

History of the Tours

Because of drought and loss of habitat the Greater Prairie Chicken was designated as a Colorado endangered species in 1973. Through the efforts of the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife and local landowners an intensive study and relocation program was conducted in the 80s and 90s. The birds began to recover and in 1998 they were down listed to a state species of concern.

In an effort to educate the public about these unique birds the Greater Prairie Chicken Tours were started in 1994. The East Yuma County Historical Society and Wray Chamber of Commerce partner together to make these tours possible with the gracious help and knowledge of the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife and the Kitzmiller Grazing Association.

The rolling sandhills north of Wray provide an excellent habitat for this member of the grouse family. The Greater Prairie Chicken has thrived and is once again listed as a state game species.

Whether you are a birder at heart, or becoming one, we know you will enjoy the tour and will leave with a greater appreciation of the Greater Prairie Chicken.



**Come Watch the
Sand Hill Dancers**

For more information and to register, go to www.wraychamber.net. Space is limited for each tour and registrations are accepted on a pre-paid, first-come, first-serve basis. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Wray Chamber of Commerce by phone at 970-332-3484 or the Wray Museum at 970-332-5063.

2019 Tour Dates



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Tour #1

Orientation Friday, March 22
Viewing Saturday, March 23

Tour #2

Orientation Saturday, March 23
Viewing Sunday, March 24

Tour #3

Orientation Friday, March 29
Viewing Saturday, March 30

Tour #4

Orientation Saturday, March 30
Viewing Sunday, March 31

Tour #5

Greater Prairie Chicken Festival

Orientation Friday, April 5
Viewing Saturday, April 6

Tour #6

Orientation Saturday, April 6
Viewing Sunday, April 7

Tour #7

Orientation Friday, April 12
Viewing Saturday, April 13

Tour #8

Orientation Saturday, April 13
Viewing Sunday, April 14



The tour includes evening orientation at the Wray Museum with educational & historical background on the Greater Prairie Chicken; early morning viewing in a comfortable blind with a Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife officer; and a ranch style breakfast at the headquarters of the Kitzmiller Grazing Association.

There are several other great locations in the area for wildlife watching. Information for other viewing sites will be available at orientation. As well as other area attractions. Come spend a weekend with us.

Pricing

\$100 per person

Payment Options:

To Register & Pay Online:

Go to www.wraychamber.net and click on the Prairie Chicken icon.

1. The first page you will be directed to is the registration form. Most of the information is required and is needed for our records. But please be assured, we do not release or sell any personal information to third parties.
2. Once you have finished the registration form, you will be directed to the payment page on the PayPal website.
3. You do NOT need to have a PayPal account to use this system. On the payment page, you will have an option to pay just using your credit card. PayPal accepts Visa, MasterCard, American Express & Discover.
4. If you cannot register online please contact the Wray Chamber of Commerce Executive Director at director@wraychamber.net or by phone at 970-332-3484 and request a mail in registration packet.

Unfortunately, we do not offer refunds for these tours. If there is an extraordinary circumstance that prevents you from coming, you will need to contact the Wray Chamber and be able to offer proof of your reason prior to the tour date. Otherwise we will be unable to offer a refund.