



## Restoration & Research

The Tallgrass Prairie Center's research and demonstration plots were established to replicate experiments that test the importance of management tools like mowing and cost-effective seed mix design for restoring prairie across roadside rights-of-way, working farm fields, or busy urban areas.

## Prairie on Farms

The seed produced at the Center is distributed for use by native seed growers and, eventually, returned to the Iowa landscape. Our Prairie on Farms Program partners with Iowa farmers to promote the use of prairie within row-cropped fields as a reliable, durable, and multi-functional conservation practice on agricultural lands.

### Rules

- Stay on the paths.
- Harvest wildflowers and seeds only from the hayfield prairie.
- No littering.
- Adhere to campus parking guidelines.
- Keep pets leashed and clean-up after them.
- Hours are dawn to dusk.

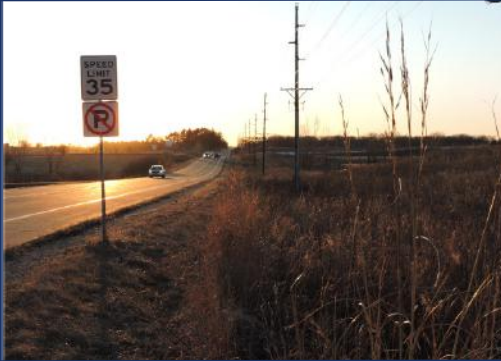
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| 1. Tallgrass Prairie Center       | 4. Seed Production Plots                                 | 6. Hayfield Prairie |
| 2. Iowa Crabapple Orchard         | 5. Containment Pond<br>(from Greenhill Rd. construction) | 7. Cottonwood Grove |
| 3. Research & Demonstration Plots |  | 8. Sand Mound       |

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Ohio spiderwort (*Tredescantia ohioensis*)

The Plant Materials Program produces seed descended from Iowa's remnant prairies. The TPC doesn't sell directly to the public, rather, we provide seed for native seed growers who use it to plant production fields. This supports a diverse native seed supply that is adapted to our region.



The Iowa Roadside Management program works with county roadside programs to achieve the long-term goal of establishing diverse stands of native plants along roads.

Pale purple coneflower (*Echinacea pallida*)



## About the Tallgrass Prairie Center

The Tallgrass Prairie Center (TPC) empowers people to value and restore resilient, diverse tallgrass prairie. We aim to:

- Increase the capacity of the partners and stakeholders to establish and protect native perennial vegetation and restore ecosystem services in the tallgrass prairie region.
- Increase awareness and appreciation of the tallgrass prairie ecosystem, and understanding of its significance to society.



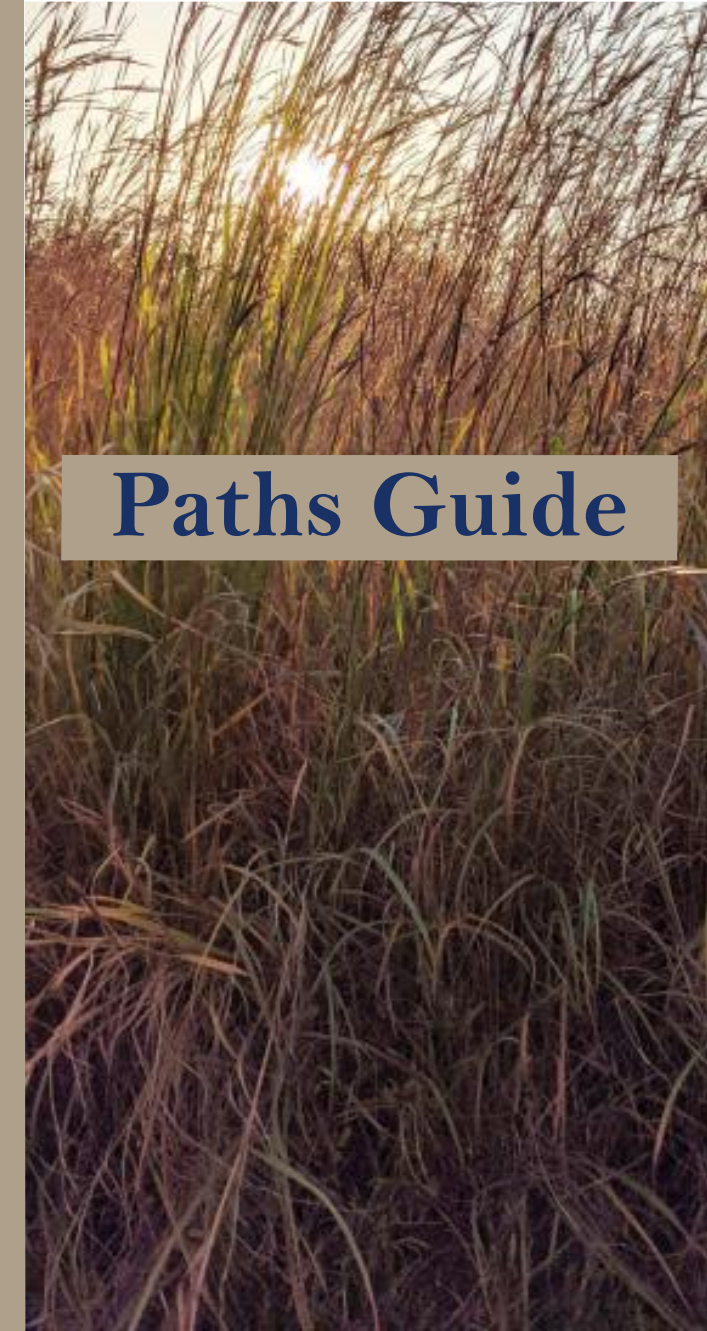
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## Paths Guide