

Coal Creek Tallgrass Prairie State Natural Area



- Owner: City of Boulder Open Space & Mountain Parks
- NEW designation in 2023; 1470 acres

Description of Natural Features: Property contains a high-quality remnant of a once-extensive area of tallgrass prairie on the glacial outwash surfaces that dot portions of the Front Range. The tallgrass prairie remnant contains a unique and distinctive blend of Great Plains and Southern Rocky Mountain montane plant communities that are rare and sensitive in the state and global context. Undisturbed examples of glacial outwash features are rare today along Colorado's Front Range. Contains multiple rare plant species including grassy slope sedge and slimleaf milkweed. Also contains habitat for several species of greatest conservation need including grasshopper sparrow, golden eagle, prairie falcon, lazuli bunting, northern leopard frog, Ottoe skipper, regal fritillary, and two-spotted skipper.

Additional Info: Only open to the public through guided hikes led by OSMP staff. For more information, visit the [City of Boulder OSMP website](https://boulderopenpace.com).



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