

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **A celebration of heritage at Cross Ranch State Park**

Cross Ranch State Park is celebrating its rich heritage with a “Roots and Branches Month” program on Saturday, July 16, which explores the history of the original 10,000 acre ranch now comprising the park and the Cross Ranch Nature Preserve.

While the main campground and trails at Cross Ranch State Park remain closed due to flooding, the park’s River Peoples Visitor Center and Sanger Campground are open. The park continues to offer interpretive programs once a month. Visit the park and discover its link to the state’s most famous Roughrider, Theodore Roosevelt.

Those planning to participate in the Roots and Branches program should check the weather forecast and be prepared for what Mother Nature might provide. The program will be moving throughout the park and natural area, avoiding wet and flooded areas. This family adventure will start at the River Peoples Visitor Center beginning at 10 a.m.

The event is free and open to the public; however, either a North Dakota State Parks Annual or daily sticker is required for vehicles to be in the park. For more information call Cross Ranch State Park at (701) 794-3731 or visit our website at [www.parkrec.nd.gov](http://www.parkrec.nd.gov) for a complete schedule of events.