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Prescribed Fire at the Preserve



Strong City, Kansas – Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve announced its prescribed fire season beginning now through April 19. Prescribed fire is a management tool used to promote a healthy prairie. Prescribed fire is used by preserve land managers to remove woody and non-native vegetation, promote native plant and animal diversity, and maintain an important natural and

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cultural landscape. Prescribed fire at the preserve is a partnership operation involving the primary landowner, The Nature Conservancy, the National Park Service, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Learn more about fire by going to the preserve's website and clicking on the Nature and Science section.

Weather conditions must be optimal before prescribed burns can occur. Due to the unpredictability of weather patterns, wind speed and direction, and relative humidity, there is usually not much advanced notice leading up to a prescribed burn. Some trails and areas may be closed during prescribed fire operations (on short notice). Visitors who are hiking or fishing may have their plans interrupted as a result of the burn activity, but this typically does not last more than a day. The historic buildings in the historic Spring Hill Ranch headquarters area will be open. Please call the rangers at 620-273-8494 for daily updates, check our website at www.nps.gov/tapr or check out the facebook page for Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve. For safety, visitors are asked to not cross fire lines or venture beyond barricades and signs.

Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve is located two miles north of Strong City on Kansas State Highway 177 (the Flint Hills National Scenic Byway). For more information or to make group reservations, visit the preserve's website at www.nps.gov/tapr, email tapr_interpretation@nps.gov, go to our facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Tallgrass-Prairie-National-Preserve/141113292599158> or call the preserve at (620) 273-8494.

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