



Visitor Guide

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Theodore Roosevelt National Park
Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site
Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site

FIND YOUR PARK



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Exploring North Dakota's National Treasures

THERE ARE THREE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE SITES in North Dakota. Each is a unique experience; each protects and preserves a different aspect of American natural and cultural history; and each is an adventure to remember.

Theodore Roosevelt National Park

COMPRISED OF THREE UNITS: THE NORTH UNIT, the South Unit, and the Elkhorn Ranch Unit, Theodore Roosevelt National Park preserves an area of land that profoundly affected President Theodore Roosevelt. The park is a beacon for nature lovers and outdoor enthusiasts. Abundant wildlife, scenic drives, and miles of trails await your arrival.

Turn to page 2 to learn more!

Fort Union Trading Post NHS

NOT YOUR STANDARD FORT - FORT UNION TRADING Post was built not as a government or military post, but rather for trade. Fort Union has seen the likes of George Catlin, Karl Bodmer, John James Audubon, and Prince Maximilian. Great tribal leaders from many of the nations that traded here have also graced this Fort. Come for a visit and walk in their footsteps. Special events throughout the year make history come alive. *Turn to page 14 to learn more!*

Knife River Indian Villages NHS

IS LOCATED ON THE KNIFE RIVER DIRECTLY NORTH of its confluence with the Missouri River. The site was a major American Indian trade center for hundreds of years prior to becoming an important marketplace for fur traders after 1750. Today, visitors can see the archeological remains of earthlodge villages and experience the landscape where Lewis and Clark met Sakakawea on their journey west.

Turn to page 15 to learn more!



Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site



Top Image: Bottom Image: A Reconstructed Earthlodge at Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site

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Hours of Operation

The park is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Visitor Center hours vary by season.

Check our website for current information.

EMERGENCY

Dial 911 or contact a uniformed employee

Plan Your Visit



INFORMATION

Welcome to Theodore Roosevelt National Park! There are three park visitor centers where you can obtain information and maps: visitor centers are near the entrances of the North and South Units as well as at exit 32 on I-94 (Painted Canyon). The North Unit and Painted Canyon visitor centers are open seasonally.



RESTROOMS

Restrooms are available in visitor centers, campgrounds, and picnic areas. **There are NO RESTROOMS available along the scenic drives.**

In case of an emergency, practice Leave No Trace. Leaving toilet paper behind is littering.



ACCESSIBILITY

The park's developed areas are accessible. Service dogs are permitted on leashes in developed areas and on the Little Mo, Boicourt, Skyline Vista, Wind Canyon, and Buck Hill Trails only. The South Unit Visitor Center film offers captioning, audio description, and assistive listening devices.

Safety



HEAT & DEHYDRATION

Dehydration and heat exhaustion are common dangers that can be avoided with adequate preparation. Carry and drink water: at least 1 gallon per person per day. Always wear a hat.



SLIPPERY CLAY

When it rains, soft clays become horrific mud that can turn a day hike into a trudge for survival, fatally trap horses, and sink the tires of vehicles. Check the forecast before you depart.



WILDLIFE

Most injuries happen when visitors disturb the wildlife. If you see a bison or a rattlesnake on a trail, give it extra space. Never attempt to "herd" them off the trail. Bison will charge visitors who disturb them.



THUNDERSTORMS

On the Great Plains, severe thunderstorms are a common in summer. If thunderheads begin to develop, get into a vehicle or enclosed shelter. Overhangs do not protect against lightning.

Activities



CAMPING

Campgrounds have restrooms, drinking water, picnic tables, and fire grates. There are no showers. Limited shower facilities are available in the communities of Medora and Watford City.



HIKING

With over 95 miles of hiking trails throughout the park there is plenty of room to stretch your legs. Trails vary from less than a mile to epic hikes of more than 20 miles in length. Turn to the Hiking Guide on pages 7-11 to learn more.



PICNIC AREA

Shaded picnic areas are available adjacent to the campgrounds in both the North and South Units. These facilities have restrooms, picnic tables, and fire grates.



HORSEBACK RIDING

Backcountry trails throughout the park are open to horseback riders. Stock are prohibited on nature trails and in all campgrounds except the Roundup Horse Camp.

WATERCRAFT



The Little Missouri River is usually navigable from mid-April through June. A river depth of at least 2.5 feet at Medora is required for fair boating. Depths can be checked at the visitor centers and online.



BACKCOUNTRY CAMPING

The park is open to backcountry camping. Free permits are required and are available at park visitor centers. Special regulations and limitations on group size apply.

Important Regulations



DRIVING

In most areas of the park, the posted speed is 25 MPH. Never stop or park on the road. Use pullouts and turn off your car while parked. Federal law requires all passengers to wear seat belts.

Don't drink and drive. Rangers enforce laws against alcohol and drug-related driving offenses, including open container violations.



BICYCLING

Bicycles are permitted only on roads. They are not allowed on trails, including sections of the Maah Daah Hey Trail that lie within park boundaries. The rules of the road apply to bicycles. Please wear your helmet.



FIRES

Fires are only allowed in fire grates at the campgrounds and picnic areas - never on the ground or in the backcountry. When fire danger is high, campfires may be prohibited all together.

It is illegal to bring in wood from out-of-state. *Why? See "Will We Lose Our Trees?" (page X)*



COLLECTING/DEFACING

All natural features of the park are protected. This includes, but is not limited to, wildlife, cultural artifacts, rocks, soil, plants, shed antlers, and animal bones. Collecting and/or possessing these items is illegal as is graffiti (including carving initials in rocks or wood).

Help us keep the park clean, safe, and beautiful for ourselves and all of those who come after us.



PETS

Pets are not allowed on trails, in buildings, or in the backcountry. Pets are permitted on roads, in picnic areas, and in campgrounds but must be on attended and on a leash no longer than 6 feet at all times. You must clean up after your pet.

FIREARMS

If you can legally possess firearms under North Dakota, local, and federal laws, you may possess firearms in a National Park area. It is your responsibility to understand and comply with all applicable firearms laws.

Federal law prohibits firearms in National Park buildings and certain facilities. Federal law also prohibits discharging a firearm inside a National Park area.



KNOW THE LAW

National Parks have special rules that help protect park resources.

It is your responsibility to know the law.

If you have a question, ask! Or visit our website and read the Superintendent's Compendium & Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Find them at www.nps.gov/thro by clicking on *Management* and then *Laws and Policies*.

Camping and Fees

Campgrounds

Juniper Campground North Unit - No Hookups	\$14/night, \$7 with Senior or Access Pass	First Come, First Served 41 RV/Tent, 9 Walk-in Tent Only
Cottonwood Campground South Unit - No Hookups	\$14/night, \$7 with Senior or Access Pass	First Come, First Served and by reservation on recreation.gov 64 RV/Tent, 12 Walk-in Tent Only
Round-up Horse Camp South Unit - Primitive	\$40/night	By reservation on: recreation.gov 1 (877) 444-6777
Backcountry Camping Both Units - Undeveloped	Free Permit Required	Permits are available at park visitor centers. Backcountry regulations apply.

Group sites are available by reservation only (recreation.gov). Campgrounds are open year-round. Winter camping fees are half-price. Inquire at park visitor centers for more information.

Fee dollars are used to fund projects throughout the park. Turn to page 12 to read about how your fee dollars are being used.



Fees

Fees: \$20 per vehicle; \$15 per motorcycle; \$10 per individual: pedestrian, bicycle, or horseback. Entrance fees are valid for seven days.

A variety of passes are available (listed to the right).

Rates for busses/tour groups: Inquire at entrance stations or visitor centers.

TRNP ANNUAL PASS \$40

Admission to this National Park for one year from date of purchase.



SEE YOUR PHOTO ON NEXT YEAR'S PASS!
Turn to page 12 to find out how!

ANNUAL PASS \$80

Admission to all federal fee areas for one year from date of purchase.



SENIOR PASS \$10

Admission to all federal fee areas for life, U.S. residents 62 years or older.



ACCESS PASS FREE

Admission to all federal fee areas for life, permanently disabled U.S. residents.



MILITARY PASS FREE

Admission to all federal fee areas for one year, U.S. Active Military.



Wildlife truly is *Wild*

National parks are places where you can see a wide variety of native animals that generally live without human interference. Animals here are not tame. They can cause injury or death if they feel threatened. Keep your distance.

DOES THE PARK FEED THE ANIMALS?

No. The wildlife you'll find in the park is well adapted to this, their native habitat. Feeding animals disrupts the natural balance of the ecosystem that the park service strives to maintain.

Wildlife Viewing Tips

- Pick the right time of day – dawn and dusk are the best times to see wildlife.
- Drive slowly. Animals are often overlooked by speedy drivers.
- View wildlife from a distance. **If your presence changes an animal's behavior, you are too close** and can be fined for disturbing wildlife. Bison are known to charge visitors who invade their space.
- Remember that the park is their home and we are the visitors.

Wildlife You May Encounter



Elk

Look for elk in the South Unit grazing in prairie dog towns near sunrise or sunset. Gone from the area by the late 1800's, the National Park Service reintroduced elk into the badlands in 1985.



Bison

Bison roam throughout both units and are seen at all hours of the day. When viewing bison, give them a wide berth. They may appear slow and docile, but these animals are incredibly athletic and temperamental.



Bighorn Sheep

In the North Unit, look for white rumps on the steep canyon walls. Bighorn Sheep were extirpated from the area in the 1800's. They were reintroduced by the National Park Service in 1997.



Pronghorn

Pronghorn may be spotted near the north boundary of the South Unit. Not a deer or an antelope, this animal is in a family all its own. It is the fastest land animal in North America with speeds reaching 60 MPH.



Mule Deer

Mule deer live in the dry, rugged land of the west. Look for them in open areas at dawn and dusk. Their stout bodies, large ears, and black-tipped tails differentiate these deer from White-tailed Deer.



White-tailed Deer

Though less common than Mule Deer, White-tailed Deer can be seen during the evening or early morning. White-tailed deer may be seen near the campgrounds, in wooded areas, and river bottoms.



Prairie Dogs

Prairie dogs live in family communities or "towns" and are a critical part of the food web. See them from the South Unit road or on a hike in the North Unit.



Coyote

Coyotes are often seen in prairie dog towns. They have a complex communication system; you may hear them more often than you see them.

Historic Open-Range Demonstration Herds



Feral Horses

The park's horses are considered feral because they originated from domestic stock. They are often seen on the east side of the South Unit. Completely independent of human care, these "wild" horses provide the opportunity to experience a piece of wilderness spirit that was common to Theodore Roosevelt's era but is increasingly rare today.



Longhorn Steers

In 1884, 4,500 longhorns were driven from Texas on the Long X Trail to what is now the North Unit of the park. Since 1967, the park has maintained a small demonstration herd to commemorate the cattle operations of the 1880's. The herd is comprised of steers, which are males that cannot reproduce. They are often seen in the sagebrush flats near the North Unit's "Longhorn Pullout."

The Elkhorn Ranch Unit

“My home ranch-house stands on the river brink. From the low, long veranda, shaded by leafy cotton-woods, one looks across sand bars and shallows to a strip of meadowland, behind which rises a line of sheer cliffs and grassy plateaus.”

- Theodore Roosevelt, from *Hunting Trips of a Ranchman*

THE HISTORY

This secluded and quiet spot that Roosevelt chose for his Elkhorn Ranch brought much comfort and solitude to a man who was still reeling from personal tragedy.

Here, he filled his days with the rewarding labor of cattle ranching and the adventures of hunting. Many say this is where Theodore Roosevelt developed his conservation ethic. Of the park’s 3 units, the Elkhorn Ranch Unit is considered to be the most historically significant.

THE ADVENTURE

Today, the National Park Service chooses to leave this special place as undeveloped as possible.

The cabin site is accessible by trail only. A 1.5 mile round trip walk takes visitors to the cabin site, where only the foundation stones remain.

From the location of what was once TR’s shady veranda, let the solitude and beauty of this rugged landscape calm and inspire you, just as it did our “Conservationist President.”



The Elkhorn Ranch site today. A local rancher of the time, J.H. Reid, stated that by 1901, “...every scrap of the ranch had disappeared with the exception of a couple of half rotted foundations.”

Getting There

From the South Unit, it is an hour and fifteen minute drive to the Ranch Site. **High-clearance vehicle recommended.** Check road conditions at the visitor center.

- Begin your journey west-bound on I-94.
- Take exit 10 at Camel Hump Lake turning north (right) along County Road 11.
- Follow County Road 11 for 8.8 miles until it intersects with Westerheim Road.
- Bear right on Westerheim Road. Follow this road for 6.5 miles to Bell Lake Road (708) on the left, about 0.5 miles past Westerheim Hall (a small wooden building).
- Follow Bell Lake Road 11.7 miles until you reach FH 2. There will be a sign directing you to the Elkhorn Campground. Turn right onto FH 2 towards the campground.
- Continue past the Elkhorn Campground until you reach the Elkhorn Ranch Parking Area, approximately 3 miles.
- The site of the ranch house is an easy 3/4 mile walk from this point.

Petrified Forest

THE HISTORY

North Dakota Badlands were once on the eastern edge of a flat, swampy area covered with rivers that fanned out into a broad, sea-level delta. This swampy region contained dense forests of sequoia, bald cypress, magnolia, and other water-loving trees growing in or near the shallow waters.

Some forests were buried by flood deposits or volcanic ash falls. When silica-rich water soaked into the trees, organic compounds in the wood were dissolved and replaced by very small crystals of quartz. This is petrification.

Today, Theodore Roosevelt National Park has the third most important collection of petrified wood in North America.

THE ADVENTURE

The Petrified Forest area is located in the Theodore Roosevelt Wilderness in the park’s South Unit. This area can only be accessed on foot or on horseback, but it’s well worth the effort!

The petrified wood lies in two main concentrations, one on the North Petrified Forest Trail and the other on the south. Both are roughly 1.5 miles from the parking area. (Out-and-back is roughly 3 miles)

ATTENTION: If you continue beyond the petrified forest, the loop trail is 10.5 miles long and requires a map, compass, and extra water and supplies. Do not attempt this hike if you are not well prepared. See ‘*Exploring Trails Safely*’ on page 6.



Petrified stumps eroding out of the hillside.



Everything within a National Park is protected for ourselves and future generations. If you witness anyone collecting petrified wood or defacing petrified wood or other rocks, report it to a ranger as soon as possible.

Getting There

From the South Unit, it is a 30 minute drive to the trailhead. **High-clearance vehicle recommended.** Check road conditions at the visitor center.

- Begin your journey west-bound on I-94.
- Take exit 23 turning north (right) along Forest Service Road 730.
- At the entrance to the Myers ranch, you will see a sign for Petrified Forest. Turn left to follow Road 730. You will pass a “Private Road” sign; you have permission to continue.
- Continue until you reach Road 730-2. You will see a sign for Petrified Forest. Turn right.
- Immediately after turning on 730-2, take your first left.
- At the next Y, veer left and continue to the parking area.
- Locate the lift gate in the fence east of the parking area. This is the beginning of the trail.

Maah Daah Hey Trail (pronounced *ma da hey*)

THE HISTORY

In the Mandan language the trail name means “an area that has been or will be around for a long time.” In the adventure world, it is simply legendary.

With the recent addition of a southern leg, the trail is nearly 140 miles long. It stretches from the USFS CCC Campground near the North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park, down through the South Unit, terminating at the USFS Burning Coal Vein Campground.

THE ADVENTURE

The trail is generally open to horseback riders, hikers, and bicyclists. However, bicycles are not allowed on trails within the National Park, so an alternate route bypassing the South Unit is provided.

FOR MORE INFORMATION and directions to MDHT trailheads outside of the park, visit www.mdhta.com or call the US Forest Service McKenzie Ranger District at (701) 842-2393.





During the summer (June-August or later as staffing permits), Park Rangers put on a wide array of programs to help visitors of all ages experience the park and its rich history.

For dates, times, locations, and topics, see weekly schedules which are posted in visitor centers and on campground bulletin boards.

All programs are FREE! (Regular park entrance fees still apply.)

North Unit Programs

Evening Program



A time-honored tradition, gather in the campground amphitheater to hear tales, legends, and even some authentic education!

Weekends in July and August, 45 - 60 minutes

Guided Hikes and Special Programs

Throughout the summer season, guided hikes and other special programs may be offered as staffing permits. These events will be advertised in weekly program schedules posted in various locations in the north unit.

Offered occasionally, See weekly program schedules

Trail Safety

Visiting the wilderness and backcountry areas of Theodore Roosevelt National Park is fun and exciting, but should not be taken lightly. Careful planning can help protect you and ensure a safe and enjoyable adventure.

- 1. WHO'S YOUR BUDDY?** Leave your itinerary with a trusted friend who is not travelling with you, in case you become overdue.
- 2. GET ALL THE FACTS.** Talk with park staff about terrain, current trail conditions, and possible hazards.
- 3. CHECK YOUR EQUIPMENT.** Make sure you have everything you need before you hit the trail. Make a list and check it twice.
- 4. DRINK WATER** before and during your trip. If you wait until you're thirsty, you're already becoming dehydrated. Carry at least one gallon of water per person per day. Natural water sources must be treated or filtered before they are safe to drink.
- 5. KNOW HOW TO NAVIGATE.** Be familiar with your route before you leave. Trails, particularly in the North Unit, can become hidden by vegetation and wildlife trails can appear to be hiking trails. A GPS is handy (if charged), but a good map and compass are best.
- 6. BE AWARE OF HAZARDOUS PLANTS AND WILDLIFE.** Know how to spot poison ivy and be on the lookout for cacti. Never approach wildlife, especially bison.
- 7. COTTON IS ROTTEN.** Cotton absorbs water and sweat and does not dry quickly. Avoid wearing it. Wool and polypropylene are better.
- 8. GET A CURRENT WEATHER FORECAST.** See a ranger in a park visitor center for an up-to-date forecast.
- 9. KNOW THYSELF.** Be honest about your knowledge and physical ability. Do not overestimate what you're capable of.
- 10. ARRIVE EARLY AND RESTED.**

South Unit Programs

Park Films



Our featured film, *Refuge of the American Spirit*, shows **every half-hour** in the South Unit visitor center theater. (17 minutes)
Theodore Roosevelt National Park, a brief overview of the park shows **on demand** at the Painted Canyon visitor center. (8 minutes)

Geology Talk



Experience, hands-on, the fascinating geology of the park from the stunning vantage point of the Painted Canyon Overlook.
Daily, 15 - 30 minutes

Cabin Tour



A tour of Roosevelt's original Maltese Cross Cabin explores how his experiences in Dakota Territory influenced his life and ours.
Several tours daily, 15 - 20 minutes

Evening Program



A time-honored tradition, gather in the campground amphitheater to hear tales, legends, and even some authentic education!
Nightly, 45 - 60 minutes

Junior Ranger Program

A program for visitors of all ages! Fun, interactive activities reveal the secrets of nature. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturdays, 1 to 2 hours

Petrified Forest Hike

Follow a caravan on dirt and gravel roads to the remote northwest corner of the South Unit (high-clearance vehicle recommended) where you'll begin a guided Wilderness hike to the Petrified Forest. (Hike is about 3 miles.)

Saturday mornings, 4 to 5 hours including drive time

Full Moon Hike

Explore the badlands by the light of a full moon. Tickets are required and available for free on the day of the hike at the South Unit Visitor Center. Space is limited. Directions and locations will be provided with your ticket.

June 2, July 1 & 31, August 29; 1 to 2 hours

Night Prowl

On the darkest nights of summer, experience the nocturnal world of the badlands with a short walk through the darkness. Tickets are required and available for free on the day of the program at the South Unit Visitor Center.

Monthly, Prowl: 45 minutes

Stargazing

Following each night prowling, rangers with telescopes will be providing tours of the starry night sky. No tickets required.

Monthly, Stay as long as you like!

Guided Hike

Explore the wild side of the North Dakota Badlands with a ranger as your guide! Hikes are considered easy, but may contain steep grades or stairs.

Offered occasionally, See weekly program schedules

Always Carry the 10 Essentials

- High Energy Food and Plenty of Water (at least 1 gallon per person, per day)
- Sun Protection (hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen)
- Navigation (topographic map, compass, and/or GPS)
- First Aid (including mole skin and insect repellent)
- Clothing (extra layer, rain gear, extra socks, and sturdy hiking boots)
- Light Source (with extra batteries)
- Heat Source (lighter or matches in a waterproof container)
- Utility Knife
- Communication (whistle, mirror, and/or cell phone)
- Shelter (emergency blanket)

Hiking Trail	Round-Trip Average Hiking Time & Distance <small>(Plan extra time for breaks and pictures)</small>	Trail Description
Easy		
1 Skyline Vista South Unit	10 minutes 0.2 mi / 0.3 km to vista and back	 This flat, paved nature trail ends at a scenic vista with the Little Missouri River visible in the distance.
2 Boicourt Trail South Unit	15 minutes 0.3 mi / 0.5 km to vista to vista and back	 An easy gravel trail with a slight grade showcases a grand view that is a ranger favorite for sunsets.
3 Little Mo Trail North Unit	30 – 45 minutes 0.7 mi / 1.1 km (paved inner loop) 1.1 mi / 1.8 km (unpaved outer loop)	  Explore the river bottom habitat along a paved nature trail with slight grades. Take along a trail brochure, available at the trailhead, to learn as you adventure.
4 Buck Hill South Unit	10 minutes 0.2 mi / 0.3 km to hilltop and back	A short, steep paved trail (with stairs) climbs to the highest accessible point in the park. The view from the top is worth every step.
5 Wind Canyon Trail South Unit	20 minutes 0.4 mi / 0.6 km loop	A gravel path (with stairs) overlooks wind-sculpted geologic features and is the best view of the Little Missouri River the South Unit has to offer. A steep climb to the top of the ridge is optional. Another ranger favorite for sunsets!
Easy to Moderate		
6 Ridgeline Trail South Unit	30 minutes 0.6 mi / 1 km loop	 A brochure (available at the trailhead) guides hikers along moderately steep trail with stairs and great views, explaining the habitats and scenery as you go.
7 Coal Vein Trail South Unit	30 – 45 minutes 0.8 mi / 1.3 km loop	 An occasionally steep trail with stairs explores an area that was once burned by an underground coal vein fire. Take a trail brochure (available at the trailhead) to learn about badlands geology.
8 Painted Canyon Nature Trail South Unit	45 minutes 0.9 mi / 1.4 km loop	A trail with steep grades and stairs explores the badlands from top to bottom (and back again!) Multiple habitats and geologic features add interest to this hike. Each step down is a step back up on the return trip.
9 Caprock Coulee Nature Trail North Unit	1 hour 1.6 mi / 2.6 km (round trip) out and back	 This trail travels over moderate terrain, leading hikers along a coulee. Take a trail brochure (available at the trailhead) that teaches hikers about the badlands and defines the word, “coulee.”
10 Prairie Dog Town via the Buckhorn Trail North Unit	1.5 hours 2.0 mi / 3.2 km (round trip) to dog town and back	Starting at the Caprock Coulee trailhead, veer to the right, taking the short path that connects to the Buckhorn Trail. Turn back where the trail crosses the prairie dog town. If you continue, the Buckhorn Trail is an 11.4 mile loop.
11 Sperati Point via the South Achenbach Trail North Unit	1.5 hour 2.4 mi / 3.9 km (round trip) to vista and back	Begin at Oxbow Overlook. A gentle walk leads to an overlook of the Little Missouri River. Along the way, the trail crosses rolling prairie. This trail is a ranger favorite for wildflowers in spring and early summer.
Moderate to Strenuous		
Caprock Coulee North Unit	2 – 3 hours 4.1 mi / 6.6 km loop	The first 0.75 miles of this trail consists of the Caprock Coulee Nature Trail. The trail becomes more strenuous as it climbs to the top of a grassy butte, follows a ridge line with incredible views, and descends back down.
Maah Daah Hey South Unit	4 – 5 hours 8.4 mi / 13.5 km one-way	The Maah Daah Hey Trail stretches 140 miles across the National Grassland connecting all three units of the park. Mileage listed is for the portion that runs through the South Unit.
Lone Tree Loop South Unit	5 – 6 hours 9.6 mi / 15.4 km loop	You can begin this trail at Peaceful Valley Ranch by following the Ekblom Trail. To avoid a river crossing, access the loop via the Maah Daah Hey Trail. This will add 3.2 miles round trip. Be aware of difficult stream crossings.
Petrified Forest Loop South Unit	5 – 6 hours 10.4 mi / 16.7 km loop	Located in the remote northwest corner of the South Unit, this hike takes you through ancient petrified forests and badlands wilderness. <i>See page 5 for more information.</i>
Buckhorn North Unit	6 – 8 hours 11.4 mi / 18.3 km loop	Enjoy a strenuous hike through prairie dog towns, sagebrush terraces, deep canyons, and high open prairies. Experience the diversity of plant and animal life in these distinct habitats.
Jones/Lower Talkington/ Lower Paddock Loop South Unit	6 – 8 hours 11.4 mi / 18.3 km loop	This loop combines the Jones Creek Trail, the Lower Talkington Trail, and the Lower Paddock Creek Trail. Add it to the Upper Paddock/Talkington Loop for an epic adventure of 23.4 miles.
Upper Paddock/ Talkington Loop South Unit	8 – 10 hours 15.4 mi / 24.8 km 19.4 mi / 31.2 km (Painted Canyon)	This trail combines part of the Lower Talkington Trail with the Upper Talkington and Upper Paddock Creek Trails. Accessing the loop from Painted Canyon will add 4 miles round trip to your hike.
Achenbach North Unit	10 – 12 hours 18 mi / 30 km loop	Steep climbs and descents and two river crossings await you on a trail that leads deep into the heart of the Theodore Roosevelt Wilderness. This trail requires hikers to be well prepared and have good navigation skills.

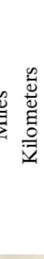
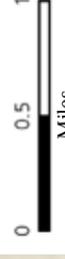
North Unit Map

CAUTION



Burning coal veins exist off-trail in the North Unit's

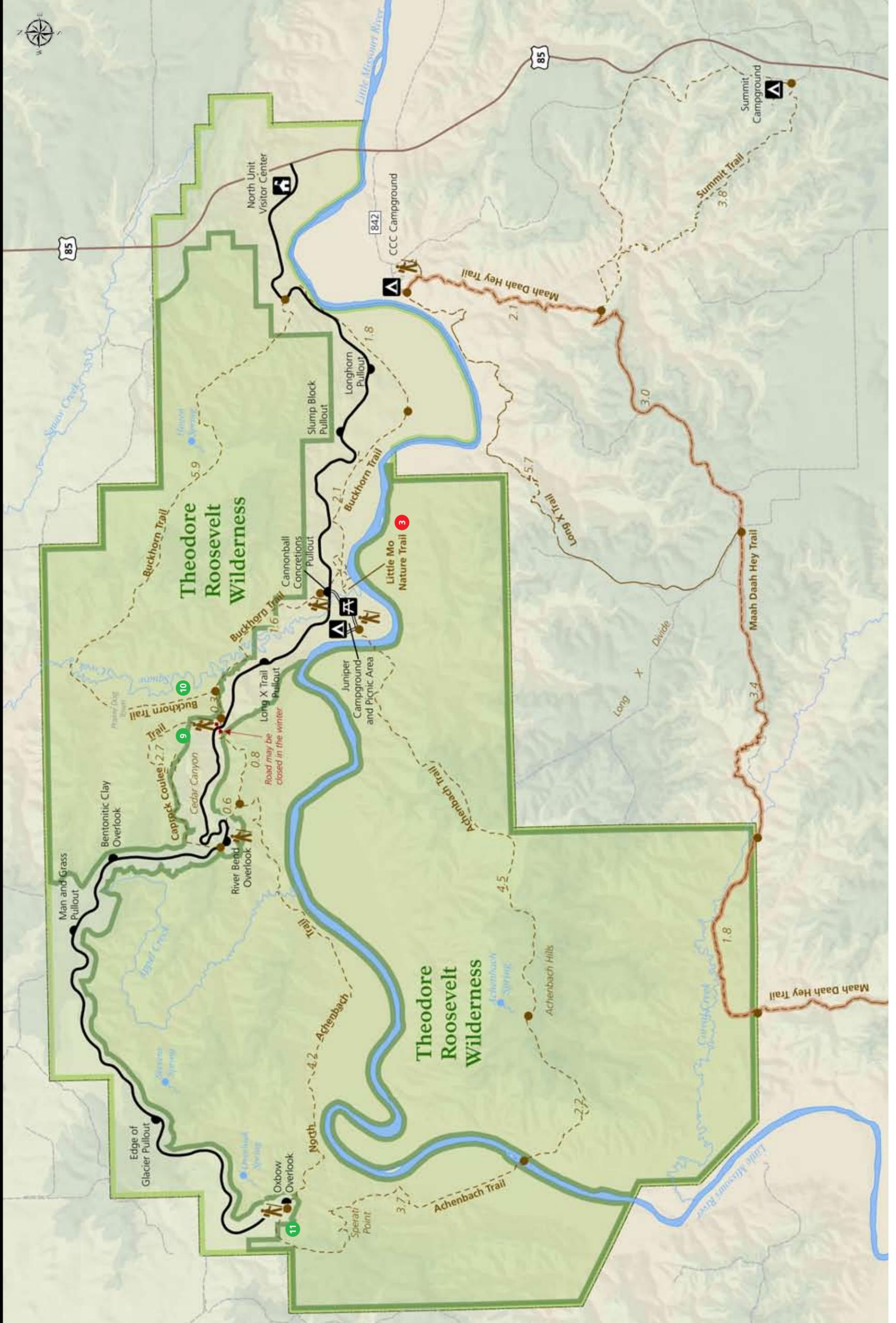
backcountry. Coal veins can burn at temperatures above 1000°F – hot enough to melt rock. Ground around these areas is extremely unstable. For your safety, stay away from smoking ground and report any suspected fire activity to the visitor center. These areas have been closed by order of the Superintendent.



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- U.S. Highway
- Park Scenic Drive
- Other Park Road
- Other Road
- Park Boundary
- Wilderness Boundary
- Park Trail (Miles between points)
- Maah Daah Hey Trail (Miles between points)

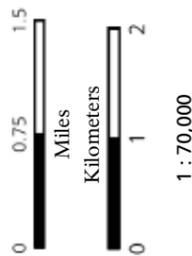
- Visitor Center
- Campground
- Picnic Area
- Backcountry Trailhead
- Spring or Well
- Keys to Hiking Guide - Easy to Moderate



South Unit Map

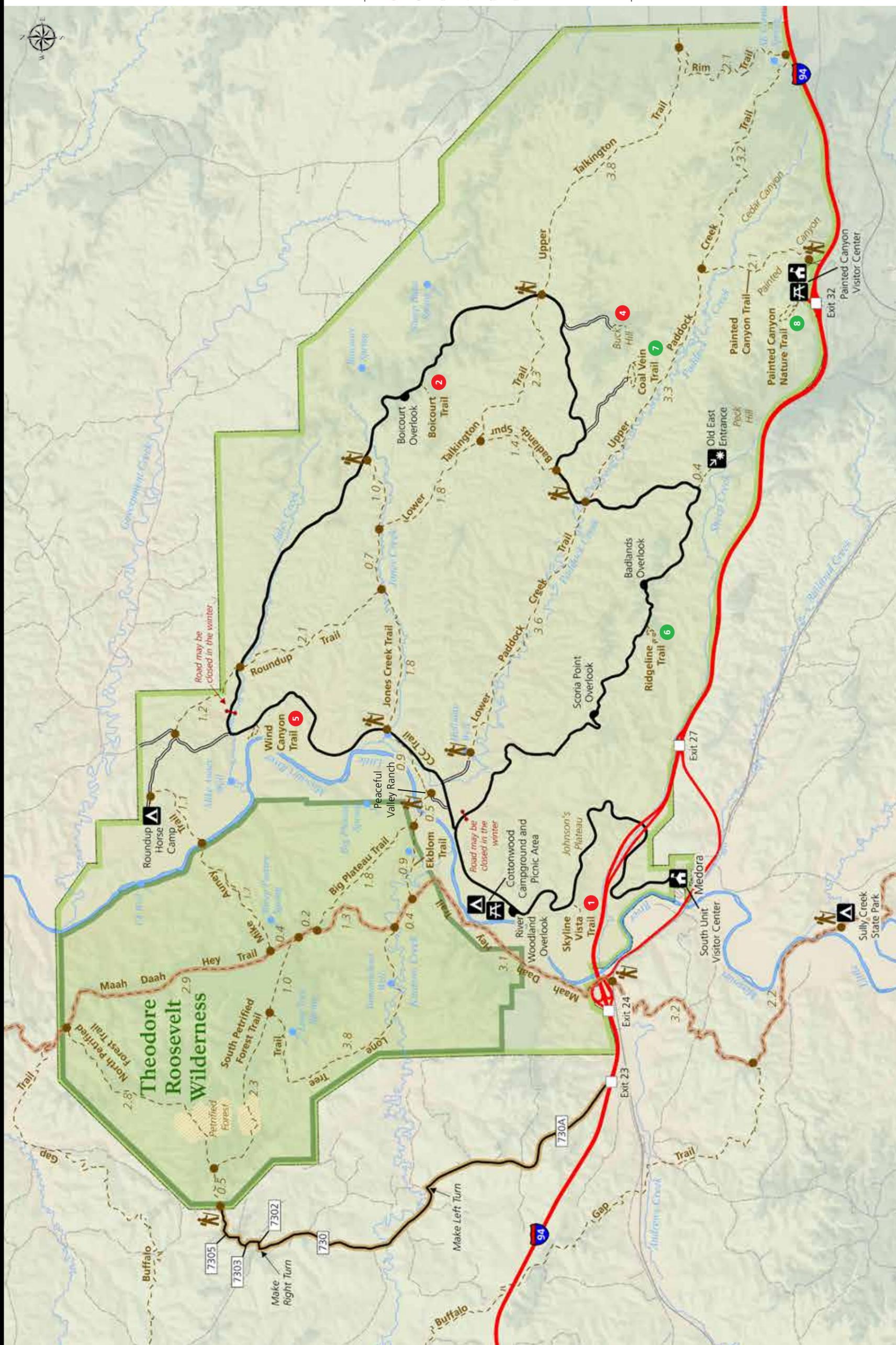
NAVIGATION

While these maps are sufficient for short day hikes, topographic maps purchased at park visitor centers are recommended for longer hikes. Be aware that trail names have changed in recent years and may not be updated on commercial maps. We suggest taking this map along with a topographic map when heading out into the backcountry.



- Interstate Hwy
- Park Scenic Drive
- Other Park Road
- Other Road
- Park Boundary
- Wilderness Boundary
- Park Trail (Miles between points) 2.4
- Maah Daah Hey Trail (Miles between points) 2.4

- Visitor Center
- Campground
- Picnic Area
- Point of Interest
- Backcountry Trailhead
- Spring or Well
- Keys to Hiking Guide - Easy to Moderate





Celebrating 100 Years of Parks for the People

August 25, 2016 is the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service. From now through December, 2016, parks throughout the country will celebrate our Centennial.

Before we take a look forward to the future, it is worthwhile to revisit the past. Our journey started with a simple but radical idea that has grown into the National Park System we know today.

In the early history of the U.S., there were no truly “public” lands. The idea of preserving lands for the general public began to take shape gradually, over the course of several decades. In 1864 President Lincoln signed the Yosemite Grant Act into law. This law protected California’s Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias from exploitation. Though administration of the land was turned over to the State of California, the seeds of the “National Park Idea” were sown.

Eight years later, in 1872, Yellowstone National Park became the world’s first national park. It was set aside as a “public

park and pleasuring ground for the benefit and enjoyment of the people.” Its primary purpose was to preserve the area’s natural wonders from commercial exploitation.

Sequoia, General Grant (now Kings Canyon), and Yosemite National Parks followed in 1890. From then on, the number of federally protected parks would grow steadily for generations to come.

By 1916, there was an obvious need for the national parks to be centrally managed. The act to create the National Park Service was signed into law by President Woodrow Wilson on August 25, 1916. Since then, the National Park System has grown to include over 400 different units. These parks preserve our history and our heritage.

As we celebrate the accomplishments of the last 100 years, we seek to connect with and create the next generation of park visitors, supporters, and advocates. Join the celebration in 2016 as parks across the country hold special events to commemorate our Centennial.



National Park Service™
CENTENNIAL



FIND YOUR PARK

FINDYOURPARK.COM

Over the next year, the National Park Service will share the stories of “America’s Best Idea.” We invite you to celebrate with us by finding your own connection to a park—any park, whether national, state, local, or a nearby green space in your community. Find Your Park in our public lands!

Thankful for Helping Hands

VOLUNTEERS IN PARKS (VIPs) PLAY STARRING ROLES IN supporting and protecting our nation's treasures. The national parks in North Dakota are served by many dedicated individuals who donate their time and talents to help us achieve our mission.

If you would like to become a VIP, contact any of the 3 national parks in North Dakota or any of the 407 (and counting!) national park sites across the US and its territories.



May 2011 Volunteers assist park staff with stacking sandbags to protect Theodore Roosevelt's Cabin from spring flooding.

Volunteers make Lifeways Event a Success

EVERY SEPTEMBER, KNIFE RIVER INDIAN VILLAGES NHS hosts Lifeways of the Northern Plains. Roughly 1,200 fourth grade students from North Dakota attend this 4-day-long educational event. Students take their turn at 6 different stations—atlatl throwing, Indian sign language, flute music, earthlodge tour, beading, hide-painting, and constructing an earthlodge frame.

Volunteers play an important role at Knife River NHS events.



2014 Lifeways VIPs

Lifeways could not run with park staff alone. In 2014, nine volunteers assisted with Lifeways, many of them returning from previous years. The volunteers have different backgrounds, but they all enjoy helping students learn about the Hidatsa culture.

Knife River NHS would like to thank those who volunteer at Lifeways and all other events for their excellent work. We could not accomplish our goals without you!

To volunteer at Lifeways of the Northern Plains or other special events, contact Knife River Indian Villages NHS. (see page 15)



A VIP leads an Earthlodge Tour

Dogs in Parks

DOES YOUR FURRY FRIEND NEED A PLACE TO STRETCH his legs? Not all areas within national parks are open to pets. Below are some places to go if your puppy needs some room to roam.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATIONAL PARK

- Roads and parking areas (watch for traffic)
- Campgrounds and picnic areas
- Medora bike path (outside the park - south unit)
- USFS Little Missouri National Grasslands and Maah Daah Hey Trail (outside the park)

Please note: pets are not permitted on trails or in the backcountry in Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

KNIFE RIVER INDIAN VILLAGES NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

- All trails, roads, and picnic areas

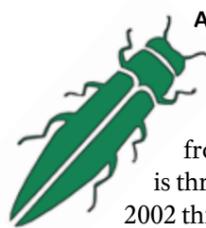
FORT UNION TRADING POST NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

- All outdoor areas including the courtyard

Please remember, when inside a national park, pets must be restrained on a leash at all times. Always clean up after your pet. Pets are not permitted in park buildings.

If you have questions about pet regulations, speak to a ranger at any park visitor center.

Save our Trees!



ABOUT FIFTY PERCENT OF THE hardwood trees in Theodore Roosevelt National Park are ash trees. A little green beetle from Asia, the Emerald Ash Borer, is threatening their existence. From 2002 through early 2015, this insect has spread to 26 states, as well as to Ontario and Quebec. It has been responsible for the deaths of more than 100 million ash trees in the U.S.

“This insect has the potential to eliminate ash from North America,” says Michael Brown of the USDA. “It attacks all species of ash and it kills 100 percent of what it attacks.” The primary way the beetle travels is on loads of firewood carried by travelers from one state to another. If humans don't stop helping this beetle spread, it could reach the park this year! Remember:

IT IS ILLEGAL TO BRING IN WOOD FROM ANOTHER STATE.

If you have brought wood from another state, burn it as soon as possible!

For Teachers

LEARNERS AROUND THE NATION ARE ABLE to experience the rich cultural and natural history that the North Dakota National Parks offer without ever leaving the classroom. Distance learning equipment brings the park right to your students - no school busses required!

At Knife River Indian Villages NHS, students can virtually experience an earth lodge, see the remains of an earthlodge village, watch prescribed fires and archeological work, and other special events. At Theodore Roosevelt National Park, students can take a tour of Roosevelt's Cabin or learn about North Dakota's dark night sky.

Find out how to get your class involved by calling any of the 3 park sites or by visiting the “Education” section of the parks' websites.



What's with the Oil Boom?

SURPRISED BY ALL THE TRAFFIC AND construction? The past decade has brought great changes to this region.

Deep beneath western North Dakota, the Bakken formation contains rich oil deposits. New technology has only recently made it feasible to recover these reserves. Most oil here is extracted by hydraulic fracturing, or “fracking,” a technique that fractures the bedrock, using a slurry of sand, chemicals, and water to extract the trapped oil.

The Bakken oil boom has brought tens of thousands of new jobs to the area, endowing North Dakota with the highest employment rate in the United States. How does this affect us in the park?

The three units of Theodore Roosevelt are small islands taking up less than 1% of the

Bakken region, but providing vital habitat for native plants and animals. As development surrounds the park units, you can see and hear its impacts. While traveling the surrounding area, you may encounter traffic, noise, dust, and booming prices to follow the booming jobs.

Other impacts are less obvious. When spilled, fracking fluids can be more harmful to the environment than the oil itself. Because oil is cheaper to collect and more profitable than natural gas, many operations burn off excess gas until they are able to build collection infrastructure. Gas flares and 24-hour facilities light up and obscure the formerly dark skies of North Dakota.

The oil boom challenges us to wonder: how can we develop energy resources while still protecting natural habitats?

2015 Photo Contest

THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATIONAL PARK AND THEODORE Roosevelt Nature & History Association announce the 4th annual Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park Photo Contest.

We want your photos!

The 2016 TRNP annual pass will feature the winning photo from 2015 and the 2016 TRNP calendar will display the top 12 photo entries. All contest entries may be used in ranger programs, publications, and more.

Photos taken between September 1, 2014 and August 31, 2015 are eligible for the contest. For official rules, entry forms, and other information visit: trnha.org

TRNHA will announce the Grand Prize Winner and top finalists following a slideshow presentation of all entries, December 5, 2015.



The 2015 Theodore Roosevelt National Park Pass features the winning photo from 2014 taken by park visitor, David Bruner.



2014 2nd place, *Badlands Dawn*, by David Schram



2014 3rd place, *Little Missouri*, by John Neukirch



2014 finalist, *North Unit Rainbow*, by Bill Crnkovich

Your Fee Dollars at Work



THIS YEAR, THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE received approval to increase entrance and campground fees. Theodore Roosevelt National Park has chosen to phase in the increase over three years, beginning February 1, 2015.

Park entrance and camping fees are rarely increased. The last time Theodore

Roosevelt National Park's fees increased was over 20 years ago. The overall public reaction has been very positive.

You may wonder where your park fee monies go. Federal laws ensure that parks use recreation fees in ways that directly benefit visitors.

Recent projects funded by fee money include printing this free Visitor Guide, producing our award-winning orientation film, and maintaining campgrounds and trails. A project to design and install new wayside exhibits and trailhead information signs is in its second year.

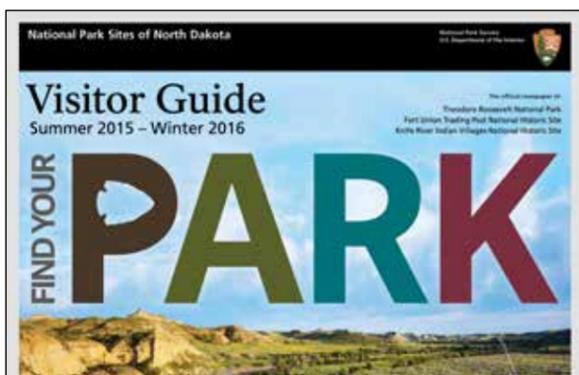
This year, the park is using fee money to

rehabilitate and improve the South Unit's Ridgeline and Painted Canyon Nature Trails. The wayside exhibit project will continue as will a short film project. Experts will work to conserve Theodore Roosevelt's firearms found on display the South Unit Visitor Center. In the North Unit, a temporary Visitor Center will also be installed.

Future projects include more trail rehabilitation, museum exhibit improvements, public restrooms, and free publications.

In 2016, the National Park Service will celebrate its 100th birthday. Parks across the nation will use fee money to continue the agency's mission of preserving America's treasured places while providing visitors with opportunities to enjoy and connect with our national heritage.

We hope that on future visits you will notice the many improvements taking place. Your money will certainly be put to good use!



Fee dollars make free publications available to visitors, such as the visitor guide you're reading now and other guides and brochures you'll find throughout TNRP.



A Ranger directs an educational short film. Recreation fee money aided in the creation of several educational videos in 2014. New film projects are in the works this year as well.



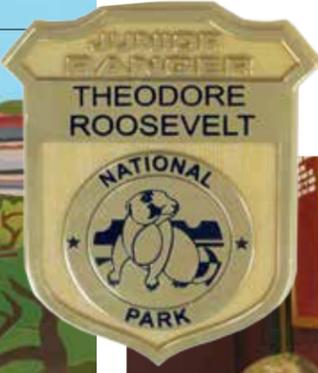
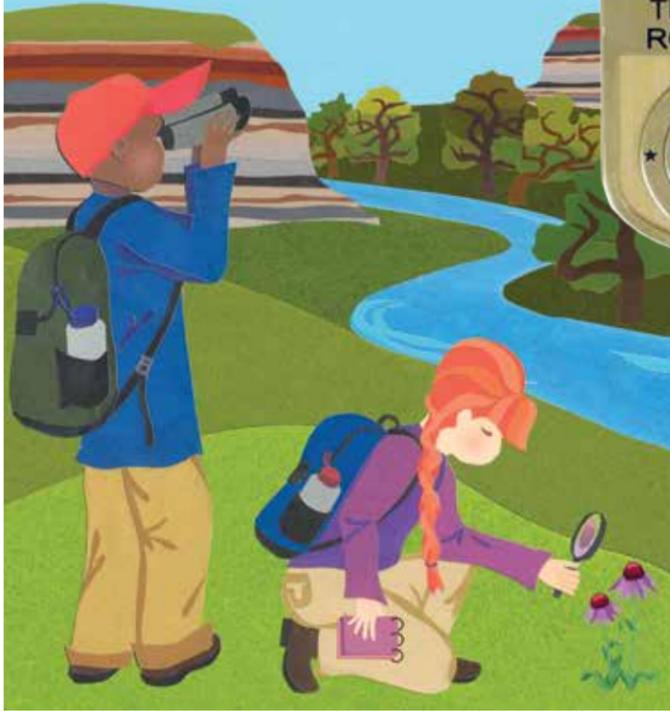
Fee money and engaging the next generation: A Student Conservation Association trial crew of young adults, funded by fee money, will rehabilitate nature trails in TRNP in 2015.



Be a Junior Ranger!

JUNIOR RANGER FIELD JOURNAL

BELONGS TO: _____



JUNIOR RANGERS ARE AN ELITE CLASS OF YOUNG PARK ENTHUSIASTS. THEY DEDICATE THEIR time and energy to the protection and care of National Parks. They earn valuable lessons and gain deeper understanding of the natural and cultural history of the places they visit.

Report to your nearest visitor center and receive a free activity book. Complete the activities specified for your age group and you will be

sworn in and awarded a badge. Most programs can be completed in as little as half a day.



COLLECT THEM ALL IN NORTH DAKOTA:

- Theodore Roosevelt NP
- Knife River Indian
- Villages NHS
- Junior Trader at Fort Union Trading Post NHS
- Junior Paleontologist at Theodore Roosevelt NP

Some families take collecting Jr. Ranger badges very seriously!

Family Fun Packs and Discovery Packs



DID YOU NOTICE A WILDFLOWER YOU COULDN'T IDENTIFY? HAVE YOU BEEN SQUINTING AT EAGLES SOARING overhead because you left your binoculars at home? Problem solved! Borrow a Family Fun Pack or Discovery Pack! It costs nothing and is packed with helpful tools like field guides, hand lenses, binoculars, informational booklets, creative activities, and games. You'll be fully equipped for a day of discovery and learning.

FAMILY FUN PACKS

THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATIONAL PARK

- May be borrowed for up to 24 hours
- A credit card and driver's license is required for checkout.
- Must be returned during visitor center open hours.
- Available to everyone and every age group

DISCOVERY PACKS

KNIFE RIVER INDIAN VILLAGES NHS

- A credit card or driver's license is **not** required for checkout.
- Must be returned during visitor center open hours.
- Available to everyone and every age group

Half the Park is After Dark



HAVE YOU EVER SEEN THE MILKY WAY pouring across a jet black sky? Or cast a moon shadow on the face of a badlands butte? Heard coyotes yapping in the distance or smelled nightfall on the prairie? Half the park really is after dark! Experience the night like you never have before.

Join us as we explore and celebrate the dark side of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Activities are free and open to all:

NIGHT PROWL (SOUTH UNIT)

A ranger guided hike explores the sights and sounds of night in the badlands on the darkest nights of summer. Free tickets are required, available at the South Unit Visitor Center on the day of the prowl.

Monthly, dates TBD, see program schedules posted throughout the park.

STARGAZING (SOUTH UNIT)

Following each Night Prowl, rangers with telescopes will share facts and stories about the night sky in a relaxed and casual setting (weather permitting). Tickets are not required.

Monthly, dates TBD, see program schedules posted throughout the park.

FULL MOON HIKES (SOUTH UNIT)

Free tickets are required, available at the South Unit Visitor Center on the day of the hike.

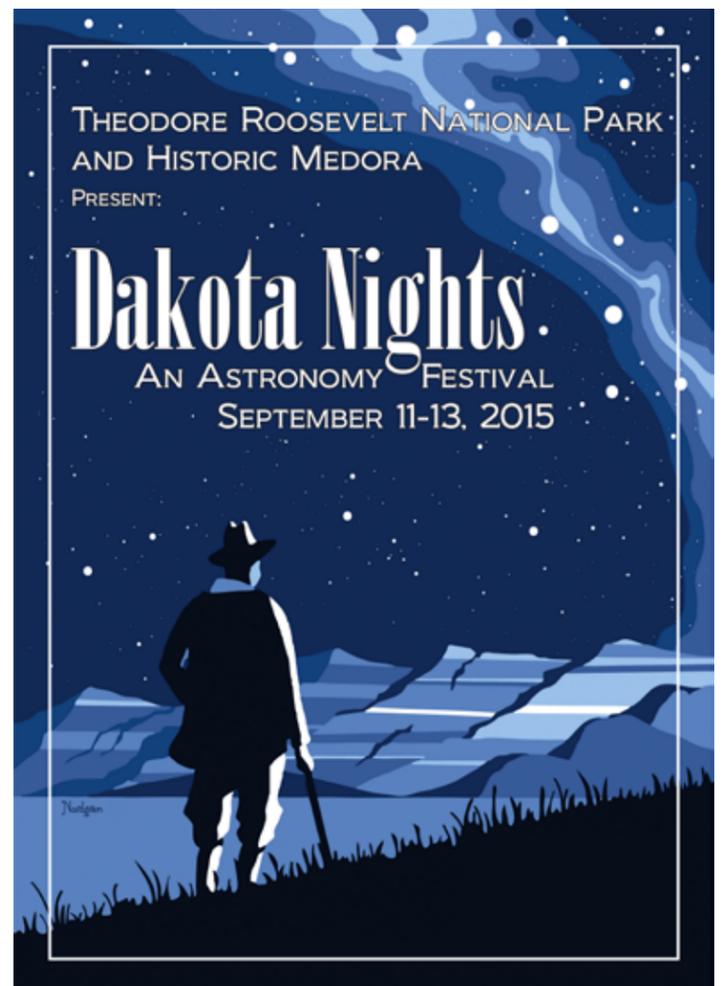
Schedule for 2015:

- Tuesday, June 2
- Wednesday, July 1
- Friday, July 31 (Blue Moon!)
- Saturday, August 29

BADLANDS STAR PARTY (NORTH UNIT) AUGUST 14 & 15

Join members of the Northern Sky Astronomical Society for a tour of the universe using telescopes and solar scopes.

Visit the Northern Sky Astronomical Society facebook page to learn more.



DAKOTA NIGHTS, AN ASTRONOMY FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 11-13, 2015

Astronomers, Rangers, and Historians come together for a three day festival celebrating North Dakota's dark skies and rich heritage. Visit the park website to learn more: www.nps.gov/thro.

Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site



National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Fort Union Trading Post NHS

Mailing Address

Fort Union Trading Post NHS
15550 Highway 1804
Williston, North Dakota 58801

Park Information & Lost and Found

701-572-9083

Website

www.nps.gov/fous
Find us on Facebook and Twitter

EMERGENCY

Dial 911 or contact a uniformed park employee

Hours of Operation

Winter Hours:
Labor Day through Memorial Day
Daily 9:00 am – 5:30 pm, CT

Summer Hours:
Memorial Day through Labor Day
Daily, 8:00 am – 6:30 pm, CT

The Fort is closed Thanksgiving Day,
Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

Admission is free.



WELCOME TO FORT Union Trading Post National Historic Site. A trip to Fort Union takes you

back to the mid-19th century, the heyday of Fort Union and the fur trade on the Upper Missouri River. Fort Union Trading Post was the most important fur trading post on the upper Missouri from 1828 to 1867. Here, the Assiniboine, Crow, Cree, Ojibway, Blackfeet, Hidatsa, and other tribes traded buffalo robes and other furs for goods such as cloth, guns, blankets, knives, cookware, and beads.



EXPLORE THE POST

The partially reconstructed trading post serves as a stage for living history interpretation. During the summer, various fur trade personnel are portrayed. Walk in the steps of famous individuals from different cultures such as Alexander & Natawista Culbertson, Kenneth McKenzie, George Catlin, Father Pierre DeSmet, John James Audubon, Sitting Bull, Karl Bodmer, and Jim Bridger.

AVAILABLE ACTIVITIES

- Tour the reconstructed fort using a self-guided map.
- Explore the visitor center, museum, and bookstore.
- Junior Trader program for kids.
- Watch films on Fort Union and the fur trade - *Firearms of the Fur Trade*, *The Buffalo Robe*, *Mysteries of the Archeological Collection*, and more!
- Experience living history programs in the the Trade House (summer).
- Bodmer Overlook hiking trail (open seasonally).



Images: Living history demonstrations at Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site



BODMER TRAIL

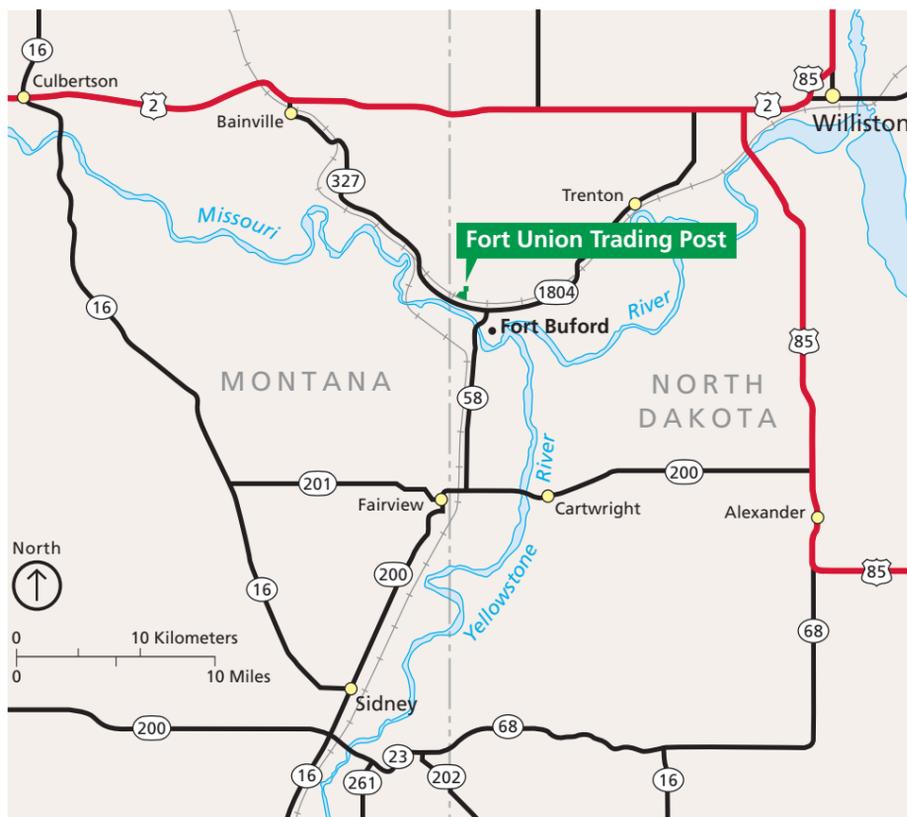
This two mile trail climbs to the point where in 1833, Karl Bodmer sketched images of Fort Union, Assiniboine Indians, and the confluence of the Missouri and Yellowstone Rivers. The trail passes through the historic ruins of the short-lived railroad town of Mondak and some privately owned pasture land. Please make sure to close all gates while hiking. The parking area and trailhead are on the north side

of the highway. Ask for a Bodmer Trail Guide at the visitor center.



TRADE HOUSE

Our costumed interpreters transport you back to 1851 in the most important building at Fort Union. The Trade House is located between the Fort gates through the south entrance. When tribes came to trade, the main trading sessions were done here. Come learn the stories and history of this unique place.



2015 Schedule of Events

Fort Rendezvous

June 18-24

Fort Union Trading Post NHS hosts its 31st annual Rendezvous. Come and experience the Upper Missouri's finest fur trade fair at one of the West's most imposing historic sites. Activities include historic demonstrations and traditional American Indian crafts. Join us for the biggest special event of the year!

Fort Union Rendezvous Kids Day

June 18

A day of fun activities for kids of all ages. Kids can participate in traditional American Indian games, learn Indian sign language and more! Program hours 10:00 am CT to 2:00 pm CT.

Indian Arts Showcase

August 1-2

Come to the 23rd annual Indian Arts Showcase. This event commemorates American Indian history and culture through music, traditional crafts, and lectures by tribal historians and elders from tribes of the Upper Missouri. Traditional dancers and singers perform each day. Artisans will demonstrate beading, quill work, pipe making, and other crafts. The show will be another exciting opportunity to visit the Fort and enjoy the native cultures.

Living History Weekend

September 5-7

Re-enactors portray American Fur Company employees and American Indians working and trading at Fort Union. These actors will demonstrate what a living, active fort was like during Fort Union's heyday. The Last Bell Tour is an historic re-enactment that bring to life one of Fort Union's many stories. It will be performed Saturday evening beginning at 8:00 pm CT.

Blacksmith Workshop

September 20

Learn the basic techniques of blacksmithing presented by Fort Union. Participants are advised to bring their own lunch and wear appropriate clothing.

Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site



National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Knife River Indian Villages NHS

Mailing Address

Knife River Indian Villages NHS
P.O. Box 9
564 County Road 37
Stanton, North Dakota 58571

Park Information & Lost and Found

701-745-3300

Website

www.nps.gov/knri

EMERGENCY

Dial 911 or contact a uniformed park employee

Hours of Operation

Visitor Center	Daily 8:00 am – 4:30 pm, CT
Summer (Labor Day – Memorial Day)	Daily 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, CT

Park Grounds are open until 10:00 p.m.

The Visitor Center is closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

Admission is free.

Camping is not allowed within the park. Camping is available in surrounding communities.



WELCOME TO KNIFE
River Indian Villages National Historic Site, where history comes alive. By

touring our visitor center, you can learn about Northern Great Plains Indian Culture as well as native plants and animals. Stroll through the museum and enjoy a 15 minute film describing life in an Indian Village from the perspective of Maxidiwiac. Step back in time as you walk through the remains of village sites.



RANGER PROGRAMS

Take your park experience to a whole new level!

Ranger Programs are available Memorial Day through Labor Day. Programs are free. Visitors of all ages are welcome to attend.



MORE FUN!

Discovery Packs containing bird guides, binoculars, magnifying glasses, and a pack of wildflower cards are available for checkout at the visitor center. Free!

Junior Ranger Booklets are available for kids 6-12. Junior Explorer booklets are available for ages 3-5. Return them to the visitor center to receive your badge or button. *Turn to page 13 to learn more.*

2015 Schedule of Events

Spring Photography-in-the-Field Workshop

May 9

Whether you are a professional or you are just getting started, join our group for the practical application of photography lessons. All camera formats are welcome - from "point and shoot," to digital SLR, to film. Workshop hours are 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM CDT.

4th Annual Knap-In

June 20

Join flint knappers as they demonstrate their skills in creating arrowheads, knives, and other tools. Event hours are 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM CDT.

Hands on History Series

July 11 & 18

Learn about pottery, quillwork, jewelry, and other topics. Come and join in! Be a part of the hands-on activities!

Kid's Camp

July 7, 14, 21, & 28

Tuesdays in July, children ages 6 to 12 can participate in special activities at the park. Each Tuesday focuses on a different theme. Join for one or all four weeks. For safety reasons, those who wish to participate on the 28th must have already attended at least one other week.

Please reserve your space in advance by calling 701-745-3300.

Music for the Villages

July 25

Enjoy Native American music performed by traditional artists.

Fall Photography-in-the-Field Workshop

September 26

Whether you are a professional or you are just getting started, join our group for the practical application of photography lessons. All camera formats are welcome - from "point and shoot," to digital SLR, to film. Workshop hours are 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM CDT.



Visitors participating in summer events at Knife River Indian Villages NHS

Knife River Hiking Guide

Hiking Trail	Time & Distance (round-trip)	Trail Description
Village Trail	30 minutes 1.3 mi / 2.1 km	The trail begins at the visitor center and meanders to two village sites: the Lower Hidatsa Village and the Sakakawea Village (Awatixa Village). A loop at the second site includes a walk along the Knife River.
North Forest Trail	2 – 3 hours 5 mi / 8.0 km	The trail explores bottom-land forest and native prairie with spectacular views of the Missouri River. As you enter the forest, you can choose to walk 0.1 miles on the Big Hidatsa Trail to the Big Hidatsa Village.
Two Rivers Trail	3 – 4 hours 6.2 mi / 10 km	This trail follows the Knife River to the south end of the park. Here you can see where the Knife River flows into the Missouri River.

Important Regulations



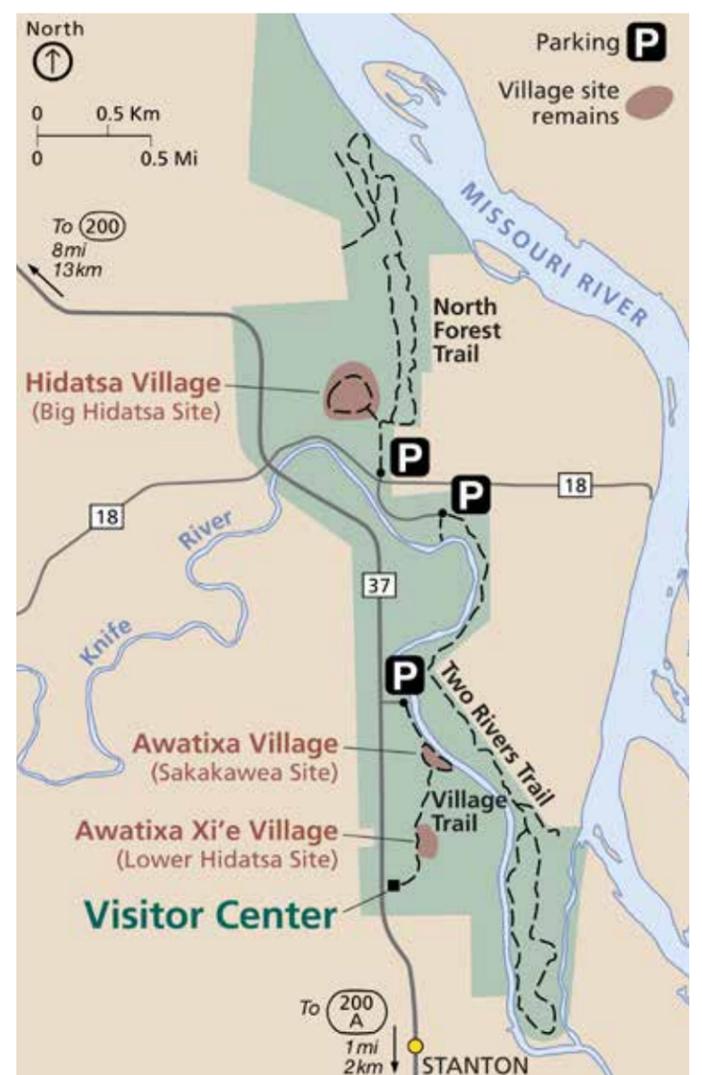
FISHING

Catch walleye, catfish, or pike from the shore of the Knife River. The parking lot of the Sakakawea Site is a great location. North Dakota fishing regulations apply. Visitors under the age of 16 may fish without a license.



PETS

Pets are allowed on trails, in picnic areas, and along park roads if they are under control and on leashes not longer than 6 feet. Pets are not allowed in park buildings. Please clean up after your pet.

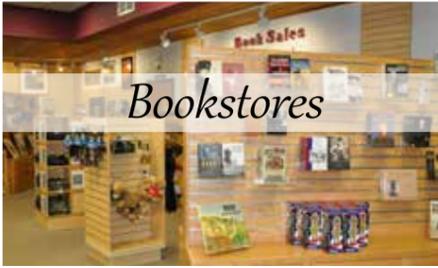


Supporting our National Parks

Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association

Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association (TRNHA) is a nonprofit cooperating association working in partnership with the National Park Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in North Dakota. Since its creation in 1951, TRNHA has donated over \$928,000 in aid and support to national parks and wildlife refuges.

Theodore Roosevelt National Park and Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site would like to thank TRNHA for their continuing support of the National Park Service mission.



Bookstores



Research



Publications



Education

TRNHA operates 5 bookstores located in Theodore Roosevelt NP, Knife River Indian Villages NHS, and Upper Souris NWR. Proceeds from bookstore sales, memberships, and donations are used to support many NPS and USFWS programs.

TRNHA funds scientific and oral history research throughout the parks. Recent funding has been used for mountain lion studies and elk management efforts.

TRNHA publishes free trail guides, brochures, and checklists as well as many items sold in the bookstores that emphasize the natural and cultural history of the area.

In addition to hosting many annual events, TRNHA supports several National Park Service programs including the Dakota Nights Astronomy Festival, the Junior Ranger Program, and Student Conservation Association interns.

Membership Registration Form

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | \$20 | <input type="checkbox"/> Supporter | \$250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family | \$35 | <input type="checkbox"/> Partner | \$500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend | \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate | \$1000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contributor | \$100 | | |

New Renewal

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

E-mail _____

Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association

Submit to TRNHA bookstore or mail to:



TRNHA
P.O. Box 167
Medora, ND 58645

2015 TRNHA Special Events



61st Annual Bird Walk

June 7, 2015
Cottonwood Campground
Theodore Roosevelt National Park

Bring your binoculars and prepare to explore the diversity of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Bird enthusiasts from across the region will join together to count species and add to their life lists. A pancake breakfast will be served following the bird walk. (Donations are appreciated)

Photo Contest: Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park

Submission period begins April 18, 2015
Awards Ceremony December 5, 2015
TRNP South Unit Visitor Center

Are you a photographer? Then submit your best photos of Theodore Roosevelt National Park for a chance to see your photo on the park's annual pass! All photos must be taken between September 1, 2014 and August 31, 2015. See page 12 for details.



National Teddy Bear Picnic Day

July 10, 2015
Cottonwood Picnic Area
Theodore Roosevelt National Park

Did you know the Teddy Bear was named for Theodore Roosevelt? Find out why during TRNHA's annual Teddy Bear Picnic. Bring along your own teddy bear and join us for an afternoon of fun! All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Area Map

