

Walnut Creek National Wildlife Refuge - welcome back to the tallgrass prairie!

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Walnut Creek NWR - now named Neil Smith NWR

Description: -

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Preserving the fruited plain

It currently includes 49 parcels totaling over 5,000 acres.

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Bordered by steep wooded bluffs that rise 100 to 600 feet above the river valley, the refuge offers spectacular scenery and productive fish and wildlife habitat. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service is acquiring remnant prairie tracts for the refuge in both easements.... Through an intercom, you can speak directly with a Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie Visitor Information Specialist.

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In exchange, ants will attack plant-eating insects that approach them on the plant, protecting the plant.

Friends of Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge » Wildlife

It stopped barely long enough for me to get a few shots. I am assuming that he is just a younger individual and has not yet earned his rightful place. We have another chance for the incomparable Scissor-tailed Flycatcher here, and if fortune favors us, we may even see a Greater Prairie-Chicken.

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Nature photographer Jim Brandenburg helps preserve his corner of Minnesota tallgrass prairie

In 1982, Iowa Power officially cancelled development planning. Greater Prairie-Chickens do less dancing and seem to rely more on their impressive yellow-pink throat sacs and erected feather tufts. Not as well known, perhaps, as state or regional parks, the wildlife refuges offer citizens a unique portal to nature.

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To schedule an appointment time to meet one-on-one with one of us, you can email: SM.

Best Camping in and Near Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve

Unplowed prairie once covered about 25 million acres of what is now western Minnesota and northwestern Iowa. Their staccato bouncing-ball song accelerates at the end and can easily be heard across the prairie. This adult and colt was molting into their winter gray from their iron-stained summer plumage.

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