

Kids Trail Brochure

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2. Climb the prairie hill and to have a good look at the farm. A three year old helped seed this Tallgrass prairie. Walk out into the prairie and lay down. Can you imagine the vast prairies that once grew around here? Close your eyes for a minute. What do you hear and feel? When the grasses are high in the late summer you can play hide and seek.
3. These trees were planted 10 years ago. Are you older or younger than these trees? Will you grow this tall in ten years?
4. In the springtime this young forest is full of wildflowers. Can you find any and smell them?
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7. Find a small twig or leaf on the ground and put it in the water flowing under the bridge. Wait for it to come out the other side and watch how it floats along. You can also put two in and have races.
8. Look for the pipe that carries water through this earthen dam. Fish can't get past the drop on the side where the water comes out. Think about how humans have created barriers for the movement of wildlife (e.g. roads).
9. This large field has Tallgrass Prairie growing in it. On the far side of the field are large sand hills. With your parent's permission and attendance you can climb them. Cross the field or go around the edge to get to them. From the top of the hills you will see ponds and on the other side of the ponds is a trail to the viewing platform which is # 11.
10. Listen to how quiet it is here. At this point you are far from the roads. Can you still hear cars and airplanes or is it quiet?
11. On the lookout platform can you see and hear birds flittering about in the fields?
12. This is our organic garden. We grow our vegetables here without using chemicals. It is a healthy way to grow vegetables and after all we are what we eat.



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