

## KACHINA PRAIRIE



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Please include Kachina Prairie as part of your tour of Bluebonnet Trails, and enjoy a vanishing icon of Texas – a true native prairie! There are abundant birds and wildflowers to view and photograph. Wildflowers you may see include bluebonnets, Indian paintbrush, prairie verbena and Texas star daisy. You may also spot a red tailed hawk, blue heron and other birds. The Prairie is an e-bird “hot spot.”

Kachina Prairie is an Ennis treasure – a 30 acre remnant native, never-plowed prairie, now being actively conserved by a coalition of the Ennis Garden Club, Indian Trail Master Naturalists, City of Ennis and the Texas Land Conservancy.

A special note on visiting the Prairie: The Prairie is a “wildscape.” There are mowed trails but not groomed trails. There are no facilities and the  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile trail, while mowed, is not suitable for open toed shoes. Despite all its beauty, the Prairie includes poison ivy, snakes, fire ants, stickers and the like.

Picnicking is available just down Baldrige Street, where there is a park with a family area, picnic table and view of the lake. At the Prairie, the basic rule is “take only photos, leave only footprints.”

Directions to Kachina Prairie: If you are starting from the downtown area of Ennis, take Ennis Avenue through town, west to the traffic light at Jeter Drive. Turn right on Jeter Drive and follow it about a mile to Baldrige Street, where there is a Church of Christ on the northwest corner. Turn left (west) on Baldrige and the Prairie entrance is on the right, in about half a mile.

Wildflower walks during Bluebonnet Weekend:

The Indian Trail Master Naturalists are offering wildflower walks at the Prairie at the times listed below. Meet at the entrance to the Prairie. These walks are cancelled if it’s raining. [www.txmn.org/indiantrail/](http://www.txmn.org/indiantrail/)

Saturday, April 18 at 11:00 am

Sunday, April 19 at 2:00 pm

While in town, please visit the Ennis Bluebonnet Trails Festival, sponsored by the Ennis Garden Club, in downtown Ennis from 9 am- 5 pm on Saturday, April 18 and Sunday, April 19. Pick up a bluebonnet map and take a drive along the beautiful bluebonnet trails this weekend, too. For more information, <http://www.visitennis.org/> or [972-878-4748](tel:972-878-4748).