

PRAIRIE STATE PARK

Buffalo or bison, call them what you want. If you want to be correct, it is bison, but buffalo is how most people know them. Bison at one time numbered 30-60 million in North America. By the late 1800s, there were less than 1000. They are the largest land mammal in North America weighing in at 2000 pounds for bulls (males) and 1200 for cows (females). Prairie State Park has a herd of bison that roam on about 2000 acres of tallgrass prairie. Come on out for a visit, but be sure to keep 100 yards from them. They can run 35 mph and you can't!

