

As president of the Kansas Academy of Sciences it is my pleasure to invite you to the 2017 fall field meeting. This year's fall field meeting will be held at the Ross Natural History Reservation west of Americus, KS. The Ross Natural History Reservation is a 200-acre prairie managed by ESU. We will meet in the pavilion in front of the classroom building. There are walking trails and we will have several demonstration/hands-on activities for attendees. Drs. Jim and Susie Aber will be demonstrating kite photography and you can actually see set up that you have read about in the TKAS. Drs. Alivia Allison and Chris Pettit will be demonstrating drone technology and its use in field studies. Dr. David Edds will be demonstrating aquatic biology techniques and you can get your feet wet trying your hand at catching critters in the lake.

The field meeting will start at 1:00 the afternoon of October 7. There is access to bathrooms at the Reservation. You might want to bring water, bug spray and a change of clothing if you might get in the lake. Hope to see you there. If you have questions, please contact me.

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Directions to The Ross Natural History Reservation

From the toll road:

Exit at exit 127 onto free I-35 heading east.
At the round-about turn south and get onto Hwy 50 heading west. The roundabout is close to the toll booth.
Take Hwy 50 and drive under the toll road and take the first right onto Road G.
Drive north onto Road G until it takes a sharp bend to the west and a sharp bend to the north. At this point the road is Road F5 and also called the Americus Road. Drive into the small town of Americus.
In Americus turn west onto Road 240 (also called Locust St.).
Take Road 240 west until you get to Road C.
Turn South and take Road C for a mile until you get to Road 230.
Drive west on Road 230 for about a mile until you see the sign for the Ross Natural History Reservation.

From free I-35:

Take I-35 west until the last exit before entering the toll road.
Take the round-about and drive to Hwy 50 heading west.
Follow the directions above starting at #3.

Alternate Route from free I-35:

When you get to Emporia on I-35 exit onto Hwy 99 (Exit 130 also called Merchant St.) and go north 6 miles.
Turn west onto Road 240 and drive 8 miles. This will take you through the town of Americus.
Turn South onto Road C and drive a mile until you get to Road 230.
Drive west on Road 230 for about a mile until you see the sign for the Ross Natural History Reservation.

