

# Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace National Historic Site

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# Welcome to the Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace National Historic Site

This home, reconstructed in 1923, was acquired by the **National Park Service** in 1962 as a means of presenting the life and legacy of the United States' 26th President – **Theodore Roosevelt** – to the American people.

The mission of the National Park Service is to preserve and protect America's public lands, cultural resources, and historic sites. It is the duty of the **Park Ranger** to care for these sites and, as a **Junior Ranger**, you will have the opportunity to aid in this mission!

To become a Junior Ranger, explore the museum, complete this booklet, and bring it to a Park Ranger to receive your official badge!

## By the Numbers:

There are over 400 National Parks throughout America, including 12 in New York City! How many have you been to?

"The nation behaves well if it treats the natural resources as assets which it must turn over to the next generation"

- Theodore Roosevelt



If you could make anywhere a National Park, where would you choose? Why is it worth preserving?

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Draw a picture of it in the space below:

Add the name of your new park to this sign —>



The **arrowhead** is the symbol of the National Park Service. The tree and bison represent **nature**, the mountains and water represent **recreation**, and the arrowhead represents **history** and **archeology**. Color in this arrowhead when you get home!

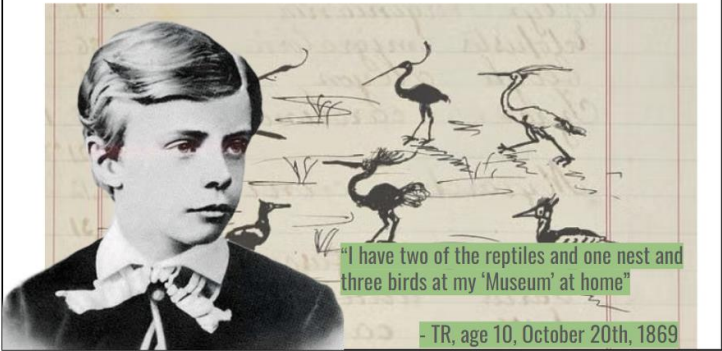


# The Boy Who Would Become President.....

Although TR was only 15 when he and his family moved out of 28 E. 20<sup>th</sup> Street, exploring the home today teaches us a lot about the person he would grow up to be.

## TR: Young Naturalist

Even though he grew up in a big city, Teddy Roosevelt was still interested in the natural world. What are some examples of nature that can be found in a city like New York?



← If you take the tour upstairs, try to find this velvet chair (it was Teddy's favorite!) →



Young Teddy loved to hunt for things! Go on your own “hunt” and see if you can find these items in the gallery:

- ☐ An advertisement for C.V.S. Roosevelt's Plate Glass Company
- ☐ A photo of T.R. when he was just two years old
- ☐ A pin that looks like a Teddy Bear
- ☐ A paper doll that belonged to future First Lady Edith Roosevelt
- ☐ T.R.'s real Rough Rider Uniform
- ☐ T.R.'s pen from the White House
- ☐ The signature of another U.S. President (besides T.R.)  
Which President's is it? \_\_\_\_\_

## Did you know?

In Dutch, “Roosevelt” means “Field of Roses”



Theodore Roosevelt Sr. always made sure his children were challenging their minds. Challenge your own mind by finding these ten words related to the Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace!

Edith  
Taxidermy  
Ranger  
History  
Teedie  
Stewardship  
Mittie  
Brownstone  
Asthma  
Bullmoose

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# Meet the Roosevelts

Theodore Roosevelt's life was greatly influenced by the people who loved him. Despite his many illnesses, "Teedie" learned to build both his mind and his body with the help of his mother and father, among others. After touring the gallery, **draw a line** that matches the Roosevelt family members to their names and descriptions. Also, think about how the people in your life help make you who you are!



**Martha "Mittie" Roosevelt**: Wife of Theodore Roosevelt Sr. and mother of the future President. She was born in Georgia but quickly became a member of New York high society.



**Robert B. Roosevelt**: Uncle of Teddy Roosevelt and resident of 26 E. 20<sup>th</sup> Street. He was New York State Fish Commissioner and a member of the House of Representatives. He kept many pets in his home, including a monkey!



**Anna "Bamie" Roosevelt**: Teddy Roosevelt's strong-willed older sister who was born with a twisted spine. As a child, she helped raise her siblings when her mother wasn't able and, as an adult, she led the restoration of this museum.



**Cornelius Van Shack Roosevelt**: The grandfather of Teddy Roosevelt, and one of the only millionaires in the nation during the 19<sup>th</sup> century. He made his fortune importing plate glass and was able to give each of his five sons a brownstone house as a wedding present.



**Edith Kermit Carrow**: The childhood best friend of Teddy Roosevelt and future First Lady of the United States. She and Teddy married in 1886.



**Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt**: A small sickly boy born at 28 E. 20<sup>th</sup> Street who, in his adulthood, would come to be known as a Rough Rider, statesman, "bull moose," and 26<sup>th</sup> President of the United States.



**Margaret Barnhill Roosevelt**: Teddy's grandmother. A Pennsylvania woman who married Cornelius Roosevelt and introduced Quaker principles to the family. Her belief in sharing wealth with others would greatly influence her son and grandson's lives' work.



**Theodore "Thee" Roosevelt Sr.**: Nicknamed "Greatheart" by his children, he was the generous father of the future president and the co-founder of the American Museum of Natural History and Metropolitan Museum of Art, among other institutions.

**Prove how much you've learned about Teddy Roosevelt by answering the following questions:**

- 1) Theodore Roosevelt was born in the year \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) As a child, TR's nickname was \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) TR suffered from this illness: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) TR attended \_\_\_\_\_ University
- 5) When he was six years old, Teddy saw this president's funeral procession: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) TR had \_\_\_\_\_ siblings.
- 7) TR's first public office was as a NY State \_\_\_\_\_



### **Fun Fact!**

**The Teddy Bear is named after Teddy Roosevelt!**

**The toy got its name after TR refused to kill a baby bear while on a hunting trip.**

**Did you see this Teddy Bear in our gallery?**



***"Life is an adventure.....accept it in such spirit!" - Theodore Roosevelt***



← ***This is the nursery where Teddy and his siblings grew up in the 1800s. How does this bedroom compare to bedrooms today?***

**Similarities:**

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**Differences:**

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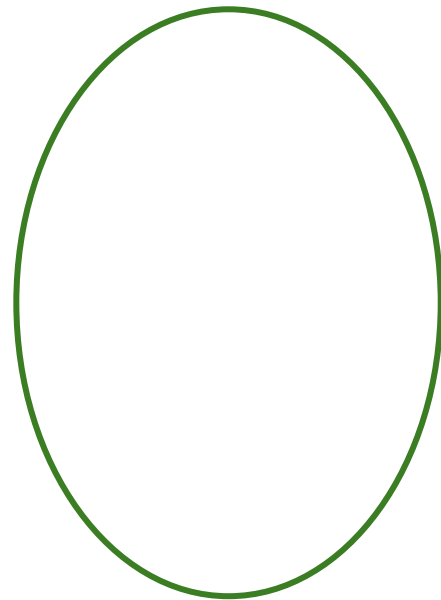


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**Stewardship** is the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to a person or community's care. As a Junior Ranger, it is your duty to be a steward of America's National Parks!

**Teddy was famous for his big mustache, round glasses, and huge smile! In this oval, draw your best picture of him**



**Congratulations! You have completed everything needed to become a Junior Park Ranger! Bring this booklet to the front desk to have your certificate signed and receive your official badge!**





*Theodore Roosevelt  
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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.



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JUNIOR RANGER

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CERTIFYING PARK RANGER

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