



South Unit Off-Season Activities

Park Hours and Fees

The park is open year-round, 7 days/week, 24 hours/day. Entrance fees are charged all year. If the Scenic Loop Drive becomes snow-covered or icy the loop portion will be closed and entrance fees will not be charged.

Camping

Cottonwood Campground is open year-round and is located 6 miles from the South Unit Visitor Center in Medora. Camping fees are charged all year and are paid at the campground using a self-registration system. The off-season camping fee is \$5.00 per site per night. Drinking water is available in the campground during the winter months at the pump located adjacent to the registration board. Camping is primitive; no hookups or dump station.

Visitor Center

The South Unit Visitor Center is open daily 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. MT. A small museum tells the story of Roosevelt's time in the badlands and also includes several natural history exhibits. A sales area operated by Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association offers a wide variety of books, postcards, games, posters, and other items.

"TR Country," a free 13-minute movie, is shown on request and features seasonal park scenes and narration using the words of Theodore Roosevelt.

Theodore Roosevelt's original Maltese Cross Cabin is located behind the visitor center and is open for self-guided tours 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. daily.

Painted Canyon

This seasonal rest area located on I-94 at exit 32 features a spectacular panoramic view of the badlands. Open daily 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. MT from April 1 through November 11, the staffed visitor center offers a short film on the park, exhibits, and a Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association sales outlet.

