

Ongoing Programs

Knee-High Naturalists 2011

Calling all 2 to 4 year olds! Join us for lots of fun learning about nature! **Program dates:** March 29 & 30, June 28 & 29, July 26 & 27, Aug. 30 & 31, Sept. 27 & 28, Oct. 25 & 26, Nov. 15 & 16 and Dec. 13 & 14.

Junior Explorers 2011

An extension of Knee-High Naturalists, Junior Explorers offers 5 to 7 year olds challenging learning and Fun! **Program dates:** March 19, April 9, May 21, June 25, July 16, Aug. 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17.

Keeper for a Day

This is a program teens age 13-18 that are thinking about a future career in animal care. **Program dates:** June 6, July 11 and Aug. 8. An adult program is also available. Please call for details.

Regular Program Schedule

Weekends only: March – May & September – October 9
Daily: Memorial Day – Labor Day

12:30 pm	Animal of the Day
1:00 pm	Bison and Elk Feeding (Beginning April 9) Bones to the Wolves (Sundays Only – following the Bison & Elk feeding)
1:45 pm	Birds of Prey (Forest Hall)
2:15 pm	Meet a Reptile (Snakes 'n More)
3:00 pm	Reptile Feeding (Mondays only beginning June 6)

CALENDAR of EVENTS

MARCH

12 – Volunteer Orientation
25 – WPSP/Pere Gala Ball Fundraiser*
27 – Mountain Bike Race

APRIL

1 – Wildlife Art Studio I *
7 – Owl Prowl *
14 – Park Train Experience *
22 – Birding Basics*
23 – Wildlife Trail Classic*
23 – Bunny Breakfast & Giant Easter Egg Hunt
24 – Easter Sunday Brunch *
28 – Geocaching *

MAY

TBA – Shiitake Mushroom Clinic *
5 – Wildlife Art Studio II *
8 – Mother's Day Brunch *
11 – Morel University*
14 – Spring Fishing Derby

MAY continued

15 – Armed Forces Day **
19 – Wildlife Survival *
22 – Fishing Fun *
26 – Howlin' with the Wolves *
30 – Memorial Day **

JUNE

14 – Flag Day **
11 – Pair Up for Health Trail Race Challenge *
18 & 19 – Old English Faire
19 – Father's Day Brunch *
27-July 1 – Day Camp for Ages 6-12 *

JULY

4 – Independence Day **
9 & 10 – Family Day

AUGUST

5 – Kayaking *
6 – Canoeing *
20 – Xterra Illinois Wilds Triathlon/Biathlon
27-28 – Free Military Admission Day **

* Indicates that advanced registration/payment may be required.

** Free admission for military & their immediate family (Military ID required)

Join the Pack & save Today

The admission you paid today can be applied to a one-year membership.

Bring your receipt to the Information Desk in the Adventure Store on the day of your visit and you will be on your way to a year of great family entertainment and education.

Members receive:

- Free admission to the Park
- Free subscription to our newsletter *The Outlook*
- Discounts on special educational programs, the Park's famous Sunday Brunch, Overnight Lodging, Gift Shop, Prairie View Café and events like Wildlife Scary Park
- Advanced notice for special programs
- Plus the great feeling you get knowing you are supporting one of the nation's premier wildlife parks

Other ways to Help...

- Be a Prairie Parent
- Share your time - VOLUNTEER
- Get your place of business involved as a corporate member or sponsor

Spend a night in the wild

Don't forget Wildlife Prairie State Park has unique lodging options. Visit www.wildlifeprairiestatepark.org or call 309-676-0998 for details.

Wildlife Prairie State Park Hours

The park is open 7 days/week during the regular season.

10:00 am- 4:30 pm	March 1 – March 31
9:00 am - 4:30 pm	April 1 - May 28
9:00 am - 6:30 pm	May 29 - Sept. 6
9:00 am - 4:30 pm	Sept. 7 – Oct. 31
10:00 am - 4:30 pm	Nov. 1 - Dec. 12
10:00 am - 4:30 pm	Sat & Sun only, Dec 17- Feb 26

Adventure Trek: Climb aboard a modified bus with open air windows for a 20-minute narrated ride out to the bison and elk pastures. This ride is \$2/person and departs from near the Visitors Center.

Animal Feeding: Feeding Park animals is prohibited, except for designated animals in the Pioneer Area.

ATM: Inside the Visitors Center

Emergencies: Contact any uniformed employee for help. For first aid needs please contact the Information Desk at the Adventure Store or go to the Ranger Station.

Food/Drink: Food/snacks are available at the Prairie View Café, Adventure Store and Train Depot Snack Shop. Enjoy our award-winning brunch on Sundays in Prairie Hall. **Soda machines** are located near the Teepee Shelter, CEFCU Playground, Pioneer Pavilion and Gollywhopper Pavilion. **Picnic tables** are located throughout the Park. You may use your own grill on paved surfaces. **Drinking fountains** are located outside the Visitors Center, near the CEFCU Playground, Pioneer Pavilion and the Train Depot.

Gifts: The Adventure Store offers shirts, jewelry, stuffed animals, Bass Pro Shop merchandise and other souvenirs.

Horse Trail Rides: NEW! Call 309-676-0998 for bookings.

Information: Stop by the Information Desk in the Adventure Store or Visitors Center to learn about all of the Park's features.

Prohibited Items/Activities: Pets, open flames and alcohol are not permitted on Park Property. **Smoking is prohibited** on the animal trails and within 15 feet of any building. Bicycles, skateboards and roller-blades are not allowed on the trails. Collecting of plant or animal specimens is also prohibited.

Restrooms: Located in the Visitors Center, Prairie View Café, Pioneer Pavilion and Train Depot.

Safety Guidelines: Please stay on designated paths and walkways. Crossing guardrails is prohibited. Children 12 & under must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Train: Explore the nature of Illinois aboard this scenic train ride. Tickets are available at the Train Depot, Ticket Gate and Information Desks for just \$2/person.



Adventure Map



Photo by Tim Lester



For more information:

(309)676-0998 or www.wildlifeprairiestatepark.org

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Wildlife Prairie STATE PARK



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1 Merrill Woods Loop:

- Red Fox
- Gray Fox
- Coyote
- Bobcat
- Black Bear
- Cougar

2 John Muir Grove:

- Bald Eagle
- Turkey Vulture
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Great Horned Owl

3 Wagon Trail Loop:

- Badger
- Greater Sandhill Crane & Canada Goose (at Waldon Pond)
- North American River Otter

4 Viewing Deck behind the Visitor's Center:

- Gray Wolf
- North American Bison
- Elk / "Wapiti"
- White-tailed Deer

Animal Nursery:

- Woodchuck/Groundhog
- Opossum
- Fox Squirrel

(Additional animals may be on exhibit depending upon the season.)

5 Snakes 'n More Exhibit:

Home to a variety of native ambassador species of snakes, turtles, frogs, toads, and salamanders including:

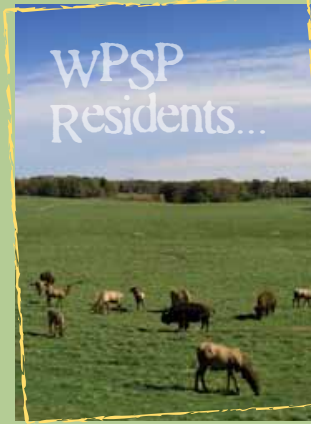
- Albino Black Rat Snake
- Timber Rattlesnake
- Eastern Box Turtle
- Gray Tree Frog
- Alligator Snapping Turtle

6 Pioneer Farmstead:

This area of the Park is home to animals that the Pioneers may have brought with them when they settled in Illinois including:

- Miniature Donkeys
- Nubian Goat
- Domestic Sheep
- Jersey Steer

Note: Sometimes our animal friends need a vacation! If an animal is not currently on exhibit, there will be signage located at their enclosure area.



ADVENTURE STORE
Start your adventure here!



Information, tickets, souvenirs, food and Bass Pro Shops merchandise available.

Adventure Trek



Pick up near the Visitors Center

Please stop by the Adventure Store for Adventure Trek schedule and pricing information

	Walking Trails
	Roads
	Parking Lots
	Service Only Roads
	Train Tracks
	Picnic Areas
	Food and Drink
	First Aid Station
	Restrooms

To I-74 ↑
Taylor Road
Main Gate
Service Gate
Ticket Gate
Train Depot
Covered Bridge
Parks Pavilion
Mountain Bike Trails
To Rte. 116 ↓

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