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Special Horse-Drawn Haying Demonstration at the Preserve



Living history interpreters at Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve will demonstrate the process of historic haying using draft horses and 19th century machinery throughout the day on Saturday, June 25th from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. In the afternoon visitors will have the opportunity to help “pitch hay” into the hay wagon with the assistance of ranch characters. Living history interpreters will also demonstrate 19th century techniques of ranch stove cooking from 10 a.m. until noon, while preparing a meal for the ranch hands. Special interpretive programs will be given on-going throughout the day. From noon until 1 p.m., ranch workers will stop for a mid-day meal under the cottonwood tree by the ranch house and partake of a typical meal.

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The fun continues with a good old-fashioned family-oriented talent show in the barn from noon to 2 p.m. Please call the park at 620-273-8494 (hit 0) to reserve your spot. Throughout the day listen to live historic music and watch wool spinning demonstrations in the historic barn.

On weekends in June visit with the volunteers at the one-room Lower Fox Creek Schoolhouse and learn about a prairie education and the school's rich history. The school is furnished with historic desks, McGuffey Readers, a recitation bench, and other classroom items.

A 6.4-mile bus tour of the preserve's backcountry is available daily at 11 a.m. Monday through Friday and at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on weekends through October 30, 2016. There is no charge for the tours. Advance reservations for the bus tours are recommended, but arrangements can be made on the day of the visit if space is available. For more information, please call the park at (620) 273-8494 (hit 0). All programs and activities at the preserve are free of charge.

In celebration of the National Park Service 2016 Centennial, Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve invites you to discover the meaning of national parks, how your park inspires you - both in personal connections and memorable experiences. Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve is located two miles north of Strong City on Kansas State Highway 177 (the Flint Hills National Scenic Byway) and is a unique public/private partnership between the National Park Service and The Nature Conservancy. For more information, visit the preserve's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/NPS.TallgrassPrairie> , website at www.nps.gov/tapr, email tapr_interpretation@nps.gov, or call the preserve at (620) 273-8494. To learn more about The Nature Conservancy in Kansas, visit the Conservancy's website at www.nature.org/Kansas or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TNCKansas> .

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