

Colorado Tallgrass Prairie State Natural Area



- Owner: City of Boulder Open Space & Mountain Parks
- Originally designated in 1984; 269 acres
- Amended designation in 2023; expansion to 1347 acres

Description of Natural Features: The Colorado Tallgrass Prairie is a remnant of a once-extensive area of tallgrass prairie occupying the entire South Boulder Creek floodplain and much of the ancient glacial outwash surfaces that dot parts of the Front Range. High-quality examples of both xeric and mesic tallgrass prairie community remnants contain habitat for a multitude of species of greatest conservation need including bobolink, grasshopper sparrow, golden eagle, burrowing owl, northern leopard frog, Preble's meadow jumping mouse, Ottoe skipper, regal fritillary, and Ute ladies'-tresses. Additional rare plant species include prairie violet, slimleaf milkweed, and dwarf leadplant.

Additional Info: Portions of the natural area are open to the public with various options for trail access. For more information, visit the [City of Boulder OSMP website](https://boulderopenpace.com).



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