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## Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve News Release

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### Prescribed Fire at the Preserve



Strong City, Kansas – Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve Superintendent Wendy Lauritzen announced that the prescribed fire season at the Preserve is underway. The prescribed burn period will run from March 26 through mid-April.

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Prescribed fire is a management tool used to promote a healthy prairie. Prescribed fire is used by preserve land managers to remove woody and non-native vegetation, promote native plant and animal diversity, and maintain an important natural and cultural landscape. Learn more about fire by going to the preserve's website and clicking on the Nature and Science section.

Prescribed fire may begin as soon as Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, weather dependent. Weather conditions must be optimal before prescribed burns can occur. Due to the unpredictability of weather patterns, wind speed and direction, and relative humidity, the lead time to notify visitors is on short notice. Some trails and areas may be closed during prescribed fire operations. Visitors who are hiking or fishing may have their plans interrupted as a result of the burn activity, but this normally does not last more than a day. Due to the patch-burn practice at the Preserve, visiting other parts of the prairie is often possible and the historic buildings of the ranch will be open. Please call the rangers at 620-273-8494 for daily updates, check our website at [www.nps.gov/tapr](http://www.nps.gov/tapr) or check out the facebook page for Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve. For everyone's safety, visitors are asked to not cross fire lines or venture beyond barricades and signs.

Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve is located two miles north of Strong City on Kansas State Highway 177 (the Flint Hills National Scenic Byway). For more information or to make group reservations, visit the preserve's website at [www.nps.gov/tapr](http://www.nps.gov/tapr), email [tapr\\_interpretation@nps.gov](mailto:tapr_interpretation@nps.gov), go to our facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Tallgrass-Prairie-National-Preserve/141113292599158> or call the preserve at (620) 273-8494.

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