

Rachel Daniels Named as Superintendent of Theodore Roosevelt National Park

The National Park Service (NPS) has selected Rachel Daniels as superintendent of Theodore Roosevelt National Park located in western North Dakota. She will assume her new role at the park later this summer where she will serve as the North Dakota group superintendent also responsible for oversight of Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site and Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site. Daniels is currently the Chief of Staff for the Midwest Region located in Omaha, Nebraska.

“I am pleased to announce Rachel Daniels as the next superintendent of Theodore Roosevelt National Park,” **said NPS Midwest Regional Director Bert Frost.** “Her ability to problem solve, connect with people, and navigate complex political environments with diplomacy will serve her well as superintendent. Her extensive background in resource management and partnerships will be invaluable as she leads the park in the coming years.”

Daniels brings over 15 years of NPS experience. She began her career in 2010 as a cartographic technician for the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail utilizing Geographic Information Systems before moving to the trail’s natural resources program manager position. She joined the Land and Water Conservation Fund in 2016 where she provided grant administration and compliance support to Midwest, Intermountain, and Pacific West Region states. In 2020 she joined the Midwest Regional Director’s Office where she has served as the Chief of Staff. Her experience also includes an acting superintendent assignment at Pea Ridge National Military Park in Arkansas in 2022 and has been serving as acting superintendent at Theodore Roosevelt National Park since November 2024. Daniels received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geography from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in 2010.

“I am honored to be selected as the new superintendent of Theodore Roosevelt National Park,” **said Daniels.** “To be a caretaker of President Roosevelt’s legacy and the landscape that so profoundly influenced him, is humbling as I step into this role. I am eager to work with the staff and many stakeholders that are invested in the success of this incredible place, both for the American people today, and for the generations that will follow.”

Rachel, her husband Grant, and four children are planning to move to North Dakota later this summer. They enjoy spending time outdoors exploring the natural world and at the ballfields. They are looking forward to getting involved in their new community.



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Theodore Roosevelt National Park encompasses over 70,000 acres in three units, including almost 30,000 acres of designated Wilderness. The park was established in 1947 to preserve the badlands landscape that had a profound impact on Theodore Roosevelt. Roosevelt credits his time in the badlands for becoming President of the United States. The park boasts one of the most intact Northern Great Plains wildlife communities which includes bison, bighorn sheep, elk, mule deer, white-tailed deer, pronghorn, coyotes, prairie dogs and other native animals.