

What is Prairie Day?

The Annual Prairie Day, celebrating the prairie environment, is normally held in conjunction with National Prairie Week at the Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area.

Presentations on the environment and nature play a very important part of the day's activities as well as emphasizing the special features of the park itself. Various presentations, educational talks, and projects for the children are the special offerings of the day.

All aspects of the park are open: the Cragg Cabin, the visitor's center, butterfly barn, picnic areas and the nature trails.



Goose Lake Prairie Partners

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**Family Fun at
Goose Lake Prairie**



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**12TH ANNUAL
PRAIRIE DAY**

September 19, 2009

10 to 3

South of Morris, IL at Goose Lake Prairie State
Natural Area off Pine Bluff Road

Fun and Educational!

MIDWEST GENERATION and Goose Lake Prairie Partners have a great Family Day planned for you at Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area.

We will interrupt the quiet of the prairie for a day of Exploration, Amazement and Fun!

Learning to start a fire from wood sticks, identifying animals tracks, and listening to our plant interpreter's description of Prairie Flowers is just a start.

We are offering so much more. . .



INTERACTIVE ALL-DAY EVENTS :

- **Lou Aiello** returns with his **Traveling Indian Museum**, Dream Catchers and Indian games and dances.
- **Heather Holms, face painter**, has her paint brush ready so just step right up and sit in her chair.
- **Tom Kaluzny** is ready to help you **make your own kite** from Scratch. Meet with him on the front lawn.
- **Linda Roberts**, new to Prairie Day, is ready to teach you all about **Prairie Animal Tracks**; and to learn to walk like an animal.
- **CPO Eric Rollins** brings the **Conservation Police Officer's Lodge Educational Trailer** to Prairie Day.
- Visit our **Gift shop!** You will be surprised at the treasures to be found there.
- Be sure to buy a book of tickets for this year's **Prairie Partner Quilt**. We will draw the winning ticket at 2:30 p.m. September 19th. Have you picked up your tickets?

The Prairie Kids cutouts will be on the lawn for photographs, the butterfly barn will be open, the picnic areas will be ready, the Cragg Cabin will be open and the prairie trails await you!

Celebrate the 12th Annual Prairie Day With Us. . . .

PROGRAMS :

- 10:15 a.m.— Arrive early and take your place in the Auditorium for **Dave DiNaso's Traveling World of Reptiles**.
- 11:30 a.m. —**The Great Mistini** will perform feats of magic on center stage in the Auditorium
- Be sure to register at the Visitor Center Desk for one of the **Plant Interpreter's Wagon Rides** beginning at 12:00 p.m., then 1:15 p.m., and finally 2:30 p.m. First come, first served.
- 1:00 p.m. — Call the Visitor's center Desk (815) 815-942-2899 to register for the **Fossil Class taught by Gina Wysocki** by Sept. 7th. 1st—5th grade students may register. Take home your own Trilobite. (\$5.00 fee)
- 2:30 p.m.—Again in the Auditorium, **Beth Wagner will bring the Scales and Tails Traveling Animal Show** from Chicago to Goose Lake Prairie for the first time.

Location:

Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area is on Pine Bluff/Lorenzo Road South of Morris, IL. Access from Rt. 47 South of the Illinois River; turn east on Pine Bluff Road. Take Exit 240 West from Rt. 55 just south of the Kankakee River on Lorenzo Road.
- Watch for the Park Sign.

Visit us on-line—gooselakeprairie.org