

Shortgrass Prairie

Theme: Colorado's biodiversity depends on the shortgrass prairie



Goals: On this field trip, students will...

1. Connect with the shortgrass prairie ecosystem, which makes up more than half of the state.
2. Understand the importance of biodiversity in maintaining an ecosystem.
3. Illustrate the history of the Old Stone House/Barr Lake site.
4. Take part in a service learning project to help restore prairie habitat by removing non-native plant species.

Objectives: After this field trip, students will be able to...

1. Explain why the Colorado shortgrass prairie is important to their survival.
2. Describe their connection to Colorado's shortgrass prairie.
3. Identify the diversity in Colorado's shortgrass prairie.
4. List threats to the Colorado shortgrass prairie.
5. Tell a historical story about the site and why it is healthy today.