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## Celebrate 100 years of Conservation and the Minidoka National Wildlife Refuge

The US Fish and Wildlife Service will host a public celebration of Minidoka National Wildlife Refuge's Centennial on September 26th at Walcott State Park. The event will be held from 10am – 2pm and admission to the park is free.

Come out and enjoy the festivities. There will be historical and educational exhibits, children's activities and refreshments. Entertainment to be provided by living historian Case Hicks who portrays President Theodore Roosevelt.

Case's performance features accurate period clothing for the various stages of T.R.'s adult life. The Theodore Roosevelt portrayals emphasize historical authenticity and accuracy. In the program, which starts at 12 noon, Case will perform entirely in character, in costume and remain in historical context throughout the day, including mingling socially with park visitors. Come and ask Theodore Roosevelt about the "Bull Moose Party" or the importance of resource conservation

The National Wildlife Refuge System, managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, is the world's premier system of public lands and waters set aside to conserve America's fish, wildlife and plants. Since President Theodore Roosevelt designated Florida's Pelican Island as the first wildlife refuge in 1903, the System has grown to more than 150 million acres, 550 national wildlife refuges and other units of the Refuge System, plus 37 wetland management districts.

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