Autumn on the Prairie Hiking Tours 2017

10:00 am to 11:20 am – **Hiking Tour with Mike Crowe.** Moderate. East Heinkel Savanna. Hike off trail through an oak woods. Wear long pants. Not recommended for kids. Start at the Tours Tent. Transportation out and back.

10:15 am to 11:30 am – **Hiking Tour with Bernie Buchholz.** Moderate. Gobbler Ridge. Hike off trail to compare new and established prairie plantings and a recovering remnant knob. Start at the Tours Tent. Transportation out and back.

10:30 am to 11:15 am – **Hiking Tour with Mike Adolph.** Moderate. Walk a loop from the festival site off-trail through prairie. Good for kids. Start at the Tours Tent.

10:45 am to 12:30 pm – **Hiking Tour with Al Meier.** Moderate. Dot and Doug Wade Prairie. Hike off trail up hills through remnants and restorations. Good for kids. Start at the Tours Tent.

11:00 am to 12:45 pm – **Photography Hiking Tour with Charles Larry.** Moderate. Hike in a woodland or prairie to places where you can get great shots. Good for kids ages 10 and up. Start at the Tours Tent.

11:15 am to 12:00 pm – **Adventures with Audubon.** In this interactive performance for all ages, Brian “Fox” Ellis as John James Audubon will bring to life bird behavior, focusing on the birds you are most likely to see as you go bird watching at Nachusa Grasslands. With lessons on field ecology, the scientific method, art history, and bird migration, the audience is invited to imitate birds and discuss the life histories of their favorite feathered friends. Meet by the Dining Tent.

11:30 am to 12:15 pm – **Hiking Tour with Austin Webb.** Moderate. Walk a loop from the festival site off-trail through prairie. Good for kids. Start at the Tours Tent.

11:45 am to 1:20 pm – **Hiking Tour with Mike Carr.** Moderate. Orland Prairie. Hike off-trail through rolling prairie and along a creek. Start at the Tours Tent. Transportation out and back.

12:00 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. – **Bird Watching with Audubon Hiking Tour.** Moderate. Good for kids. Meet by the Dining Tent. Join John James Audubon on a unique bird watching adventure around the AOTP site as he regales listeners with his in-depth observations of the species we happen to see along the trail.

12:00 pm to 1:30 pm – **Hiking Tour with Jay Stacy.** Clear Creek Knolls. Moderate. Hike off trail in prairie plantings. Jay has been doing prairie plantings since 1996. Start at the Tours Tent. Transportation out and back.

12:15 pm to 1:30 pm – **Hiking Tour with Joe Richardson.** Hook Larson Prairie. Easy. Walk off-trail up the gentle slope of Monument Hill. Topic will be dependent on participants’ interest and curiosity. Start at the Tours Tent. Transportation out and back.

12:30 pm to 1:15 pm – **Hiking Tour with Jan Grainger.** Moderate. Walk a loop from the festival site off-trail through prairie. Good for kids. Start at the Tours Tent.

12:45 pm to 2:15 pm – **Hiking Tour with Damian Considine.** Big Woods Savanna. Moderate. Hike off trail in a great woodland restoration. Good for kids. Start at the Tours Tent. Transportation out and back.

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm – **Hiking Tour with Mark Jordan.** Tellabs/Didier Woods. Moderate. Hike on and off trail through an oak woodland. Good for kids. Start at the Tours Tent. Transportation out and back.
1:15 pm to 3:15 pm – **Hiking Tour with Kevin Kaltenbach.** Doug’s Knob and Fen. *Strenuous.* Hike off-trail with hills to wetland seep and sedge meadow. Feet might get wet. Not recommended for kids. Start at the Tours Tent. Transportation out and back.

1:20 pm to 2:05 pm – **Children’s Butterfly Hike with Mike Adolph.** Easy. Take nets and hunt for butterflies near the AOTP site. Meet at the Children’s Tent.

1:30 pm to 2:15 pm – **Hiking Tour with Jeff Cologna.** Moderate. Walk a loop from the festival site off-trail through prairie. Good for kids. Start at the Tours Tent.

1:45 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. – **Comic Mis-Adventures of Lewis and Clark:** Join Brian “Fox” Ellis and the Corps of Discovery in this exciting blend of stories and song, journal excerpts, and American Indian folklore. Equal parts stand-up comedy and musical theater for the entire family, this program brings the scientific process and Lewis and Clark’s expedition to life. Meet by the Dining Tent.

2:00 pm to 3:15 pm – **Hiking Tour with Josh Clark.** Stone Barn Savanna. Moderate. Hike through woodland on trails. Good for kids. Start at the Tours Tent. Transportation out and back.

2:15 pm to 3:50 pm – **Blanding’s Turtles Hiking Tour with Richard King.** Tellabs Wetland. Moderate. Learn what is being done to save these rare turtles. Start at the Tours Tent. Transportation out and back.

2:30 pm to 3:15 pm – **Prairie Botany with Meriwether Lewis Hiking Tour.** Moderate. Good for kids. Start by the Dining Tent. On this engaging walk, Brian “Fox” Ellis as Meriwether Lewis will share some of the many plant species he discovered, American Indian Ethnobotany, and the relationships between plants, soils, and the many creatures who call the prairie home.

2:45 pm to 4:00 pm – **Birding Hiking Tour with Heather Herakovich.** Clear Creek Knolls. Moderate. Explore on and off trail to search for grassland birds and learn how we study them. Start at the Tours Tent. Transportation out and back.

3:00 pm to 3:45 pm – **Photography Hiking Tour with Dee Hudson.** Carpenter Prairie. Moderate-Strenuous. Tap into your “inner Billy goat” and be prepared to hike off the trail and climb some hills! The Thelma Carpenter unit is loaded with incredible topography, so wear some sturdy shoes for hiking and bring your camera to photograph the incredible views. Start at the Tours Tent. Transportation out and back.

3:15 pm to 4:00 pm – **Hiking Tour with Susan Kleiman.** Moderate. Walk a loop from the festival site off-trail through prairie. Good for kids. Start at the Tours Tent.

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3:45 pm to 4:15 pm – **Philosophical and Spiritual Conversation Hiking Tour with Kirk Hallowell.** Moderate. Walk a loop from the festival site off-trail through prairie. What beliefs motivate us to honor, restore and protect our prairies? Participants will have the opportunity to learn more about the theology and philosophy of prairie naturalists as well as share their own perspectives. Start at the Tours Tent.

4:00 pm to 4:55 pm – **Bison Corral Tour with Cody Considine.** Easy. See our state-of-the-art corral, where we round up the bison once a year for a vet check. Start at the Tours Tent. Transportation out and back.