

Prairie plains Link



April 19 - Tending the back burn on the eastern edge of Griffith Prairie.



April winds allowed only a few opportunities to burn, and we took advantage of every one. For more on why we burn, see the April, 2007 issue of *Prairie Plains Link* at prairieplains.org.

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Left top: April 14 - Cale Jones, going on 13 and on his fifth year of apprenticeship, working on firebreaks around utility poles at Griffith Prairie. In the background is the new Ranger, which has proven to be an extremely useful tool in the field.

Left: April 27 burn at Frank L. & Lillian Pokorny Memorial Prairie. The smoke attracted 21 Swainson's Hawks to hunt newly exposed prey.

Below: April 17 - Head fire and back fire about to merge (and burn out) in the north prairie of Bader Park.





April 30, greening up - eleven days after the burn at Griffith Prairie.

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THANK YOU

- to Mid-Nebraska Trail Seekers for choosing Griffith Prairie for the Volkswalk and for the beautiful Griffith Prairie buttons;
- to Dale & Pat Carlson and Gerry Steinauer for help with burning;
- to Andy Miller for planting assistance.

Sioux County Ranch Trek 2010 June 11-13



We'll meet for dinner at the Harrison House at 5:30 p.m. Mountain Time Friday, June 11; Saturday morning is open for exploring area attractions such as Sowbelly Canyon, Agate Fossil Beds, Fort Robinson (featuring an Intertribal Pow Wow); Saturday afternoon is the ranch tour, and the BBQ (\$20) is Saturday evening. Avid ranch trekkies have already filled up the Harrison House, so make your reservations at the Sage (308-668-2441) or make other lodging arrangements ASAP! Please RSVP to Prairie Plains for Friday and Saturday meals by June 1st: 402-694-5535 or amyppri@hamilton.net.



Margalee Thomas from Henderson was one of 37 hikers who took part in the Mid-Nebraska Trail Seekers Volkswalk at Griffith Prairie April 17th. Participants came from six locations across Nebraska as well as Iowa and Colorado. Below are two spring wildflowers they might have spotted on the prairie - False Dandelion (*Nothocalais cuspidata*) and Prairie Violet (*Viola pedatifida*).

