Dear Editor:
I am writing to tell you why I think the Tallgrass National Prairie Preserve should be a national park. There are many reasons why I believe this park is very special.

The prairie is in danger. Once, tallgrass prairie covered much of the middle of our country from Canada to Mexico. If we don’t save it, many types of plants and animals will become extinct. Today less than 4 percent of that grassland is left. Most of it is in Kansas.

The prairie land preserves the history of the early people of Kansas. People have lived here for more than 10,000 years. Later the Kansa, Osage, Wichita, and Pawnee lived and hunted on the land. Archeologists have found things these people made and used in their daily lives. This adds to our knowledge about the first people in Kansas.
Kansas once was covered with water. It was an inland sea. The sea shaped the land. Waves of water washed away soft soil. The tough limestone and flint was left behind. When you visit the preserve, you are looking at what was once the bottom of a sea 85 million years ago!

These are just three of the important reasons why the park is special and why it was created. The park is about preserving history and biology. It will help future Kansans learn about their past. The park also preserves the plants and animals of the prairie so they will not disappear.

Sincerely,
Daniel Smith