convention yearly helping us to build our skills and giving us an opportunity to meet with others in our field of work!



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History of Native American Beadwork

Article and Photo taken from: www.ndstudies.gov

The decoration of hides, pots, bone tools and other objects has been a part of American Indian women's work and leisure time for thousands of years. Many women decorated clothing, blankets, and moccasins with porcupine quills arranged in a design. The design often represented some object (such as bison or a bird) of importance to the woman or her tribe.

The earliest European traders came to North America with glass beads made in European factories to trade for furs. This trade spread across the continent throughout the 18th and 19th centuries. Many beadworkers of the Great Plains tribes substituted colorful beads for porcupine quills in their decorative work. When American Indians signed treaties and established their lists of annuity goods that they were to receive in exchange for their land, beads were often listed as desirable annuity goods. Reservation traders kept supplies of beads in various sizes, styles, and colors that could be sold or traded to their Indian customers.

Once reservations were established, women produced more beadwork in more elaborate designs than ever before. They may have had more time for beadwork, since the tribes spent less time hunting, drying meat, and moving camp to find food sources. During the early reservation years, women also found that their beaded objects had value to non-Indian visitors to the reservations. Frontier army officers and their wives recognized the beauty of beaded leather objects. Linda Slaughter of Bismarck knew how important beadwork was for

American Indian women. She wrote that "bead work and dressing and embroidering deerskins to be made into garments were the industries of the women . . . and much of their work had artistic merit."



This young girl wore a beaded leather dress to pose for her photograph. The dress style and bead designs are traditional. The beaded awl case hanging from her belt signifies women's traditional role in making clothing for their families.

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Education of Indian children in day schools and boarding schools usually included developing craft skills. Boys learned welding, carpentry, and blacksmithing. Girls learned to sew, embroider, and knit. Some schools hired

American Indian women to teach beading to the students. Students decorated belts, moccasins, and purses. Schools on the Fort Berthold reservation sent beaded pieces to exhibitions in eastern cities such as Boston. Girls learned to adapt traditional designs to European American interests.

Why is this important?

Beadwork was an important economic skill that American Indian women learned from older women and passed on to their daughters and other young women. Before the reservation era, a skilled beadworker could sell her work to others in her village in exchange for meat or horses. During the reservation era, beading took on new significance as a source of cash income. Cash was necessary to purchase food, clothing, tools, and household objects. The cash income earned by beadworkers replaced traditional forms of economic activity such as hunting and gardening.

Today, both men and women apply beads to objects that are both artistic and practical. Beadwork is still an important skill. Skilled beadworkers sell decorated objects to visitors and offer beautifully decorated pieces as gifts. Beading is a tradition that has been adapted as circumstances changed for American Indians. Even though styles, tools, and even the beads have changed, beading is a way that modern American Indians connect with the traditions of their past.

History of Native American Beadwork

Article and Photo taken from: www.ndstudies.gov (continued from page 2)

Almost every reservation had a trader's store. Traders also recognized the beauty of beaded designs. Traders knew that people living in fine homes in Chicago, New York, and other cities would pay well for these pieces. The traders often asked the beadworkers to change their designs a little to please the collectors.

The products of skilled beadworkers became even more important as more Americans chose to spend their vacations traveling in the United States. Automobiles took tourists to reservations and nearby cities where tourists became customers for American Indian women's beadwork. Tourists purchased moccasins, toy-sized tipis, and dolls. They sometimes bought more elaborate pieces such as beaded shirts.

Taken directly from: <https://www.ndstudies.gov/gr8/content/unit-iii-waves-development-1861-1920/lesson-2-making-living/topic-8-working-reservation/section-4-bead-work>

Meet Elgelita Welch-Red Cloud - Beadworker

TRNHA is always on the lookout for Native American artist who are willing to sell us their crafts so we can offer it to you through our park stores. A couple years ago we were introduced to Elgelita Welch-Red Cloud and her beautiful beadwork.

Elgelita was born Navajo but moved around a lot as a child spending time with tribes throughout the country including the Great Plains. She began beading at the young age of 6 and has carried the passion throughout her life. She loves the beautiful bead colors and designing patterns. Over the years she has developed her own unique patterns which she hand draws out in a notebook before beginning the projects. Her steady hand and years of experience bring us many beautiful beaded items.



Keep your eyes out when visiting Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site and Theodore Roosevelt National Park this summer for some of her gorgeous jewelry.



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TRNHA COVID-19 Strategy

“When the world changes around you and when it changes against you, what used to be a tail wind is now a head wind. You have to lean into that and figure out what to do because complaining isn’t a strategy.” – Jeff Bezos

In western North Dakota we are no strangers to the wind, but it doesn’t make the current situation any easier. Right now we are asking ourselves when and what if, and the reality of it is no one really knows the answer. It may feel like the deck is stacked against us but we will survive and be better for the experience. So the question we are asking ourselves right now is “what is our strategy and how do we move forward, coming out stronger?” The simple answer is by sticking together and remembering we are all in this.



Our park partners have closed all visitor centers until further notice, which is not ideal for our organization considering we rely on our visitors to raise funds to support the National Parks. However, we are making the best of it and moving forward. Currently we are doing the following:

1. **Selling Merchandise Online:** YES, we are filling orders so please think about us and visit www.shoptrnha.org for all your North Dakota National Park merchandise. We would love to hear from you and receive your order.
2. **Cleaning and Reorganizing:** We are in the process of reorganizing our stores and cleaning them in preparation for your return. While we don’t know when it will be, we are certain we will see again.
3. **Training and Learning:** We are studying and learning more about our parks, customer service, and western North Dakota. We want to be ready to answer all your questions when you arrive.
4. **Shopping and Creating:** We are constantly looking for new sales items and great merchandise to help you remember your trip to North Dakota. We are working to create new items that are sure to catch your eye.
5. **Keeping Our Distance:** And most importantly we are keeping our distance and waiting somewhat patiently for life to get back on track.

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Opportunities to Find Your Park Virtually

You don't have to be in a national park to experience a national park! NPS parks and programs are sharing virtual content on their websites and social media.

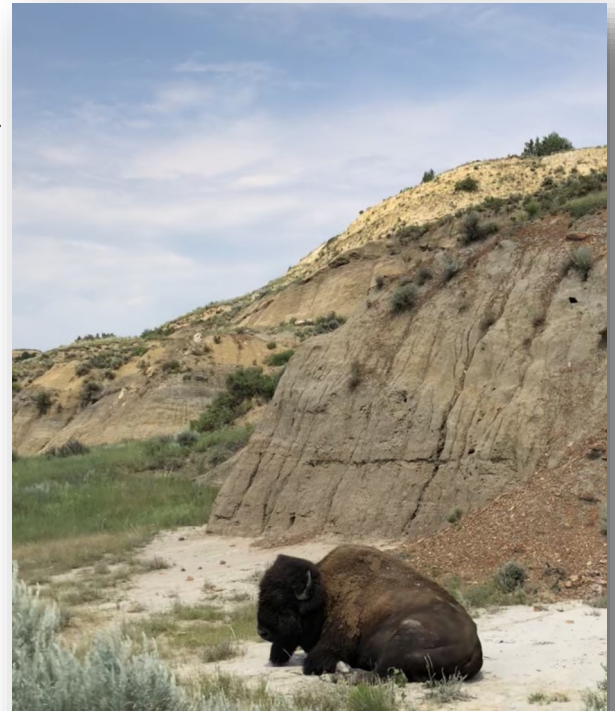
Be sure to follow Theodore Roosevelt National Park and Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site on Facebook for some fun learning opportunities. Also visit their websites for some great educational material

- Theodore Roosevelt National Park
 - www.nps.gov/thro
 - [Learning and Exploration in TRNP](#) - teacher resources
 - [Virtual Maltese Cross Cabin Tour](#)
 - [Painted Canyon Webcam](#)—enjoy the beauty from home!
- Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site
 - www.nps.gov/knri
 - [Parks as Classrooms](#)

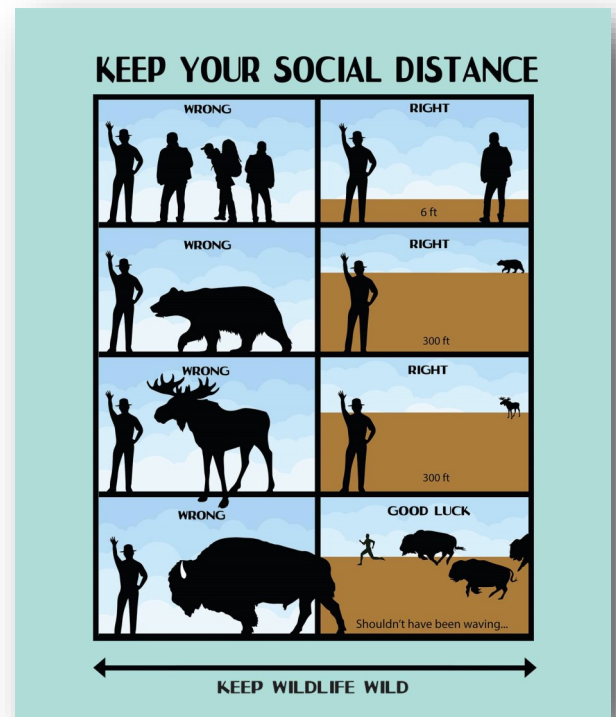
Other National Park Resources Virtual Learning:

There are countless ways to #FindYourPark from home, here are just a few:

- Check out the [watching wildlife](#) and [National Mall cherry blossom](#) webcams
- Take daily virtual tours of the [USS Constitution](#), anchored at Boston National Historical Park
- [Explore the StoryMap](#) to discover the important places associated with the ratification of the 19th Amendment
- Play a game of [virtual BINGO](#) in a tour of Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site
- Enjoy some [tips from Junior Rangers](#) at John Day Fossil Beds National Monument
- Take a [virtual tour](#) of Yellowstone National Park
- Watch the ["Outside Science / Inside Parks"](#) video series, part citizen science, part education



Old Bull Bison have the right idea, choose solitude and social distancing.



CALLING ALL VISITORS!

We want you to

Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park for our 2020 Photo Contest

Winners will be awarded in 4 photo categories

1. Landscape
2. Animals of TRNP
3. Take a Hike
4. Flowers and Plants



HOW TO ENTER

View the official rules and submit up to two photos (taken between September 1, 2019 and August 31, 2020) online at www.trnha.org/pictureyourselfintrnp.html of any subject found within the three units of Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Category Prize - The winner in each category will be submitted for the Overall Winner Award. They will also be featured in a 2021 calendar and receive various prizes.

Overall Winner - The overall winner's photograph will be the featured photograph on the 2021 park annual pass. Additionally, the winner will have their photo on the cover of the 2021 Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park Calendar and will receive prizes valuing \$75.

Our favorite photos will be featured in the 2021 Calendar with category winners receiving prizes.



For registration information and contest details, please visit:

WWW.TRNHA.ORG/PICTUREYOURSELFINTRNP.HTML

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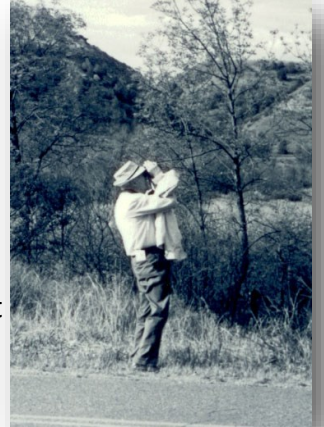




TRNHA to Cancel 66th Annual Birdwalk

"We must meet the challenge rather than wish it were not before us."
- William J. Brennan Jr. -

In 1954, three years after the birth of Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association a birding tradition was started and this year we were looking forward to celebrating 66 years of our Annual Birdwalk in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. TRNHA archives show not one bird walk over the past 65 years has been cancelled. From humble beginnings to fervent tradition, it has been proven we are not fair-weather birders. Adventurers have taken on snow, rain, flooding, and more with nothing preventing them from counting birds in Cottonwood campground, until now.



It is with heavy hearts, we announce the cancellation of this year's bird walk, (scheduled for June 7th) due to Covid-19 restrictions. It is one of the hardest decisions we have had to make and was not made without careful consideration. We are not ready to 100% give up on this great event, so we have decided to host the 66th Annual Birdwalk as a Virtual Birdwalk.



We encourage you to join us on our virtual bird walk by going on your own birding adventure. On our Facebook page we will be creating an event and asking you to share your birding adventure with us. We will be asking for bird photos, your list of the bird species you have viewed, what your favorite part of birding is, and so much more. While this isn't the ideal situation we want to make the best of it. We will be sharing more information on our Facebook page in mid-May and in our June newsletter. Please consider joining us on our Virtual Bird Walk!

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The following TRNHA 2020 Events are Postponed Indefinitely, it is our hope that we will be able to reschedule the following events to a later date:

June 24th – North Unit Teddy Bear Picnic

July 10th – South Unit Teddy Bear Picnic

TRNHA to Offer Curbside Pickup

At this time Park Visitor Centers are unfortunately not open, but we want to offer our visitors the opportunity to purchase merchandise. We will begin Curbside Pickup on May 6th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm in the South Unit (Medora) Visitor Center Parking Lot. Please visit www.shoptrnha.org to place an order!

Shop our Store!



**Want to purchase
Theodore Roosevelt
National Park Souvenirs?
We can help!**

Order ahead and Pick up!



We want you to be able to have souvenirs to remember your trip, but because of Covid19 we are practicing social distancing. Orders can be placed via our website at: www.shoptrnha.org or by calling 701-690-9637 or 701-623-4884.

Support your parks and public lands!

Proceeds from sales and membership donations support Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Knife River Indian Villages NHS, and Upper Souris NWR.

TRNHA partners with Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, and Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge. Funds raised through our membership program, donations, online store, and park stores helps us:

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- Offer housing assistance for Volunteers and Interns.
- Provide support staff in visitor centers

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Pick up is available 9 am - 4 pm MT

Secretary Bernhardt's Statement Regarding the Reopening of National Parks

"President Trump recently unveiled new guidelines for [Opening Up America Again](#), a three-phased approach to assist state and local officials in safely reopening their economies, getting people back to work and continuing to protect American lives. In accordance with this guidance and in coordination with governors across the country, the Department of the Interior and the National Park Service are working to reopen the American people's national parks as rapidly as possible.

The health and safety of our visitors, employees, volunteers and partners continues to be paramount. Across the 500 million acres of public lands stewarded by the Department of the Interior, an overwhelming majority of these lands have remained safely accessible to the American public.

President Trump recognizes the magnificence and grandeur of our National Park System and our ability to restore access to these lands in a safe manner. As National Park Week draws to an end, it is time the American people once again enjoy the incredible benefits of the great outdoors at our national parks, and we will be making that happen while working with our nation's governors!"



Theodore Roosevelt National Park is hoping to begin reopening roads and trails this weekend on May 9th!

May 2020 Online Coupon

Each month we offer our members a very special discount on their favorite items. However this month you don't have to be a member to take advantage of our special. We would love to receive an order from you!

10% off

Storewide

All purchases made through May 31st.
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Arikara Sunflower- seed packet

\$ 3.25



Silver Bell Squash - seed packet

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Prairie Lupine - seed packet

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Common Milkweed - seed packet

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Black-Eyed Susan - seed packet

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Big Bluestem Prairie Grass - seed packet

\$ 3.25



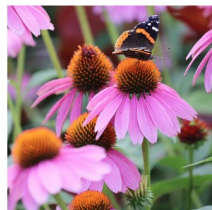
Hidatsa Shield Beans - heirloom seed packet

\$ 3.25



Purple Prairie Clover- seed packet

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Purple Coneflower - seed packet

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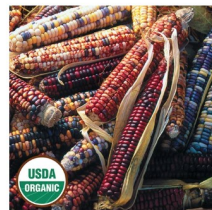
New England Aster - seed packet

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Little Bluestem Prairie Grass - seed packet

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Mandan Bride Corn - seed packet

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TRNHA's Virtual Birdwalk

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We encourage you to join us on our virtual birding adventure by going on your own birdwalk. This event is your opportunity to learn about birds and share your birding adventures with us.

Beginning May 31st and running through June 13th we will be sharing various bird facts, adventures, and of course door prize drawings.

We will be asking you to share your birding photos, stories, life species list, and much more! Join our event and stay tuned for some great birding information moving forward!

Check it out at:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/634690163752530/>

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Birding Trivia

Be the first to answer correctly on our Virtual Facebook Event when the question is asked at 9 am daily and you can win a prize!

TRNHA Annual Birdwalk - Trivia Question #1

WHAT'S THAT BIRD'S NAME?

This bird is the fastest moving bird in North America and has been recorded diving at 200 mph

TODAY'S PRIZE - TRNHA BIRDWALK T-SHIRT

TRNHA Annual Birdwalk - Trivia Question #2

WHAT'S THAT BIRD'S NAME?

This bird creates a tiny (about 6 cm) nest and then lays two tiny pea-sized white eggs.

TODAY'S PRIZE - TRNHA BIRDWALK TOTE

TRNHA Annual Birdwalk - Trivia Question #3

WHAT'S THAT BIRD'S NAME?

This bird is often described as being a thief and is thought by some people to bring bad luck.

TODAY'S PRIZE - BIRD BOOK

TRNHA Annual Birdwalk - Trivia Question #4

WHAT'S THAT BIRD'S NAME?

A group of this type of birds is often called a Parliament.

TODAY'S PRIZE - TRNHA BIRDWALK TRAVEL MUG

TRNHA Annual Birdwalk - Trivia Question #5

WHAT'S THAT BIRD'S NAME?

This bird got its name because of the way they crack open seeds and nuts.

TODAY'S PRIZE - BIRDWALK T-SHIRT

TRNHA Annual Birdwalk - Trivia Question #6

WHAT'S THAT BIRD'S NAME?

Normally, this bird will lay 3 to 5 eggs in this famous eye-catching blue color.

TODAY'S PRIZE - SONG BIRD GREETING CARDS

What's that Bird?

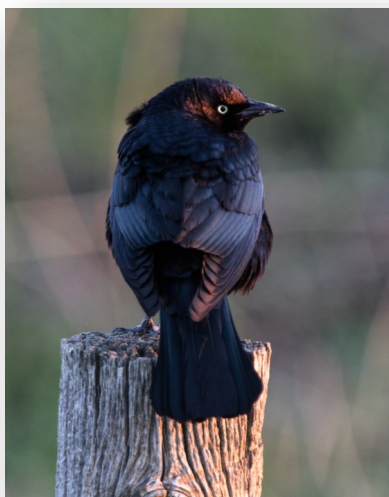
Photos and information shared by Birding Expert & TRNHA Board Member Jesse Kolar



Red-breasted Nuthatch, one of the tamest birds in the park, and often with black-capped chickadees.



American Goldfinch (AKA in North Dakota as a canary, albeit mistakenly). Only the males look this bright, and only for a few months out of the year, so most people do not recognize that they show up at their feeders in the winter.



Brewer's Blackbird, pretty easy to find in prairie dog towns. Look for a light-eyed blackbird with a really shiny look to it. They're very similar to a grackle, but I think they act more like a cowbird with their tails and head often pointing straight in the air.



Black-headed Grosbeak. Although we used to find these consistently on the Bird Walk, they're not as common as they once were in Cottonwood Campground. They're still regularly found in the badlands, and this photo was taken near the Chateau de Mores.



Black-capped chickadee. Because these are one of the few birds that remain in winter and sing all year long, most North Dakotans recognize their song, whether they know what it is or not. Example song: <https://www.allaboutbirds.org/.../Black-capped.../sounds>

Yellow-breasted Chat, hard to see, but heard in most of the park where there are deciduous trees all summer long, and all day and night long. One of the handful of birds in the state that like to mimic other bird sounds.



Theodore Roosevelt National Park

Tidbits from Facebook

Tidbit #1:

Theodore Roosevelt National Park is continuing the phased reopening of park facilities where possible. The 14-mile North Unit and 24-mile South Unit scenic drives remain open for out-and-back travel. Trails are open in both units, and bathrooms are available.

Visitor centers and campgrounds remain closed, and Cottonwood Campground reservations have been canceled for the month of July and reservation fees refunded through [recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov). Visitors looking for campgrounds should visit the forest service at fs.usda.gov/activity/dpg/recreation/camping-cabins, Medora area campgrounds at [medorand.com](https://www.medorand.com), and Watford City area campgrounds at [visitwatfordcity.com](https://www.visitwatfordcity.com)

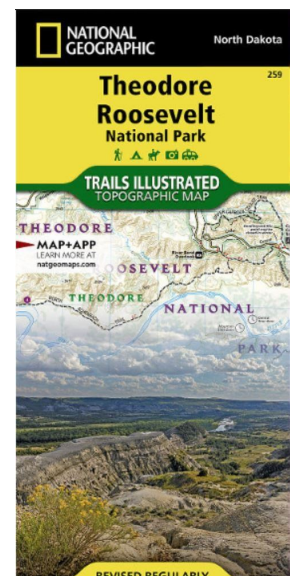
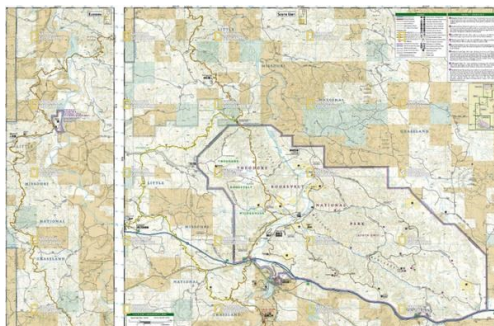
We thank you for your understanding. If you have further questions, please reach out in the comments or at (701) 623-4466.



Tidbit #2:

This month the National Park Service is encouraging visitors to Map Their Journey. Here at Theodore Roosevelt National Park we take that literally!

Due to soft geology, game trails are easily worn into the landscape and can be mistaken for official park trails. When you're hiking, keep an eye out for trail markers to assure you're on the mapped trail system. Hiking post-to-post will assist with keeping you on your route. If you are thinking of going on a longer hike, consider purchasing a topographic map at shoptrnha.org.



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Bird Books

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TRNP is Opening the South Unit Visi-

"If we fail to adapt, we fail to move forward."

- John Wooden -

MEDORA, North Dakota— Following guidance from the White House, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and state and local public health authorities, Theodore Roosevelt National Park is increasing recreational access and services. The National Park Service (NPS) is working servicewide with federal, state, and local public health authorities to closely monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and using a phased approach to increase access on a park-by-park basis.

Beginning July 1, Theodore Roosevelt National Park will reopen the South Unit Visitor Center in Medora for information services and bookstore sales. The North Unit, South Unit, and Elkhorn Ranch Units are all open for recreational access.

Additionally, the following facilities and spaces are open and accessible:

- All trails and trailheads
- All picnic areas
- All toilet facilities
- Backcountry camping (permit available on park website)
- All North and South Unit roads with the exception of road failure section (see park website)

With public health in mind, the following facilities remain closed at this time:

- North Unit Juniper Campground and group sites
- North Unit Contact Station
- Painted Canyon Visitor Center
- South Unit Cottonwood Campground and group sites
- Roundup Horse Camp group site

The health and safety of our visitors, employees, volunteers, and partners continues to be paramount. At Theodore Roosevelt National Park, our operational approach will be to regularly examine and monitor each facility function and service provided to ensure those operations comply with current public health guidance. We continue to work closely with the NPS Office of Public Health using CDC guidance to ensure public and workspaces are safe and clean for visitors, employees, partners, and volunteers.

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TRNP is Opening the South Unit Visitor

While most park areas are accessible for visitors to enjoy, a return to full operations will continue to be phased and services may be limited. When recreating, the public should follow local area health orders, practice Leave No Trace principles, avoid crowding and avoid high-risk outdoor activities.

The CDC has offered guidance to help people recreating in parks and open spaces prevent the spread of infectious diseases. We will continue to monitor all park functions to ensure that visitors adhere to CDC guidance for mitigating risks associated with the transmission of COVID-19 and take any additional steps necessary to protect public health.

Details and updates on park operations will continue to be posted on our website www.nps.gov/thro and social media channels. Updates about NPS operations will be posted on www.nps.gov/coronavirus.



Coming Soon....at Painted Canyon

We have received permission to set a table up outside the Painted Canyon Visitor Center to provide you with merchandise and information. We have decided to hold off until after the Holiday weekend, but look for our table outside the Front Doors of the Visitor Center beginning June 7th! We will be open from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm MT, weather permitting until we are allowed to reopen the Visitor Center. Stop in check out our fun merchandise, and say hi!



New Addition in the North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park

A welcome addition to the North Unit scenic drive – a pit toilet at Oxbow Overlook has arrived! In mid-June, park staff began laying the groundwork for installing a pit toilet located at the very end of the scenic drive in the North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Prior to the installation the only available restrooms in the North Unit were located at the entrance of the park and at the picnic/day use area in Juniper Campground, roughly halfway along the scenic drive.

Having another restroom option available for visitors at this location is a huge relief to park staff and visitors alike. Located at the very end of the scenic drive in the North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park, newly installed vault toilets are now open and available for use. Along with the new restrooms, visitors will also find a few picnic tables that were also added at this location offering visitors a place to have lunch, relax, and take in the views at this scenic overlook.



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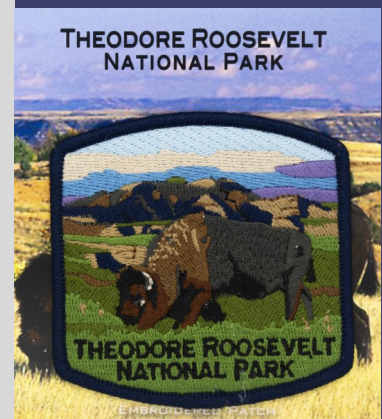
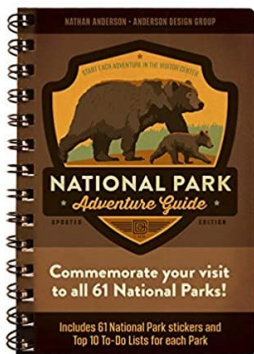
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National Parks Provide Free Entrance to Celebrate Passage of the Great American Out-

WASHINGTON – In celebration of President Trump signing the Great American Outdoors Act, Secretary of the Interior David L. Bernhardt announced free entrance to national parks and public lands for August 5, 2020, and he designated August 4th as the “Great American Outdoors Day.” In future years, every August 4 will be a free entrance day to celebrate the signing of this landmark legislation, joining the other scheduled entrance fee-free days which commemorate or celebrate significant dates. The Great American Outdoors Act will enable national parks and other federal lands to repair and upgrade vital infrastructure and facilities that will enrich the visitor experience, protect resources, and enable increased access for all visitors.

“President Trump has just enacted the most consequential dedicated funding for national parks, wildlife refuges, public recreation facilities and American Indian school infrastructure in U.S. history,” said Secretary Bernhardt. “I’ve designated August 4th as Great American Outdoors Day and waived entrance fees to celebrate the passage of this historic conservation law.”

“This is a truly historic commitment to revitalize and restore national parks and other public lands in order to expand recreational opportunities and address long overdue infrastructure and modernization challenges,” said National Park Service Deputy Director David Vela, exercising the authority of the Director. “This enormous investment will enhance national parks for present and future generations.”

The Great American Outdoors Act combines two major conservation initiatives into one legislative package. It establishes the National Parks and Public Lands Legacy Restoration Fund (Restoration Fund) and guarantees permanent full funding for the existing Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). Funding of this magnitude will reduce the maintenance backlog, protect critical resources, increase recreational offerings, and focus on long-term sustainable operations for the next century.

The investment will pay dividends. Public lands are an important contributor to a strong and growing outdoor recreation economy that benefits states and local communities. National parks have been experiencing record-breaking attendance in recent years, including hosting 328 million visitors in 2019. National park visitor spending supports nearly 330,000 jobs and contributes more than \$40 billion annually to the national economy, including more than \$20 billion in communities surrounding parks.

There are 109 national parks that charge entrance fees ranging from \$5 to \$35. The other 310 national parks do not have entrance fees. The entrance fee waiver for the fee-free days does not cover amenity or user fees for activities such as

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camping, boat launches, transportation or special tours.

Where it is currently possible to adhere to public health guidance, outdoor spaces in national parks are open to the public, as well as some facilities. Please check with individual parks for specific details about park operations. The National Park Service continues to urge visitors to #RecreateResponsibly. Follow guidance provided by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and local public health officials to prevent the spread of coronavirus, including maintaining a safe distance from others. Updates about the National Park Service response to the coronavirus are posted on www.nps.gov/coronavirus.

<https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1207/08-04-20-national-parks-provide-free-entrance-to-celebrate-passage-of-the-great-american-outdoors-act.htm>

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About the National Park Service. More than 20,000 National Park Service employees care for America's 419 national parks and work with communities across the nation to help preserve local history and create close-to-home recreational opportunities. Learn more at www.nps.gov, and on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube.



Painted Canyon - Limited Hours

Beginning Sunday, August 9th the Painted Canyon Visitor Center will be closed on Sundays and Mondays. Due to staffing issues we have are unable to staff it 7 days a week, the overlook and restrooms will remain open. For all your shopping needs please stop by the visitor center located in Medora or shop online at: www.shoptrnha.org.

We apologize for the inconvenience and love to see you on the days that we remain open.



Coming this Fall to the South Unit Visitor Center

TRNHA and staff from Theodore Roosevelt National Park spent the winter working hard with Split Rock Studios to develop a new display for the entrance of the South Unit Visitor Center. TRNHA is using funds from Park Store sales to pay to install the amazing new display. While originally scheduled to be installed in April, Covid-19 caused a major delay in production. However, only 3% remains to be built and then we will be ready to have it installed this fall. Here is a glimpse of what's to come, obviously it is missing some of the text and defined features, but we are just excited to share a sketch of what you can expect!



Virtual Dakota Nights Coming August 15th

Learn more at: www.nps.gov/thro/nature/dakota-nights-festival.htm



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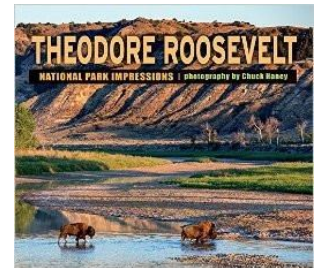
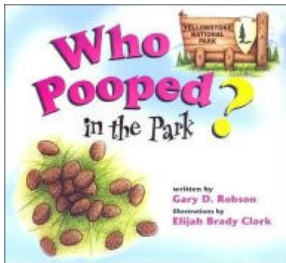
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Become a Member

Our members are passionate about our park partners and believe in helping us spread the word about the beauty that can be found in North Dakota. By joining Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association as a member you will be helping us:

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Learn more at: www.trnha.org/membership.htm



Alisha Deegan Selected as Superintendent of Knife River Indian Villages National Historic

National Park Service (NPS) Regional Director Bert Frost announced the selection of Alisha Deegan as the new superintendent of Knife River Indian Village National Historic Site located in Stanton, North Dakota. Deegan has been serving as the park's acting superintendent since June 6 and her new assignment will begin Sept. 27, 2020.

"I am pleased to welcome Alisha as superintendent of Knife River Indian Village National Historic Site," **said Frost**. "Her broad understanding of park operations and cultural resource management will be a great asset for the park. Her tribal connection to the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation will provide opportunities to share resources and develop partnerships that will benefit current and future generations."

"Knife River Indian Village National Historic Site is an extremely important site, preserving three of the few remaining historic village sites of my people," **said Deegan**. "Working and living in my ancestral homeland is both an honor and humbling. I look forward to working with partners, volunteers and staff to ensure the continued protection education, and use of this sacred site."

Since 2016, Deegan has been the Interpretation and Cultural Resource Program Manager at the park. She began her career with the NPS in 2005 and has served as a Facility Operations Specialist at Mount Rushmore National Memorial.



Deegan earned an undergraduate degree in Parks and Recreation from the University of North Dakota. She is a 2011 graduate of the Facility Manager Leaders Program. She also holds a certificate in Cultural Heritage Tourism from George Washington University.

Deegan is a member of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation. Originally from Parshall, North Dakota, she and her husband Justin have four kids, Mikaya, Samiah, Fannie, and Eagle Spirit, and a dog, Mint. She enjoys camping and drawing.

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If you have been in Theodore Roosevelt National Park's South Unit recently you may have noticed the parking lot at Skyline Visit is temporarily closed. The closure is part of a construction project to make the trail at this location and at Boicourt Overlook accessible. Both trails will be getting a new concrete path complete with benches and interpretive signs.

Currently, concrete is being poured at the Skyline Vista location and once this trail is complete crews will move on to Boicourt. Other trail projects, waysides, and toilet projects are planned to happen throughout both units of the park over the next few months.



TRNHA says Goodbye to Summer Staff



It is hard to believe that summer has come and gone. It's been a crazy mixed up summer full of ups and downs. In August we had to say goodbye to half of our staff as they returned to school and on to new adventures. It is always hard to see them go but we want to thank them for their hard work and the memories we shared. Things would have been a lot dimmer without them the past couple months!

THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK!

A Note from our Executive Director

Covid-19 has ripped through our country leaving a lot of questions and emotions in its wake. Like many of you it has thrown our summer plans into a tailspin. Just weeks before our National Parks and country began shutting down we had placed thousands of dollars in orders in preparation for your summer arrival. We had hired 6 very eager seasonal employees to begin working in April and May. It was going to be a great summer with tons of new products and some store updates. Then right before our eyes everything changed, life was put on hold and the future was uncertain.

The reality is the future is still uncertain, we aren't sure how to protect ourselves or what things will look like tomorrow, next week, or even next month. At TRNHA, we have decided to focus on what we do know. We know that you love our parks and that you will return when you are ready. And most importantly we know that TRNHA and the NPS staff will be here waiting when that time comes.

Yes, we have lost revenue and were not able to support our park partners as we had planned to in 2020 and we aren't sure what 2021 or the future may look like. But we have planned for the unknown and made sure our organization was in a comfortable place. We have amazing vendors who were more than happy to work with us, as they were struggling as well, to insure we would be ready when our country was ready. For all of these reasons and more we have and will continue to stay positive!

And when things seem bleak we are doing the following:

1. Preventing ourselves from negative thinking and talk- we are focusing on what the future will look like, not what is missing from the present.
2. We are identifying the positives - our staff is safe, our stores are cleaner then ever before, and we will be prepared when you are ready to visit.
3. We are sharing our gratitude - we can't say enough about our visitors, supporters, vendors, and friends. We are in this together and wouldn't want to do it with any other people! You guys are amazing and we thank you!
4. SMILING - in case you forgot smiles are contagious and can make everyone's day better. So please share yours!

And with that I leave you with the following quote:

"Occasionally it's good to pause, take a moment and remind yourself of the things in your life that are just fine." ~Robert Brault~

We hope we will see you soon! Spread the love and hold your head high!



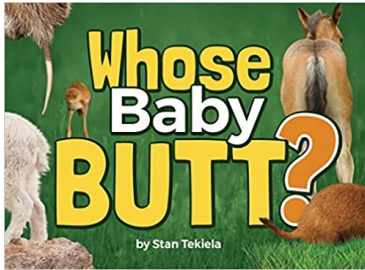
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Newly Paved Accessible Trails are Open!

The mission of the National Park Service has always been to “preserve unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations.” At Theodore Roosevelt National Park, park staff is striving to preserve this mission while making sure that it remains accessible to those who visit.

Accessible means something different to each and every person, and unfortunately not every inch of the park is accessible to every park visitor. However, park staff has been working hard to provide everyone the opportunity to get out of their vehicle and take a hike. If you visited the park in August or September you may have noticed some trail closures or concrete trucks entering the South Unit. These trucks were headed to the closed trails at Skyline Vista and Boicourt Overlook, which have now been rebuilt and made accessible to park visitors. Trails are now open and ready for you to explore and soon new Interpretive Signs will be placed along them as a way for you to learn more about the park.



Did you know National Parks also offer an Access Pass? The Access Pass is a free lifetime entrance pass to all federal areas charging an entrance fee. It also provides a 50% reduction of expanded amenity fees for activities such as camping. Passes are available to all U.S. citizens or permanent residents with disabilities. Passes can be obtained in person wherever interagency passes are sold (park entrance stations when open, or in visitor centers during seasonal entrance station closures.)



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TRNHA Aid Funds at Work



Each year TRNHA uses the profits made through our Park Store sales to support the park and help to enhance the experience of park visitors. In 2020 one of the purchases made was a Trimble SX10 Scanning Total Station. This instrument is used to survey and document areas throughout the park assisting with current projects and planning for the future. Throughout the past year it has been involved in scanning for trail planning, installing vault toilets, visitor center updates, and more. We were pleased to see this tool in action this past weekend around the park headquarters area in Medora.



Bat Week and More!

Halloween is just around the corner and it brings thoughts of pumpkins, and ghost, witches, spiders and bats. Some of you may cringe at the thought of these crazy critters, but others get excited to explore them further. Well in this newsletter we are going to take a look at a one of those critters that can be found in our National Parks.

If you have ever visited Theodore Roosevelt's Maltese Cross Cabin in the summer, you may have noticed signs stating beware of Bats. These flying little guys find the eve of the old cabin an awesome place to spend their days while waiting for their evening adventures. Since they choose to stay near the cabin and it is almost Halloween we thought we would share a little bit about these "cute" or "creepy" little guys.



Bat Week is Oct. 24 - Oct. 31! This is an excellent opportunity to celebrate bats. Bats do a lot of things that help our natural areas be strong and healthy:

- Some bats eat insects that destroy crops and spread disease.
- Some bats pollinate plants, like agave.
- Bats help spread seeds to grow new plants.

Everybody can get in on the Bat Week fun. Visit BatWeek.org for a full list of inspiring Bat-ivities. Here's a few examples of what you'll find there.

- Show your bat appreciation on social media, using #BatWeek.

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More about Bats and Bat Week

- Host a bat-centric party.
- Cook up a dish made possible by bats. (Pumpkin Chocolate Fudge sounds pretty good! And bats eat the insects that harm cacao plants.)
- Update your social media profile pic with the [Bat Week twibbon](#).



Help Bats

We need bats if we want [healthy and diverse ecosystems](#) filled with a variety of organisms. Many bats feast on insects, some pollinate plants, and some bats spread seeds, too. Larger animals may depend on bats for prey. Aside from all these great services, bats are the only mammal that's capable of true flight, and they're simply fascinating.

The deadly fungal disease, [white-nose syndrome](#) (WNS), poses a real danger to cave-dwelling bats. Tree-roosting and migratory bats face significant threats from wind turbines. WNS has killed 99% of some bat colonies, and habitat loss and wind turbines also make it difficult for bats to survive and thrive.

But we can all help protect bats and their habitats! Try some of these ideas to help conserve bats. You can help bats in your own yard and community, and you can learn how to protect bats when you visit parks, too.

At Home

- **Learn more about bats.** One of the most important things you can do to help bats is to learn more about them and share what you learn with your friends and family. Check out these [fun Bativities](#) for some ideas. [Bat Conservation International](#) and [BatWeek.org](#) both provide a lot of information about bats and ways you can help.
- **Use iNaturalist.** With an app on your smartphone, you can take part in citizen science by observing bats in a park or in your own backyard. Learn more [about iNaturalist](#) and add your own observations.
- **Build a bat house.** Bats are running out of good places to roost, rest, and raise young. A backyard bat house will provide shelter they desperately need in your neighborhood or community. In national parks, staff work to protect natural habitat for bats to live in instead of building bat houses.

In Parks

- **Stay out of caves when directed.** The bats at risk for WNS often hibernate or raise young in caves. They need to be undisturbed so they can rest and raise their young. Also, it is actually unlawful to enter most caves on public lands.
- **Decontaminate before going in a cave.** It may be possible for humans to spread WNS from one cave into another. Be sure to listen to rangers' directions for cleaning (or leaving behind) your shoes, backpack, and gear before entering a cave.
- **Tell a ranger if you see bats acting strangely.** Rangers can take steps to protect both bats and people if a bat is behaving in an unusual way.

And no matter where you are, you can celebrate Bat Week in October every year!

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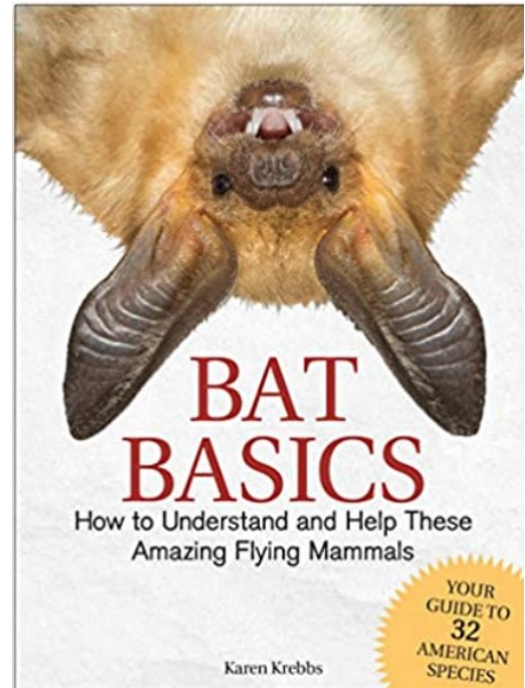
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Free Entrance for 5th Grade Students

DES MOINES, Iowa — While at Neil Smith National Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Secretary of the Interior David L. Bernhardt signed a Secretary's Order that waives entrance fees to national parks, wildlife refuges and other public lands and waters managed by the Department of the Interior for 5th grade students and their families from now until Aug. 31, 2021.

Secretary Bernhardt's actions ensure that American 5th grade students who may have been unable to make full use of the Every Kid Outdoors Annual 4th Grade Pass during the 2019-2020 academic year due to the COVID-19 pandemic will have free access to national parks and other Federal lands managed by the Department during this academic year.



"The Trump Administration has made expanding public access to America's national parks and public lands a top priority, especially during this year's pandemic," said Secretary Bernhardt. "Programming was limited at times for last year's fourth graders through the Every Kid Outdoors program, so we're allowing this year's 5th graders free access to our public lands throughout the 2020-2021 academic year. We hope these kids and their families take advantage of the incredible physical and mental benefits of getting outside and visiting a park, refuge or campground near them."

"As the mother of a fifth grader I am particularly excited for families across the country to have more opportunities to explore, play and learn in America's parks and public lands," said Margaret Everson, Counselor to the Secretary, exercising the delegated authority of the National Park Service Director. "We know many 4th graders were disappointed they were unable to use the pass last year and we are grateful to Secretary Bernhardt for giving them this opportunity"



A majority of Interior-managed lands remained accessible to the public at the onset of the pandemic to serve as places of respite and rejuvenation and allow for social distancing. Services were limited for visitors, in particular impacting the Every Kid Outdoors Program. Nearly all units and locations are currently accessible with many having restored services for the public to enjoy following proper public health and safety guidelines.

Families and students can download their 5th grade passes online at www.nps.gov/kids.

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Background Information on the Every Kid Outdoors Program

Through the Every Kid Outdoors Program for fourth grade students, entrance fees for the National Park Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and standard amenity recreation fees for the Bureau of Land Management and the Bureau of Reclamation are waived, providing limitless opportunities to explore, learn, and recreate in spectacular settings. The pass does not cover expanded amenity fees such as camping or boat rides.

The program focuses on children around 10 years of age based on research that indicates children ages 9–11 are at a unique developmental stage in their learning where they begin to understand how the world around them works in more concrete ways, and they are more receptive to engaging with nature and the environment. By focusing on this age group year after year, the program aims to ensure every child in the United States has the opportunity to visit their Federal lands and waters by the age of 11 years, hopefully establishing lifelong bonds to our country's natural and cultural heritage.

More information is available online at www.nps.gov/kids.



Vote for Your Favorite Photos



Here is your chance to choose your favorite photo that was submitted to this year's contest. While judges will be choosing the contest winner, we want to give you a chance to choose your favorite. Head over to our [Facebook Page](#) and find our 2020 Photo Contest Album. The photo that receives the most likes as of 11:49 pm MT on November 30, 2020 will be awarded fan favorite.

Here's how it works!

1. Click like on your favorite photo or photos (as many as you want)
2. Invite your friends to come and choose their favorite.
3. Wait until Dec. 1st to find out which photo wins fan favorite.

YOU BE THE JUDGE!

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Meet our 2020 Donors

We gratefully acknowledge the support of those who contributed to Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association in 2020. Many people, companies, and organizations supported TRNHA through donations. Due to space constraints we are only able to list donors who contributed \$100 or more. Thank you to all who contributed! No matter how big or small your donation was, it has helped us to assist the NPS in the preservation and promotion of North Dakota's public lands.

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Here's to Another Year!

Looking back at 2020, we can't help but be thankful. We started out the year certain it would be the best year yet, and ended with an even deeper appreciation of our supporters. Like many of you, throughout 2020 we found ourselves wondering how we would survive and what the future looked like for our organization and park partners.

While we faced several challenges in 2020, one thing never waived and that was the support we received from all of you. We spent half of our summer season without a store location to operate and the other half trying to keep up with all of the purchases you were making. It was truly amazing to see how much love you all have for the parks we serve. When we were finally allowed to open our doors, you surprised us purchasing merchandise at a rate higher than then ever before and helping us make up for some of our loss.

Despite the challenges we faced in 2020, we are excited to report that we provided \$147,177 of support to our parks. Aid funds were used to purchase a new interpretive display that will be installed this winter in the South Unit Visitor Center, laser scanning equipment which is used to survey and document areas throughout the park assisting with current and future projects, and visitor center staffing. As we move into 2021, we have had to cut budgets but are excited to have some funds to once again give back to our partners. Keep your eyes open for details of that support in future newsletters.

To say it was an interesting year would be an understatement, but we are proud of what we were able to accomplish and are excited to be moving into a new year! We bid farewell to a year that was challenging but taught us a lot about what it takes to succeed. This past year we learned to focus on what we can control and make a plan to work with what we cannot. As we move into 2021, we are cautiously optimistic of what the future will hold for TRNHA and our partners.



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***"Those are happiest are those who do the most for others."
Booker T. Washington***

2020 TRNP Photo Contest Winners

The National Park Service and Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association announced the winner of the annual “Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park” photo contest on December 1st. We received photos, making choosing the winner very difficult.

However, we were pleased to award Derek Shenot of Tallmadge, Ohio with top honors for “Lazuli Bunting”. Paula’s photo will appear on Theodore Roosevelt National Park’s 2021 Annual Park Pass and is the cover photo on our 2021 calendar.

Category Winners included:

Wildlife - Derek Shenot, Tallmadge, OH

Landscape - Corbin LaParl, Lake Orion, MI

Plants - Luann Allsworth, Hazen, ND

Take a Hike - Ashley Wynn, Watford City, ND

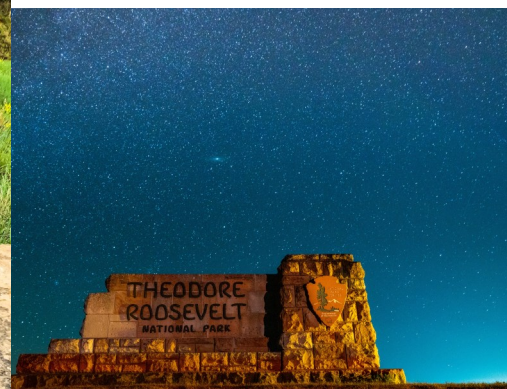
These photos will appear with the many other photos in our 2021 Picture Yourself in

Theodore Roosevelt National Park Calendar, which will be sold in our bookstores or online at www.trnha.org.

The 2021 photo contest will be for photos take between September 1, 2020 and August 31, 2021. The official contest will be announced in April and we will begin accepting photos at that time.

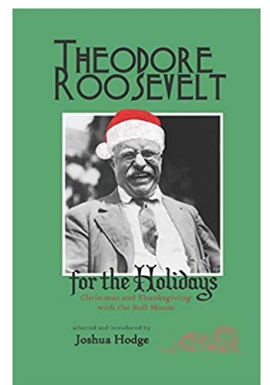
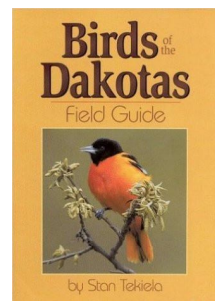
Visit our Facebook page to view all of the photo submissions and see the fan favorite winner!

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Show Your Park Love this Holiday Season!

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Free Entrance Days for National Parks 2021

WASHINGTON – The Trump Administration today announced that all National Park Service sites will have six [entrance fee-free days](#) in 2021. The fee-free days are part of the Administration’s unprecedented commitment to increase access, promote recreational opportunities, improve visitor facilities and conserve natural and historical treasures in national parks for the benefit and enjoyment of the American people.

The dates for 2021 are:

- Monday, January 18 – [Martin Luther King, Jr. Day](#)
- Saturday, April 17 – First Day of [National Park Week](#)
- Wednesday, August 4 – [One year anniversary of the Great American Outdoors Act](#)
- Wednesday, August 25 – [National Park Service Birthday](#)
- Saturday, September 25 – [National Public Lands Day](#)
- Thursday, November 11 – [Veterans Day](#)

“Each of the fee-free days celebrates or commemorates a significant event, including the establishment earlier this year by President Trump of the Great American Outdoors Act. The legislation marks the single largest investment ever in national parks and will result in enhanced facilities and expanded recreational prospects for all visitors,” **said Margaret Everson, Counselor to the Secretary, exercising the delegated authority of the National Park Service Director.** “Throughout the country, every national park provides a variety of opportunities to get out in nature, connect with our common heritage and experience the vast array of benefits that come from spending time outdoors. Hopefully the fee-free days will encourage everyone to spend some time in their national parks.”

There are more than 400 National Park Service sites nationwide, with at least one in every state. Approximately 100 charge an entrance fee, with costs ranging from \$5 to \$35. The other 300-plus national parks do not have entrance fees.

Earlier this year, Secretary of the Interior David L. Bernhardt signed Secretary’s Orders [3386](#) and [3387](#), [granting veterans, Gold Star Families](#) and [fifth graders](#) free access to all national parks, wildlife refuges and other Federal lands managed by the Department of the Interior. Veterans and Gold Star Families will have free access forever, while fifth grade students were granted the reprieve through this academic year as some of last year’s fourth graders may have been unable to make full use of the [Every Kid Outdoors](#) Annual Fourth Grade Pass due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Active duty military and fourth grade students will continue to have free access with discounted passes also available for senior citizens. For other visitors who love visiting our public lands, the annual \$80 [America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass](#) is a great option, which allows unlimited entrance to more than 2,000 federal recreation areas, including all national parks.

Last year, 327 million people visited national parks and spent \$21 billion in local communities. This supported 340,500 jobs across the country and had a \$41.7 billion impact on the U.S. economy.

Other federal land management agencies offering their own fee-free days in 2021 include the [U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service](#), [Bureau of Land Management](#), [Bureau of Reclamation](#), [U.S. Forest Service](#) and [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers](#).

This news release can also be found at <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1207/12-03-20-fee-free-days-2021.htm>.

About the National Park Service. More than 20,000 National Park Service employees care for America’s 422 national parks and work with communities across the nation to help preserve local history and create close-to-home recreational opportunities. Learn more at www.nps.gov, and on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#).

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