



Mission: *Maintaining and restoring Nebraska Ecosystems - creating opportunities for education, research, stewardship and community development.*



Prairie Plains Resource Institute was founded in Aurora, Nebraska, in 1980 with the intent of preserving native Nebraska habitats for use as educational sites for science, history and land management.

A non-profit membership organization, Prairie Plains has seven properties that are actively managed to provide access to the Great Plains landscape to people of all ages.

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Guadalupe Memorial Prairie Ranch



One of seven Nebraska Prairies made available by:



Welcome to the Guadalcanal Memorial Prairie Ranch! This 4944-acre property owned by Prairie Plains Resource Institute (PPRI) offers visitors access to a beautiful northern high plains landscape with its diversity of unique land forms, plants and wildlife. This property will eventually serve as a site for educational activities and research and as a meeting place.

History

Prairie Plains Resource Institute received this land gift in 1993 from Howard Juhl. According to the original gift agreement Mr. Juhl enjoyed the use and management of the land until 2005, whereby he assigned full ownership to Prairie Plains. His dedication of the property is in memory of the World War II Pacific campaign at Guadalcanal, where he was involved as a Navy diver. This is the second land gift from Mr. Juhl - the first was his 1983 gift of his family land of 320 acres in Buffalo County, Nebraska, which is dedicated as the Pearl Harbor Survivors Preserve.

Mr. Juhl purchased the ranch in 1992 from Martin Marshall. He was impressed by the beauty as well as the history of the area, and was able to visit for extended periods at least twice a year from his home in Los Angeles.

Unique Features

This northwest Nebraska landscape includes incredible vistas across the headwaters of the Niobrara River and to Wyoming's Rawhide Hills to the west. It also has numerous small valleys and draws, steep cliffs and buttes, a length of the Niobrara River and lowland meadows. Because of its geology, variety of land forms and water features this ranch contains an unusual variety of native grassland plants and animals. In addition there are

fascinating fossil beds under exploration by the University of Nebraska.

History is very accessible in northwestern Nebraska. The historic aspects of the Guadalcanal Memorial Ranch area complement the stories that visitors can explore at the museum in Harrison, Agate Springs National Monument, the Hudson-Meng Bison Kill site and Fort Robinson State Park.

Stewardship & Mission

Watershed Initiative: Maintain sustainable water source in upper Niobrara Watershed.

Grasslands: Maintain a sustainable native grassland base to support a working ranch while also maintaining biodiversity.

Education/Research: Provide and encourage opportunities for people to enhance their knowledge of northern high plains history, culture, land use and ecosystem through research and lifelong learning.

Economic Development: Participate in the development of a common vision to create new economic opportunities in Northwest Nebraska.

Rules

- * Public access is only by pre-planned appointment or attendance at a PPRI event.
- * Ranching is a part of the management plan for this property. Visitors are expected to keep a safe distance from livestock and to keep gates closed at all times.
- * Hunting is allowed only with permission from Prairie Plains.
- * Prairie rattlesnakes are common; precaution is necessary at all times in warmer weather.
- * No open fires are allowed anywhere on the property.
- * No artifacts may be removed from the property.
- * Users should have plans for emergency communication. Assume that cell phones will not work!