

# BADLANDS NATIONAL PARK BLACK-FOOTED FERRET FESTIVAL

Sept. 23-26, 2011



## Friday, Sept. 23:

- **4:00 pm, Ben Reifel Visitor Center**

*Kick-off: Ceremonial Release of black-footed ferrets. Meet at the Ben Reifel Visitor Center near Interior, or the Forest Service Visitor Center in Wall, at 4:00 to caravan up the Loop Road to the release site.*

## Saturday, Sept. 24:

- **Prairie puppet show for the kids**
- **Live ferret on display at the Ben Reifel Visitor Center**
- **1:00 pm, Ben Reifel Visitor Center Theater**  
*Panel Discussions with people responsible for the recovery of the black-footed ferret*
- **7:00 pm, Ben Reifel Visitor Center Theater**  
*Special Screening of "Return of the Prairie Bandit" documentary on the re-introduction of black-footed ferrets to Grasslands National Park in Canada*

## Sunday, Sept. 25:

- **Prairie puppet show for the kids**
- **Live ferret on display at the Ben Reifel Visitor Center**
- **1:00 -5:00 pm, Ben Reifel Visitor Center Theater**  
*Symposium on the Science of Ferret Recovery (Genetic bottlenecks, captive breeding, and sylvatic plague)*
- **7:00 pm, Ben Reifel Visitor Center Theater**  
*Presentation & book signing by nature photographer **Michael Forsberg**: "The Great Plains", his beautiful new book celebrating America's grasslands*
- **9:30 pm to Midnight**  
*Guided Public spotlighting for ferrets (by reservation only—call Pam at 433-5281 to make a reservation)*

## Monday, Sept. 26:

- **1:00 – 5:00 pm, Ben Reifel Visitor Center Theater**  
*Featured Speakers on ferret reintroduction at Wind Cave National Park, Turner Ranches and Tribal Lands, and The Nature Conservancy's conservation efforts in western South Dakota*
- **7:00 pm, Ben Reifel Visitor Center Theater**  
*Noted author, bison rancher and falconer **Dan O'Brien** will give a presentation on prairie conservation*
- **9:30 pm to Midnight**  
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