

Picture Yourself in *Theodore Roosevelt National Park*



2013 Contest Winning Photo by: Gary Anderson

2014 Photo Contest “Go Wild” Official Rules Packet



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Official Rules

CONTEST SPONSOR

Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association is the official sponsor of the annual “Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park Photo Contest. For more information on this cooperating association please visit www.trnha.org

TERM

The 2014 Photography Contest will begin April 19, 2014 at 12:00 a.m. US Mountain Time and **ends August 31, 2014, 11:59 PM US Mountain Time.** Information on entering the contest and prizes that will be awarded can be found below. By submitting an entry, each entrant agrees to the Official Rules and warrants that his or her entry complies with all requirements set out in the Official Rules. This is a skill based contest and chance plays no part in the determination of winners.

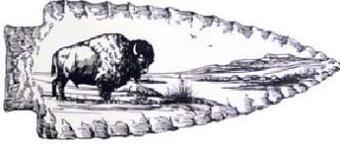
WHO MAY ENTER

Contest is open to any person regardless of age. If entering as a minor, please fill out the photo release form and submit with your application package. Employees of Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association or members of TRNHA Board of Directors are not eligible for entry.

HOW TO ENTER (Limit one entry per person)

Each Entry consists of an entry form, up to two images, and a photo release form. Failure to submit an entry and photo release form will result in disqualification. Any person submitting more than one application will be disqualified from the contest.

To enter, visit <http://www.trnha.org/pictureyourselfintrnp.html> or <http://www.nps.gov/>; complete an entry form with the required information, including your name, address, telephone number, email address, photo caption, and release form; and submit along with your photographs in accordance with the instructions that follow.



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All photos must have been taken between September 1, 2013 and August 31, 2014. The theme for National Park week this year is “Go Wild” so we are encouraging you to submit photos incorporating this theme. There are no specific categories to the contest, however photos must be recognizable as taken in Theodore Roosevelt National Park and may contain any natural, cultural, or historical subject within the three units of the park.

Photographs must be in digital format. Only online entries will be eligible. No print or film submissions will be accepted for entry into this Contest. The photograph need not be taken with a digital camera; scans of images are acceptable. All digital files must be in JPEG or JPG format. All photos should be named using the following filename format: mm-dd-yy_firstname.jpg.

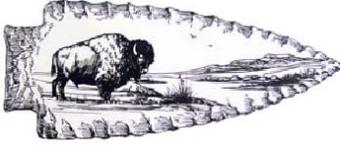
The photograph, in its entirety, must be a single work of original material taken by the Contest entrant. By entering the Contest, entrant represents, acknowledges, and warrants that the submitted photograph is an original work created solely by the entrant, that the photograph does not infringe on the copyrights, trademarks, moral rights, rights of privacy/publicity or intellectual property rights of any person or entity, and that no other party has any right, title, claim, or interest in the photograph.

The photograph must not, in the sole and unfettered discretion of the Sponsor, contain obscene, provocative, defamatory, sexually explicit, or otherwise objectionable or inappropriate content.

RELEASES – ALL ENTRIES MUST INCLUDE THE PHOTO RELEASE FORM

All photos submitted will be added to Theodore Roosevelt National Park and Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association archives and may be used in printing of free handouts, displays, and merchandise.

If the photograph contains any material or elements that are not owned by the entrant and/or which are subject to the rights of third parties, and/or if any persons appear in the photograph, the entrant is responsible for obtaining, prior to submission of the photograph, any and all releases and consents necessary to permit the exhibition and use of the photograph in the manner set forth in these Official Rules without additional compensation. If any person appearing in any photograph is under the age of 18 the signature of a parent or legal guardian is required on each release.



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Upon Sponsor's request, each entrant must be prepared to provide (within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of Sponsor's request) a signed release from all persons who appear in the photograph submitted, and/or from the owner of any material that appears in the photograph entry, authorizing Sponsor and its licensees ("Authorized Parties") to reproduce, distribute, display, and create derivative works of the entry in connection with the Contest and promotion of the Contest, in any media now or hereafter known. All releases must be in the form provided by Sponsor. Failure to provide such releases upon request may result in disqualification at any time during the Contest and selection of an alternate winner. Photo release forms can be downloaded at www.trnha.org/pictureyourselfintrnp.html.

JUDGING

Contest consists of two rounds of evaluation. In Round One, a panel of judges will select twelve finalist based on the following criteria: (1) Representation of Theodore Roosevelt National Park (60% of overall score); (2) Technical Quality (30% of overall score); (3) Originality or Creativity (10% of overall score). The entries selected in Round One will proceed to Round Two. In Round Two, the Judges will rank the top 12 applicants indicating placing beginning with a Grand Prize winner. In the event of a tie, the tied entries will be re-submitted to the judges for a re-judging between the tied entries alone. In the event that a tie remains after re-judging, the entry that best represents Theodore Roosevelt National Park will be declared the winner. Finalist will be notified mid-November and the winners will be announced during [Medora's Old Fashioned Christmas](#) in early December. Decisions of the judges are final and binding.

Contest Prizes

All prizes will be awarded in December during the 2014 Award Ceremony. If you are unable to attend the event your prize will be mailed to you.

1. The Twelve Finalist will be featured in a 2015 Calendar. The calendar will go on sale the day of the awards ceremony and will be sold at Theodore Roosevelt National Park while supplies last.
2. Finalist photographs will be temporarily on display in the park visitor centers and may be featured in park publications, park website, merchandise, and TRNHA's website.
3. All finalists will receive a certificate of participation stating they were chosen as a finalist.
4. The contest sponsor will award various prizes to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.
5. The Grand Prize winner's photograph will be the featured photograph on the 2015 park annual pass. Additionally, the winner will have their photo on the cover of the 2015 Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park Calendar and will receive prizes valuing \$75.



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Photo Contest Judging Criteria – Judging is weighted as listed below

Park Representation (accounts for 60% of the total score)

Representation is the most important judging criteria as the winning photo will be featured on the park pass and must show the beauty that is Theodore Roosevelt National Park

- The viewer can immediately identify the location as Theodore Roosevelt National Park.
- Does the photo capture the beauty that is the ND badlands?
- Is the photo one that would make someone say, “I want to visit that park?”

Technical Quality (accounts for 30% of the total score)

Print quality depends on camera technique, exposure, processing, and printing. A quality print shows detail in all areas important to the message. Overexposure or underexposure results in lost detail. With the exception of photos that either intentionally show motion or are taken as soft-focus images (such as a portrait), tack-sharp focus is one of the first things that everyone notices about an image. The sharpest point of the picture should pinpoint what the photographer sees as the most important aspect of the image.

- Photo is properly exposed. Details are not lost due to under or overexposure
- Photo is clear and sharply focused.
- Lighting is appropriate for the subject or them of the photo.
- The colors look natural.

Originality or Creativity (accounts for 10% of the total score)

In short, taking a fresh look at and lending the photographer's unique thinking and vision to any subject. In other words, the photographer reveals the subject in extraordinary ways, ways that the viewer otherwise might not have seen.

- The subject matter is pictured in a unique way or a common item shown from an interesting point-of-view.
- Does it have that wow factor?



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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete All fields. Missing information will disqualify your photos.
2. Press the "Save" button.
3. Rename photo filenames using the example below:

mm_dd_yy_firstname.jpg
example: 01-13-14_John.jpg
4. Create an e-mail message. Attach the photos and this entry form to the e-mail.
5. Submit the completed email to: info@trnha.org
6. Failure to submit any of the required information will result in disqualification.

Form Problem?

[Click here to download the latest version of Adobe Reader.](#)

FULL NAME

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIPCODE

COUNTRY

EMAIL TELEPHONE

Hometown Newspaper and/or Other Media Outlet

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE CONTEST?

EACH PHOTO MEETS THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS:

- JPEG Format
- Taken by the above listed contestant
- High Quality Image
- Named in the correct format. 01-12-14_John.jpg
- Captured between 9/10/ 2012 and 9/1/ 2013

PHOTO #1 Details

Photo Title

File name

Date Taken

PHOTO #2 Details

Photo Title

File name

Date Taken

I have read and agree to all terms and copyright conditions of this contest. If any photo contains an identifiable person(s) I will submit a release form.

Contestant Signature

Today's Date



National Park Service Release Form

I hereby grant the National Park Service, Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association, or their authorized representatives and contractors, the right to make visual recordings, audio recordings, still images, and/or to otherwise capture material of me and any minor child under my control at the time the material is collected.

I hereby agree that the material will become the property of the National Park Service and the Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association and will not be returned. As such, I agree that the National Park Service and its assigns have the right to reproduce, prepare derivative works of, distribute or display and use these materials in whole or in part, for government and non-government purposes, in any manner or media (whether now existing or created in the future), in perpetuity, and in all languages throughout the world. Use of this material shall include, but not be limited to, audiovisual programs; museum exhibits; websites; publications; product artwork; and project publicity. Additionally, I waive the right to inspect or approve any use of the material and any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the material.

I hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge the National Park Service from all claims, demands, and causes of action that I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate have or may have by reason of this authorization.

I am 18 years of age or older and am competent to contract in my own name. I have read this release before signing below and I fully understand the contents, meaning and impact of this release. I agree to indemnify and hold the Government harmless for any and all losses, claims, expenses, suits, costs, demands and damages or liabilities on account of personal injury, death, or property damages of any nature whatsoever and by whomsoever made, arising out of the activities associated with the project in which I am taking part.

Description of Material: _____

Signature/Date: _____

Printed Name _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone (please include area code): _____

Organization/Group Name (if applicable): _____

If the person signing is under age 18, there must be consent by a parent or guardian, as follows:
I hereby certify that I am the parent or guardian of _____, named above, and do hereby give consent without reservation to the foregoing on behalf of this person.

Parent or Guardian's Signature/Date _____

Parent or Guardian's Printed Signature _____

For NPS/Contractor Administrative Use Only:

Park	Project	Location	Date	Contractor	NPS COR

Privacy Act Statement: This information is provided to comply with the Privacy Act (PL 93-579). 5 U.S.C. 301 and 7 CFR 260 authorizing acceptance of the information requested on this form. The data you furnish will be used only to provide the National Park Service with contact information pertaining to this release form.