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Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve Presents an “Indoor” Night Sky Program



Screenshots from the Stellarium program, showing the night sky and artwork on (right).



Don't let the January cold or clouds keep you from enjoying the wonders of the night sky. From 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm on Saturday, January 16, 23, and 30, Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve will present the Introduction to Stargazing program in the park's conference room. Sunlight, clouds, or cold will not be a problem, since we'll be using a computer program called Stellarium and a BIG screen monitor to show off the wonders of the night sky.

This innovative free-to-download program (more information can be found at www.stellarium.org) can be a great starting point for discovering the night sky. You can watch the planets move across the sky, see the Moon's different phases, and identify many different constellations, even those of different cultures.

The preserve has over 40 miles of hiking trails. All trails are open 24/7 for you to enjoy wildlife viewing or the night sky. All preserve buildings, including the visitor center and historic Spring Hill Ranch house and

barn are open from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm during the winter season with the exception of the Lower Fox Creek Schoolhouse. The school will reopen in May for the summer. If solitude and history are what you are looking for, Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve has it all. Come “Find Your Park” at the preserve.

In celebration of the National Park Service 2016 Centennial and Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve’s 20th 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 more information, please visit www.everykidinapark.gov, and follow the program on Twitter @everykidinapark, on [Facebook](#), on [Instagram](#) and [Youtube](#). 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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