

Washington Marlatt Memorial Park is a place for the conservation and enjoyment of upland tallgrass prairie. In 1940, the Marlatt heirs, Dr. Charles L. Marlatt and Dr. Abby Lillian Marlatt, donated the land to Kansas State University. The deed stated that the land was to be used by the faculty and students of the university for recreation and learning purposes with the condition that the prairie be kept as nearly as possible in its "primal" condition. Its mission is to offer a place for learning and enjoyment of the Tallgrass Prairie Ecosystem. The park is governed and maintained by individuals appointed by the President of Kansas State University.

In 2022, Washington Marlatt park received a high honor from the Prairie Gateway chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects, awarded the Metrogreen Visionary Award for providing walking trails through a natural setting in an urban area. [Learn more about the tallgrass prairie grasses and wildflowers of Washington Marlatt Memorial Park : https://kswildflower.org/](https://kswildflower.org/)

Park Use Guidelines

- Please enjoy the park by using only the mown trails. Off trail use is not permitted. Stay on the trails!
- No fire is permitted within the park. Smoking and campfires are prohibited.
- The park is open to all and cannot be reserved. Large groups planning to use the park must adhere to park use guidelines and should register their use by contacting washingtonmarlatt@ksu.edu
- Bicycles and other vehicles are prohibited on the trails. As an exception, cyclists may dismount and walk bicycles on the main trail on the south side of the park to connect from the Hudson Trail to Marlatt Avenue—bicycles are not permitted elsewhere in the park.
- Dogs are permitted in the park. If your dog is aggressive, the animal must be on a leash and have a muzzle. Please clean up after your dog by placing waste in trash receptacles.
- Park hours are sunrise to sunset. No overnight parking or camping is allowed.
- No hunting or trapping is permitted.
- All use of firearms prohibited.
- Collection and/or removal of plants or animals is not permitted.
- Exceptions for off-trail walking, plant collecting, and night visitation are made for authorized K-State courses, with faculty supervision.
- Permission must be obtained to conduct research activities by contacting washingtonmarlatt@ksu.edu.