

Event Release

Johnson County Citizens for Environmental Action (CEA)

Release date: October 11, 2020
Event date: Saturday, October 24th, 2020, 4:00 to 6:00 pm
Event: CEA’s “Meet The Prairie”
Location: Warrensburg’s Turkeyfoot Prairie
near the Soccer Fields at West Park – SW 101 Road
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Johnson County Citizens for Environmental Action (CEA) will have an “open house” at Warrensburg’s Turkeyfoot Prairie on Saturday, October 24th. The event takes place from 4:00 until 6:00 PM at the prairie, next to the soccer complex in West Park on SW 101 Road.

The outdoor event will feature comments from several people involved with prairie development and other environmental projects, and guided walking tours through the 7-acre facility. Speakers include Turkeyfoot Prairie’s CEA maintenance team manager Vernon Elsberry, UCM biology professor Daniel Wolcott, Margaret Neal from the Cheerful Tillers Gardening Club, and representatives from Cole Camp Missouri’s High Lonesome Chapter of Missouri Master Naturalists, and the UCM Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society.

Topics to be covered will include native Midwest prairie plant species, invasive plants, prairie wildlife species, prairie research, and the history and features of Turkeyfoot Prairie. Guided walking tours through the tallgrass prairie portion of the property will be available.

Guests are to bring their own lawn chairs which will be set-up in adherence to social distancing guidelines. While this is an outdoor event at which social spacing will be available, attendees are advised to bring face coverings (personal masks) in order protect themselves and others as deemed necessary.

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Photo: Suggested caption

This is the welcoming bridge leading into the specimen garden at Warrensburg's Turkeyfoot Prairie. The seven acre facility is located on Warrensburg Park and Recreation property at West Park and managed by Park and Rec personnel. Volunteers from Johnson County Citizens for Environmental Action (CEA) have taken on the development of a reconstituted tallgrass prairie on the site, which features dozens of annual and perennial native prairie species and a subsequent share of native fauna.