



Neal Smith

National Wildlife Refuge



Special Events



Earth Day

Saturday, April 23 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

In honor of Earth Day, we invite volunteers to help restore our oak savanna ecosystem! Groups and individuals are welcome and a FREE lunch is provided by the Friends of Neal Smith NWR.

Pre-register by e-mailing Richard_hager@fws.gov

Pedal the Prairie

Saturday, May 21 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a spring bike ride on the Prairie Parkway Bike Trail! Ride amongst wildflowers, toss seed bombs, and explore the refuge. Free light lunch and activities provided for registered guests! Prairie Parkway Ride (10mi.) at 9:30am and Family Fun Bike & Hike (1.5mi.) at 10:30am.

E-mail Brianna_patrick@fws.gov to register.



Spring Photo Hike

Saturday, May 14 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Photographers of all skill levels and camera types are invited to photograph the beautiful spring prairie on a ranger-led walk. We will begin with an overview of some of the common springtime flowers and wildlife that we may see, and then venture out. Images may be displayed at the Learning Center at a later time.

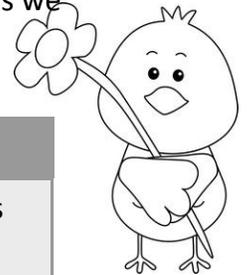
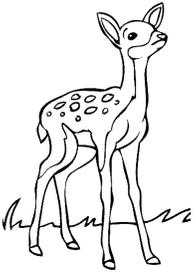
Pre-register by e-mailing Doreen_vanryswyk@fws.gov



Nature Tots

Children ages 3-5 are invited to bring their favorite adult and join us as we read stories, go outside, make nature crafts, and much more!

Pre-register by e-mailing Brianna_Patrick@fws.gov



Date	Time	Age	Topic
March 5	10:30 am - 11:30 am	3Y to 5Y	Animal Babies
April 2	10:30 am - 11:30 am	3Y to 5Y	Earth Day Every Day
May 7	10:30 am - 11:30 am	3Y to 5Y	Peek at Plants

Second Saturday Stewardship

Interested in giving back to the environment and your community? Volunteer days occur on the 2nd Saturday of each month at the Refuge.

For more information, contact **Cheryl Groom** at Cheryl_Groom@fws.gov or (515) 994-3400.

Date	Time	Age
March 12	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	All
April 9	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	All
May 14	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	All

On Your Own Activities

Hike, Bike and Explore!

Take a hike through the beautiful tallgrass prairie or oak savanna or view the prairie on two wheels on our new Prairie Parkway Entry Road! Search for new blooms, migrating birds, or new bison calves!

If a rainy day keeps you indoors, explore the interactive exhibits and watch our film, "Return to Wildness" at the Prairie Learning Center!



DON'T FORGET!

Bring a reusable water bottle while exploring!



For more information: (515) 994-3400 http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Neal_Smith/