

Take the Tallgrass Prairie Virtual Field Trip and fill out the following scavenger hunt.

1. List three names of grasslands on other continents.
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
2. What are the three types of prairies?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
3. What is a prairie pothole and why are they important? _____

4. Native Americans called fire “_____”.
5. Fire was good for the prairie. True or False
6. Name the 5 states that had the most tallgrass prairie.
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
 - e. _____
7. Tallgrass prairie receives _____ inches of rain each year.
8. Where did the deep rich soil of the prairie come from? _____

9. One hundred and sixty acres of prairie cost _____ in 1860. This led to almost 99% of the tallgrass prairie being turned into farmland.
10. Ferrets and prairie dogs were once common on the tallgrass prairie. True or False
11. How much prairie is left in Iowa? _____
12. Find the map of Iowa’s original land cover. What color is the majority of the map? _____
13. Find the map of Iowa’s current land cover. What color is the majority of the map? _____ (Note: Green is woodland, tan and orange are prairies and savannas, and grey is developed or changed)

14. What are the three types of tallgrass prairies?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

15. Pick your three favorite photos from the “Prairie Lands of Iowa” or stop #5. What are the names of the plants or animals?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

16. Find the outline of the pheasant and click on the photo. Where pheasants originally from Iowa? _____

17. How many acres of land does the Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge own?

18. Buffalo can live to be about _____ years old.

19. At one time there were _____ million bison but by 1900 there were only about _____ in the United States.

20. Find the prairie passage game on the Neal Smith’s Kids page.

- a. Which of the choices is a member of the rabbit family? _____
- b. Which of the choices is a Monarch’s favorite food? _____
- c. Which of the choices is a tree that grows in a savanna? _____

21. Lets build a prairie! Which four grasses did you put on your prairie?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____

22. Let’s build a prairie! Which four grasses did you put on your prairie?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____

23. Which two flowers did you not plant on the prairie and why?

- a. _____
- b. _____

24. Which four birds are you going to have come and live on your prairie?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____

25. Which two mammals will not like living in the tallgrass prairie?

- a. _____
- b. _____

26. Which four amphibians and reptiles would like to live on the tallgrass prairie?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____

27. Which two insects do you want to keep off of your prairie?

- a. _____
- b. _____

28. What do you have to do to keep your prairie healthy? _____

If you would like to know more about Iowa's Prairies read more at the last stop.