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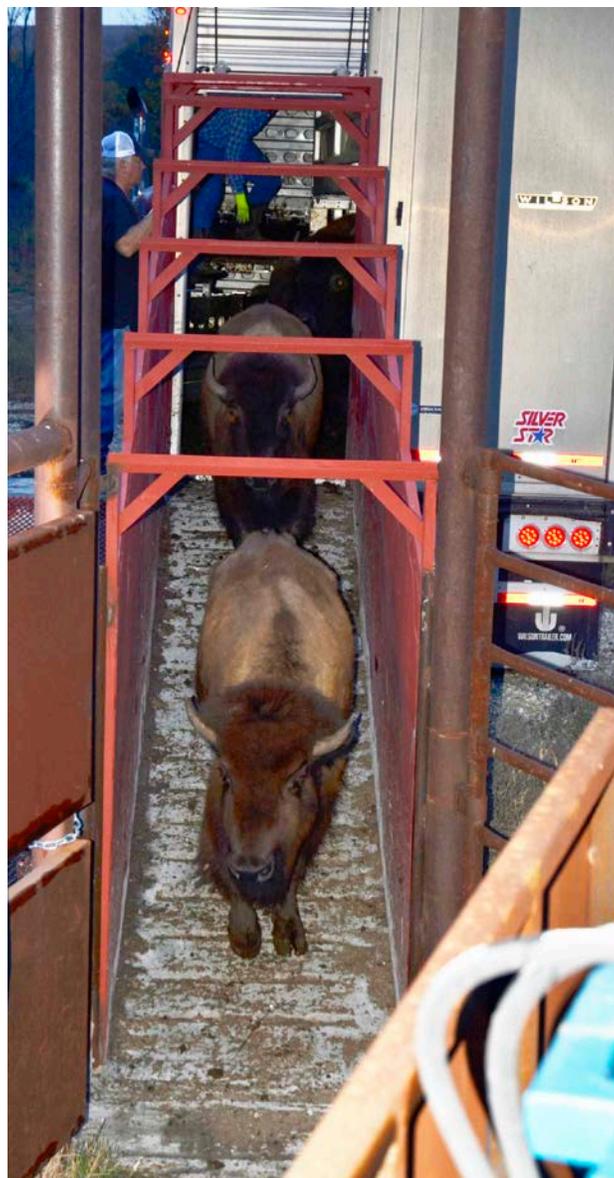
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## Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve News Release

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### **Bison Herd Doubles Overnight at Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve!**



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On October 23 an additional 30 head of bison, made up of 13 males and 17 females ranging in age from 1.5 to 2.5 years, arrived to join the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve herd— bringing total herd size to 58 animals.

The original source of the 13 bison released in the preserve back in 2009 was Wind Cave National Park in South Dakota. In part to maintain genetic integrity and lineage, Wind Cave once again provided the new bison to further support the satellite herd established at the preserve. The bison herd is jointly managed between the National Park Service and The Nature Conservancy.

With such a rapid increase in herd numbers, visitors are cautioned that bison behavior may change some as the animals acclimate to their new home and establish new herd dynamics. Bison are wildlife known for being extremely fast, agile, and potentially dangerous.

Hiking within the bison pasture is a surreal experience with photographic opportunities enjoyed by many. However, for personal safety, visitors are advised to keep a football field length of 100 yards away from the herd. For visitors who do not wish to hike among the bison, there are numerous trails that route outside of the bison pasture. Trail maps can be downloaded via the website or picked up in person at the visitor center.

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](http://www.nps.gov/tapr), email [tapr\\_interpretation@nps.gov](mailto: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](http://www.nature.org/Kansas) or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TNCKansas> .

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