

Visiting the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve

The historic ranch headquarters, Southwind Nature Trail, and school area are open daily 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (weather permitting) except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years Day.



- ◆ Suggested entrance donation:
\$2.00 per adult, \$1.00 age 18 and under

Self-Guided Tours

- ◆ With the help of a brochure and wayside exhibits, visitors can tour the historic ranch headquarters area.
- ◆ Visitor information and a 10 minute site orientation video are available in the barn (May-October) and on the back porch of the house (November-April).
- ◆ Be sure to include the short stroll to the scenic overlook or take a longer hike on the 1 3/4 mile Southwind Nature Trail.

Resource Center/Bookstore

The Park Education Resource Center offers books for children and adults, photographs, paintings, and other prairie related items. The bookstore is open year-round from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

House Tours

National Park Service rangers conduct guided tours through the historic 1881 limestone ranch house daily from the last Saturday in April through the Last Sunday in October.

- ◆ Tours are conducted hourly from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The cost is included in the suggested entrance donation.

Guided Group Tours of the Ranch Headquarters Area

Tours for groups of fifteen or more can be arranged throughout the year. National Park Service rangers lead visitors on a tour of the house, barn and outbuildings. The tour is approximately one hour and fifteen minutes long. Group tours must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance.

- ◆ \$5.00 per adult, \$2.00 age 18 and under

Includes suggested entrance donation.

Experience the Prairie! "Treasures of the Tallgrass"



The treasures of the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve await your discovery on this seven mile bus tour led by National Park Service rangers. While touring the preserve's backcountry, you will learn about the prairie's intricate system of plants and animals, the geology that formed the Flint Hills, American Indians and the legacy of ranching. You will also experience other treasures of the prairie landscape - sweeping views, rolling hills, and an endless sky. The approximate one-hour and thirty minute prairie tour is available daily, from the last Saturday in April through the last Sunday in October.

- ◆ 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.
- ◆ \$5.00 per adult, \$3.00 age 18 and under
- ◆ Advance reservations are recommended but arrangements can be made the day of your visit if space is available.

Group Combination Ranch HQ's/Prairie Bus Tours

Groups of fifteen or more may schedule prairie tours in conjunction with a ranch headquarters tour. The combination tour includes a one-hour prairie tour and a one-hour tour of the ranch house, barn and outbuildings. Reservations for group tours must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance.

- ◆ \$7.00 per adult, \$4.00 age 18 and under

Includes suggested entrance donation.

Some fees may change during this visitor season.

For current information or to schedule a tour, contact:

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