

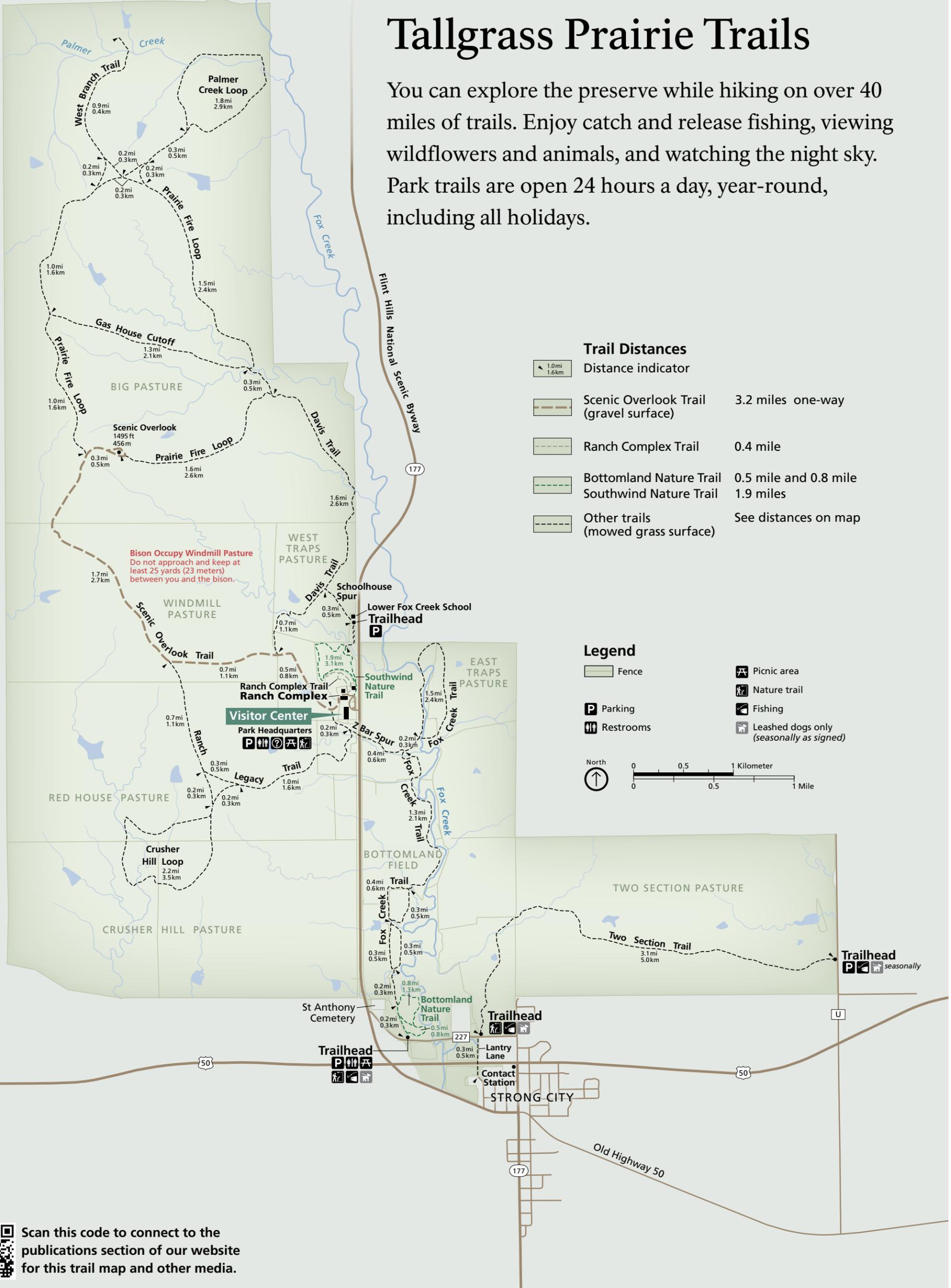


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# Tallgrass Prairie Trails

You can explore the preserve while hiking on over 40 miles of trails. Enjoy catch and release fishing, viewing wildflowers and animals, and watching the night sky. Park trails are open 24 hours a day, year-round, including all holidays.



Trail Distances	
	Distance indicator
	Scenic Overlook Trail (gravel surface) 3.2 miles one-way
	Ranch Complex Trail 0.4 mile
	Bottomland Nature Trail 0.5 mile and 0.8 mile
	Southwind Nature Trail 1.9 miles
	Other trails (mowed grass surface) See distances on map

**Legend**

	Fence		Picnic area
	Parking		Nature trail
	Restrooms		Fishing
			Leashed dogs only (seasonally as signed)

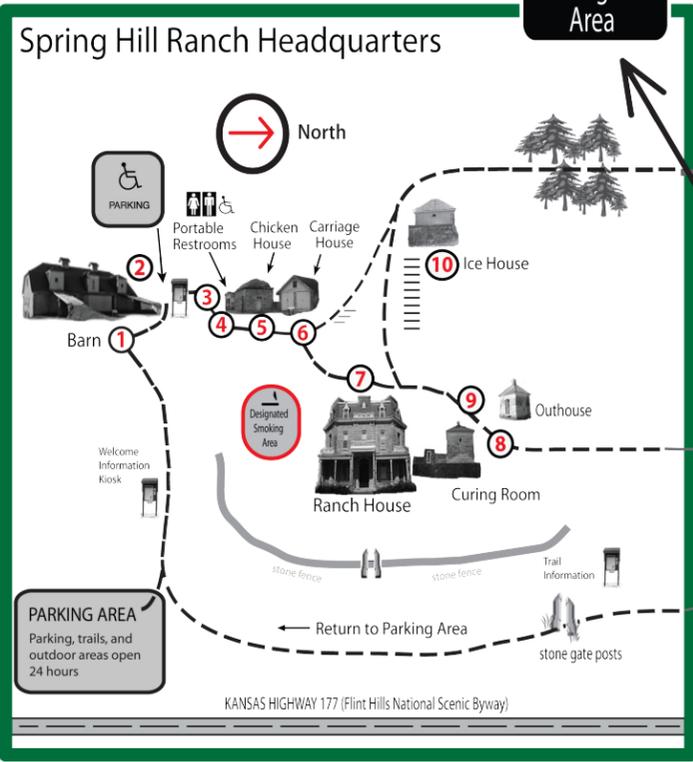
North ↑

0 0.5 1 Kilometer / 0 0.5 1 Mile

Scan this code to connect to the publications section of our website for this trail map and other media.

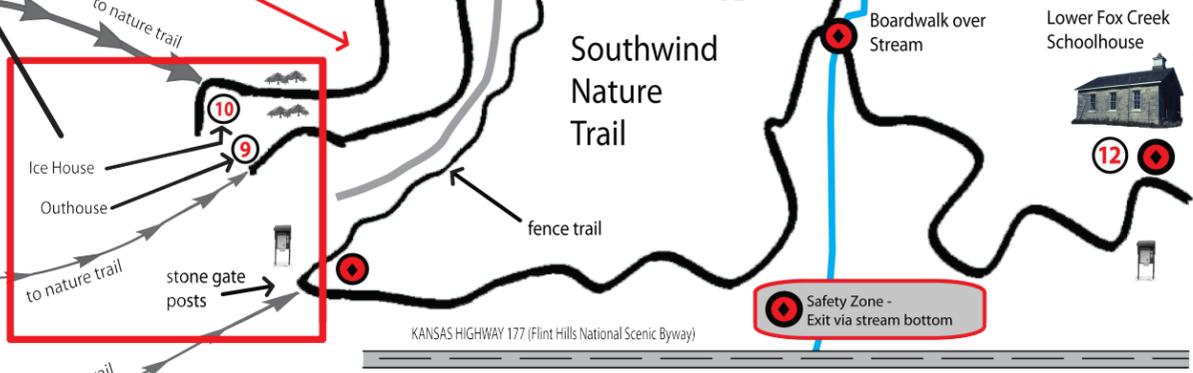
**LEGEND**

- foot route
- information
- stairs
- wayside
- nature trail



**11** From the Prairie Overlook, you have three options:

- Continue hiking the Southwind Nature Trail, a moderately strenuous 1 3/4 mile walk that will take you to the Lower Fox Creek Schoolhouse and then return you to the front of the ranch house.
- Turn right at the Southwind Nature Trail information kiosk or at the gate to the additional prairie overlook to return to the ranch house by alternate routes.
- Retrace your steps back to the Ice House.



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**Tour Stops**

- |                     |                                  |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 - Ranch Barn      | 7 - Ranch House                  |
| 2 - Stone Corrals   | 8 - Curing Room                  |
| 3 - Outbuildings    | 9 - Outhouse                     |
| 4 - Scratching Shed | 10 - Ice House                   |
| 5 - Chicken House   | 11 - Prairie Overlook            |
| 6 - Carriage House  | 12 - Lower Fox Creek Schoolhouse |

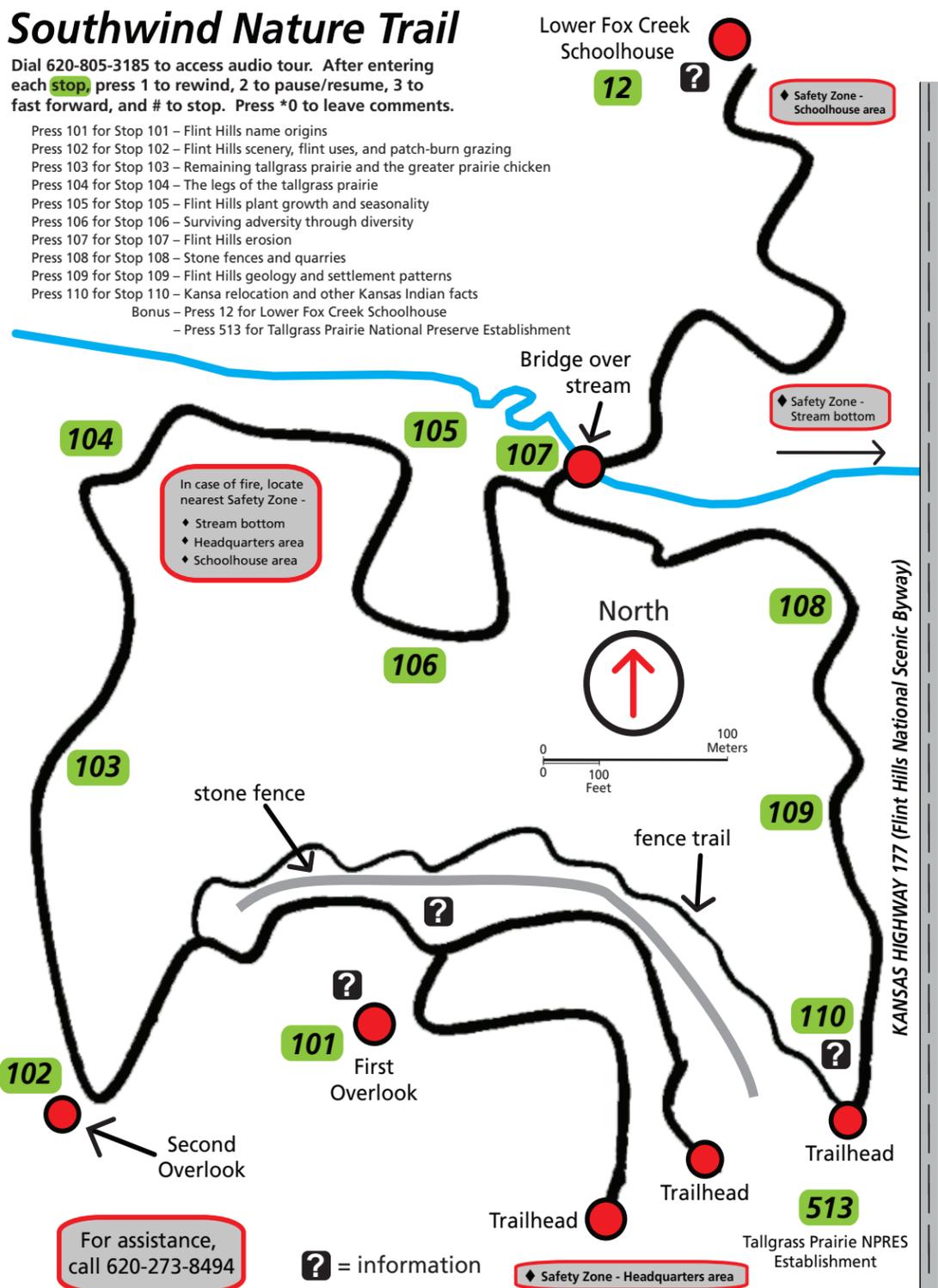
*The scenery of the prairie is striking and never fails to cause an exclamation of surprise.*  
Judge James Hall, 1839.

**Historic Spring Hill Ranch Walking Tour and Southwind Nature Trail Map**

**Southwind Nature Trail**

Dial 620-805-3185 to access audio tour. After entering each stop, press 1 to rewind, 2 to pause/resume, 3 to fast forward, and # to stop. Press \*0 to leave comments.

- Press 101 for Stop 101 - Flint Hills name origins
- Press 102 for Stop 102 - Flint Hills scenery, flint uses, and patch-burn grazing
- Press 103 for Stop 103 - Remaining tallgrass prairie and the greater prairie chicken
- Press 104 for Stop 104 - The legs of the tallgrass prairie
- Press 105 for Stop 105 - Flint Hills plant growth and seasonality
- Press 106 for Stop 106 - Surviving adversity through diversity
- Press 107 for Stop 107 - Flint Hills erosion
- Press 108 for Stop 108 - Stone fences and quarries
- Press 109 for Stop 109 - Flint Hills geology and settlement patterns
- Press 110 for Stop 110 - Kansa relocation and other Kansas Indian facts
- Bonus - Press 12 for Lower Fox Creek Schoolhouse
- Press 513 for Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve Establishment



**Spring Hill Ranch Buildings Tours**

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**Spring Hill Ranch House Tour**

- Press **201** for Spring Hill Ranch House Introduction
- Press **202** for Spring Hill Ranch House Beginnings
- Press **203** for Formal Entry, Parlors, and Interiors
- Press **204** for Walnut Staircase & Original Wood Flooring
- Press **205** for Former Kitchen Areas
- Press **206** for Office, Bedroom, & Back Porch
- Press **207** for Dining Room, Sitting Room, & Upper Floor Rooms
- Press **208** for Front Porch
- Press **209** for Stephen F. & Louisa M. Jones Family history from 1886 to 1914

**Spring Hill Ranch Barn Tour**

- Press **301** for Spring Hill Ranch Barn Introduction
- Press **302** for Spring Hill Ranch Barn Beginnings
- Press **303** for Main Floor
- Press **304** for Lower Floor
- Press **305** for Upper Floor
- Press **306** for Stone Corrals

**Lower Fox Creek Schoolhouse Tour**

- Press **401** for Lower Fox Creek Schoolhouse Introduction
- Press **402** for Lower Fox Creek Schoolhouse Beginnings
- Press **403** for Restoration
- Press **404** for Interior

