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PRAIRIE DAY

George Washington Carver National Monument invites the public to participate in Prairie Day on Saturday, September 12th, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This event is free of charge. Prairie Day is a celebration of life on a southwest Missouri farm during the mid-1860s and 1870s, the years of George Washington Carver's childhood. Features of the event include horse-drawn wagon rides through the prairie with a storyteller on board, African American storytelling with John Anderson, Ozark storytelling with Jack Farrow, traditional music, a quilting bee, and exhibits on the natural history of the prairie. Living history demonstrations at the 1881 Moses Carver House include candle dipping, Dutch-oven cooking, wool spinning, soap making, corn shucking, a chuck wagon, toys and games, and dulcimer music.

Visitors will find exhibits along the trail including log cabin architecture, burial customs, basket weaving, kitchen gardens, natural dyes, Civil War medicine, wood carving and others. The visitor center will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and concessions will be offered by the Carver Birthplace Association.

The monument is located two miles west of Diamond, Missouri on Highway V, then south ½ mile on Carver Road. For more information, please call the park at 417-325-4151 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or visit the park website: www.nps.gov/gwca.

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