



Bonny Prairie

Colorado State Natural Area

What to Expect

Near the Colorado-Kansas border sits Bonny Prairie State Natural Area, home to a remnant loess prairie ecosystem characterized by wind-deposited soils with fine, glacier-ground rock. This type of grassland may have covered millions of acres of the central U.S., but land conversion has decreased how much of this prairie type remains. Bonny Prairie is part of the South Republican State Wildlife Area (SWA) and provides a plethora of wildlife viewing opportunities, especially for grassland bird species.



A loess prairie example at Bonny Prairie.

Know Before You Go

Visitors age 16 or older must have a valid fishing or hunting license, or a SWA pass. Facilities include campsites (no water or electric), restrooms, and picnic area. Hunting, fishing, and wildlife watching opportunities are available. For those interested in fishing, [check the reservoir's water level](#) to ensure it is high enough. Check the [South Republican SWA webpage](#) for updates and restrictions before your visit.



Little bluestem, a tallgrass prairie species, proliferates here.

About the State Natural Area

Location: Yuma County, 11 miles south of Idalia

Landowner: Colorado Parks & Wildlife, portions owned by Bureau of Reclamation (managed by Colorado Parks & Wildlife)

Size: 50 acres

Address: 28009-28149 County Rd 2, Burlington, CO 80807. [Google Maps link to South Republican State Wildlife Area.](#)



Prairie moonwort, an elusive fern that lives among little bluestem.

For more information about the Colorado Natural Areas Program (CNAP) [visit CNAP's website.](#)