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Dr. Jim Hoy Presents “Singing the Cattle North” at Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve



Come to the preserve on Saturday, April 9, 2016 to hear Dr. Jim Hoy present “Singing the Cattle North” from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the visitor center conference room. A book signing will immediately follow the presentation. Bring your own copy of one of Dr. Hoy’s books or you may purchase “Flint Hills Cowboy, Tales from the Tallgrass Prairie” from the preserve’s bookstore.

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The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.



“The cowboy has become an internationally recognized symbol of America, and his music gives us insight into how this icon developed,” says Jim Hoy. In his talk, “Singing the Cattle North,” Hoy explores how cowboy folksongs were more than entertainment on the lonely prairie. Through trail-driving songs, night-herding songs, and bunkhouse/chuckwagon songs, cattle drovers produced a musical culture that still appeals to today’s ranchers who have traded their horses for four-wheelers and six-guns for cell phones.

Jim Hoy is a retired professor of English at Emporia State University. An authority on the folk life of ranching, he has published 12 books and over 100 articles on the topic. Come to the preserve and learn about the life and times of the American cowboy.

In celebration of the National Park Service 2016 Centennial and Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve’s 20 year anniversary, the 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 additional information on Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve, please visit www.nps.gov/tapr, email tapr_interpretation@nps.gov, call the preserve at (620) 273-8494, or visit the preserve’s Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/NPS.TallgrassPrairie>. 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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