



Dear Prairie Friend,

Because of the essential work you do to support prairie conservation and education, we invite you to join us in celebrating the inaugural **National Prairie Day** to be observed annually on the first Saturday of June. The Missouri Prairie Foundation, a nonprofit prairie conservation organization, founded **National Prairie Day** in 2016 which marked MPF's 50th Anniversary.

National Prairie Day came about as one of the newer members of the Missouri Prairie Foundation's board of directors began attending prairie events and discovered the depth and breadth of what these now rare landscapes offer. She discovered that the more she learned, the more she understood the deep, and far reaching significance of these lands. This realization led her to propose the creation of a special day to honor and celebrate this ecosystem and its many benefits to our nation. National Prairie Day is the result!

The goal of **National Prairie Day** is to raise awareness about prairie and why it is significant, and to offer each of us a conduit to share our work with the nation.

We invite you to do the following:

- 1) Go to [nationalprairieday.org](http://nationalprairieday.org) to submit your list of favorite prairies open to the public and any events you have planned on or near the date of **National Prairie Day** so others can find you and share in your activities.
- 2) Create a web page on your website dedicated to celebrating **National Prairie Day**, and include a link to [nationalprairieday.org](http://nationalprairieday.org). The attached fact sheet can help you get started.
- 3) Mark your calendars and plan on celebrating with us every year! We look forward to hearing your ideas about how we can work together to support the promotion of **National Prairie Day**.
- 4) Use #nationalprairieday on social media.

**National Prairie Day** doesn't belong to the Missouri Prairie Foundation. It belongs to all of us—just like the prairies we honor through this national designation. We each play an important role in our prairie communities. Let's work together so we may better serve our prairies—as they continue to serve us.

Please join us!

The National Prairie Day Team  
[nationalprairieday.org](http://nationalprairieday.org)