

Kansas Native Plant Society - Annual Wildflower Weekend
Lawrence, KS - September 16-18, 2011

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Native plant enthusiasts from across Kansas will converge on Lawrence, Kansas, September 16–18, for the Kansas Native Plant Society’s 33rd Annual Wildflower Weekend. The theme of this year’s meeting is “Native Plants and Landscapes of Northeast Kansas.” The meeting will be a unique opportunity to explore and learn about the amazing diversity of native plants and their habitats in northeast Kansas, where the forest and grassland biomes of North America meet. Visits to a variety of prairie, forest, and wetland sites are planned.

Activities begin on Friday, September 16, with a meeting of the Board of Directors at the University of Kansas Field Station Armitage Education Center northeast of Lawrence. Following the board meeting, there will be a short presentation about the Field Station. Then, attendees may hike as many as eight nearby nature trails at the Field Station to visit the Rockefeller Prairie, Kaw Valley Overlook, and Fitch Natural History Reservation. Attendees also may visit the nearby KU Native Medicinal Plant Research Garden at 1865 E 1660 Rd (on the road to the Armitage Center). Following the hike, a catered barbecue will be held at the Armitage Education Center. Bring a folding chair if you wish to eat outdoors.

On Saturday, September 17, the membership meeting will be held in the Apollo Auditorium of Raymond Nichols Hall on the West Campus of the University of Kansas. Activities include the annual business meeting, elections, awards, and the always popular silent auction and photo contest. Rex Buchanan of the Kansas Geological Survey will give a special presentation about the geology and landscapes of Kansas. A catered lunch will be available at Nichols Hall. In the afternoon, we will explore several privately owned tallgrass prairies in Leavenworth County.

On Sunday, September 18, visits to three sites are planned. The first will be Prairie Park Nature Center in southeast Lawrence to view a small, remnant tallgrass prairie. Then, we will visit the Baker Wetland Restoration Site to learn about an on-going wetland restoration project. Finally, we will travel to Coblentz Prairie, a diverse and scenic prairie overlooking the Wakarusa River floodplain in west-central Douglas County.

On the following pages, you will find a schedule of the planned events, directions to meeting and outing sites, motel and restaurant information, and a registration form for the meals. There is no separate registration fee for KNPS members, but if you plan to join us for the barbecue on Friday and/or lunch on Saturday, we need your lunch reservations and payment by **Wednesday, September 7, 2011**. You may pay by check or via PayPal through the KNPS web site (www.ksnps.org). Please watch our web site for periodic updates and new information.

We look forward to seeing you in Lawrence on September 16!

The KNPS Board of Directors

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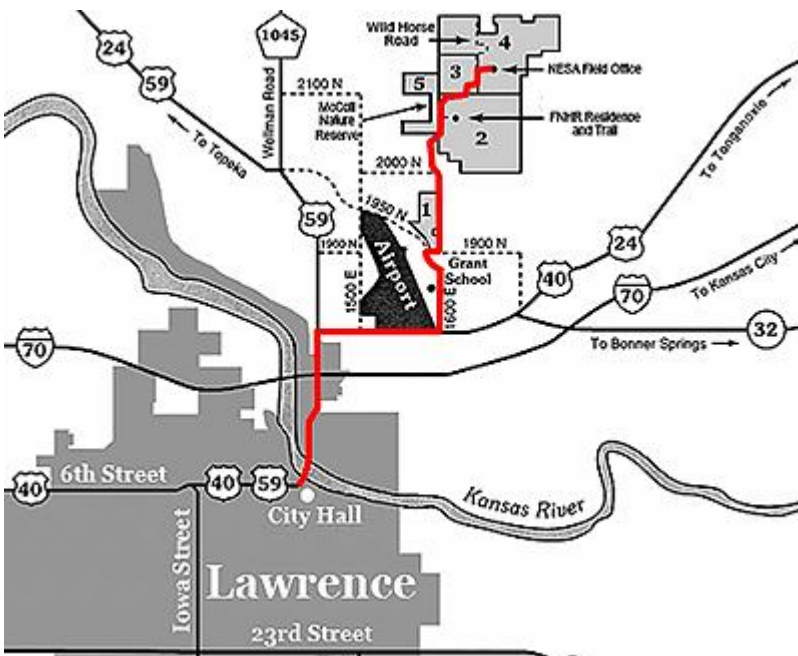
Friday Event Site

Armitage Education Center, University of Kansas Field Station (Friday Board Meeting, Hiking Tour, KU Native Medicinal Plant Research Garden, and Barbecue)

<http://www.ksr.ku.edu/>

Directions: The Armitage Education Center is located north-northeast of the Lawrence Municipal Airport on Wild Horse Road, about a 20-25 minute drive from the University of Kansas campus in Lawrence. Driving instruction (courtesy of the KU Field Station) are:

1. From the KU campus, proceed to Iowa St (US 59) and head north to the junction of US-59 and US-40 (6th and Iowa streets).
2. Take 6th St east (right) about 1.5 miles and proceed north (left) across the Kansas River Bridge (at Massachusetts St in downtown Lawrence) through North Lawrence past the East Lawrence Turnpike exchange (I-70).
3. About 0.5 mile north of I-70, turn east (right) at the junction of US-59/24 & US-40/24 (at the stoplight by the KDOT maintenance yard). Proceed 1.5 miles east on US-40/24.
4. Turn north (left) onto Douglas Co 1600 E Rd. Proceed a little over a mile and follow the road as it jogs west on top of the Mud Creek levee, cross the bridge over Mud Creek and continue north (left turn) on 1600 E Rd at its junction with Douglas Co 1900 N Rd.
5. About 0.5 mile north, at the top of the hill on the left side of the road, is the entrance/parking lot for the Robinson Tract. Continue north on 1600 E Rd another mile (past the intersection of Douglas Co 2000 N Rd), around several curves and across another bridge where you will find the stone entrance to the Fitch Natural History Reservation (address 2060 1600 E Rd) on the right.
6. Continue up the hill into Jefferson County (Douglas Co 1600 E Rd turns into Wild Horse Rd in Jefferson Co). Continuing up the road, after several turns and about one mile, the entrance to the Nelson Environmental Study Area is on the right (address 350 Wild Horse Rd).
7. The headquarters, labs, and maintenance shop are about 0.25 mile in from the NESA entrance gate on Wild Horse Rd.



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Saturday & Sunday Event Sites: For more details see the online 2011 AWW Itinerary.

Saturday Tour Sites - Leavenworth County Prairies

We'll carpool to visit two privately owned prairies in Leavenworth County. These prairies contain a rich diversity of plants and are managed as hay meadows. The owner is a lifetime KNPS member. A map with directions to the prairies will be available at the meeting on Saturday.

**** Please note we are permitted to visit these properties only on this date; please do not trespass on private property. Also, parking is limited. We will need to consolidate into as few vehicles as possible.**

Fredricks Prairie Tract is a 100-acre tallgrass prairie located behind the residence at 26617 Tonganoxie Dr in Leavenworth, KS. Limited parking will be available at this residence. A small area of this prairie has been left un-hayed just for our visit! This area will be burned next spring.

- Directions from University of Kansas West Campus, approx. 35 miles: Drive northeast on Irving Hill Rd. Turn left onto Crestline Dr. Turn right onto W 15th St/Bob Billings Pkwy. Turn left onto S Iowa St /US-59. Turn right onto W 6th St/US-40/US-59. Turn left onto N 2nd St/US-40 E/US-59 N. Turn right onto US-24/US-40 /N 1800 Rd; go approx. 13.5 miles. Watch for the water tower on the left; your next turn is just before this water tower. Turn left onto Tonganoxie Dr/Rd; go approx. 1 mile. Construction has closed 2 bridges ahead; we'll turn off Tonganoxie Rd temporarily. Turn left onto 207th St. Turn right onto Dempsey Rd/CR-8. Turn left onto 175th St/Tonganoxie Dr; go approx. 4 miles. Turn left into the driveway at 26617 Tonganoxie We have permission to park on this driveway.

High Prairie Tract is a 40-acre tallgrass prairie adjacent to former agricultural land. The former agricultural land will be available, flagged with bright tape, for limited parking during our tour. The area north of the creek has been left un-hayed. This area will be burned next spring.

- Directions from 26617 Tonganoxie Dr, approx. 3 miles. Turn left onto Tonganoxie Dr/CR-5. Turn left onto Eisenhower Rd. Turn right onto Bauserman Rd. Turn right onto 187th St and watch for the temporary parking area flagged with bright tape on the left side of the road.

Sunday Tour Sites

The Sunday tour will begin at 9 am at the Prairie Park Nature Center, 2730 SW Harper St, on the southwest side of Lawrence. This 71-acre park includes a 9-acre remnant prairie behind the nature center, a pond, and paved and rough trails. The nature center hall does not open until 1 pm, but the trails will be open. Parking is available to the left of the main park entrance.

Around 10:20 am, we will travel approx. 1.5 miles west-southwest to the Baker Wetlands Restoration Site, southwest of the intersection of W 31st St and E 1400 Rd. This 140-acre site is being restored to wetland. Meet at the farmhouse at 1365 N 1250 Rd (southwest of the intersection of E 1400 Rd and 31st St) to learn about this wetland restoration project. Parking is available at the farmhouse and along N 1250 Rd.

Around 11:30 am, we will break for lunch. You may visit a local restaurant or bring a picnic lunch to eat at nearby Broken Arrow Park, just northeast of the restoration site at W 31st St and Louisiana St.

Finally, at 1:30 pm, we will meet at Coblenz Prairie (north of the Coblenz Marsh in the Clinton Wildlife Area), located 21 miles west of Lawrence at the southeast corner of the intersection of N 1150 Rd and E 1st St in Berryton, KS -- far west-central Douglas County (immediately east of the Shawnee County line and about 4 air miles west-southwest of Stull, KS). A map to Coblenz Prairie will be available at the meeting on Saturday.

- Clinton Lake Map: http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/cl/brochure/clinton_lake.pdf
- Directions from Baker Wetlands Restoration: Turn right (drive east) onto N 1250 Rd. Turn left onto E 1400 Rd /Louisiana St. Turn left W 31st St/N 1300 Rd. Turn left onto S Iowa St/US-59/KS-10. Turn right onto N 1200 Rd. Turn left onto E 1000 Rd. Follow the curve as the road becomes N 1000 Rd, then E 850 Rd, then N 950 Rd, then

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E 251st Diagonal. Turn left onto N 1250 Rd (gravel road). Follow the curve as the road becomes E 100 Rd, then N 1150 Rd. Drive approx. 1 mile on N 1150 Rd. Turn left onto E 1 Rd and park on the side of the road.

Saturday Meeting Activities

Come prepared to participate in the Silent Auction and Photo Contest at the meeting on Saturday. Information about each event follows.

Silent Auction

The Silent Auction fundraiser will be held during the business meeting on Saturday morning. Proceeds will benefit the programs of KNPS. Bring a few items to donate to the auction and help support KNPS. Artwork, crafts, books, posters, clothing, jellies, and baked goods are just a few of the items that have been donated in the past.

Photo Contest

The Kansas Native Plant Society Photo Contest is held each year at the annual meeting. Be sure to bring your favorite photos and show them off to the rest of the membership. If possible, please bring digital copies of your photos on a flash drive; we would like to show the winning images after the contest and we need the digital copy for the newsletter and web site.

Rules

1. Photo submissions are accepted from KNPS members only.
2. The subject of all entries must be NATIVE plant species (or predominantly NATIVE plant species for photos of groups of plants) or native landscapes (where appropriate) in the state of Kansas.
3. Four entries per category per KNPS member are allowed.
4. Photos should range in size from 4" x 5" to 8" x 10".
5. Each photo must be mounted on poster board. Matting is optional. No frames, please.
6. Each photo must have a label placed on the back with the following information:
 - Category (see below)
 - Photographer's Name and City
 - Title of photo (include plant species name, if applicable)
 - Location where photo was taken
7. Photographs will be judged by the following criteria: Composition, Sharpness, Exposure, Color, Appropriateness to category, Presentation, Full label information
8. Digital photographs that are cropped or enhanced must be indicated as such.
9. Bring your photos to the annual meeting; do not send photos to KNPS.
10. Categories
 - **Flora:** a photo of a whole plant or plant part. Examples: flower, fruit, seed, leaf, bark, or bud.
 - **Fauna:** a photo of animals on or surrounded by native plants. Examples: mammals on the prairie, birds eating seeds, insects pollinating native flowers.
 - **Garden:** a photo of native plants used in a garden created by people. Examples: your favorite garden.
 - **People:** a photo of people enjoying native plants and their habitats. Examples: people at a KNPS outing, people enjoying a favorite bloom.
 - **Scenery:** a photo of a native landscape such as a prairie, woodland, or wetland. Examples: fire in the Flint Hills, sunrise on the wetlands.
 - **Wildflower of the Year:** a photo of a whole plant or part of a plant of the Wildflower of the Year (2011 = *Ratibida columnifera*).

Prizes

First, second, and third place ribbons may be awarded for each category, as well as "Best of Show", according to the judges' discretion.

**“Native Plants and Landscapes of Northeast Kansas”
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Friday, September 16

- 1:00 pm Fall Board Meeting at the Armitage Education Center, [University of Kansas Field Station](#) (**board members only**)
- 3:20 pm Presentation: “The University of Kansas Field Station” by Dr. W. Dean Kettle, Associate Director, KU Field Station
- 3:45 pm Hiking along any of the 8 nature trails at the KU Field Station; guides will lead hikes along several trails (a plant list will be available on the KNPS website @ [www.ksnps.org](#)); attendees also may wish to visit the nearby [KU Native Medicinal Plant Research Garden](#)
- 6:00 pm Catered barbecue at the Armitage Education Center – bring a folding chair if you wish to eat outdoors

Saturday, September 17

- 8:30 am Registration on the first floor of Raymond Nichols Hall (Space Technology Center), University of Kansas West Campus. Nichols Hall is located at 2291 Irving Hill Drive, immediately south of the Lied Performing Arts Center and west of Pioneer Cemetery. Parking is available on the northeast side of Nichols Hall. Coffee, tea, and pastries available. Set up Silent Auction, Photo Contest, and Merchandise Displays.
- 9:00 am Annual Business Meeting – Apollo Auditorium
- 9:45 am Awards & Election
- 10:15 am Refreshment break. Silent Auction continues.
- 10:45 am Presentation: “Roadside Kansas: a Traveler’s Guide to its Geology and Landmarks” by Rex Buchanan, Interim Director, Kansas Geological Survey and co-author of Roadside Kansas
- 11:45 pm Break
- 12:00 pm Catered lunch
- 1:00 pm Carpool to Leavenworth County prairies (a plant list will be available @ [www.ksnps.org](#))

Sunday, September 18 (a plant list will be available @ [www.ksnps.org](#))

- 9:00 am Meet at [Prairie Park Nature Center](#)
- 10:20 am Travel to [Baker Wetland Restoration Site](#)
- 11:30 am Lunch – on your own
- 1:30 pm Tour Coblenz Prairie located in the [Clinton Wildlife Area](#)

For outdoor events we recommend bringing sturdy shoes or boots, long pants, insect repellent, sunscreen, a hat, and water! Inclement weather could limit access to some sites. Announcements will be made at the meeting venues.

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Accommodations

The Lawrence Convention and Visitors Bureau (<http://www.visitlawrence.com/>) offers a full list of local attractions, accommodations, restaurants, and events in the Lawrence area. We encourage you to visit their web site to explore the local offerings. Following is a partial list of other motels and restaurants in Lawrence.

- [Baymont Inn & Suites](#), 740 Iowa, (877) BAYMONT
- [Best Western](#), 2309 Iowa; (800) 235-7997
- [Days Inn](#), 730 Iowa; (785) 841-6500
- [Eldridge Hotel](#), 701 Massachusetts, (800) 527-0909
- [Hampton Inn](#), 2300 W 6th St; (800) HAMPTON
- [Holiday Inn & Convention Center](#), 200 McDonald Drive; (800) HOLIDAY
- [SpringHill Suites Lawrence](#), 6th & New Hampshire; (888) 287-9400

Restaurants

- Aladdin's Cafe
- Applebee's Neighborhood Grill
- Bird Dog Bar
- Buffalo Bob's Smokehouse
- Cielito Lindo
- Community Mercantile
- Dempsey's Burger Pub
- Enchore Cafe
- Esquina
- Free State Brewing Company
- Genovese
- India Palace
- Ingredient
- Johnny's Tavern
- La Familia Cafe
- La Parilla
- Mad Greek Restaurant
- Milton's
- Paisano's Ristorante
- Quinton's Bar & Deli
- Rudy's Pizzeria
- Salty Iguana Mexican Restaurant
- Sushi Station
- Sylas & Maddy's Homemade Ice Cream
- Teller's
- Ten
- Thai Siam
- Tortas Jalisco
- Wheat State Pizza
- Wheatfields Bakery and Cafe
- Zen Zero

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Annual Wildflower Weekend Meal Reservations

Please let us know if you plan to join us for the barbecue on Friday after the hike and/or for lunch at Nichols Hall after the meeting on Saturday. **The deadline for meal reservations is Wednesday, September 7, 2011.**

Reservations may be made by check using this form or [pay online](http://www.ksnps.org) at www.ksnps.org. If you have questions call Craig Freeman at 785-864-3453 or email us at email@ksnps.org.

Name	
Address	
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Number Attending	
KNPS member?	

Date	Location/Meal	Number	Cost	Subtotal
Friday Sept 16	Barbecue at Armitage Education Center: includes pulled pork or black bean veggie burgers, cheesy potatoes, fruit salad, and beverage (choice of iced tea, water, or soda)	Mark Quantity Friday total meals: _____	\$12.00/meal includes tax and gratuity × \$12/meal (includes tax and gratuity)	\$ _____
	Mark sandwich preference(s) here: Pulled pork sandwich _____(number) Veggie burger _____(number)			
Saturday Sept 17	Lunch by Southern Accent Catering at Raymond Nichols Hall: includes chicken Florentine lasagna or portabella mushroom lasagna, River City salad with raspberry vinaigrette dressing, hot rolls with butter and garlic, cookies or brownies, and beverage (choice of coffee, iced tea, or water)	Saturday total meals: _____	× \$12/meal (includes tax and gratuity)	\$ _____
	Mark lasagna preference(s) here: Chicken Florentine _____(number) Portabella mushroom _____(number)			
			Total	\$ _____

Cut & mail this form with your check made out to **Kansas Native Plant Society** to:

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