



MEET ME Outdoors IN ST. LOUIS

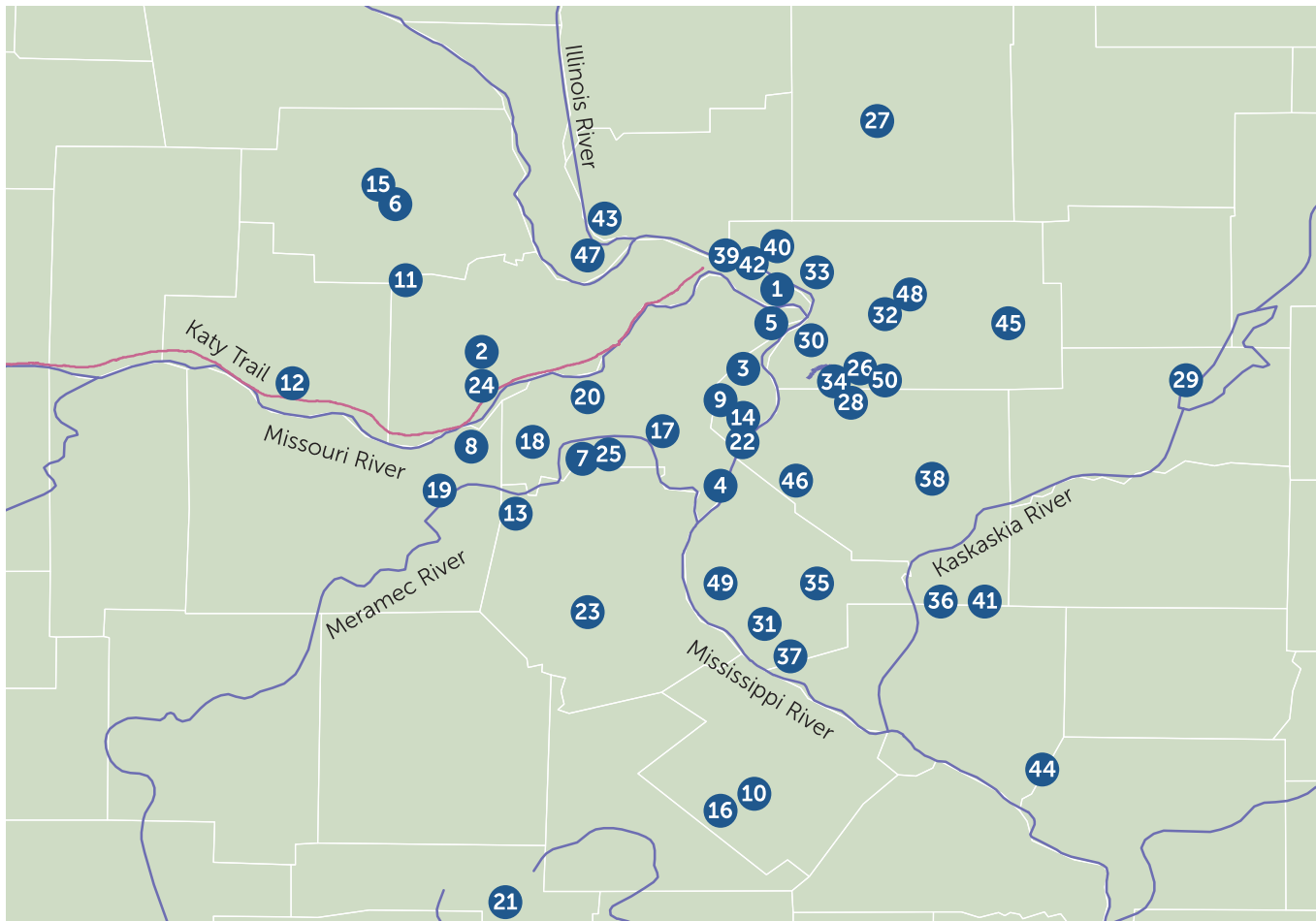
Nearby Nature Map 50 places to love

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Our greater St. Louis eco-region is like none other—home to parks, prairies, forests, farms, caves, bluffs, grasslands, wetlands, lakes, creeks, and one of America’s most iconic river confluences. The region boasts so many nature-rich sites, from urban oases to outer-rim reserves, just waiting to be explored, enjoyed, and loved.

To shine a much-deserved spotlight on our local lands and waters, the **Missouri Botanical Garden** and **BiodiverseCity St. Louis**—a network of 100+ organizations committed to celebrating and stewarding local nature—are joining forces to champion Meet Me Outdoors in St. Louis, a regional movement to prompt people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities to get out and about to experience our region’s outdoor gems.

Here are a few of our favorites, along with 100+ ways to experience them throughout 2018!



MISSOURI:

1. Audubon Center at Riverlands
2. Aug. A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area
3. Bellefontaine and Calvary Cemeteries
4. Cliff Cave Park
5. Columbia Bottom Conservation Area
6. Cuivre River State Park
7. Endangered Wolf Center
8. Engelmann Woods
9. Forest Park
10. Hawn State Park
11. Indian Camp Creek Park
12. Katy Trail State Park
13. LaBarque Creek Conservation Area
14. Missouri Botanical Garden
15. Northwoods/Big Sugar Creek Wild Areas
16. Pickle Springs Natural Area
17. Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center
18. Rockwoods Reservation
19. Shaw Nature Reserve
20. Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House (Faust Park)
21. Taum Sauk State Park
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 Park at Carlyle Lake
30. Frank Holten State Recreation Area
31. Fults Hill Prairie Nature Preserve
32. The Gardens at SIUE
33. Heartland Prairie
34. Horseshoe Lake State Park
35. Illinois Caverns State Park
36. Kaskaskia River State Fish and Wildlife Area
37. Kidd Lake Marsh State Natural Area
38. Knobloch Woods Nature Preserve
39. La Vista Ecological Learning Center
40. Lewis & Clark Community College
41. Marissa Woods Nature Preserve
42. Olin Nature Preserve
43. Pere Marquette State Park
44. Piney Creek Ravine State Natural Area
45. Silver Lake Park
46. Stemler Cave Woods Nature Preserve
47. Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge
48. Watershed Nature Center
49. White Rock Nature Preserve
50. Willoughby Heritage Farm and Conservation Preserve





100+ Things to Do in 2018

2018 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!

- Use and follow [#meetmeoutdoorsSTL](#) via social media.
- Visit mobot.org/meetmeoutdoors to enter the Meet Me Outdoors Giveaway and Photo Contest Apr. 7–Aug. 15 and 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.



APRIL:

- ☐ **St. Louis Youth Master Gardener Program** | Saturdays, Apr.–May | Queeny Park
- ☐ **Meet Me Outdoors in St. Louis Festival** | Apr. 7–8 | MBG, SNR, and BH
- ☐ **Daffodil Dash** | Apr. 7 | SNR
- ☐ **Mission: Clean Stream with Greenway Network** | Apr. 7 | multiple sites
- ☐ **Pollinator Plant Sales** | Apr. 7–8, 14–15, and 21–22 | BH
- ☐ **Native Plant Sale at Kirkwood Farmers Market** | Apr. 7, 14, 21, 28 | Kirkwood
- ☐ **Frog Frolic at Arlington Wetlands** | Apr. 8 | Pontoon Beach, IL
- ☐ **Recycling Extravaganza** | Apr. 8 | St. Louis Community College—Forest Park
- ☐ **Katy Trail Ride with Legislators** | Apr. 9 | Katy Trail State Park
- ☐ **Kennedy Woods Savanna—Native Plug Planting** | Apr. 14 | Forest Park
- ☐ **Grow Native! Plants with a Purpose workshop** | Apr. 14 | Maryville
- ☐ **Clean Streams Day** | Apr. 14 | St. Peters
- ☐ **7th Annual Riverbend Earth Day Festival** | Apr. 14 | Piasa Harbor
- ☐ **UMLS World Ecology Award Gala with Dr. E.O. Wilson** | Apr. 20 | Saint Louis Zoo
- ☐ **Bohm Woods Wildflower Walk** | Apr. 21 | Edwardsville, Heartlands Conservancy
- ☐ **St. Louis Earth Day Festival** | Apr. 21–22 | Forest Park
- ☐ **Mushroom Festival** | Apr. 22 | Pere Marquette State Park
- ☐ **Saint Louis Climate Summit** | Apr. 22–24 | Saint Louis University
- ☐ **2018 Herb Days** | Apr. 26–28 | MBG
- ☐ **Shaw Family Adventures: Hooray for Arbor Day** | Apr. 27 | SNR
- ☐ **Spring Plant Sale and Preview Party** | Apr. 27–29 | U City in Bloom, University City
- ☐ **STL City Nature Challenge** | Apr. 27–30 | Across St. Louis region
- ☐ **Canopy Climb** | Apr. 28 | MBG
- ☐ **Chesterfield Earth Day Festival** | Apr. 28 | Chesterfield
- ☐ **Wildflower Identification and Ecology** | Apr. 28 | SNR
- ☐ **Night in the Wild** | Apr. 28 | Lone Elk Park
- ☐ **Tulip Trot** | Apr. 29 | MBG

MAY:

- ☐ **Mary Meachum Freedom Crossing Celebration** | May 5 | Mississippi Greenway
- ☐ **Ozark Trail Challenge Hike** | May 5 | Bass River Resort, Steelville
- ☐ **Beginner Bird Walk** | May 5 (first Saturday each month) | Forest Park
- ☐ **Strawberry Festival** | May 5–6, 12–13, 19–20 | Eckert's Farm, Belleville, IL
- ☐ **Hiking with Rover** | May 6 | SNR
- ☐ **Neighborhood Nature Designing for Biodiversity** | May 7 | MBG
- ☐ **Nature Journaling and Hiking** | May 11 | SNR
- ☐ **Shaw Wildflower Market** | May 12 | SNR
- ☐ **International Migratory Bird Day** | May 12 | World Bird Sanctuary
- ☐ **Canopy Climb** | May 12–13, 19–20 | SNR
- ☐ **Neighbors Naturescaping Kick-Off** | May 16 | Brightside St. Louis
- ☐ **Creek Stomp for Adults** | May 18 | SNR
- ☐ **Planting Flowers for Downtown** | May 19 | Downtown St. Louis
- ☐ **FOOD ROCKS! Concert** | May 19 | FOOD ROOF Farm
- ☐ **Rendezvous with the Past Campout** | May 19–20 | Faust Park
- ☐ **Spring Wildflower Walk** | May 22 | SNR
- ☐ **Whitaker Music Festival** | May 23–July 25 | MBG
- ☐ **Schlafly Art Outside Festival** | May 25–27 | Schlafly Bottleworks

- ☐ **Wildflower Identification and Ecology** | May 26 | SNR
- ☐ **Love Bank Park Clean-up** | May 27 | Dutchtown neighborhood, St. Louis
- ☐ **St. Louis African Arts Festival** | May 27–29 | Forest Park
- ☐ **Concert in the Trees with The Hulapoppers** | May 31 | Communitree Nursery

JUNE:

- ☐ **Green Living Festival** | June 2 | MBG
- ☐ **National Trails Day and Tales & Trails Summer Reading Program kickoff** | June 2 | SNR
- ☐ **St. Louis Urban Gardening Symposium** | June 2 | Brightside St. Louis
- ☐ **Paddle for a Cause** | June 3 | Leasburg, MO
- ☐ **Lightning Bug Family Night Hike** | June 8 | SNR
- ☐ **Life Outside Festival** | June 9 | Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park
- ☐ **Two Rivers Family Fishing Fair** | June 9 | Pere Marquette State Park
- ☐ **All About Native Bees** | June 9 | BH
- ☐ **Gateway Greening Educator Workshop Series** | June 9, July 14, Aug. 11 | Bell Demonstration Garden
- ☐ **Discover Nature: Women's Day** | June 16 | SNR
- ☐ **St. Louis Native Plant Garden Tour** | June 16 | Tower Grove, Dogtown, Maplewood
- ☐ **Grow Native! Naturally Beautiful Gardens** | June 16 | Sugar Creek Gardens, Kirkwood
- ☐ **Pollinator Week Dinner** | June 19 | Saint Louis Zoo
- ☐ **Shaw Family Adventures: Creek Stomp** | June 22 | SNR
- ☐ **Metamorphosis Gala: 20th Anniversary of the Butterfly House** | June 23 | BH
- ☐ **Canopy Climb** | June 23–24 | MBG
- ☐ **Summer Solstice Celebration Concert** | June 24 | La Vista Ecological Learning Center
- ☐ **Flora Borealis evening exhibit** | June 29 opening | MBG

JULY:

- ☐ **Summer Buggin' Nights** | Friday nights | BH
- ☐ **Missouri River Academy for High School students** | July 8–12 | New Haven
- ☐ **Camp EarthWays: Young Green Builders** | July 9–13 | MBG
- ☐ **Shaw Family Adventures: Wilderness Wagon Ride** | July 13 and 27 | SNR
- ☐ **Butterfly House Birthday Bash** | July 14 | BH
- ☐ **Restoration Day** | July 14 | Watershed Nature Center
- ☐ **Beginner Kayaking 101** | July 21 | SNR
- ☐ **Hummingbird Festival** | July 21 | Hartford, IL
- ☐ **Henry Shaw's Birthday** | July 24 | MBG

AUGUST:

- ☐ **Summer Buggin' Nights** | Friday nights | BH
- ☐ **Meet Me in St. Louis** | Aug. 4–12 | The Muny
- ☐ **Native Plant School: Pondscaping with Natives** | Aug. 9 | SNR
- ☐ **Peach Festival** | Aug. 12 | Pere Marquette State Park
- ☐ **Stand-up Paddleboard** | Aug. 18 | SNR
- ☐ **Garden Gallop 5K** | Aug. 19 | MBG
- ☐ **51st Annual Operation Clean Stream** | Aug. 25 | multiple sites in St. Louis
- ☐ **Race for the Rivers** | Aug. 25 | Washington to St. Charles
- ☐ **Celebrate Wildwood** | Aug. 25 | Wildwood
- ☐ **Festival of Nations** | Aug. 25–26 | Tower Grove Park

SEPTEMBER:

- ☐ **Shaw Wildflower Market** | Sept. 8 | SNR
- ☐ **Gateway Xtreme Hike- Fall** | Sept. 8 | Ozark Trail
- ☐ **Great Forest Park Balloon Race** | Sept. 14–15 | Forest Park
- ☐ **Confluence Missouri River Clean-Up** | Sept. 15 | St. Louis
- ☐ **Nature Journaling Through the Seasons** | Sept. 15 | La Vista Ecological Learning Center
- ☐ **Butterfly House Founders' Day** | Sept. 18 | BH
- ☐ **Paddle MO** | Sept. 19–23 | Missouri River
- ☐ **Prairie Day** | Sept. 22 | SNR
- ☐ **National Public Lands Day** | Sept. 22 | stewardship sites across region
- ☐ **International Vulture Awareness Day** | Sept. 22 | World Bird Sanctuary
- ☐ **Autumn Equinox Celebration of Birds** | Sept. 23 | La Vista Ecological Learning Center

OCTOBER:

- ☐ **Best of Missouri Market** | Oct. 5–7 | MBG
- ☐ **Nature and Culture Hike** | Oct. 6 | Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site
- ☐ **World Bird Sanctuary Open House** | Oct. 6–7 | World Bird Sanctuary
- ☐ **International Jumping Spider Day** | Oct. 10 | BH
- ☐ **Bike with Your Boots On—Water Quality Monitoring** | Oct. 13 | Grant's Trail
- ☐ **Spooktacular at Meramec State Park** | Oct. 19–21 | Sullivan
- ☐ **Wolf Fest** | Oct. 20 | Endangered Wolf Center
- ☐ **Honeysuckle Sweep for Healthy Habitat** | Oct. 27–Nov. 11 | across region
- ☐ **Conservation Celebration—Forest ReLeaf of MO** | Oct. 28 | Third Degree Glass Factory

NOVEMBER:

- ☐ **Honeysuckle Sweep for Healthy Habitat** | Oct. 27–Nov. 11 | across region
- ☐ **Grow Native! Native Tree Walk** | Nov. 3 | Bellefontaine Cemetery
- ☐ **Children's Garden Closing Weekend Festivities** | Nov. 3–4 | MBG
- ☐ **Native Plant School** | Nov. 8 | SNR
- ☐ **Garden Glow and Gardenland Express** | Nov. 17–Jan. 1, 2019 | MBG
- ☐ **Jingle Hike Challenge 2018** | Nov. 22–Jan. 1 | multiple IL sites, Heartlands Conservancy

DECEMBER:

- ☐ **Garden Glow and Gardenland Express** | Nov. 17–Jan. 1, 2019 | MBG
- ☐ **Castlewood 8-hour Adventure Race** | Dec. 1 | Alpine Shop, Kirkwood
- ☐ **Snowflake Festival** | Dec. 7 | Godfrey, IL
- ☐ **Jingle Hike Challenge 2018** | Nov. 22–Jan. 1 | multiple IL sites, Heartlands Conservancy

MBG = Missouri Botanical Garden

SNR = Shaw Nature Reserve

BH = Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House

Pre-registration and fees apply for some programs. For more details about experiences at MBG, SNR, or BH, visit www.mobot.org/classes