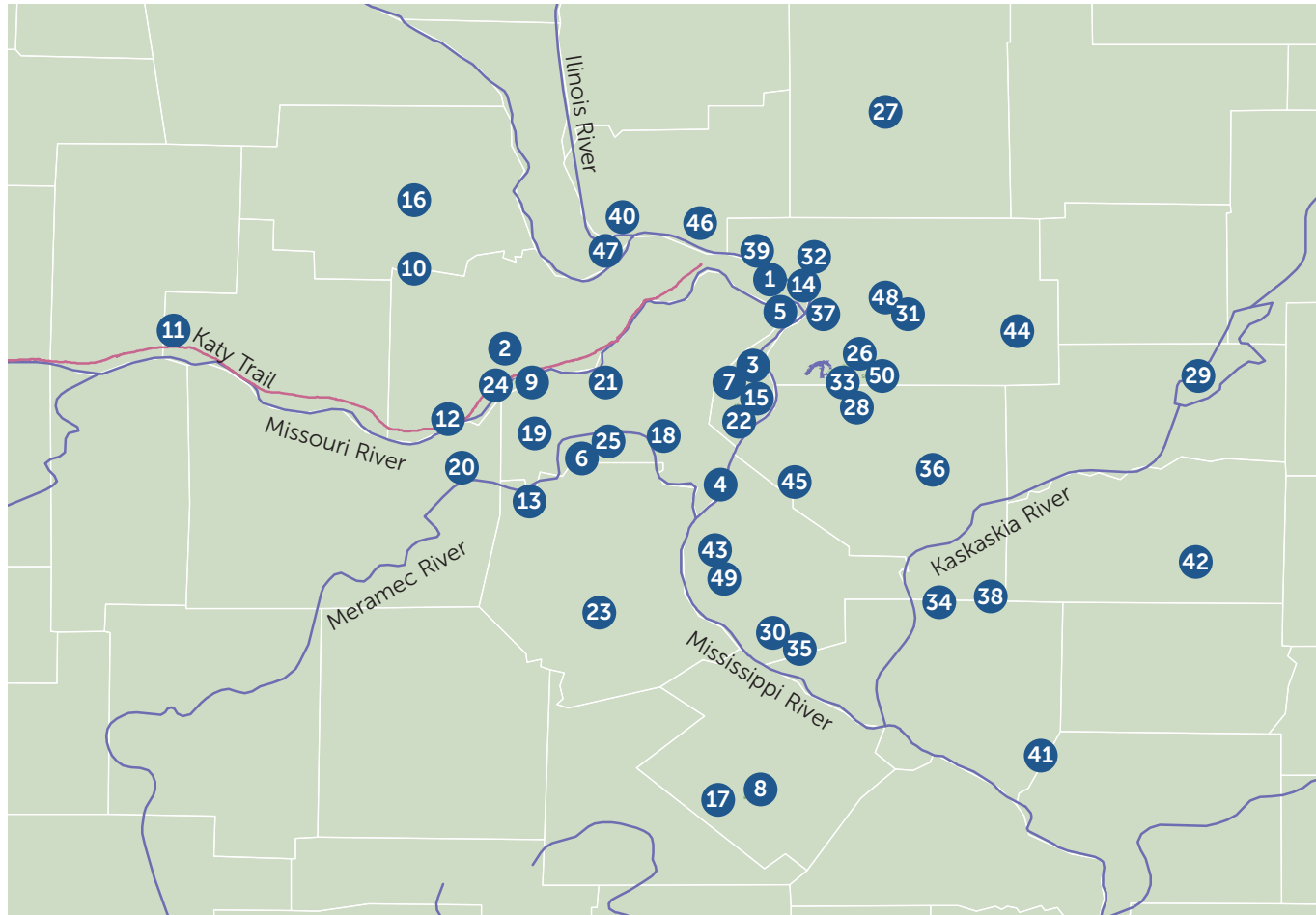




MEET ME *Outdoors* **IN ST. LOUIS**



Nearby Nature Map | 50 places to love

Our greater St. Louis eco-region is like none other—home to forests, farms, parks, prairies, caves, bluffs, glades, wetlands, meadows, lakes, streams, and an iconic river confluence. The region boasts so many nature-rich sites, from urban oases to outer-rim reserves, just waiting to be explored, enjoyed, and loved. Here’s a few of our favorites.

MISSOURI:

1. Audubon Center at Riverlands
2. August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area
3. Bellefontaine & Calvary Cemeteries
4. Cliff Cave Park
5. Columbia Bottom Conservation Area
6. Endangered Wolf Center
7. Forest Park
8. Hawn State Park
9. Howell Island Conservation Area
10. Indian Camp Creek Park
11. Katy Trail State Park
12. Klondike Park
13. LaBarque Creek Conservation Area
14. Maple Island Conservation Area
15. Missouri Botanical Garden
16. Northwoods/Big Sugar Creek Wild Areas
17. Pickle Springs Natural Area
18. Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center
19. Rockwoods Reservation
20. Shaw Nature Reserve
21. Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House
22. Tower Grove Park
23. Victoria Glades Conservation Area
24. Weldon Spring Conservation Area
25. World Bird Sanctuary

ILLINOIS:

26. Arlington Wetlands
27. Beaver Dam State Park
28. Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site
29. Eldon Hazlet State Recreation Area at Carlyle Lake
30. Fults Hill Prairie State Natural Area
31. The Gardens at SIUE
32. Heartland Prairie
33. Horseshoe Lake State Park
34. Kaskaskia River State Fish and Wildlife Area
35. Kidd Lake Marsh Natural Area
36. Knobloch Woods Nature Preserve
37. Lewis & Clark Confluence Tower
38. Marissa Woods Nature Preserve
39. Olin Nature Preserve
40. Pere Marquette State Park
41. Piney Creek Ravine Nature Preserve
42. Posen Woods Nature Preserve
43. Salt Lick Point Land and Water Reserve
44. Silver Lake Park
45. Stemler Cave Woods Nature Preserve
46. TreeHouse Wildlife Center
47. Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge
48. Watershed Nature Center
49. White Rock Nature Preserve
50. Willoughby Heritage Farm and Conservation Preserve



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2017 Citizen Pledge

I/we, _____, pledge to experience as many of these (or other) outdoor adventures as possible this year, and encourage our family, friends, and fellow citizens to do the same. Whether it's a festival, concert, class, workshop, hike, clean-up, or planting day, I/we pledge to visit new places, learn all we can, take action, and connect with others in support of our region's great outdoors.

Signatures _____ Date ____/____/____

Stay connected!

- Share your outdoor adventures and get tips, ideas, and inspiration from others by using and following **#meetmeoutdoorsSTL** via social media.
- Visit mobot.org/meetmeoutdoors for links to the 50 places and 100 experiences featured here.
- Sign up for the BiodiverseCitySTL monthly E-News at biodiversecitystl.org, packed with timely events, regional news, and volunteer stewardship opportunities.



MARCH:

- ❑ **Honeysuckle Sweep for Healthy Habitat** | Mar. 4–19 | multiple sites
- ❑ **Operation Wild Lands Honeysuckle Hacks** | Sat., Mar.–Apr. | multiple sites
- ❑ **Farm Flow Yoga** | First Thurs. of month, Mar.–Oct. | FOOD ROOF Farm
- ❑ **Confluence Trash Bash** | Mar. 18 | multiple sites
- ❑ **World Eagle Day** | Mar. 26 | World Bird Sanctuary
- ❑ **O'Fallon Adventure Hike** | Mar. 26 | Stemler Cave Woods Nature Reserve
- ❑ **FrogWatch USA Volunteer Training** | Mar. 28 | SNR

APRIL:

- ❑ **Meet Me Outdoors in St. Louis Festival** | Apr. 1–2 | MBG, SNR, and BH
- ❑ **Heartland Prairie Restoration Day with The Nature Institute** | Apr. 1 | Alton, IL
- ❑ **Mission: Clean Stream with Greenway Network** | Apr. 1 | multiple sites
- ❑ **Wetlands for Kids** | Apr. 1 | Busch Conservation Area
- ❑ **Spring Fling Celebration** | Apr.–May | BH
- ❑ **Pollinator Plant Sales** | First 3 weekends in Apr. | BH
- ❑ **Canopy Climb** | Apr. 8–9 at MBG | Apr. 29–30 at SNR
- ❑ **Daffodil Dash** | Apr. 8 | SNR
- ❑ **Washington River Festival and Clean-up** | Apr. 8 | Washington, MO
- ❑ **Scout Night** | Apr. 14 | MBG
- ❑ **Clean Streams Day** | Apr. 22 | St. Peters
- ❑ **Learn2 Backpack Course & Experience** | Apr. 22 & May 6 | Meramec State Park
- ❑ **St. Louis Earth Day Festival** | Apr. 22–23 | Forest Park
- ❑ **Mushroom Festival** | Apr. 23 | Pere Marquette State Park
- ❑ **Big Shark's Spring Duathlon** | Apr. 23 | Chain of Rocks Bridge
- ❑ **6th Annual Riverbend Earth Day Festival** | April 29 | Godfrey, IL
- ❑ **Chesterfield Earth Day Festival** | Apr. 29 | Chesterfield
- ❑ **Spring Plant Sale** | Apr. 29–30 | U City in Bloom, University City
- ❑ **Tulip Trot** | Apr. 30 | MBG
- ❑ **Stingrays at Caribbean Cove** | Apr.–Oct. | Saint Louis Zoo

MAY:

- ❑ **Wine & Cheese Night Hike** | May 5 | SNR
- ❑ **Beginner Bird Walk** | May 6 | Forest Park
- ❑ **Ozark Trail Challenge Hike** | May 6 | Courtois Section of the Ozark Trail
- ❑ **Wild Foraging Trek** | May 6 | Heartlands Conservancy
- ❑ **Heartland Prairie Restoration Day** | May 7 | The Nature Institute
- ❑ **Shaw Wildflower Market** | May 13 | SNR
- ❑ **Canopy Climb** | May 13–14 at MBG | May 20–21 at SNR
- ❑ **FOOD ROCKS! Concert** | May 13 | FOOD ROOF Farm
- ❑ **Neighbors Naturescaping Kick-Off** | May 17 | Brightside St. Louis
- ❑ **Quickstart Kayaking** | May 20 & July 22 | SNR

- ❑ **Riverlands Paddle Festival** | May 20 | Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary
- ❑ **Grow Native! Plant Sale** | May 20 | Town & Country Whole Foods Market
- ❑ **Wild Edibles Class** | May 21 | SNR
- ❑ **Alton to the Arch Kayak Trip** | May 21 | Alpine Shop, Kirkwood
- ❑ **World Turtle Day** | May 23 | Saint Louis Zoo
- ❑ **Beneath the Trees Yoga** | May 26 | MBG
- ❑ **Silver Creek Stream Monitoring** | May 27 | Heartlands Conservancy

JUNE:

- ❑ **Tales & Trails Summer Reading Program** | June 1–July 31 | Across St. Louis Region
- ❑ **Whitaker Music Festival** | Wed., June–Aug. | MBG
- ❑ **Concert in the Trees** | June 1 | Forest Releaf of Missouri's Communitree Nursery
- ❑ **Green Homes Festival** | June 3 | MBG
- ❑ **St. Louis Urban Gardening Symposium** | June 3 | Brightside St. Louis
- ❑ **National Trails Day** | June 3 | SNR
- ❑ **Urban Foraging** | June 4 | MBG
- ❑ **Wildflower Identification & Ecology** | June 10 | SNR
- ❑ **Life Outside Festival** | June 10 | Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park
- ❑ **Discover Nature: Women's Weekend** | June 10–11 | SNR
- ❑ **Canopy Climb** | June 10–11 at MBG | June 17–18 at SNR
- ❑ **St. Louis Garden Tour** | June 11 | multiple sites
- ❑ **Firefly Festival Family Nights** | June 14 & 21 | BH
- ❑ **Missouri River Kayak Adventure** | June 17 | Alpine Shop, Kirkwood
- ❑ **Pollinator Week** | June 19–25 | Saint Louis Zoo
- ❑ **Native Tree Walk** | June 24 | Bellefontaine Cemetery
- ❑ **Garden Gallop 5K** | June 25 | MBG

JULY:

- ❑ **Family Sundays: Water Bugs** | Sundays in July | BH
- ❑ **Camp EarthWays: Young Green Builders** | July 10–14 | MBG
- ❑ **River Trail Adventure** | July 14 | SNR
- ❑ **Nature Navigators: Geocaching** | July 25 | SNR
- ❑ **8th Annual Field to Fork Event** | July 22 | Heartlands Conservancy
- ❑ **Shaw Family Adventures: Wilderness Wagon Ride** | July 26 & 28 | SNR

AUGUST:

- ❑ **Family Sundays: Monarch Journey** | Sundays in August | BH
- ❑ **Lightning Bug Night Hike** | Aug. 4 | SNR
- ❑ **Shark Week** | Aug. 5–6 | Saint Louis Zoo
- ❑ **Clayton Kids Triathlon** | Aug. 13 | Shaw Park
- ❑ **Stand Up Paddle Board** | Aug. 19 | SNR
- ❑ **Firecracker Kayak, Canoe, & SUP Race** | Aug. 20 | Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary

- ❑ **Great American Total Solar Eclipse** | Aug. 21 | Jefferson Barracks Park
- ❑ **50th Annual Operation Clean Stream** | Aug. 26–27 | Meramec River
- ❑ **Race for the Rivers** | Aug. 26 | Washington to St. Charles, MO

SEPTEMBER:

- ❑ **Paddle Trek** | Sept. 8 | Heartlands Conservancy
- ❑ **Gateway Xtreme Hike** | Sept. 9 | Taum Sauk Mountain State Park
- ❑ **Great Forest Park Balloon Race** | Sept. 15–16 | Forest Park
- ❑ **Missouri River Clean-Up** | Sept. 16 | St. Charles
- ❑ **BioBlitz with Academy of Science St. Louis** | Sept. 22–23 | SNR
- ❑ **National Hunting & Fishing Day** | Sept. 23 | Columbia Bottom Conservation Area
- ❑ **Arbormeisters Homebrew & Craft Beer Festival** | Sept. 23 | Communitree Nursery
- ❑ **National Public Lands Day** | Sept. 24 | multiple sites across region
- ❑ **U City Garden Tour & Plein Air Event** | Sept. 24 | University City
- ❑ **Zootoberfest** | Sept. 30–Oct. 1 | Saint Louis Zoo

OCTOBER:

- ❑ **Grow Native! Workshop: Restoration of Oak-Hickory Woodland** | Oct. 6 | SNR
- ❑ **Best of Missouri Market** | Oct. 6–8 | MBG
- ❑ **Missouri Prairie Festival** | Oct. 7 | St. Louis
- ❑ **Spirits in the Garden** | Oct. 28 | MBG
- ❑ **Family Halloween Adventure** | Oct. 28 | SNR

NOVEMBER:

- ❑ **Children's Garden Closing Weekend Festivities** | Nov. 4–5 | MBG
- ❑ **Lantern Fest St. Louis** | Nov. 4 | Eureka
- ❑ **Jingle Hike Challenge 2017** | Nov.–Dec. | Heartlands Conservancy
- ❑ **Garden Glow and Gardenland Express** | Nov. 17–Jan. 1 | MBG
- ❑ **U.S. Bank Wild Lights** | November 24 – December 30 | Saint Louis Zoo

DECEMBER:

- ❑ **Castlewood 8-hour Adventure Race** | Dec. 2 | Alpine Shop, Kirkwood
- ❑ **Women's Ski and Snowboard Night** | Dec. 12 | Alpine Shop, Kirkwood
- ❑ **Raja's Birthday** | Dec. 27 | Saint Louis Zoo

MBG = Missouri Botanical Garden
 SNR = Shaw Nature Reserve
 BH = Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House

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