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Reopening of the Historic Barn Celebrated with a Quilt Display



After months of hard work, the 1882 historic limestone barn is once again open to the public. Reclaimed historic lumber was used to replace damaged flooring, floor joists, and support columns. The dormers and windows were painted and repaired, giving the building a fresh look.

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



To celebrate the reopening of this beautiful building, come to Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve's 9th annual *Prairie Quilt Display* to be held all three days over the Labor Day holiday weekend. Local Flint Hills quilts will be on display inside the historic barn on August 30th, 31st, and September 1st. Just for fun, vote for your favorite quilt. The winner will be announced on Monday at 2 p.m.

On Saturday, living history interpreters will “spin yarns” by telling tall tales, playing historic music, and spinning wool into yarn in the barn. Children will be playing with hoops and sticks in the yard and visitors are welcome to participate.

Enjoy stepping back in time when visiting the one-room Lower Fox Creek Schoolhouse. The school is furnished with historic desks, McGuffey Readers, a recitation bench, and other classroom items. Some of the items on display at the schoolhouse can also be purchased at the park's bookstore, located in the Visitor Center.

Explore nature and hiking trails through two short nature trails. For the more adventurous, there are over 40 miles of hiking trails to experience. All trails are open 24 hours, with some of the best wildlife viewing in the early morning and evening hours. Observe the bison herd in Windmill Pasture or hike around the pasture to observe the bison at a distance.

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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