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Park Hosts Third Wilderness Hike

Theodore Roosevelt National Park will host a third wilderness hike in the North Unit on Sunday, July 5 at 9 am Central Daylight Time.

Veteran wilderness ranger John Heiser will lead the hike into the petrified forest area of the North Unit, traveling to a remote and seldom visited area of the park. Hikers should meet at the Juniper Campground Picnic Area.

"The petrified forest of Theodore Roosevelt National Park is one of the largest in the country," said Superintendent Valerie J. Naylor. "Hiking there with a ranger is an excellent way to visit this special area and gain insight into the park's geologic past."

In addition to seeing geologic features, visitors may also experience the quiet and solitude of the wilderness. Depending on group size and weather, the outing will last from 3 to 6 hours, and cover 2 to 6 miles. Hiking may be strenuous at times, and participants should wear attire appropriate to wilderness travel, especially sturdy boots and durable clothes.

Participants should bring plenty of drinking water, food, sunscreen, and insect repellent, and are encouraged to have binoculars, cameras and a favorite poem or quote in hand. If extreme weather is forecast, the hike may be cancelled, thus it is advisable to call the North Unit at 842-2333 for the latest information.

Additional wilderness hikes are scheduled for August 2 and September 6.

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