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The Newsletter of the **Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center**

Our Native Home

As a long-time admirer of all plants, I was always on the lookout for that flamboyant ornamental. You know, something fashionable and distinct—something no one else had that made my yard “pop” from all the others. It was this distinction that drove my former landscaping species selection—maybe yours, too.

My attitude has changed, and for the better. More and more of us gardeners realize the impact of our plant choices on the management of our local, native wildlife. We understand we make a difference by reestablishing natives that belong in our landscapes vs. releasing yet another exotic plant that can get out of control. We know the importance of “growing green” and limit the use of alien grasses that require expensive and toxic applications of fertilizers and herbicides for them to flourish. We want to prevent the extinction of our native plants so they can be admired and propagated to benefit future generations.

Our landscapes provide a way to express ourselves, add natural beauty to our homes and act as a natural escape from the everyday stresses and anxieties that influence our life. But, while acknowledging the intrinsic benefits, we need to realize that our past and current plant choices impact the ecosystem of our future. You may think that in the big scheme of things, your small backyard does little to impact this balance, but think again.

Plants are vital—we cannot survive without them. Plants provide the oxygen we breathe and take out the carbon dioxide we can't use. They are a source of food for insects and many of our herbivores. Taking it a step further, specific insects feed off of specific plants and no other plant will suffice. So, when we bring in alien plants that are host to alien insects, we are introducing into our ecosystem something that has no natural predator and will likely become an invasive nuisance. Consequently, with no natural predators, these aliens will grow exponentially in numbers and take away existing resources (plants and insects) from our natives, starving them into extinction.

Consider this, if you have the power or privilege to plant something on this earth, you have the power to alter the existing ecosystem. Learn all you can about Missouri natives and do your part to help sustain all Missouri wildlife. Call to register for our seventh annual Native Plant Seminar on March 3 featuring Dave Tylka, respected author of *Native Landscaping for Wildlife and People*, or stop by to purchase native plants from several Grow Native vendors. Take that important first step to bring nature home—its native home.

--Lisa Seyer
Office Supervisor

Attention Hunters and Anglers!

Let the nature center get you outfitted for your hunting or fishing excursions. Allow us to help with your permit needs! Permits can be purchased at the nature shop Tuesday through Saturday, 8am-4:30pm. We accept cash, check or credit card (Discover, Mastercard or VISA).

Don't be caught without one!

SIGN UP YOUR FAMILY OR GROUP TO BASH TRASH!

Clean up the riverfront, Cape Rock, and Red Star Access
Saturday, April 28 from 8 am – noon

Meet at the pavilion in front of Hutson's Furniture
Trash bags, gloves, t-shirts, and lunch provided



FREE
LUNCH &
T-SHIRTS!



March Events

Please call the nature center at **573/290-5218** on or after **March 1** for this month's programs requiring registration. If you are unable to attend a program, please call to cancel so that someone on the waiting list may attend.

Temporary Display

Drop by the nature center this month to see "Furry, Feathered, and Other Friends," which showcases the nature photography of Dennis Crider.

3 Native Plant Seminar Saturday, 8am-3pm

The Missouri Department of Conservation and the Cape Girardeau County Master Gardeners team up to host the seventh annual native plant seminar. Dave Tylka, respected native plant enthusiast and author of "Native Landscaping for Wildlife and People" will be our featured guest speaker. There will also be Grow Native vendors on hand so you can purchase native plants for your landscape. **Ages 18 and up. Registration required and begins February 1—register early to secure your class preferences.** For more information call 573-290-5218.

8 Nature Center at Night Baby Animals Thursday, 5-8pm



The arrival of spring means the fields, forests, and sometimes lawns, will be alive with baby animals. What can you do when you come across a seemingly abandoned wild baby animal? Check out our displays and attend the 6pm presentation to learn how you can help keep these babies healthy and wild. **All ages. Youth and adult groups welcome. No registration required.**

8 Nature Art Dancing Dragonflies Thursday, 6:30-8pm



Turning trash to treasure is a fun way to recycle ordinary items into art. We will create dancing dragonflies from spent shell casings and screenwire. These dragonflies add a touch of whimsy to your garden or outdoor space. Join us for a night of fun and creativity! **Ages 16 and up. Registration required.** **Early registration begins February 15**

10 Garden Tour Saturday, 9:30-11am



Wildflower gardens are waking up for the year. Be prepared to know what they need and how to tell wildflower sprout from weed. Naturescaping volunteer Carolyn Huter will lead a tour through the naturescaped garden beds, provide insight and free resources and help answer your questions. **Ages 8 and up. Registration required.**

17 Bowhunting Series – Part 1 Saturday, 9-11am or Noon-2pm

Do you want to start bowhunting? This four-part series is designed to teach beginners the basics of bowhunting from holding a bow to shooting from a tree stand. During this first session, learn a little about bowhunting and try your hand at archery to determine if bowhunting is something you wish to pursue. **Ages 16 and up. Registration required.**



17 Discover Nature-Families Orienteering: Leprechaun Gold! Saturday, 1-3pm

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day by tracking down the Leprechaun gold! Brush up on your compass skills and then receive your secret map to find the hidden treasure. Compasses provided. **Ages 8 and up with an adult mentor. Registration required.**



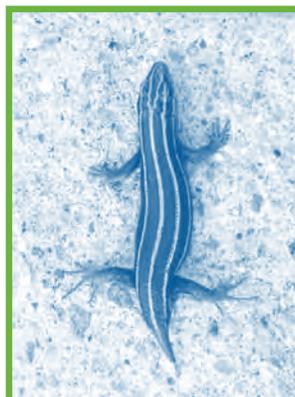
24 Discovery Station Fishing Saturday, 1-4pm



Get ready to go fishing! Fishing has been a long-standing tradition in Missouri and the Conservation Department has been involved for the past 75 years. Keep the tradition going. Find out what equipment and tackle you need to catch the big ones and learn of some good fishin' holes to explore. **All ages. Youth and adult groups welcome. No registration required.**

29 Pond Management Thursday, 6:30-9pm

Why aren't there big bass in my pond? Do I need to treat aquatic vegetation? What types of fish are best to stock in a pond? How many fish can you harvest from your pond each year? Fisheries Management Biologists Salvador Mondragon and Jason Crites will provide the answers to these and other commonly asked questions. **Ages 12 and up. Registration required.**



Five-Lined Skink
Plestiodon fasciatus

Which end is which?

Lizards have the amazing ability to release their tail when grabbed by a predator. A new one will grow back in several months, but it will not be as colorful as the old one.

photo by Greg Jacobs

Just Ask...

Q. Does planting a tree really help the environment?

A. Sure! Trees are an excellent environmental resource. They provide wildlife with food and shelter. People depend on trees for many man-made products such as tires, lumber, and paper. Trees also prevent erosion, cut down on carbon dioxide, and provide oxygen. According to the Arbor Day Foundation, a single, mature tree can produce enough oxygen in one season for 10 people to breath for a year. Trees provide shade for our homes which saves energy. The U.S. Department of Agriculture states, "the net cooling effect of a young, healthy tree is equivalent to ten room-size air conditioners operating 20 hours a day." Trees are an important part of our environment and I cannot imagine what life would be like without them. I encourage you to plant a tree and enjoy, firsthand, their many benefits.

31 Scoutin' Around Saturday, 9am-4pm

Attention kindergarten through eighth grade scouts! Join us as we focus on badges related to outdoor skills, animals, and plants. Hikes, discovery tables, and programs will be offered to assist you in meeting your goals. For a list of the badge requirements that will be covered, contact the nature center or your local service center for a flyer. **Youth groups welcome. Registration required.**

Early registration begins January 17

31 Conservation Destination Wildflowers Saturday, 9am-3pm

The rich river hills along the Mississippi River host beautiful spring wildflowers and many conservation opportunities. Volunteer Naturalist Michael Fiehler will provide an overview of Seventy-Six Conservation Area in Perry County and all that it has to offer. Hike a two-mile segment of a new trail that winds its way through a carpet of wildflowers. Trail rated easy. **Ages 8 and up. Registration required.**



April Events

Please call the nature center at 573/290-5218 on or after April 3 for this month's programs requiring registration. If you are unable to attend a program, please call to cancel so that someone on the waiting list may attend.

Temporary Display

Visit the nature center's gallery during April to view the "Gallery of Inspiration," a collection of nature-inspired artwork from the Community Counseling Center.

7 Conservation Destination Amidon Memorial CA Saturday, 9am-3pm

Explore the beauty and history of two 1800's era grist mills, cedar glades, woodlands, and Missouri's only pink granite shut-ins. We will hike the one mile cedar glade trail and spend the day taking in the natural features of this area. Trail rated moderate. Ages 8 and up. Registration required.

Early registration begins March 15

13 Froggy Friday Friday, 5-9pm

April showers not only bring spring flowers, but a melody of spring frogs as well! Join us as we celebrate all things froggy through games, activities, crafts, displays, and hourly frog call presentations & hikes. All ages. Youth and adult groups welcome. No registration required.



Green Treefrog
Hyla cinerea

photo by Greg Jacobs

Laughing frogs?

Probably not, but this Green Treefrog is in the process of shedding its skin. Missouri frogs regularly shed their skin, but they don't leave it behind. They eat it for extra nutrition! Eew!

14 Bowhunting Series – Part 2 Saturday, 9-11am or Noon-2pm

Proper equipment selection is a key part of bowhunting and archery. Bow selection, arrow matching, points, and other equipment will be covered during this second session of our bowhunting series. Ages 16 and up. Registration required.



21 Spring GPS Challenge Saturday, 1-3pm

Gear up for summer geocaching by taking our GPS Challenge! Find all the hidden symbols and win a prize! Drop by any time from 1-3pm. Bring your own GPS unit, or a limited number of units are available for check-out from the nature center. Ages 8 and up. Youth and adult groups, please bring GPS units. Registration required.

14 Garden Tour Saturday, 9:30-11am

Why are native plants so much better for your garden beds? Come find out during this month's walk through the garden beds. Naturescaping volunteer Carolyn Huter will point out and discuss some native alternatives to common cultivated shrubs and wildflowers while many of them are in bloom. Ages 8 and up. Registration required.



27/28 Discover Nature-Families: Duck Decoy Making Friday 6-9pm / Saturday 8am-1pm

Would you like to create your own piece of waterfowl hunting history? Learn how to make a duck decoy from rough-cut cork that will entice birds during your next hunting trip. We'll review duck identification, duck ecology and decoy history as you sculpt and paint your very own decoy. Ages 14 and up with an adult mentor. Registration required.



14 Discover Nature-Families Digital Camera Scavenger Hunt Saturday, 2-4pm

What better way to explore nature and document all of your neat findings than by capturing them in pictures? Enjoy this family-friendly outdoor hunt for plants and animals around the park. Win a prize for finding everything on the list! Ages 5 and up with an adult mentor. Registration required.



28 Paddle Exploration Saturday, 9am-3pm

Be a part of our first canoe trip of the season as we explore Duck Creek Conservation Area. A limited number of canoes are available for reservation, or bring your own canoe or kayak. Ages 16 and up. Registration required.



19 Nature Center at Night Archery Thursday, 5-8pm

Be right on target as you try your hand at archery! Experience a fun way to enjoy the outdoors. You will learn tips and better techniques to become a more proficient archer. All archery equipment will be provided. All ages. Youth and adult groups welcome. No registration required.



28 Discovery Station Busy Bees Saturday, 1-4pm

Did you know that bees have to travel to two million flowers to make just one pound of honey? Or that a queen bee can lay up to 2,000 eggs in just one day? If you think these facts are amazing, buzz by the nature center to learn more about nature's pollinators. All ages. Youth and adult groups welcome. No registration required.

19 Nature Art 2012 Mini-Album Thursday, 6:30-8pm

2012 is well on underway! Don't let those memories of outdoor activities fade away. Bring several photographs of each month's outdoor activities to scrapbook a mini-album for the entire year. Ages 16 and up. Registration required.

28 Bashin' Trash Saturday, 8am-noon

The nature center is partnering with the Cape Girardeau Parks & Recreation Department to clean up the riverfront during their annual Park Day. Gather your friends, family, or organization to help bring beauty back to the riverfront, Cape Rock, and Red Star Access. We'll meet at the shelter in front of Hutson's Furniture at 8am to distribute trash bags and receive area assignments. Refreshments and t-shirts will be provided. Wear your sturdy shoes, work gloves, and appropriate clothing to "bash trash." All ages. Registration required. Youth and adult groups welcome.

Early registration begins March 1



Arbor Day is April 6th

Earth Day is April 22nd





May Events

Please call the nature center at **573/290-5218** on or after **May 1** for this month's programs requiring registration. If you are unable to attend a program, please call to cancel so that someone on the waiting list may attend.

Temporary Display

Take time this month to observe and enjoy "From Southeast Missouri," a photography exhibit by Chad Doolen.

5 Migratory Bird Day Saturday, 7am-4pm

It's migration time! Millions of birds are moving north along the Mississippi flyway this month and you can join in their incredible journey. Flock to the nature center for birding walks, wild activities, door prizes and tips on birding and bird conservation. Arrive early when the birds are most active to watch live bird banding demonstrations, 7am-noon. Free Again Rehabilitation Center will provide a live bird program at 11am and 1pm. All ages. Youth and adult groups welcome. No registration required.

9 Homeschool Special – Spring Wildflowers Wednesday, 1-3pm

Spring is here at last and the wildflowers are blooming to prove it! We'll learn how to identify some of the beautiful wildflowers that grow at the nature center and make a plant press. You'll also go home with seeds to start your own native flower bed. Ages 7 and up. Registration required. *Early registration begins April 17*

10 Nature Center at Night Fishing Thursday, 5-8pm

Fishing is fun at night too! Bring the whole family out to our kid's fishing pond and see what kind of monsters the kids can pull out during the twilight hours. The less practiced anglers can try their hand at backyard bass fishing to fine tune their casting skills. Don't have your own fishing poles? No problem. Borrow one of ours. All ages. Youth and adult groups welcome. No registration required.

10 Nature Art Candlelight Towers Thursday, 6:30-8pm

Turning trash into treasure is a fun way to recycle ordinary items into art. Gather up those old mismatched or chipped glass drinking tumblers and bring them to the nature center. We will stack them into glass towers to be decorated and used as candleholders. Ages 16 and up. Registration required.

12 Dutch Oven Cooking Saturday, 9am-1:30pm

Experience the outdoors while learning the basics of Dutch oven style cooking. This beginner's course is designed to cover some basic techniques for successful outdoor cooking using cast iron. Ages 12 and up. Registration required



12 Conservation Destination Birding at Otter Slough Saturday, 9am-2pm

The lowlands of Otter Slough Conservation Area provide excellent habitat for many kinds of birds and among the specialties are shorebirds. There are over 20 kinds of shorebirds that travel great distances between winter and summer and rest at these wetlands. In addition to these, wading birds, ducks, warblers and many other songbirds will be sporting their breeding plumage, strutting about and singing beautifully. Sharing their passion for birding, guides will provide tips on finding and identifying birds. Binoculars available for loan. Ages 8 and up. Registration required.

12 Bowhunting Series – Part 3 Saturday, 9-11am or Noon-2pm

Learning the anatomy of the game you will hunt is crucial in order to make a quick clean shot from a manageable and comfortable distance. We'll provide instructions and hands-on practice focusing on shot placement and distance estimation. Ages 16 and up. Registration required.



12 Garden Tour Saturday, 9:30-11am

Did you know the landscape around your house is a great habitat in the making? Whether sun or shade, wet or dry, sand or clay, there are plants designed for your landscape that benefit wildlife and add beauty to your home. During a walk around the nature center, naturoscaping volunteer Carolyn Huter will show examples of different habitats and mini climates with suggested plants you could use. Ages 8 and up. Registration required.



19 Discovery Station Missouri's Natural Areas Saturday, 1-4pm

Missouri is a treasure trove of hidden natural wonders. For example, did you know that we have a mountain range that is older than the Appalachians? Discover some of our state's unique natural features that would be great destinations for your next summer outing. All ages. Youth and adult groups welcome. No registration required.



COMING IN JUNE

2 Discover Nature-Women Fishing Clinic Saturday, 9am-noon

Learn the essentials of fishing! Discover everything from types of equipment needed to learning how to fillet that trophy fish! All fishing equipment will be provided. Anglers ages 15 to 65 must have a valid fishing permit. Ages 18 and up (age 14 and up when accompanied by an adult). Registration required.



Early registration begins May 15

9 Family Nature Sampler Saturday, 8am-3pm

Help us turn the tide on nature deficit disorder. Learn about this phenomenon and how it affects your family, and then enjoy a sampling of outdoor activities we have planned to counteract it. Call to register your family for a variety of selected programs held throughout the day. All ages. Registration required.

Early registration begins May 15

Outdoor Adventure Camp

June 5-6 June 7-8
June 12-13 June 14-15
8:30am-4:30pm each day

Your outdoor adventure awaits! Join us to practice outdoor skills like canoeing, fishing, and outdoor cooking. We will also visit local conservation areas to discover the unique habitats of southeast Missouri. Participants are limited to one two-day session and are required to attend both days of camp. Ages 7-11. Registration required.

Early registration begins May 15

Tadpoles

Ages 0-2. Registration required.



March

Saturday, March 17-10am

Feathered Friends

Birds have something no other animal does - do you know what it is? Join us to learn this and other fun facts about birds. Be prepared to go outside if the weather is nice. **Registration begins March 1.**

April

Saturday, April 21-10am

Animal Tracks

Did you know lots of different animals live in your backyard? You just don't always see them. We'll learn how to identify these visitors by the tracks they leave behind. Be prepared to go outside if the weather is nice. **Registration begins April 3.**

May

Saturday, May 26-10am

Garden Stroll

Native flower gardens are full of sights, smells, and textures; perfect for babies to explore. Parents can have fun exploring with their babies as they learn about plants that are beneficial and safe to grow. Be prepared to go outside if the weather is nice. **Registration begins May 1.**

Mudpuppies

Ages 3-6. Registration required.



March

Saturday, March 10-11am or 1pm
Tuesday, March 13-9am or 11am

Dragons in your Pond

Have you ever seen hundreds of colorful, glittering dragonflies hovering around the pond? Ever wondered what they are doing? Swarm on over to the nature center to learn about these friendly pond dragons. **Registration begins March 1.**

April

Saturday, April 14-11am or 1pm
Tuesday, April 17-9am or 11am



Welcome Home Elk

It was almost one year ago that elk made their way back home to Missouri. Let's celebrate by discovering all there is to know about these amazing buglers. **Registration begins April 3.**

May

Saturday, May 12-11am or 1pm
Tuesday, May 15-9am or 11am

Playful Otters

What's as cute as a kitten, as slippery as an eel, and can bite through a tough shell? Why an otter, of course! Slip and slide on over for some otter fun and games. **Registration begins May 1.**

Growing up in Conservation...

Programs designed for youth.

Our monthly kids' clubs program information is now located in one convenient location.

Ages 7-11.
Registration required.

March

Saturday, March 24
10-11:30am

Archery

Skill with a bow and arrow is not only useful for hunting, but a fun and engaging activity any time of the year! Learn & practice some basic archery skills. **Registration begins March 1.**

April

Snappers please bring your families to Froggy Friday, April 13!

May

Please bring your family and join us for Migratory Bird Day on May 5th!



March

Ages 12-15. Registration required.

Friday, March 30
7-9pm

Frog Chorus Adventure

Grab your muck boots and join us as we wade through amphibian-infested waters to hear the early spring chorus. Don't miss this chance to meet some of the smallest and loudest frogs of Missouri! **Registration begins March 1.**

April

Saturday, April 28
8am-noon

Bashin' Trash

Racers, please help us "Bash Trash" on April 28. **Registration begins March 1.**

May

Saturday, May 19
1-3pm

The Wonders of Wildflowers

When you read wildflower names you might find yourself asking, "Who's William and why is he so sweet?" or, "Do Dutchmen really wear breeches?" or maybe even, "Why's Jack in the pulpit?" Ask no more, just check out this program for weird and interesting wildflower facts. **Registration begins May 1.**

Unless



The ever-timely treasure by Dr. Suess, *The Lorax*, provides truths and insights on a multitude of levels. Suess' environmental treatise has been mirrored in the history of Missouri's unregulated timber harvest from the late 1800s and its devastating aftermath. (In fact, the story has been echoed across the nation time and again, especially in the blind-sighted pursuit of "more.") The seed of hope – the last Truffula seed – came in the form of people who wanted to make a difference for the conservation of our land and its inhabitants. These were the people who gave of their time, talent, and determination to restore the landscape, improve habitat, reestablish wildlife populations and cultivate conservation literacy in citizens.

As the Conservation Department continues to celebrate its 75th anniversary this year, we look back at the many differences people like you have made. Today we have people who have continued to heed the Lorax's charge:

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."

These people give, as others have before, but with no pay and no monetary benefit. They are making a difference for conservation in southeast Missouri, teaching youth and adults about nature and our connection to it, and are in turn forming a new citizenry of people prepared to practice conservation. These individuals are Nature Center Volunteers.

As you continue to become part of the "unless" by participating in nature center activities and programs, take a moment to thank and encourage our Nature Center Volunteers for all that they do.

— Steven Juhlin



Volunteer Milestones

200 Hours
Wayne Maupin

400 Hours
Steve Shelton

1250 Hours
Kenny Schiwitz

200 Hours
Byron Foust

500 Hours
Jane Nicholas

1500 Hours
Bev Schiwitz



Educators' Niche

For more information or to register for the trainings below, please call Bridget Jackson at 573-290-5218 or e-mail bridget.jackson@mdc.mo.gov.

A large, two-day **Discover Nature Schools** training is being planned for July near Johnson Shut-Ins. Graduate credit will be available from Lincoln University. Attending both days will meet the requirements for any of the DNS units listed above.

Project WET is an interdisciplinary education program that focuses on water education. Project WET training includes the Project WET activity guide and hands-on activities for students in grades K-12 that encourage problem solving and critical thinking. This six-hour course will be held on May 24 at the Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center.

MARCH & APRIL

Missouri Wildflowers

This revised, sixth edition has a new look. Dennison's classic now has larger pages, type and pictures for improved readability. Colored tabs have been added for easier location of flower color groups. The taxonomy has been updated in accordance with the most current naming conventions.



Discounted price:
\$11.20 plus tax

Missouri's Wild Mushrooms

A guide to hunting, identifying and cooking the state's most common mushrooms. A must-have for outdoor lovers, mushroom enthusiasts and cooks, the book features color photographs and detailed descriptions of 102 species. As a bonus, chanterelle quiche and 23 other simple and elegant recipes will awaken your foraging instincts!



Discounted price:
\$11.20 plus tax

The Nature Shop

20% Off*

*Special monthly discounts ...
(Conservation Heritage Card discounts do not apply)

MAY & JUNE

Shrubs and Woody Vines of Missouri Field Guide

Start identifying shrubs and woody vines in your yard, neighborhood or out in the wild. Based on his original, larger-format sized "Shrubs and Woody Vines of Missouri," this concise, easy-to-carry field guide features 170 species.

- Range map for each species
- Full-color illustrations



Discounted price:
6.00 plus tax

Trees of Missouri Field Guide

Based on Don Kurz's original *Trees of Missouri*, this concise, easy-to-carry field guide will help you identify trees in your yard, neighborhood or natural area.

- 174 species described
- Range map for each species
- Full-color illustrations
- Easy-to-understand descriptions



Discounted price:
\$6.00 plus tax

Thank You

Donations of Time, Material, and Service

Monetary: Mr. and Mrs. Joe James in memory of Jessiele Corvick

Animal Artifacts: Carolyn and John Watkins

Duncraft Bird Feeder: David and Mary Baird

Paving the Way

Those purchasing paving stones for the Conservation Nature Center walkway:

Gini Buchanan in memory of D.A. "Buck" Buchanan

Sara Turner and Ginger Schwab in memory of Missy Mier

Nature Center Staff and Volunteers in memory of William and Jessiele Corvick

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Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center is located in North Cape Girardeau County Park off Kingshighway just east of Interstate 55 at exit 99. The building is open Tuesday through Saturday 8am to 5pm and is closed Sundays and Mondays, New Year's Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. The area is open daily from sunrise to 10pm in accordance with the Cape Girardeau County Park Rules and Regulations.

Nature center grounds and trails are closed to pets, horses, hunting, collecting, littering, fires, and alcoholic beverages. The trails are also closed to bicycles, jogging, in-line skates, skateboards, scooters, and motorized vehicles.

The Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center is operated through hunting and fishing license revenues and through the 1/8% "Design for Conservation" sales tax. There is no admission charge.

Phone: 573/290-5218; Fax: 573/290-5566; Internet: www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/cnc/cape

More fun than a pond full of frogs!



April 13th, 5-9pm

- Frog call presentation and hike (5pm, 6pm, 7pm, 8pm)
- Frog games and activities!
- Frog crafts!
- Live Missouri frog displays!
- Froggy prizes!

froggy friday

migratory bird day

May 5th, 7am-4pm

- Birding walks
- Bird banding (7am-noon)
- “Free Again” live bird program (11am and 1pm)
- Birding tips and techniques
- Crazy activities
- Door prizes

Celebrate the joy of birds!

