



Notice: Upcoming Prescribed Fires

Dates

{Fall 2008} Prescribed Fires will occur between {Enter date range here}
(Most Likely Dates will be {enter dates here})*

*It is difficult to determine the exact dates because prescribed fire requires specific weather conditions.

Precautions

Trained and experienced National Park Service fire personnel conduct the prescribed fire program at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. Care will be taken while burning to avoid impacts to visitors and adjacent landowners.

Park staff will do everything possible to limit smoke in the area. As always, smoke dispersal is a primary concern. However, the inconvenience of some smoke drifting in and around park lands and roadways is possible. During prescribed fires, please follow these precautions:

- when driving, we ask that you be aware of the presence of fire personnel, equipment and smoke,
- if you have a respiratory ailment, please take care to limit smoke exposure,
- if you are in the path of drifting smoke or ash, close windows, doors, and postpone outdoor activities as necessary.

Fire prescription

Clear management goals and objectives have been established for each burn unit. Before burning, a designated set of conditions must exist including ideal air temperature, wind speed and direction, and relative humidity. Weather conditions will be monitored throughout the duration of the burn to ensure the fire is completed safely. Firebreaks, such as streams or mowed lines, reduce the likelihood of fire spreading to areas outside the prescribed burn location.

Objectives

Objectives for using prescribed fire include historic landscape restoration, ecosystem restoration, invasive species eradication, and protection of biodiversity. Burns for the year include **prairie and glade areas within the tour road.**

If you have questions or concerns, please call the park Superintendent at 417-732-2662, extension 224, or the Chief of Resources Management at 417-732-2662, extension 286. More information on fire management at the park is available at: www.nps.gov/wicr/parkmgmt/planning.htm