



## Ranger Guided Activities South Unit

July 25-July 31

### MALTESE CROSS CABIN TOURS

Ranger led tours of Theodore Roosevelt's Maltese Cross Cabin are offered daily at 9:00am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 12:00 pm, 1:30 pm, 2:30 pm, 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm.

#### Monday, July 25

##### 9:00 AM GUIDED WALK

Gettin' to Know the Little 'Mo  
Meet at the self registration kiosk at the Cottonwood Campground for a jaunt along the Little Missouri River. During this hour walk we will explore what depends on the river for survival and how the river helped shape the badlands.

##### 10:30 AM AUDITORIUM TALK

###### A Dog's Life

Join a ranger at the visitor center for a short talk exploring one of Theodore Roosevelt National Park's most iconic creatures: the prairie dog.

##### 3:00 PM AUDITORIUM TALK

###### All Fenced In

Who eats whom? You're invited to help weave the web of life in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. We'll learn what lives here and how we manage them. Meet at the visitor center.

##### 9:30 PM EVENING PROGRAM

###### What is That?

Join a ranger at the Cottonwood Campground Amphitheater for a discussion of the science behind some of the greatest sights that you will see in the park's wonderful night time sky. We will discuss the motions of the Earth, the life cycles of the stars, how solar systems are formed, what the Milky Way is, and the importance of studying meteorites.

#### Tuesday, July 26

##### 9:00 AM GUIDED WALK

###### Boicourt Hike

Meet a ranger at the Boicourt Overlook Area for a hike through the badlands. Expect great topics and stunning panoramic views on this jaunt. Bring sturdy shoes, sunscreen, and water.

##### 10:30 AM AUDITORIUM TALK

###### Bison!

Do you know the difference between a buffalo and a bison? Come to the visitor center to find out the answer and to learn other fun facts about this iconic animal and its history in North America.

##### 3:00 PM AUDITORIUM TALK

###### Extirpation Investigation

Imagine driving through the South Loop Road and seeing grizzly bears and wolves amongst the prairie dogs and bison. Several animals that once lived in this area have disappeared from the park for various reasons. Join a ranger at the visitor center for a short investigation about extirpation.

##### 9:30 PM EVENING PROGRAM

###### Don't Squat with Yur Spurs On

Join a park ranger at the Cottonwood Campground Amphitheater to learn about the dress and survival of a true cowboy in the wild west.

#### Wednesday, July 27

##### 9:00 AM GUIDED WALK

###### Wind Canyon Hike

Join a ranger at the Wind Canyon nature trail to discuss the natural beauty of the park and how it was formed. Plan on 30-45 minutes and easy to moderate trail conditions.

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##### 3:00 PM AUDITORIUM TALK

###### TR: The Only Chief Scout Citizen

Before the Scouting Movement was founded in 1908, Theodore Roosevelt was living the life of a true Boy Scout. Learn about the fundamentals of Boy Scouting and how they relate to TR at the visitor center theater.

##### 9:30 PM EVENING PROGRAM

###### Creatures of the Night

There are many animals at Theodore Roosevelt National Park that prowl the night. Join a ranger at the Cottonwood Campground Amphitheater to learn about what they are and what to do if you encounter them.

#### Thursday, July 28

##### 9:00 AM GUIDED WALK

###### The Great East Entrance Exploration

On this 80-minute guided walk we'll journey through the badlands prairie to the old east entrance site-in reminiscence of the Civilian Conservation Corps and the establishment of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Meet at the Old East Entrance pull-off.

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#### **They're Back!**

Join a ranger in the visitor center auditorium for a talk about the reintroduction of animals into Theodore Roosevelt National Park and the importance of these actions.

### **9:30 PM EVENING PROGRAM**

#### **Native Americans and Bison**

Native Americans used the bison to survive for many years. Come to the Cottonwood Campground Amphitheater to learn about their pre-rituals, the bison hunt, and how they utilized this elusive animal in their everyday life.

### **Friday, July 29**

#### **9:00 AM GUIDED WALK**

##### **Walk on the Wild Side**

Join a Ranger on a trip through a prairie dog town and learn about life as a prairie dog in the North Dakota Badlands. Meet at the Halliday Well Area of the Lower Paddock Creek Trail. Bring water and comfortable shoes.

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#### **Into the Wild**

The national parks have become synonymous with wild places. Join a ranger at the Cottonwood Campground Amphitheater to explore the wilderness of Theodore Roosevelt National Park and your National Park Service.

### **Saturday, July 30**

#### **9:00 AM GUIDED WALK**

##### **Native American Use of the Land**

Sure you know what kind of flower that is, but do you know how Native Americans used it? If not, please join a ranger at the Ridgeline trailhead for a guided hike to explore the vibrant and alive lands of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Please wear sturdy shoes and bring some water for an easy 1 hour hike on Ridgeline Trail.

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#### **The Dark History of Medora**

Come learn about the Marquis de Mores, the founding of Medora, and the violent conflicts that took place in the lawless environment of the Old West.

### **9:30 PM EVENING PROGRAM**

#### **"The Cataclysm": The Winter of 1886-7 and the End of the Open Range**

The winter of 1886-7 ended the era of open range cattle ranching on the Northern Plains. As ambitious ranchers overstocked the range with cattle, all it took was one bad winter to destroy the entire industry. Come out to the amphitheater in Cottonwood Campground and explore the manmade and natural factors that contributed to the end of this phase of frontier life.

### **Sunday, July 31**

#### **9:00 AM GUIDED WALK**

##### **Badlands Geology Hike**

Have you wondered how the fantastic shapes and colors of the North Dakota badlands were formed? If so, meet a ranger at the Coal Vein trailhead for a guided hike to explore the ever-changing landscape of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Please wear sturdy shoes and bring some water for an easy 1-1.5 hour hike.

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