



## Common Coyotes

Coyotes are a common sight across the urban landscape in St. Louis and most North American cities. A coyote would have been a rare visitor to Missouri 200 years ago. Following large-scale agricultural and urban land conversion and the elimination of the wolf as a free-ranging wildlife species in our state, coyotes naturally expanded their range and now inhabit most of the continent. They are highly adaptable and have healthy populations in most metropolitan areas. They also provide an important service by preying on mice, voles, and moles in urban environments.

Some St. Louis residents are concerned when they first notice coyotes in their neighborhood, however most people are simply observing coyotes being coyotes. Rarely is there reason for alarm, but there are several common sense strategies one can use to prevent conflicts with coyotes:

- Harass or chase coyotes to make them feel unwelcome in your area
- Do not let cats and small dogs out unattended, especially at night
- Obey leash laws
- Do not intentionally or unintentionally feed coyotes (bring in pet food, secure garbage, keep yards clean and free of refuse and brush)



Most coyotes are gray, sometimes mixed with rust or brown, and can resemble a small German Shepherd dog. Adult male coyotes weigh up to 40 pounds; females are slightly smaller. Coyotes may be observed as lone individuals, in pairs, or in small family groups prior to young dispersal in late summer. There is no evidence that coyotes hunt in packs. Coyotes are opportunistic feeders. Their diet consists mostly of small mammals – such as rabbits, mice, voles, and moles – but also carrion, fruits, large-bodied insects, and trash.

There have been no documented cases of coyotes attacking people in Missouri, but small pets such as cats and dogs have been attacked. No incidence of rabies has been found in Missouri coyotes in recent years. Canine distemper virus does occur and somewhat mimics neurological symptoms of rabies (convulsions, tremors, loss of fear) but is not transmissible to humans. Sarcoptic mange outbreaks are common in coyotes and result in the loss of fur which gives the coyote an odd appearance. Coyotes can also carry heart worms, hookworms, canine hepatitis and canine parvovirus.

Seeing a coyote in your neighborhood is not necessarily a reason for alarm. Employing a combination of education, scare tactics, and lethal control of nuisance individuals, St. Louis area residents can co-exist with coyotes with minimal conflicts.

by ERIN SHANK, urban wildlife biologist

# Jay Henges Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center

1100 Antire Road, High Ridge, MO 63049 • [mdc.mo.gov/node/299](http://mdc.mo.gov/node/299)



From the east/St. Louis  
I-44 west to Beaumont Antire Road, exit 269. Left over I-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 p.m.

Thursday–Sunday: 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

September 1–April 30

Wednesday–Sunday: 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Programs are free. Call **636-938-9548** or email [henges.range@mdc.mo.gov](mailto:henges.range@mdc.mo.gov) with your name and phone number to sign up for a program requiring registration. 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.

## **Effective Wingshooting for the Hunter**

Oct 4 • Saturday • 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

*(Experienced shotgun hunters ages 14 and up)*

Be more proficient for gamebirds like dove, quail, pheasants, migratory and waterfowl. Participants will learn about wounding rates in waterfowl, performance differences of steel and

lead shot shells, how to improve your wingshooting, and distance estimation skills. 12 and 20 gauge non-toxic/steel ammunition is provided FREE. Participants bring their own shotgun, choke tubes, and any normal non-toxic hunting ammo (for patterning). Classroom is Saturday morning and mandatory to take part in the afternoon shooting. Lunch is provided. (Reservations begin September 4.)

## **Shotgun Care and Cleaning**

Oct 7 • Tuesday • 6–7:30 p.m.

*(Ages 9 and up)*

An expensive sporting or competition gun, or a hard working basic shooter, needs proper care and attention to keep it working and prevent worn or damaged parts. Let us help you with proper techniques to maintain your firearm. (Reservations begin September 7.)

## **Trigger Time – Trapshooting**

Oct 11 • Saturday • 8:30–9:30 a.m.

*(Ages 18 and up)*

Personal advanced instruction designed to make you a better Trapshooter. Expert one-on-one instruction from our USA Shooting Level II staff. The shooting coach will offer suggestions on proper gun fit, position, mount, vision, and movement. Participants will be required to provide their own 12 gauge shotgun and two boxes of No. 8 shot. Not appropriate for beginners. (Reservations begin September 11.)

## **Whitetail Deer, From Field to Freezer**

Oct 14 • Tuesday • 6–8 p.m.

*(Families)*

Learn the steps necessary to process your deer meat yourself. Watch as we demonstrate how to skin and butcher the deer in simple steps with a minimum

amount of equipment. You'll learn tips on how to make sure your venison is the best quality possible. (Reservations begin September 14.)

## **Preparing Venison**

Oct 16 • Thursday • 6–8 p.m.

*(Families)*

Learn the basic steps to create great sausage patties, links, and hamburger from your harvested deer meat. Watch as we demonstrate how to grind, use spices and other items to create a great table fare. You'll learn tips on how to create something your family is sure to love. Thinking organic? Think wild and lean meat for your family's table. We may even cook some up for those who want a taste. (Reservations begin September 16.)

## **How to Mount a Rifle Scope**

Oct 22 • Wednesday • 6–8 p.m.

*(Ages 14 and up)*

Ever had that feeling you scope has moved, wanted to buy a new scope for your rifle, or just want to check the mounting yourself? Come and let our range professionals show you the simple steps to get that scope on your rifle correctly the first time. We will cover various different mounting systems, scope sizes, leveling, etc. (Reservations begin August 9.)

## **How to Bore Sight and Zero a Rifle**

Oct 23 • Thursday • 6–8 p.m.

*(Ages 14 and up)*

Just mounted a new scope on your rifle or not sure if your scope is still on target? This class is for you. Our professionals will explain different ways to bore sight and then properly zero your rifle without wasting a lot of very expensive cartridges. (Reservations begin on September 23.)

*Unless otherwise indicated, youth under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.*

# Busch Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center

2360 Hwy D, St. Charles, MO 63304 • [mdc.mo.gov/node/270](http://mdc.mo.gov/node/270)

## Women's Firearm Sampler

Oct 1 • Wednesday • 6–9 p.m.

Oct 2 • Thursday • 6–8 p.m.

(16 and up)

This two part course will teach the basics of different firearms, and how to safely use them. The classroom portion will be held on Wednesday at the Busch Conservation Area Regional Office classroom. The class portion will cover safety, firearm actions, parts, stance, and aiming. On Thursday we will head to the range and try different firearms. All firearms and ammunition will be provided. Must attend the classroom portion in order to attend the range portion. (Reservations begin September 1.)

## Field to Freezer

Oct 4 • Saturday • 9 a.m.–noon

(Ages 11 and up)

We will cover all the aspects of field dressing, safe knife handling, and tools you need to properly prepare your venison for the freezer. We will also cover proper packaging techniques and some cooking methods. Program will take place at the August A. Busch Shooting Range. Dress for the weather. (Reservations begin September 11.)

## Women's Introduction to Deer Hunting

October 15 • Wednesday • 6–9 p.m.

(Women, 11 and up)

New to hunting? We will cover biology, clothing, firearms, types of hunting, calling, safety, and more. This course will take place at the August A. Busch Regional Office classroom. (Reservations begin September 15.)

## Survival Tactics for the Outdoorsman

Oct 22 • Wednesday • 6–9 p.m.

Oct 23 • Thursday • 6–9 p.m.

(Ages 11 and up)

This class will teach the survival necessities when stranded, lost, or hurt, in the woods. Our experts will go over what to eat, water purification, shelter, and other aspects that will help you survive. We will meet at the August A. Busch CA classroom. Must attend Wednesday in order to attend Thursday. (Reservations begin September 22.)

## Map and Compass

Oct 25 • Saturday • 9 a.m.–noon

(Ages 11 and up)

This program will teach you how to properly read maps and use a compass. We start in the Busch Conservation Area Regional Office classroom and then proceed outside to find some marked locations. Dress for the weather. (Reservations begin September 25.)

## Women's Basic Handgun

Oct 29 • Wednesday • 6–9 p.m.

Oct 30 • Thursday • 6–8 p.m.

(Women, 16 and up)

This class will introduce you to handgun shooting. Wednesday is the classroom portion located at the Busch Conservation Area Regional Office classroom where we will cover safety, actions, stance, grip, and aim. On Thursday we head to the range. Firearms and ammunition will be provided. (Reservations begin September 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 a.m.–4 p.m.

April 1–November 30

Monday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday: 10 a.m.–4 p.m. and Tuesday: 2–8 p.m.

Programs are free. Call **636-441-4554** to register Monday through Friday 8 a.m.–5 p.m. 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.

## Youth Duck Hunt

Oct 30 • Thursday • 6–8:30 p.m.

(Ages 11-16)

This is for youth new to duck hunting. October 30 meet at the August A. Busch CA classroom where we will cover safety, clothing, blind and decoy placement and more. November 8 or 9 head to the wetland area at Busch to hunt. Participants must be accompanied by an adult and be Hunter Education Certified. (Reservations begin September 30.)

*Conservation makes Missouri a great place to fish and hunt.*

*Unless otherwise indicated, youth under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.*

# Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center

11715 Cragwold Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122 • [mdc.mo.gov/node/271](http://mdc.mo.gov/node/271)



From I-44 east take the Watson Road exit and turn left on Geyer. Cross over the bridge and turn left on Cragwold Road. Follow 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.

## HOURS:

Building: Tuesday–Saturday: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.  
Area: Daily: 8 a.m.–8 p.m. DST  
8 a.m.–6 p.m. 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.

## Just Ducky

Oct 7 • Tuesday • 9:30–11 a.m.  
(Ages 6 and up)

Missouri wetlands in the fall are “just ducky!” Some ducks, as they fly south for the winter, stop here for a quick snack and a nap. Others stay for the winter or live here year-round. The state’s lakes, rivers, ponds, and streams are full of ducks to observe and enjoy this month. Want to learn more? Let’s get down and “ducky” today! (Reservations begin September 23.)

## Dig In!

Oct 21 • Tuesday • 10 a.m.–noon  
(Ages 6–10)

Powder Valley is a wonderful place to come and watch the deer, squirrels, and birds. So, how about the creatures that live underground? This program will begin in the classroom with instruction and observations. Then we will take some equipment to the forest to “dig in” and see what we can find. (Reservations begin October 7.)

## Down and Dirty

October 22 • Wednesday • 9:30–11:30 A.M.  
(Ages 3–6)



Remember the days of sand boxes and mud pies? Here’s a chance to relive some of the joys of our childhood with your children. Studies show that unstructured play and nature exploration is critical for the healthy development of young children. We’ll provide the dirt; you bring the clean clothes for the ride home! The naturalists will take the children to the “get dirty” area while the adults stay behind to learn about the importance of this type of learning. Parents will then join the kids toward the end of the program. (Reservations begin October 8.)

## Acorn to Oak Tree

Oct 28 • Tuesday • 10–11:30 a.m.  
(Ages 3–6)

Isn’t it amazing that one tiny acorn can grow into an enormous oak tree? Investigate the life of an oak tree and its importance in the forest. We will go for a hike to search for these trees – from acorn to oak! Ability Level = intermediate. Some simple classroom instruction is part of this program. (Reservations begin October 14.)

## Book Supports Wetland Conservation

### Book Signing by Authors Ken Babcock and George Seek

Thursday, October 30  
6:30–7:30 p.m.

The success of Missouri’s waterfowl and wetland conservation is not an accident. Skillful execution of well-designed plans, public and private partnerships, strong citizen support, and dedicated funding have all led to the quality wetland habitats and migratory bird populations we enjoy today. A new book, **Waterfowl Hunting and Wetland Conservation in Missouri — A Model of Collaboration**, chronicles this success.

The authors, many of them former waterfowl biologists and wetland managers, have donated their services to produce the book. Sponsors — anchored by Bass Pro Shops, the Missouri Department of Conservation, Ducks Unlimited, the Conservation Federation of Missouri, the Missouri Conservation Heritage Foundation, and private citizens — have covered production costs. All proceeds from sales will be dedicated to wetland and waterfowl conservation. The book will be available in October. For details, visit [mochf.org](http://mochf.org).



# Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center

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## *Mission Accomplished! Summer Service Slam a Huge Success!*

A mission that might have been impossible is now accomplished, thanks to a hardy group of veterans and civilian volunteers numbering in the hundreds. The 4th Annual Summer Service Slam, which took place at Powder Valley Saturday, July 12, was an overwhelming success! The project was a partnership between the Missouri Department of Conservation, The Mission Continues, and FOX Sports Midwest. The event brought together more than 450 volunteers, both armed service veterans and civilians from the local community, for an extreme makeover of the nature center area.

The Mission Continue is the nonprofit organization that redeploys veterans to serve in their local communities on new missions that harness their skills and dedication. The goal of The Mission Continues is to empower veterans to find new ways to serve, easing their transition back to civilian life.

The nature center was faced with a maintenance and upgrade project list seemingly impossible for the center's limited number of staff to tackle alone. That's when The Mission Continues came to the rescue. Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds rallied starting at 8 a.m. Saturday in the nature center's parking lot. Upon checking in, they received their assignments from team leaders. After introductory remarks and an orientation, they grabbed an arsenal of rakes,

shovels, hammers, drills, saws, and more and set to work throughout the nature center's 112-acre grounds.

Undeterred by heat, humidity, and a bit of sweat and hard work, they labored diligently until well past noon working on trails, reconstructing a pond, repairing and painting benches, cleaning the water feature, aquarium and wildlife viewing area, removing honeysuckle, and constructing a fire ring and program area. Afterwards, they enjoyed a thank you lunch and were treated to ice cream courtesy of Here's the Scoop Homemade Ice Cream of Sikeston, Mo.

"At The Mission Continues, we believe that the legacy of this generation of veterans can be one of service and success" said Meredith Knopp, Vice President of Programs at The Mission Continues. "To see the volunteers turn out in such incredible numbers to serve alongside our veterans and make a difference in this community is inspiring, and we cannot thank them enough."

In association with the FOX Supports nationwide effort to benefit military veterans, media partner FOX Sports Midwest was on hand to produce a feature story that ran during a Cardinals Baseball game. FOX Sports Midwest host and reporter Jim Hayes traveled every corner of the event to cover the story and speak with staff and volunteers. "The level of enthusiasm and the incredible work accomplished Saturday was truly impressive," Hayes said. "Thank you to the veterans and hundreds of volunteers for your great work." The FOX Sports Midwest video feature can be viewed at <http://www.foxsports.com/midwest/video?vid=313362499623>.

We can't express enough gratitude to The Mission Continues, FOX Sports Midwest, and all the volunteers who worked that day. They all have helped us continue our mission, helping people discover nature.



## **NOVEMBER EVENTS**

### **Girls on Fire!**

Nov 15 • Saturday • 8:30 a.m.–1 p.m.  
(Girls ages 14–18) Bring out your inner Katniss! Learn some of the skills this character used in the popular book series *The Hunger Games*! Participants will rotate between 3 activities: archery, fire/water/shelter, and camouflage. Dress for the weather and bring a water bottle and snack. This program will be at Emmenegger Nature Park. Please call for directions. (Reservations begin October 25th.)

### **MANAGED Archery Deer Hunt**

*Powder Valley's building and trails will be closed Saturday, November 8 – Monday, November 10 for a managed archery deer hunt.*

Missouri offers numerous managed deer hunts from mid-September through January. One of the hunts this year will be held at Powder Valley. Long term, the effects of too many deer include significant habitat destruction, higher disease rate, and stress on the animals. Balance between a healthy habitat and continued viewing opportunities are the goal.

# Columbia Bottom Conservation Area

801 Strodtman Road, St. Louis, MO 63138 • [mdc.mo.gov/node/298](http://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.

## HOURS:

Building: Wednesday–Friday: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Saturday–Sunday: 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

Area: One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset except authorized activities.

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.



## October Fall Flair!

Oct 13 • Monday • 10 a.m.–noon  
(8 and up)

October is the month for fall flair in Missouri! At Columbia Bottom, our distinctive style comes from leaf shapes of cottonwood, sycamore, mulberry and willow, just to name a few. Saunter outside with us for inspiration and information about these characteristic trees at the Confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi rivers. Then, join us indoors to use leaves in creating your own one-of-a-kind item. (Reservations begin September 29.)

## Six Legged Stroll

Oct 18 • Saturday • 8:30–10:30 a.m.  
(All Ages)

We're not talking about insects. Our outing, near the Confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi rivers, is just one more way we help you discover nature. Your dog and the company of other six legged strolling teams are just two more reasons to be here. Only one four-legged family member per human is allowed. Proof of rabies vaccination is required. To save time at check-in, your certificate can be faxed to 314-877-6021 or e-mailed to [colleen.scott@mdc.mo.gov](mailto:colleen.scott@mdc.mo.gov) by Thursday, October 16. We will go, rain or shine, because the dogs don't care what the weather is like! (Reservations begin October 3.)



# Forest Park Office

5595 Grand Drive, St. Louis, MO 63112 • [mdc.mo.gov/node/10254](http://mdc.mo.gov/node/10254)



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

## HOURS:

Monday–Friday: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

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.

## Fall Fishing in the Park

Oct 3 • Friday • 3 p.m.–5 p.m.  
(Ages 10–16)

Take time with us to fish in Catfish Pond and Cypress Cove. Fishing in the fall offers a different perspective than spring does. The cool air breeze, colored leaves leaving the trees, acorns scattered about the earth, with animals preparing for winter's birth. Join in the fun learning how to bait, cast and clean a line. All supplies included. Meet at the Forest Park Aquatic Education Lakes. Participants should bring a water bottle and dress to be outdoors. (Reservations begin September 12.)

# August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area

2360 Hwy D, St. Charles, MO 63304 • [mdc.mo.gov/node/300](http://mdc.mo.gov/node/300)

## Special Opportunity - Youth Deer Clinic

Oct 11 • Saturday • 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

*(Youth, ages 6-15)*

Clinic held in Hawk Point, Lincoln county. Hunting seminar, archery, rifle and shotgun shooting on private range. All Equipment and lunch will be provided. Each youth must be accompanied by an adult. For more information and registration call 636-528-4877 ext. 3. (Reservations begin September 1.)

## Don't be a Recluse! Join the Spider Fun!

Oct 3 • Friday • 9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

*(Ages 6–12)*

October conjures images of creepy crawlies... but you'll see just how neat and not so scary our native spiders can be! Learn about spiders, see them in action, and create a spider craft. (Reservations begin September 19.)

## Grandparent and Grandchild Fishing Day

Oct 4 • Saturday • 1 p.m.–4 p.m.

*(Families ages 8 and up with disabilities)*

Spend an afternoon with your grandchildren with disabilities fishing and enjoying a fish fry. Fishing and adaptive equipment is available free of charge and the lake is wheelchair accessible. (Reservations begin September 19.)

## Natural Halloween Crafts

Oct 8 • Wednesday • 10 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

*(Ages 3–6)*

Use leaves, acorns, twigs, and other natural materials to construct festive Halloween crafts. Please bring one pumpkin per child, any size and color. (Reservations begin September 24.)

## Dutch Oven Cooking Basics

Oct 10 • Friday • 6 p.m.–8 p.m.

*(Ages 10 and up)*

From George Washington's mother, Lewis and Clark, Little House on the Prairie, and westward chuck wagons, Dutch ovens have impacted American culture and history. Experience Dutch oven cooking by creating simple recipes. (Reservations begin September 26.)

## Scout Discovery Table: Poisonous and Venomous Things

Oct 11 • Saturday • 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

*(All Ages)*

Learn about the poisonous and venomous things of Missouri like snakes, spiders, bees, wasps, hornets, scorpions, mushrooms, and poison ivy. (No reservations necessary. Attend at any time.)

## Survival Skills 101: Zombies!

Oct 24 • Friday • 5:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m.

*(Ages 13 and up, Teams of 2 to 3)*

Traverse the outdoors learning fire starting, orienteering, tracking, and more. Test outdoor survival skills navigating zombie infested terrain. Dress for the outdoors and bring a water bottle. Will you survive the zombie apocalypse at Busch? Effort = Moderate for walking on uneven ground at night. (Registration begins October 8.)



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

### HOURS:

Building: Monday–Friday: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Area: Daily: 4 a.m.–10 p.m.

Programs are free. Call **636-441-4554** 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.

## Lewis Trail Hike – Fall Colors

Oct 25 • Saturday • 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

*(Adults)*

Experience fall at its finest and hike the forests at Weldon Spring Conservation Area. Experience panoramic views from bluffs over the Missouri River floodplain. Effort = Strenuous for hiking 8.3 miles on natural surface in forested, hilly terrain. (Reservations begin October 10.)

## Volunteer Milestones

Alicia Watson      100 hours

# Rockwoods Reservation

2751 Glencoe Road, Wildwood, MO 63038 • [mdc.mo.gov/node/272](http://mdc.mo.gov/node/272)



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

## HOURS:

Building: Monday–Friday: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.  
Area: Sunrise to one-half hour after sunset except authorized activities.

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.

## Nature Explorers: Fall

Oct 8 • Wednesday • 10–11 a.m.

*(Ages 3–6)*

Fall is a great time to go exploring! Take a hike and look for the colors and textures of the season while playing bingo. Please dress for the weather. Effort = Mild, approximately one mile hike on mostly flat terrain, partially paved. (Reservations begin September 24.)

## Bird Feeders

Oct 18 • Saturday • 10–11:30 a.m.

*(Families)*

Learn about our feathered friends and how to help them through the cold winter months. Build a bird feeder to take home to help your backyard birds. (Reservations begin October 1.)

## Fall Colors on the Turkey Ridge Trail

Oct 18 • Saturday • 9–10:30 a.m.

*(Ages 13 and up)*

Enjoy a fun fall hike to discover the changing colors and learn what wildlife is up to as critters prepare for winter. Effort = Moderate, two mile hike on natural surface on forested slopes. (Reservations begin October 3.)



## The Colors of Autumn: Glassberg Conservation Area

Oct 19 • Sunday • 10 a.m.–noon

*(Ages 12 and up)*

Enjoy fall colors hiking one of the newest Conservation Areas, Myron and Sonya Glassberg Conservation Area located just south of Eureka, MO on Hwy FF. Learn why leaves change colors, explore the different habitats of the area, and view the patchwork of autumn colors of the Meramec River Valley from an overlook platform. Please dress for the weather. Effort = Moderate, hiking on natural surface in forested hills for two to three miles. (Reservations begin October 3.)

## Those Awesome Stealth Fliers

Oct 28 • Tuesday • 9:30–11 a.m.

*(Ages 7–12)*

Eagles, hawks, falcons, and owls are magnificent and highly specialized birds called “raptors.” Learn what makes these birds-of-prey masters of flight and supreme hunters. Discover why it’s so important we protect these amazing predators. (Reservations begin October 14.)

