

THEODORE ROOSEVELT'S ELKHORN RANCH

"DO YOU KNOW WHAT CHAPTER IN ALL MY LIFE . . . LOOKING BACK OVER ALL OF IT. . . I WOULD CHOOSE TO REMEMBER, WERE THE ALTERNATIVE FORCED UPON ME TO RECALL ONE PORTION OF IT, AND TO HAVE ERASED FROM MY MEMORY ALL OTHER EXPERIENCES? I WOULD TAKE THE MEMORY OF MY LIFE ON THE RANCH WITH ITS EXPERIENCES CLOSE TO NATURE AND AMONG THE MEN WHO LIVED NEAREST HER."

-- ROOSEVELT TO SENATOR ALBERT FALL --



COME CHECK OUT THE LANDSCAPE THAT INSPIRED THEODORE ROOSEVELT, SEE WHERE HE MADE HIS HOME. THE RANCH HOUSE ISN'T STANDING ANY MORE BUT THE FOUNDATION IS STILL HERE. CAPTURE A SENSE OF THE LIFE THEODORE LEAD, WHAT LEAD TO CONSERVATION OF MILLIONS OF ACRES OF NATIONAL PARKS AND REALLY SEE WHY HE WAS SO ATTACHED TO THIS BEAUTIFUL PLACE ALONG THE LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER.



THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATIONAL PARK SOUTH BRANCH

STEP 1: MALTESE CABIN



Built during the winter of 1883-84, the Maltese Cross Cabin was Theodore Roosevelt's first home in Dakota Territory. The cabin is located near the park's visitor center and is open year around.

STEP 2: T. ROOSEVELT NATIONAL PARK



What says wild west better than the great american bison itself? these majestic animals are readily spotted throughout the park. They are quite the sight to see.

STEP 3: MORE SITES TO SEE AT T.R. PARK



Feral horses are a unique sight. These horses run wild in the park and surrounding grasslands. the horses are rounded up every few years and some are adopted. This keeps their numbers down and the herd healthy.

...VISIT ONE OF THE MANY PRAIRIE DOG TOWNS IN THE PARK



These fun-loving, fluffy prairie dogs make there homes in flat sprawling areas in the park. The road takes you through many prairie dog towns so be sure to slowdown and watch for them crossing the road.

...AND STRETCH YOUR LEGS ON A SCENIC TRAIL



The many trails in the park leads you through The colorful Little Missouri Badlands landscape. The park memorializes the 26th president for his enduring contributions to the conservation of our nation's resources.

...YOU MIGHT SPOT SOME BIG GAME



driving through the park You have a good chance of seeing mule deer, like the one pictured on the right, drinking from the little missouri or grazing on the slopes.

STEP 4; GRASSLANDS OUTSIDE OF THE PARK



Big horn sheep are found in the area. Other animals you may find include: Elk, cayotes, eagles, bears and if you are lucky you may see a mountain lion.

STEP 5: ANNEAR SCHOOL



This old school house is located near the missouri opposite of the elkhorn ranch. the drive to the school is very beautiful. it's worth the trip. If you turn right on the road just south of the school it'll take you to a ford in the river. This ford may not be crossable at all times. there is a better ford crossing about 3/4 a mile to the south of this one.

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