

## Wildlife Prairie Park Club inspection Schedule

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Do you have questions when you inspect your bees and would like to ask other beekeepers how they handle certain situations? Perhaps you don't have bees yet but want to see how an inspection is conducted? Do you want to observe certain activities performed throughout the year of the hive?

If yes, please join us for our monthly inspection activities at Wildlife Prairie Park! The HIBA club will schedule the equivalent of one Saturday each month to coordinate a bee inspection for members to participate in with our club hives.

The purpose of these inspections is to promote education on various beekeeping techniques to new and experienced members alike and enjoy on the regular activities of beekeeping as a group.

### What do I need to bring?

Other than yourself, if you have protective equipment, please bring that along. I may have a couple of extra veils and suits to wear but limited sizes. The intent is to get up close and personal with the honeybees so encourage you to wear the same protection you are comfortable with. If you are bringing family members along with you, please be sure they also wear the proper equipment or keep a safe distance away, especially if any family members are allergic to bee stings.

You can bring your own hive tools if you wish but the individual identified as the inspector will bring what is needed. If you choose to bring tools, be sure they are properly cleaned with bleach –water prior to inspecting to avoid transmission of any diseases to the club hives.

### Do I need to pay to get in to the park for these inspections?

No, at this time we can coordinate access without requiring to pay the gate fee as long as you only plan to attend the inspection event. If you plan to stay longer and enjoy the amenities Wildlife Prairie park has to offer, please pay the gate fee. However, you do need to notify Dan Knetzger([knetzger@aeslogic.com](mailto:knetzger@aeslogic.com)) in advance so he can notify the gate whom to expect. Individuals who have annual memberships with the park of course do not need to pay either.

### Where do I go to attend the inspection event?

The club hives are maintained behind Hazel's Hill. You can ask for a park map at the gate that shows you where this is located. Below is a map that also highlights the path to Hazel's hill. There is parking available in the grass near the dirt lane leading up to the hives or next to them. Please do not park your vehicles close to the hives to allow ample space for viewing the inspection.