

THE BULL MOOSE REPORT

A Newsletter of the Friends of Theodore Roosevelt Island



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Theodore
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Island*

Happy Birthday TR!

On October 22, 2016, the National Park Service held a birthday celebration on the island to commemorate the 158th anniversary of Theodore Roosevelt's birth. FOTRI was out in force, hosting a Weed Warriors event in the morning, leading tours of the island, organizing a story time event for younger visitors, and generally offering a helping hand to NPS as needed. From our welcome table at the end of the footbridge, we met some great folks interested in FOTRI and eager to get involved. Photos of the event are on our Facebook page.

Putting the Island on the Map

In October, FOTRI brought a 360° camera loaned to us by Google to the island for a photo shoot. We took nearly 300 photos during a lap of the island along the Woods Trail and Swamp Trail. We have uploaded the images to Google Maps and you can now view them in Google Street View. The project has been a great success, with over 15,000 views in the first month! Plotting the images to the map also helped us identify some errors on Google Maps regarding the location of certain trail segments. Working with Google Maps, we were able to correct those errors and provide a more accurate representation for future visitors.

Calling All Dog Owners!

Dog walking is one of TRI's most popular activities and for good reason. To make the experience even better for our four-legged friends, FOTRI has created a new membership category, Teddy's Ruff Riders, to raise funds for a dog-friendly water fountain for the island. You can sign up your dogs and view pictures of Teddy's Ruff Riders on our website. Membership is growing quickly, so expect to see these members wearing special bandanas on the island soon.

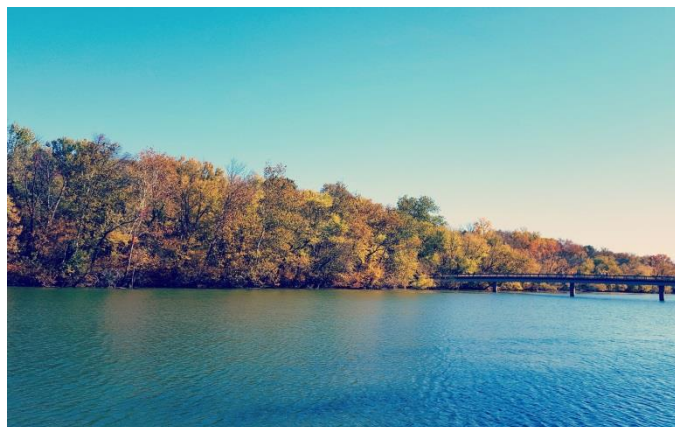
Donate During CFC Season

For the first time, federal and military employees can support the Friends of Theodore Roosevelt Island through the Combined Federal Campaign. FOTRI's CFC number is 32608.

Thank you for supporting FOTRI

Follow FOTRI on Social Media

Our social media presence continues to grow as membership and awareness increases. If you have not already done so, be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram today!



One of many recent photos on our Instagram account

Volunteer With Us!

Theodore Roosevelt Island is 88.5 acres of hard work. FOTRI is very appreciative of all the volunteers that helped make the NPS Birthday Event such a great success. We are always looking for additional help to promote the island and put on great events. Current needs include Weed Warriors, communications, docents, and development. Please send an email to info@theodorerooseveltisland.org with your area of interest. As is often the case, President Roosevelt said it best: "Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing." Our next on-island volunteer event is a Weed Warrior Certification Training on December 3, 2016. Visit our website for more information.



A FOTRI volunteer assisting NPS during a recent Weed Warriors event to remove invasive species

parkrun Races On

Every Saturday at 9:00 a.m., parkrun hosts a timed 5k run on TRI. The races are free to run, but you first need to register at <http://www.parkrun.us/register/>. After that one-time registration, you can participate in any and all future parkruns. The runs are very laid back and a great way to enjoy some early exercise on the island. The series on TRI is only a few months old, yet a FOTRI member has already finished first in one of the races!

Member Trivia

Each newsletter, we will provide a trivia question about Theodore Roosevelt or TRI. A member with the correct answer will be chosen at random to receive a free t-shirt. Send your answer to info@theodorerooseveltisland.org.

Theodore Roosevelt accepted the Nobel Peace Prize in 1906 for his efforts in mediating an end to the Russo-Japanese war. What was unusual about his acceptance speech?

Welcoming Visitors

Throughout November, FOTRI Board Members were on the island welcoming visitors and gathering ideas on how we can improve TRI. We were encouraged by the enthusiasm and support we encountered. We will resume tabling in the spring, but we are always interested in hearing feedback at info@theodorerooseveltisland.org.

The Friends of Theodore Roosevelt Island, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization founded to preserve and protect Theodore Roosevelt Island. We serve as the voice and active force for ensuring that the memorial plaza, trail system and woodland landscape remain a fitting tribute to President Theodore Roosevelt's conservation legacy.

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Full Moon Walks

On November 13, we hosted the final Full Moon Walk of the year. These 1.5 mile walks begin at dusk and continue beneath a full moon. Most participants experience the unique sights and sounds of the island at night for the first time. The walks are led by a National Park Service volunteer and are capped at 25 participants to preserve a tranquil setting. The Full Moon Walks have been a huge success and we will continue the walks next year. Watch our website for all calendar updates and be sure to join us in 2017. Members will continue to receive discounts on tickets to these and other FOTRI events.

Building Ties With the National Park Service

In October, FOTRI entered into a formal agreement with the National Park Service to strengthen our relationship and continue collaborating on future projects to enhance the visitor experience at Theodore Roosevelt Island. This marks a major milestone in FOTRI's young history and offers us a unique opportunity to support the mission of NPS as it relates to Theodore Roosevelt Island.

Wear Your Support for FOTRI

Frequent visitors to TRI have probably seen our new t-shirts by now. By popular demand, we have made these available for purchase on our website: <http://www.theodorerooseveltisland.org/index.php/supportus/shop-the-friends-store>. Reserve yours today and we will arrange for pickup at a future event.



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