



Springfield
Conservation
Nature
Center

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Discover nature with us.

Springfield Conservation Nature Center is a small piece of the Ozarks nestled within the city limits of Springfield. It's a place to connect with nature and to learn the importance of conserving it too.

Connect with nature indoors

- Wander through the exhibit area and experience the sights and sounds of our natural communities.
- Relax in our indoor viewing area and get an intimate look as birds and other wildlife visit the pond and feeders.



Experience nature outdoors

- Explore 80 acres of Ozark forest, glade and prairie habitat, and enjoy the beauty of creeks and frontage on Lake Springfield.
- Hike one of six trails that total nearly three miles. Some are paved.
- View wildlife—more than 170 species inhabit the area.

Make more nature connections

- Take advantage of one of the many public programs, guided hikes, special events or workshops offered at the nature center.
- Contact us in advance to schedule a naturalist-conducted program for an organized group.

No fees are charged at the nature center.

Hours

Building and area grounds are closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

Building hours (Closed on Mondays)

March 1–Oct. 31

Tuesday–Saturday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday: noon to 5 p.m.

Nov. 1–Feb. 29

Tuesday–Saturday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Closed Sunday

Area hours (Sunday and holiday hours subject to change. Call or visit our website.)

March 1–Oct. 31

Sunday–Saturday: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Nov. 1–Feb. 29

Sunday–Saturday: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Directions

Springfield CNC is located off S. Glenstone Avenue just southwest of the Hwy 65/60 intersection.



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