



Conservation Areas Aren't Just for Hunters and Fishermen

The Missouri Department of Conservation manages about two percent of the state's land. Among the many conservation areas throughout the state you will find a wide array of available activities. All of these conservation areas have one central goal in mind: to provide diverse, balanced, outdoor recreation opportunities for the citizens of Missouri.



So what can be done on a conservation area if you don't hunt or fish? Each conservation area offers something different. Many of them provide opportunities for hiking, birdwatching, and nature study. If you are an avid birdwatcher, there is no shortage of places to watch birds. MDC's managed wetlands are awesome places to watch birds. These areas are home to thousands of migrating waterfowl in the spring and fall and home to many unique marsh bird species in the summer. You can bird watch from the road, but there are paths throughout most areas that will get you an even closer look. Other areas have access to lakes, rivers and streams for canoeing, boating or just splashing around.

Some conservation areas provide opportunities for shooting sports at shooting ranges. There are many staffed and unstaffed shooting ranges in the St. Louis Region that provide wonderful opportunities for target shooting. Some conservation areas also provide camping opportunities. There are designated primitive camping areas where you can pull in a camper or rough it in a tent.

Conservation areas are a great place to hike. There are many paths on most areas that will give you the chance to see and hear bobwhite quail, warblers, vireos, sparrows, and other wildlife and plants associated with upland habitat. These areas also provide good examples of habitat management strategies that can be beneficial to wildlife.

Interested? Visit our website <http://www.mdc.mo.gov> and click on "Atlas" to search for a list of conservation areas near you. Each listing provides all the information you need to know about that area, including maps, brochures, regulations and activities. Consider making it a goal this summer to visit each conservation area in your county. Many of you will be surprised by the diverse outdoor recreational opportunities that await you.

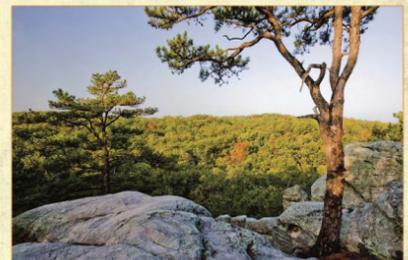
Kevin Eulinger – Lincoln County Conservation Agent

Discover Missouri Natural Areas

Looking for a place to hike, bird watch or just enjoy nature? Visit one of our natural areas. Natural areas are defined as natural communities or geologic features that represent the natural character, diversity and ecological processes of Missouri's native landscapes. Areas are designated as natural areas by the Missouri Natural Areas Committee.

For more information on natural areas go to our Natural Areas website mdc.mo.gov/node/2453.

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DISCOVER MISSOURI
Natural Areas
A guide to 50 great places
by MICHAEL LEAHY

Our field guide, Discover Missouri Natural Areas, can be purchased from the MDC Nature Shop.

Jay Henges Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center

1100 Antire Road, High Ridge, MO 63049 • mdc.mo.gov/node/299



From the east/St. Louis
I-44 west to Beaumont Antire Road, exit 269.
Left over highway 44 to Antire Road. Right on
Antire. One hundred feet to entrance. Left into
driveway.

From the west/Eureka
I-44 east to Beaumont Antire Road, exit 269.
Follow exit lane around to top.

HOURS:

May 1–August 31
Wednesday: 1–7:30 PM
Thursday–Sunday: 10 AM–4:30 PM
September 1–April 30
Wednesday–Sunday: 10 AM–4:30 PM

Programs are free. Call **636-938-9548** or email henges.range@mdc.mo.gov with your name and phone number to sign up for a program requiring registration. If calling, leave a detailed message on ext. 21. Reservations will be accepted beginning at 12 AM on the day of registration. You will be contacted for confirmation. Up to two reservations are allowed per registration; groups should contact the range for more information. If you are unable to attend, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on the waiting list. Interpretive services are available for those with hearing loss with 5 days notice.

Metallic Cartridge Reloading

May 1 • Wednesday • 6:30–8:30 PM
(Ages 16 and up)

Now that factory rifle ammunition may cost \$35 or more per box, it is worth the time and effort to learn how to reload your own rifle ammunition. We will demonstrate the simple, low cost, basic equipment needed for reloading rifle cartridges, and the easy methods of producing quality, accurate ammunition. All equipment is provided. (Reservations begin at 12 AM April 1.)

Women's Basic Handgun, Part 1 and 2

May 2 and 4 • Thursday • 6–8 PM and
• Saturday • 8–9:30 AM
(Ages 16 and up)

This two-part women's program will include handgun operation, shooting fundamentals, safety, maintenance, and safe storage. We will have a classroom session on Thursday, then a live-fire session on Saturday. Although equipment and ammunition will be provided, you may bring your own handgun and ammunition to the Saturday morning live-fire session. Anyone under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Effort=Moderate. (Reservations begin at 12 AM April 2.)

Women's Basic Shotgun

May 4 • Saturday • 1–3:30 PM
(Ages 11 and up)

We will cover proper gun selection, proper fit, appropriate ammunition choices, and shooting accessories. Learn basic shooting stance, gun mount, and movement. After a classroom session, we'll move to the trap field for a time to practice what we've learned. Effort=Moderate. (Reservations begin at 12 AM April 4.)

NOTICE: The Jay Henges Shooting Range will be closed on Wednesday, May 8 for Truman Day.

Trigger Time – Handgun

May 11 • Saturday • 8:30–9:30 AM
(Ages 18 and up)

Hands-on personal instruction designed to make you a better marksman. There is no classroom time, just expert one-on-one instruction from one of our highly-qualified staff. Participants are required to provide their own handguns and ammunition, at least 100 rounds. Not appropriate for beginners. Effort=Moderate. (Reservations begin at 12 AM April 11.)

Introduction to Trapshooting

May 11 • Saturday • 1–3:30 PM
(Ages 11 and up)

If you do not know the specifics of the game of trapshooting, join us for this program. We'll cover appropriate guns and ammunition, rules, etiquette, and shoot a round for score. Firearms and ammunition will be provided, or you may bring your own 12 or 20 gauge shotgun. Shotgun experience is recommended. Effort=Strenuous. (Reservations begin at 12 AM April 11.)

Shooting Sports Sampler

May 13 • Monday • 6–8 PM
(Ages 11 and up)

Are you interested in the shooting sports, but have no experience? Join us for a "try-it-out" evening at the range. We offer you a chance to try different types of firearms as well as archery equipment. Find out what interests you most. All necessary equipment will be provided. Effort=Moderate. (Reservations begin at 12 AM April 13.)

Basic Archery

May 23 • Thursday • 6–7:30 PM
(Families)

Learn the fundamentals of shooting the bow and arrow based on the Missouri National Archery in the Schools Program (MoNASP). A fun program for the family, ages fourth grade and up. All equipment will be provided. Effort=Mild. (Reservations begin at 12 AM April 23.)

Youth .22 Handgun

May 25 • Saturday • 8–9:30 AM
(Ages 9–15)

This class will cover the parts, operation, and safe handling of revolvers and semi-automatic pistols, followed by one-on-one instruction on the range. We provide .22 caliber handguns and ammunition. Parents are welcome to come and observe. Effort=Moderate. (Reservations begin at 12 AM April 25.)

Busch Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center

2360 Hwy D, St. Charles, MO 63304 • mdc.mo.gov/node/270

Basic Archery

May 14 • Tuesday • 6–8 PM

(Ages 10 and up)

This program provides students with an opportunity to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to safely participate in this fun and rewarding outdoor activity. All equipment and materials will be provided for this Basic Archery class. This course will take place at the August A. Busch Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center broadhead pits. Our instructors will help all participants develop their archery skills as we cover types of bows, parts of the bow and arrow, proper stance, grip, form, release, and other important tips and techniques. Children ages 10–16 must be accompanied by an adult. (Reservations begin April 15.)

Five-Stand Clinic

May 16 • Thursday • 6–8 PM

(Ages 13 and up)

This is an intermediate level program for shooters who want to try a different shotgun sport. This class will meet at the August A. Busch Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center. Our staff will set up the five-stand trailer and provide a variety of different clay bird shooting opportunities. All participants will have a chance to break some clay targets. We will discuss safety, appropriate shotguns, correct fit, gauge and ammunition selection, proper stance, mount, movement and target acquisition techniques. We will provide shotguns and ammunition for this program or participants may bring their own. This program is not appropriate for children that weigh less than 90 lbs. Children ages 13–16 must be accompanied by an adult. (Reservations begin April 16.)

Basic Handgun

May 22 • 23 and 25 • Wednesday and

Thursday • 6–9 PM

Saturday • 7:30–9:30 AM

(Ages 12 and up)

This program is designed to teach new students how to safely handle and shoot a variety of handguns. On Wednesday meet at the August A. Busch Conservation Area Regional Office classrooms from 6–9 PM. We will discuss safety, various handgun actions, ammunition, grip, stance, and sight picture for target shooting and hunting. On Thursday meet at the Busch Shooting Range for some live-fire practice from 6–8 PM. We will provide .22 handguns and ammunition for this live-fire. On Saturday from 7:30–9:30 AM students can return to the range for more live-fire practice with a variety of firearms with different actions and calibers that we provide. This is a basic handgun class and you must attend the clinic in order to participate in the live-fire. Children ages 12–16 must be accompanied by an adult. (Reservations begin April 22.)

NOTICE: The Busch Shooting Range will be closed on Monday, May 27, for Memorial Day.

Basic Skeet

May 29 and 30 • Wednesday • 6–8 PM and • Thursday • 6–8 PM

(Ages 13 and up)

This is an intermediate level program designed for those who have had some experience with shotguns, want to improve their skill level and learn the finer points of American skeet. On Wednesday this program will take place at the August A. Busch Conservation Area Regional Office classrooms. The classroom portion will cover safety, appropriate shotguns, chokes, correct fit, gauge and ammunition selection, proper stance, mount, sustained and swing-through leads, and hold points. On Thursday, we will meet at the August A. Busch Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center. All firearms, ammunition, and safety equipment are provided. Children ages 13–16 must be accompanied by an adult. (Reservations begin April 29.)



From I-64/40 take Hwy 94 south to Hwy D; turn west on Hwy D for approximately 5 miles. The area entrance is on the south side of Hwy D.

HOURS:

December 1–March 31

Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday: 10 AM–4 PM

April 1–November 30

Monday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday: 10 AM–4 PM and Tuesday: 2–8 PM

Programs are free. Call **(636) 441-4554** Monday through Friday 8 AM–5 PM. If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on our waiting list. Interpretive services are available for those with hearing loss with 5 days notice.

Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center

11715 Cragwold Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122 • mdc.mo.gov/node/271



The Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center is located in Kirkwood, MO. Take Highway 44 east to the Watson Road exit and turn left on Geyer. Cross over the bridge and turn left on Cragwold Road. Follow for one mile to the entrance. Enjoy nature exhibits, attend programs, purchase hunting and fishing permits, browse through a nature-related gift shop, and pick up free conservation brochures. Outdoors, enjoy three miles of hiking trails through oak hickory forest.

Building: Tuesday–Saturday: 8 AM–5 PM

Trails: Daily: 8 AM–8 PM DST
8 AM–6 PM CST

Programs are free. Call **314-301-1500** to register. If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on the waiting list. Interpretive services are available for those with hearing loss with 5 days notice.

Scout Discovery Table: Flowers and Trees

May 11 • Saturday • 10 AM–2 PM
(All Ages)

Activities available at this table apply toward Webelos: Outdoor Group; Forester 3, 4; Brownies: Hiker Badge; Juniors: Gardener Badge, Flowers Badge, and Camper Badge; and Cadets: Trees Badge. (Registration is not required.)

Volunteer Milestones

Roger Lehnert	200 hours
Ron Pohle	4000 hours
Ray Zimmerman	2500 hours

Girls on Fire!

May 11 • Saturday • 8 AM–3 PM

(Girls ages 12-18)

Bring out your inner Katniss, and learn some of the skills this character used in the popular book series *The Hunger Games*! Participants will be rotating between five activities throughout the day: archery, birding hike, fire/water/shelter, wild edibles/wildflower hike, and camouflage. Please dress for the weather and bring a lunch. In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved to Saturday, June 1. To get to Emmenegger Nature Park, go west on Cragwold Road past the Powder Valley entrance, cross over the highway and go south (left) on Stonewood. (Reservations begin April 26.)



Homeschool: Beginning Archery at Emmenegger

May 14 • Tuesday • 9–11:30 AM

(Homeschool ages 10 and up)

Ready, Aim, Fire! Learn the basics of safe archery and practice your skills in an open field with stationary targets. All equipment will be provided. To get to Emmenegger Nature Park, go west on Cragwold Rd. (past the Powder Valley entrance), cross over the highway and go south (left) on Stonewood. Please meet at the pavilion. The entire program will be outdoors, so please dress for the weather. Siblings are welcome to observe. However, the equipment may only be used by those who are 10 years old and up. (Reservations begin April 30.)

Log Lodgers

May 14 • Tuesday • 9:30–11 AM

(Ages 6 and up)

A dead tree falls to the ground. Is that the end of the story? Or is it a new beginning? In fact, a fallen log provides a “lodging house” for many kinds of animals. Perhaps lizards sun themselves on top of the log, termites burrow into the wood, raccoons take shelter in the hollowed-out inside, and salamanders stay moist underneath it all. Learn more about this mini-ecosystem, with books, activities and crafts. (Reservations begin April 30.)

You and Me under the Canopy

May 22 • Wednesday • 10 AM–11 AM

(Ages birth–8)

Families, meet in the nature center lobby at 10:00 a.m. for a “nature” adventure. Make sure to dress for the weather because we won’t be in the building long. Everyone will hike with the naturalist to a special place in the forest and enjoy a nature story under the canopy. (In case of inclement weather the program will be shortened to 30 minutes.) Reservations are not required and siblings are welcome!

Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center

11715 Cragwold Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122 • mdc.mo.gov/node/271

Early Birders

May 31 • Friday • 10–11:30 AM

(Ages 4–7)

Birdwatching is an awesome way to discover nature in Missouri, but it isn't only awesome for adults! So, kids, come to Powder Valley to learn about some special tools that birds have to help them survive. We will mimic those tools ourselves at the discovery tables. We will also learn some basic bird identification techniques, and then take it outside for some bird-watching time with binoculars to see what the forest has to offer us. (Reservations begin May 17.)

Hallway Exhibit

Fine art photography by Becky Joseph

“Living Water”

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*“water
a complete, perfect circle of life.
from clouds, to rain, to ice, to droplets, to streams, to rivers, to oceans, to clouds
providing life to all creation and peace to our souls.”*

Forest Park Office

5595 Grand Drive, St. Louis, MO 63112 • mdc.mo.gov/node/272



From I-44 take Kingshighway north to West Pine Blvd, turn left. Follow West Pine to Lindell, turn left. Continue on Lindell past Union Dr. to Cricket, turn left. Take first right onto Grand Ave. The visitor's center is on the right.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday–Friday: 8 AM–5 PM

Programs are free. Call 314-877-1309 to sign up for a program requiring registration. If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on the waiting list. Interpretive services are available for those with hearing loss with 5 days notice.



Homeschool in the Field – Art and Music

May 14 • Tuesday • 12:30–2 PM

(Ages 6–12)

Hurry! There may still be time to get in on the last session of our homeschool series, Art & Music, where students engage in outdoor activities involving both disciplines. Lessons are divided into two age appropriate groups, 6–9 years and 10–12 years. This class will be held outdoors. Students should dress for the weather and meet at the Dennis & Judith Jones Visitor and Education Center. (Reservations begin April 30.)

Discovery Table: Dental Detectives

May 11 • Saturday • 9–11 AM

(All Ages)

Like sifting through clues? Then we have some mysteries for you. Visit our Skull Discovery Table for up close examination of some toothed animals. We'll be on the north side of the Dennis & Judith Jones Visitor and Education Center with a variety of skulls just waiting to be identified. It's amazing what a set of teeth can tell you! (Reservations are not required.)

Columbia Bottom Conservation Area

801 Strodtman Road, St. Louis, MO 63138 • mdc.mo.gov/node/298



From I-270 north, take the Riverview Drive exit (last Missouri exit); go north 2.8 miles. Riverview Drive becomes Columbia Bottom Road at its intersection with Larimore Road. The entrance is on the right-hand side.

OFFICE HOURS:

Wednesday–Friday: 8 AM–5 PM

Saturday–Sunday: 8 AM–4 PM

Programs are free. Call 314-877-6014 to sign up for a program requiring registration. If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on the waiting list. Interpretive services are available for those with hearing loss with 5 days notice.

Spring Senior Picnic

May 14 • Tuesday • 9:30 AM–12:30 PM
(Senior Adults)

They say, “April showers bring May flowers.” Join us as we welcome the return of spring and discover nature through the camera lens. Bring your camera and we will share tips for capturing spring flowers, interesting insects, and colorful birds. Whether amateur or pro photographer, you will enjoy the hunt for these natural subjects. Bring a sack lunch to enjoy in our covered pavilion. Water and dessert will be provided. Our spring adventure will include some light walking with easy access to all the areas we visit. Meet at the Confluence parking lot “N” about 4 ½ miles from the front entrance. (Reservations begin April 27.)

Tike Hike: Forest Friends

May 22 • Wednesday • 9–10:30 AM

(Ages 3–5)

Bring your tiny tikes and, together, explore our wonderful forests! Our naturalist will share a little bit about the animals that call our forests home. Then, everyone will head out on the trail to look for signs of our forest friends and, hopefully, see some in action. Program meets at the Confluence Pavilion at parking lot “N” approximately 4 ½ miles from the area entrance. (Reservations begin May 8.)

Full Moon Walk on the Levee

May 24 • Friday • 7–8:30 PM

(Ages 7 and up)

Join us to look and listen for the sights and sounds of Columbia Bottom’s “night shift” creatures. The setting sun and a full moon should light our way as we walk the grass-covered levee between the Mississippi River and the waterfowl refuge. This time of year, we might even see the “cold fire” light of flashing fireflies. The mission of the Missouri Department of Conservation focuses on the protection and management of Missouri’s fish, forests, and wildlife while involving all Missourians in learning about, using, and enjoying these resources. Some would say there’s no better way to do that than take a full moon walk on the levee. Meet at the Canoe/Kayak Access, parking lot “O”. (Reservations begin May 10.)

Dandelions, Stars in the Grass

May 25 • Saturday • 10–11:30 AM

(Families)

While lawn perfectionists may scowl at it, the dandelion is a child’s first wildflower, a mother’s first bouquet, and one of the first signs of summer. Join us as we explore the life cycle of this extraordinary plant. After our scientific investigation of the dandelion we will create crafts to delight our inner child. As a family adventure, this program is well suited for young children ages 3 to 10. Meet at the Confluence Pavilion at parking lot “N” approximately 4 ½ miles from the area entrance. (Reservations begin May 11.)



Dandelions

August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area

2360 Hwy D, St. Charles, MO 63304 • mdc.mo.gov/node/300

Showers and Flowers

May 1 • Wednesday • 4–5:30 PM
(Ages 9–12)

Rain, rain, don't go away! May flowers come our way! Join us for a hike along the Fallen Oak Trail to discover blooming May flowers that have flourished under spring rains! Learn to identify a few of our Missouri spring wildflowers. We will make rainsticks to help us enjoy the sound of rain and encourage Mother Nature to send more nourishing rains. The rainstick is believed to have been invented by the Aztecs and was played in the belief it could bring about rainstorms! (Reservations begin April 17.)

Lewis Hike: Migrating Birds and Spring Wildflowers

May 4 • Saturday • 8 AM–3 PM
(Adults)

Join us for a refreshing spring hike through the forests at the Weldon Spring Conservation Area. We will be looking for wildflowers and songbirds. This is a good time to see and hear both migrating and resident songbirds as we pass over hills and panoramic views from bluffs over the Missouri River Valley. Effort = Strenuous, natural surface hiking, steep hills with 8.3 mile distance. (Reservations begin April 19.)

Introducing Kids to Camping

May 11 and 12 • Saturday • 11 AM to • Sunday • 2 PM
(Families ages 4–10)

Come join us for an overnight family tent camping experience at the August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area. We're looking for new camping families to share in this unique opportunity. Saturday will be filled with guided nature activity stations to complement your overnight stay and to help you learn fun family camping activities for future outings. At night, we will roast hot dogs over a fire pit, go on a night hike, and read stories by firelight. Sunday, your family will learn to fish and fry up your catch to try a sample. We hope that you can bring your own tent and sleeping supplies to practice with. A limited number of tents, sleeping bags and sleeping pads are available to borrow. Attendance at a "Pre-camp Planning and Training" meeting is required by at least one family member on Thursday, May 2, 6:30–7:30 PM at Busch. Saturday dinner, Sunday breakfast and cooking supplies provided. Saturday lunch and any snacks are on your own. (Reservations begin April 15.)

Goodness Snakes Alive!

May 17 • Friday • 9:30–11 AM
(Ages 4–6)

Are snakes really slimy? How do they move, smell, hear and catch their food? Why is it important to conserve these interesting animals? Come and find out the answers to those questions while discovering other neat things about the snakes that live in Missouri. You will be able to observe live snakes and even touch some if you'd like. Come prepared for a short walk outdoors to see if we can observe any snakes in their natural habitat. (Reservations begin May 3.)

Awesome Snakes and Lizards

May 18 • Saturday • 9:30–11 AM
(Ages 7–12)

How many "poisonous" snakes are there in Missouri? Can a lizard grow a new tail? Why is it important to conserve these interesting animals? Come and find out the answers to those questions while discovering other neat things about the snakes and lizards that live in Missouri. You will be able to observe live snakes and even touch some if you'd like. Come prepared for a short hike outdoors to see if we can observe any snakes or lizards in their natural habitat. (Reservations begin May 3.)



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We've partnered up with the Rockwoods Naturalists again! Check out the Rockwoods page to learn more about a backpacking trip to Meramec State Park.



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Rockwoods Reservation

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From I-44 take Hwy 109 north 4 miles to Woods Ave. left on Woods Ave., then immediately right on Glencoe RD. From Manchester Road take Hwy 109 south 2 miles to Woods Ave; right on Woods Ave, then immediately right on Glencoe Road.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday–Friday: 8 AM–5 PM

Programs are free. Call **636-458-2236** to sign up for a program requiring registration. If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on the waiting list. Interpretive services are available for those with hearing loss with 5 days notice.

A Walk in the Woods

May 11 • Saturday • 9–11:30 AM

(Families)

What could be more enjoyable than spending a beautiful late spring morning hiking the 2.2 mile Rock Quarry Trail in Rockwoods Reservation? Along the way there will be native wildflowers and ferns. The birds that call Rockwoods home will be in full spring song. You will learn some of the amazing history of Rockwoods as we pass scars made by humans over 100 years ago. You will be amazed at how the woods have been restored over the past century. The 2.2 mile gradually gains and loses about 200 feet of elevation as it passes up and over one of the hills in Rockwoods. This is a great opportunity for those looking to spend some time in nature to enjoy spring. Effort = Moderate. (Reservations begin March 26.)

Backpacking at Meramec State Park

May 30–31 • Thursday • 9 AM to • Friday • 5 PM

(Families, ages 12 and up)

Let's hit the trail! Join our Naturalists for a group backpacking trip, hiking 10 rugged miles on the Wilderness Trail at Meramec State Park. We are looking for new and novice backpackers that already possess hiking skills and stamina to experience this unforgettable opportunity. We encourage you to provide your own equipment to gain experience and we will also have limited supplies available to borrow. Attendance by at least one family member is mandatory for a "Pre-Trip Planning & Training" on Tuesday, May 22, from 6 – 8 PM. At this training, we will help guide you in gathering supplies, sample foods and collect ideas for clothing. We will even send you home with cooking and tent supplies to practice with before our trip the following week. *Effort = Strenuous. Backpacking is physically and mentally demanding. Please do not join this program if you have any health concerns, are not comfortable lifting heavy loads for long periods of time or have adverse opinions about poor sleep from uncomfortable bedding. You will be expected to provide your own food and snacks and carry all of your supplies the entire trip.* (Reservations begin May 8.)

Rockwoods Reservation 75 Year Anniversary – June 27 Preview

Rockwoods Reservation is the first purchased conservation area in the state! On June 27, 1938, the first MDC Commissioners had a vision for forest and wildlife conservation that carried us into the future. Join the celebration in June as we will offer a unique series of programs that take a closer look at the many eras of farming, logging and mining at Rockwoods and how nature has recovered into such a beautiful landscape, home to birds, majestic trees and thousands of visitors each year. Our celebration will culminate on Thursday, June 27 to celebrate 75 years of natural recovery at Rockwoods. Stay tuned to the June edition of Conservation Connections for more.

Anniversary Preview: Memories of Rockwoods - Photo Exhibit

We'd like to show off all the great memories that you've created with your family and friends at Rockwoods. All photos will be on display in June and at the anniversary event on June 27.

Submission Guidelines:

- Submit up to three photos per family.
- Family friendly content only.
- Include date and location of photo. We are looking for all eras of Rockwoods, all the way back to the 1930's.
- No photos will be returned. All photos will be archived following the closing of the display.

Copies of prints can be dropped off or mailed to Rockwoods Reservation, ATTN: Memories of Rockwoods, 2751 Glencoe Road, Wildwood, MO 63038
Digital images can be sent to Kevin.McCarthy@mdc.mo.gov.
Size: no larger than 5 x7 inches