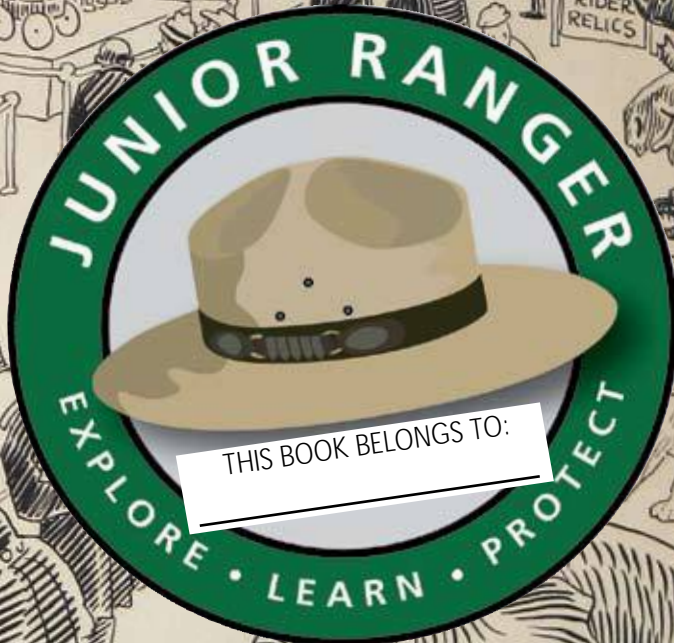
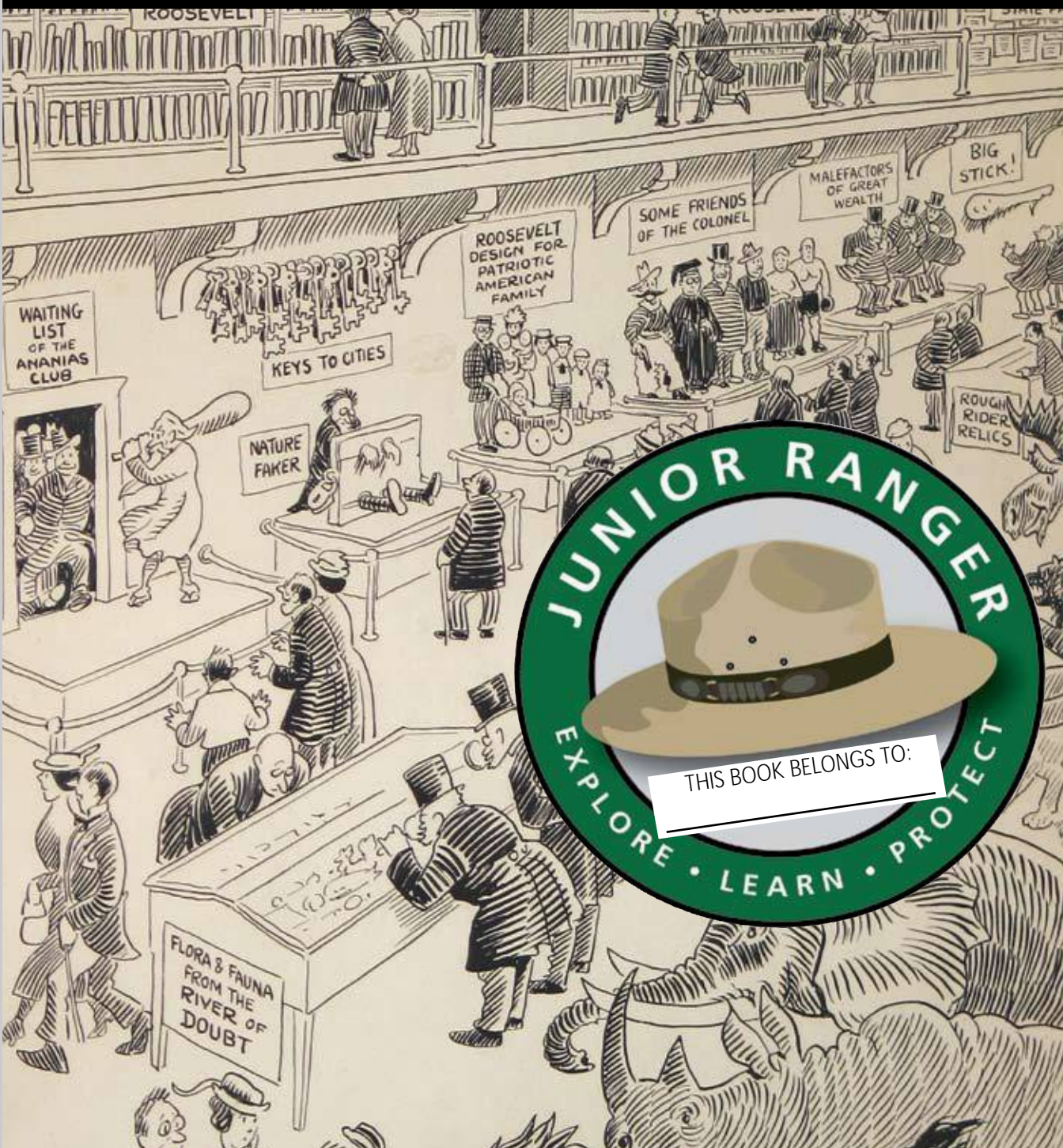


# Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace National Historic Site

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THIS BOOK BELONGS TO:

# Welcome to Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace National Historic Site



This book is your guide to becoming a **JUNIOR PARK RANGER** at Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace National Historic Site.

To earn your badge:

- 1 Explore the house
- 2 Complete all of the activities
- 3 Find a Park Ranger to sign your certificate

*Let the fun begin!*

Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace National Historic Site is just one of many National Parks in the United States.

The National Park Service protects and preserves places that are special to the American people.

Park Rangers care for National Parks.

**Describe** what else a Park Ranger does:

*Ask a  
Ranger about  
today's visitor  
programs!*

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*did you know?*



Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace National Historic Site is one of nearly 400 National Parks across the country and one of 23 special destinations at the 10 National Parks of New York Harbor.

# Theodore Roosevelt Pop Quiz

1. Theodore Roosevelt was born on \_\_\_\_\_.
2. As a child, TR was nicknamed \_\_\_\_\_.
3. When he was a child, TR suffered from an illness called \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The children were not allowed in the \_\_\_\_\_ when they were growing up.
5. As a child, TR used to practice the art of \_\_\_\_\_ for fun.
6. TR went to \_\_\_\_\_ for college.
7. TR was born in the \_\_\_\_\_ bedroom.
8. TR learned to become a cowboy while he was staying in the state of \_\_\_\_\_.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ was TR's first wife.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ was TR's first public office.
11. Roosevelt was the first American to be awarded the \_\_\_\_\_.
12. After TR left the White House, he went to \_\_\_\_\_ for one year.
13. While in office, TR was the first President to leave the country. He went to \_\_\_\_\_.
14. The house TR built for his family was called \_\_\_\_\_.



Theodore Roosevelt saw President Lincoln's funeral procession pass by when he was a young boy, which made a strong impression on him.

During your visit, try to find the picture of the funeral procession. TR can be seen in one of the windows. **True or false:** the procession passed by #28 East 20th Street.







## The Conservation President

Theodore Roosevelt is regarded as the founding father of the National Park Service. Most people think there are only park rangers out west, but there are many local parks...

**Find** the words in the word bank. All words are down or across.

### word bank

ARROWHEAD

BISON

CASTLECLINTON

ELLISLAND

FEDERALHALL

GATEWAY

GOVERNORSISLAND

GRANTSTOMB

HAMILTONGRANGE

PARKRANGER

SAGAMOREHILL

SEQUOIA

STATUEOFLIBERTY

STPAULSCHURCH



“ There can be nothing in the world more beautiful than the Yosemite, the groves of the giant sequoias and redwoods, the Canyon of the Colorado, the Canyon of the Yellowstone, the Three Tetons; and our people should see to it that they are preserved for their children and their children’s children forever, with their majestic beauty all unmarred. ”

*Theodore Roosevelt, Outdoor Pastimes of an American Hunter, 1905*

# Playing Detective

Theodore Roosevelt was president of the Police Board in New York City. The following activity requires you to play detective! All of the answers can be found in the upper and lower galleries.

**Find** the answers to the questions below.

*(Hint: some objects may be tricky.)*



1. What was the Roosevelt family business? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What other president's signature is on display in the gallery? \_\_\_\_\_
3. TR founded the \_\_\_\_\_. The uniform of this organization is on display in the gallery.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ saved TR's life during an assassination attempt, which took place in \_\_\_\_\_.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ is a toy that children would have played with in the 19th century.
6. TR was the first American to win what award? (It is located in the lower gallery) \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_ is the historic event that took place in the parlor.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ is where Teddy exercised as a child.
9. What flower was on the Roosevelt Family Crest? \_\_\_\_\_

Visit the National Park Service website at [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov). Find the page with the national map on it. How many places cared for by the National Park Service can you find with the name Roosevelt?

*try this later!*

Now that you are becoming a **JUNIOR PARK RANGER**, why not also become a WebRanger? Visit [www.nps.gov/webrangers](http://www.nps.gov/webrangers) to learn more. There is even an activity about the National Parks of New York Harbor.





## Past and Present

**Pick** your favorite room in the house and **describe** how the Roosevelt family used it.

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**How** is this room like one we use today? For example, do we still use the same objects?

### Similarities

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### Differences

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“ I believe in woman’s rights. I believe even more earnestly in the performance of duty by both men and women; for unless the average man and the average woman live lives of duty, not only our democracy but civilization itself will perish. I heartily believe in equality of rights as between man and woman... ”

*Theodore Roosevelt, The Outlook, February 3, 1912*

# Experience Your America...

The National Park Service began to care for the reconstruction of Theodore Roosevelt's boyhood home, *Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace National Historic Site*, in 1962. This site is now a place to remember his legacy and how it impacts our lives today.

*National Park Rangers* care for all National Parks, but it is a job we cannot do alone. The *stewardship* of the American people is vital to the well-being of our national treasures.

What are some things *YOU* can do to help care for our National Parks?

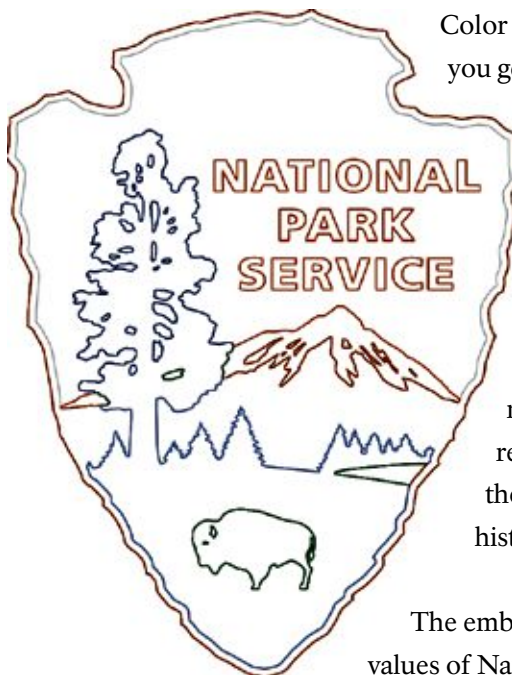
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*Stewardship* is the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to a person or community's care.



Color in the arrowhead when you get home!

The arrowhead is the symbol of the National Park Service.

The sequoia tree and the bison represent nature, the mountains and water represent recreation, and the arrowhead represents history and archeology.

The emblem symbolizes the values of National Park Rangers.

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*try this later!*



*Congratulations!* You have completed the JUNIOR PARK RANGER guide for Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace National Historic Site. Present your completed booklet to a Park Ranger to receive your badge.



*Theodore Roosevelt  
Birthplace  
National Historic Site*

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*Junior Ranger  
Certificate*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, promise to  
share what I have learned today with others.  
I will explore, preserve and protect America's  
National Parks, so that through my stewardship,  
they will be preserved for future generations.



\_\_\_\_\_  
JUNIOR RANGER

\_\_\_\_\_  
CERTIFYING PARK RANGER

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

Theodore Roosevelt is one of the  
architects of the National Park Service.  
Several National Parks around the  
country honor his legacy.