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## Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve News Release

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### **Another Round of Special Bison Bus Tours at the Preserve**

The preserve is offering two more days of special bison bus tours on Saturday, December 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday December 27<sup>th</sup>. A bus tour will be given each day at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome or reservations can be made by calling the preserve at 620- 273- 8494. Visitors may reserve up to 10 spaces. Bus tours are wheelchair equipped and all bus tours are free of charge. Severe weather or bad road conditions will cancel the tours. Please call ahead to check the status.

The preserve recently received 13 genetically pure bison from Wind Cave National Park, once again returning a keystone species to the preserve's landscape. The bison will be the parent herd for the preserve that are now making the 1076- acre Windmill pasture their home. Visitors may have the opportunity to view the bison from afar, but as with all wildlife viewing, an absolute sighting is not guaranteed. However, bison information, hide, and skull will be available throughout the tours.

Bison viewing is also available through daily backcountry hiking during daylight hours. Visitors are encouraged to visit the information desk in the main ranch house before hiking into the backcountry to obtain bison hiking information and precautions through a short training session.

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

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