

Prairie State Park's

Tallgrass Tribune

Fall 2014

Missouri State Parks

Prairie State Park's Mission Statement

To preserve and interpret the largest remaining example of original tallgrass prairie in Missouri. The park further provides healthy outdoor recreation for all visitors. The park is dedicated to sustaining a large tallgrass prairie in its native form for future generations to learn from and enjoy.

Prairie Jubilee 2014

It is time once again for the fall celebration of the prairie, the Prairie Jubilee! On Sept. 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Prairie State Park will come alive with activity. Throw a tomahawk, enjoy an 1800s medicine show, dine on smoked bison, take a hayride to see bison, and go back to school the old fashioned way. Don't miss Wildheart's fun style of music. All of this and more awaits you at the Prairie Jubilee!



BUY NATIVE PLANTS!

MAKE A GRASS BASKET!



THROW A TOMAHAWK!



FIRE A NERF CANNON!



MUSIC BY WILDHEART!

~Mystery item ~

Merlin

Lisa Braden correctly identified our mystery item as a merlin, a small falcon with powerful flight that takes down small birds and mammals. They were used in falconry in medieval times. This fast flier has responded well after the population declined with the use of DDT. They have adapted to living around people.



They are slightly larger than the more common American kestrel. Both of these birds benefit from grassland habitats where there are a lot of small birds and mammals on which they can feed.

What prairie bird is this?



Send your answer to prairie.state.park@dnr.mo.gov and the person with the first correct answer will be listed in the next newsletter.

Calendar of Events

~All activities will meet at the nature center~

Saturday, Sept. 6, 10 a.m.

Bison Hike

This month is prime time for watching the bulls fight during the rut! Join a park naturalist, bring some water and witness these amazing animals in action.

Saturday, Sept. 27, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Prairie Jubilee

This biannual event celebrates the prairie in all of its wonders! Walk our living history loop, take a hay ride to the bison herd and learn all about why the prairie is an amazing place.

Saturday, Nov. 1, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

National Bison Day

Join us for this day-long event to learn about bison. Take a guided hike to see them at 10 a.m. Make some crafts to take home. Come and go as you please. Stay for a few minutes, an hour or all day.

Saturday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m.

Bison Hike

Winter is just around the corner and the bison's woolly coat gives it plenty of protection from the cold and snow. Dress for the weather and take a guided hike to see them.

Homeschool Programs

~Pre-registration required~

Saturday, Sept. 27, 10 a.m. -4 p.m.

Prairie Jubilee

Learn about life on the prairie from both a historical and natural viewpoint. No registration fee is required.

Oct. 10, 9:30 a.m.-noon

Let's Go Native!

Learn how to use native plants in landscaping. By identifying, harvesting, and cleaning seed, you will learn the basics of what to collect and what not to collect. You will also learn where you can and can't collect seed, how to store seed, best time to plant and which plants do best for your individual landscape. Everyone goes home with seeds to plant.

Nov. 7, 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon

Life on the Kansas-Missouri Border in the 1860s

Take a look at pioneer life in the area from a woman's point of view. Meagan Duffee will portray Ella Mayfield, a Vernon County resident in the 1860s. Hear her story about those times and how she helped other local residents. Period dress will be showcased.

Check out our Facebook page for photos, interactive posts, information on upcoming programs and events.

Give us a "like".

<https://www.facebook.com/PrairieStatePark>

Hey Kids!

Pioneer life can be difficult, but everyone helps around the house! Excitement fills the air when its time for the Prairie Jubilee!!!



Homeschool program Nov. 7 features portrayal of 1860s Nevada resident Ella Mayfield

Ella Mayfield was a strong, brave and daring women. Moving here from Indiana with her mother and father in 1858, she quickly adapted to the pioneer way of life and the everyday struggles during the Civil War in the 1860s. Ella Mayfield was known to hunt alongside her brothers and wear men's clothing. She was a great riflewomen and an excellent horse rider. She could also be the complete opposite and dress the part of a gentle and well educated women in her hoop skirts and day dresses. She led a very interesting life, and her story is truly an exciting one to tell. See Meagan Duffee's portrayal of Ella Mayfield at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 7 and learn about women's, men's and children's fashion of the times.

Fall Homeschool Programs 2014

Prairie Jubilee **Saturday, Sept. 27, 10 a.m. -4 p. m.**

The Prairie Jubilee is here again. Learn about life on the prairie from both a historical and natural viewpoint. **No registration fee required.**

Let's Go Native! **Friday, Oct. 10, 9:30 a.m. to noon**

Native plants do much better in our weather and are just as pretty. We will explore gathering seed, cleaning them, proper storage, and the best times to plant them.

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PROGRAM (Circle correct one) Native Landscaping Ella Mayfield
CHECK _____ CASH _____ TOTAL NUMBER ATTENDING _____

PARENT'S NAMES _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

CHILDREN'S NAMES and AGES _____

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

Complete the form for **each program** (copy as needed). Please register **every person** that will attend.

Each family must pre-register for each program with a \$4 deposit

(per family). The money will be returned upon your participation in the program. Unclaimed funds will become a donation to the park.

You may mail in your registration anytime after you receive this notice.

You must **pay by cash or check for each session separately** (i.e., three checks for three programs). Checks will be held until the date of the program. **Make checks payable to State of Missouri/DNR.** No telephone or email registrations will be taken.

PROGRAM REGISTRATION deadline is Oct. 1, 2014.

After that date, call to see if there are openings for the programs.

You are enrolled **unless your deposit is returned to you.** **If you cannot attend a program, please notify the park;** supplies are

purchased for nearly every program. In case of inclement weather, call 417-843-6711 to check status of the programs. In most cases, programs cannot be rescheduled. Your fee for that program will become a donation.

EXPERIENCE THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS
OF MISSOURI'S TALLGRASS PRAIRIE AT

PRAIRIE JUBILEE

SATURDAY,

Sept. 27, 2014 | 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
at Prairie State Park at Mindenmines, Mo.

Friday Night Activity

7 p.m. *Stargazing*

*Learn to identify constellations
in the sky and search for deep
space objects.*



Saturday Activities

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Pulled-bison meat lunch

2 - 3 p.m.

Bison chip throwing contest

10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3 p.m.

Music by Wildheart

Other Activities:

- >> Living history loop
- >> Guided rides to view bison
- >> Native plant sale
- >> Face painting
- >> Medicine show
- >> Nerf cannon
- >> Informational booth



*Prairie State Park is located
at 128 NW 150th Lane in Mindenmines,
west of Lamar in Barton County.*

For more information, call 417-843-6711 or 1-800-334-6946.

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