

2012-13 Highlights

Explore and Enjoy

Supported and attended **Loess Hills Prairie Seminar** (camped, hiked, and attended classes).

Attended **Prairie Heritage** week events (hikes and presentations).

Hiked Siouland's newly established **Loess Hills Prairie Corridor**.

Hiked newly acquired **Spirit Knoll Preserve** north of **Stone State Park**.

Hiked Alabama Bend - **Missouri National Recreational River**, our closest national park.

Kayaked and canoed **Missouri National Recreational River**, our closest national park.

Attended and supported the Raptor House opening at **Dorothy Pecaunt Nature Center**.

Hosted **University of Iowa** students in a week long prairie rescue field study at **Broken Kettle Grassland**.

Most of the above activities were in conjunction with other local conservation groups.

Protect

Worked to stop **Hyperion**, **Keystone XL Pipeline**, and tar sands refining.

Joined the **Strong Women of the Four Directions** and their families to clean up **Perry Creek Path**.

Attended local **Legislative Forums** to question representatives on Iowa water quality.

Educate

“America's Darling” - The story of D'ing Darling, conservationist cartoonist.

“Bag it” - Movie explaining the consequences of plastic bags on ourselves and the environment.

“The Love of Earth” - Leslie Erickson shared her personal journey hiking solo in our national parks.

Tar Sands and Keystone XL pipeline - Dr. James Heisinger, emeritus from USD.

SOIL - Dean Spader, USD and Sierra Club, Living Rivers Group.

Missouri River: After the 2011 Flood - Gerald Mestl, Nebraska Game and Fish Department.

Co-sponsored Canadian environmental activist Maude Barlow's talk at Morningside College.

Rob Hogg, Iowa Legislator, discussed his new book on Climate Change.