



## A Decade of Discovery

It all started innocently, a chance to learn and discover new things. Having been at Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center in one capacity or another for almost thirteen years, I'd grown attached to the Nature Center nestled in that patch of oak hickory forest. Now, Columbia Bottom Conservation Area stood calling. With 4,318 acres, its refurbished barn for a visitor center stood just a few miles from the home I grew up in, near the river I knew as a child.

The "old woodshed", more formally known as the Howard and Joyce Wood Education and Visitor Center, has introduced thousands of visitors to Columbia Bottom. It was dedicated on May 27, 2004. While it doesn't compare in size to a nature center, I've discovered there's no better way to introduce Columbia Bottom's resources than through this beautiful structure which has witnessed decades of ebb and flow near the confluence of North America's two greatest rivers, the Missouri and Mississippi.

As our first area manager tells it, while considering a high spot to build the visitor center, he mentioned the old barn would be torn down. Thankfully, the architect had other ideas. Not only had this spot remained dry in 1993, but the barn's internal structure appeared sound. Indeed it was and still is. Now, the beautiful post and beam skeleton from that original structure supports not only our visitor center, but all those who pass through it on their way to discovery.

Our visitors are all ages from all walks of life. For example, there are the countless kindergartners, noses to the Plexi-glass, excitedly pointing to the red eared sliders in our Big Rivers exhibit. After that, they're outside to discover the real thing. We also have the regulars who come in to ask, "What's going on at the Bottom?" In reality, they already have a pretty good idea. Still, they come in, go out and return to share what they have discovered. Then there are those who come from tens, hundreds or even thousands of miles to see the Confluence. Their first stop on the road to discovery is the visitor center.

If there's only one thing I've learned here at Columbia Bottom, it is this. The Howard and Joyce Wood Education and Visitor Center is a fitting tribute to the natural history of Columbia Bottom. There is no other place I would rather be.

Join us on Sunday May 4, 2014, from noon to 6 p.m. for "Ten Years, Ten Ways to Celebrate!" Featured at the Visitor Center will be a pictorial of "A Barn Story". Once you've seen that, head outside for one of our hayrides, a bike hike, scavenger hunt and more. For a full schedule of activities, go to <http://mdc.mo.gov/node/298>. Or, call 314-877-6014.

By COLLEEN SCOTT, interpretive center manager



"Old woodshed"



Visitor center construction



Colleen Scott in front of the Howard and Joyce Wood Education and Visitor Center

# 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.

## Shotgun Care and Cleaning

May 15 • Thursday • 6–7:30 p.m.

*(Ages 9 and up, under 16 only with an adult)*

Even new firearms from the store must be cleaned and properly lubricated before being shot or going hunting. Keeping that shotgun, whether a family heirloom, expensive sporting or completion gun, or hard working basic shooter needs proper care and attention to keep it working and prevent worn or damaged parts. (Reservations begin April 15.)

## Effective Wingshooting for the Hunter

May 17 • Saturday • 5:30–8:30 p.m.

and May 18 • Sunday • 1–5 p.m.

*(Experienced shotgun hunters, ages 15 and up, under 16 only with an adult)*

Now is the time to start practicing and getting ready for those seasons coming up in just about three months. This program is designed to teach hunters to be more proficient for birds like dove, quail, pheasants, turkey, migratory birds and waterfowl. Participants will learn about wounding rate info, performance differences of steel and lead shot shells, how to improve wingshooting, and distance estimation skills. 12 and 20 gauge non-toxic ammunition is provided for training. Participants must bring their shotgun, choke tubes, and normal non-toxic hunting ammunition (for patterning) on Sunday. (Reservations begin April 17.)



## Shooting Sports Sampler

May 19 • Monday • 6–8 p.m.

*(Ages 11 and up, under 16 only with an adult)*

Are you interested in the shooting sports, but have no experience with guns or bows? Here's your opportunity! Join us for a "try-it-out" evening at the range. We'll 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. (Reservations begin April 19.)

## Women's Beginning Shotgun

May 24 • Saturday • 8 a.m.–noon

*(Women ages 10 and up only, able to shoulder and shoot a shotgun, under 16 with adult only)*

Join us for an introductory program shooting shotguns. We will cover proper gun selection and fit, appropriate ammunition choices, basic shooting stance, gun mount, and movement. Then we'll move to the range to practice what we've learned. Shotguns and ammunition will be provided, or you may bring your own 12 or 20 gauge shotgun and use our ammunition or other gauge with your own ammunition (shot size 7 or smaller.) (Reservations begin April 24.)

## Beginning Archery

May 29 • Thursday • 6–7:30 p.m.

*(Families)*

Learn the fundamentals of shooting the bow and arrow based on the Missouri National Archery in the School Program (MoNASP). This is a fun program for the family, youth fourth grade and up. All equipment will be provided. (Reservations begin April 29.)

## Women's Beginning Trap

May 31 • Saturday • 2–6 p.m.

*(Experienced women shotgun shooters ages 11 and up, under 16 only with an adult)*

If you enjoy shooting a shotgun, but do not know the specifics of the game of trapshooting, then join us for this program. We'll cover the basics of trapshooting, whether for fun or competition. Shotguns and ammunition will be provided, or you may bring your own 12 or 20 gauge shotgun and use our ammunition or other gauge with your own ammunition (shot size 7 or smaller.) (Reservations begin April 30.)

For a complete program listing; visit the Jay Henges web page.

# 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)

## Youth .22 Rifle

May 10 • Saturday • 7:30-9:30 a.m.  
(Ages 11–15)

This program will teach the basics of rifle shooting at the August A. Busch Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center. We will start with a short clinic on safety, parts of the rifle, technique, aiming, and more. Then we will head to the firing line for some live fire. All firearms and ammunition will be provided. All youth must be accompanied by an adult. (Reservations begin April 10.)



## Basic Archery

May 13 • Tuesday • 6–8 p.m.  
(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 14.)

## Basic Skeet

May 14 and 15 • Wednesday and Thursday • 6–8 p.m.

(Ages 12 and up)

This is an intermediate level program designed for those who have some experience with shotguns, and want to learn the finer points of American Skeet. On Wednesday this program will take place at the August A. Busch Conservation Area Regional Office classrooms, where we will cover safety, appropriate shotguns, chokes, 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 for the live fire portion. All firearms, ammunition, and safety equipment are provided. Children ages 12-15 must be accompanied by an adult. (Reservations begin April 14.)

## Intermediate Handgun

May 17 • Saturday • 7:30–9:30 a.m.  
(Ages 16 and up)

This program is designed for handgun owners to sharpen their target shooting skills. Must have some knowledge of handgun shooting prior to the class. Come experience some one-on-one instruction with one of our highly qualified instructors. This live fire only program will take place at the August A. Busch Shooting Range and Outdoor Education. All participants are required to bring their own firearm and ammunition. (Reservations begin April 17.)



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:

April 1–November 30  
Monday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday:  
10 a.m.–4 p.m. and Tuesday: 2–8 p.m.  
December 1–March 31  
Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday,  
and Sunday: 10 a.m.–4 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.

## Five Stand Shooting Clinic

May 22 • Thursday • 6–8 p.m.  
(Ages 12 and up)

This is an intermediate level program for shooters who want to try a different shotgun sport. Our staff will set up the five stand course 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 12–16 must be accompanied by an adult. (Reservations begin April 21.)

# 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.

## Happy Birthday, Peanut!

May 3 • Saturday • 9:30–11:30 a.m.  
(Families)

Peanut the turtle is a female red-eared slider who is famous for her figure. Her shape is the result of litter... a plastic six pack ring that she crawled through and got stuck in as a young turtle. This year Peanut turns 30 years old! Meet Peanut, learn about litter, and pick up litter along the trail in celebration! Please dress for the weather and be prepared to hike the long loop of the Hickory Ridge Trail (1 1/5 miles). Gloves, bags, trash grabber tools, and birthday treats will be provided. (Reservations begin April 19.)

## Babes in the Woods

May 8 • Thursday • 9:30–10 a.m.  
or 11–11:30 a.m.

(Ages 0-3)

It's never too early to introduce your little one to the wonders of nature, and spring is a great time to enjoy the outdoors! Join other parents and caregivers for a stroller walk at the nature center. Discover how nature appeals to our senses no matter what our age. (Reservations begin April 24.)

## International Migratory Bird Day

May 10 • Saturday • 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

(All ages)

May 10 is World Migratory Bird Day. Celebrate our returning feathered friend with the following activities. (No reservations are required.)



### Migration Challenge

Discover the challenges facing our feathered friends as they migrate from their winter homes to their summer breeding homes.

### Discovery Tables

Touch wings, feathers, feet, and more. See which birds are visiting our Wildlife Viewing area.

### Scout Discovery Table: Bird ID/Flyways

Discover the wonders of Missouri birds and the location of their flyways while working on badges. Activities are designed for Cub Scout Wolves (Birds: Elective 13d) and Webelos (Outdoor Group: Naturalist 4-6), and for Girl Scout Juniors (Camper Badge and Animal Habitats Badge). All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## Photo Exhibit

### Children of Conservation by Jennifer Perkins



Perkins is a volunteer Naturalist with the Missouri Department of Conservation. One of her contributions is photographing programs and events and managing the photo sharing site [www.buschrockwoods.smugmug.com](http://www.buschrockwoods.smugmug.com). As a child, her father put a camera in her hand and as she states, "I've been taking pictures ever since. I enjoy capturing beauty 'on film' which includes the great outdoors and smiling faces. Emotion, texture, and depth are also concepts I strive to portray in my photography."

# Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center

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## It's for the Birds

May 17 • Saturday • 10 a.m.–noon  
(Adults and families 10 and up)

Birds are an important part of our ecosystem and food chains. Discover ways to attract birds to your yard. Explore the recreational and educational value of bird feeders with this hands-on program. Each family will build their very own bird feeder to take home. (Reservations begin May 3.)

## The Flowers are Giving a Party

May 20 • Tuesday • 9:30–11 a.m.  
(Ages 4 and up)

This summer the flowers are giving a party! What kind of party? A moving party! People sometimes give moving parties, so friends can help them move furniture to a new place. Flowers give moving parties, also, to get help with moving pollen to new places. Discover who gets invited to the flowers' party and how they help move the pollen. (Reservations begin May 6.)

## Migratory Bird Program

May 21 • Wednesday • 10–11:30 a.m.  
(Ages 7–12)

International Migratory Bird Day is celebrated this month. Powder Valley is a great place to see many of our area's birds. Learn about some of their habits and adaptations, and then hit the trail with us to see what species we can observe. Binoculars will be provided. (Reservations begin May 7.)

## You and Me under the Canopy

May 28 • Wednesday • 10–11 a.m.  
(Ages birth–8)

Dress for the weather, because we won't be in the building long! Hike to a special place in the forest and enjoy a nature story under the canopy. Siblings are welcome. In case of inclement weather, the program will be shortened to 30 minutes. (Reservations begin May 14.)

## Beginning Archery at Emmenegger

May 30 • Friday • 9:30 AM–11:30 AM  
(Adults)

May 31 • Saturday • 9:30 AM–11:30 AM  
(Ages 10 and up. Younger siblings are welcome to observe; however, the equipment may only be used by those who are 10 years and up.)

Ready, Aim, Fire! Come and 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. Please dress for the weather. (Reservations begin May 16.)

## Forest Park Office

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

## Let's Go Fishing

May 19 • Monday • 10 a.m.–noon  
(Ages 7–12)

Spend the morning in Forest Park learning the basics of fishing. All equipment will be provided as we fish for catfish, bass or sunfish. This program meets at the Educational Fishing Lakes and Hatchery in Forest Park. Although fishing is permitted in the park with a license, the Forest Park Educational Fishing Lakes are not open to public fishing unless registered for a program. Bring a water bottle and dress for the weather, rain or shine! (Reservations begin May 5.)

### 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.



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.

## Pictures in the Sun

May 20 • Tuesday • 9:30–11 a.m.  
(Ages 5–7)

Awaken new curiosity to the shapes, textures and cycles of nature with a spring art project. Create a woodland craft that connects science and art using bark rubbings, photo sensitive paper and leaves for a unique look at plant identification. (Reservations begin May 6.)

# 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:**

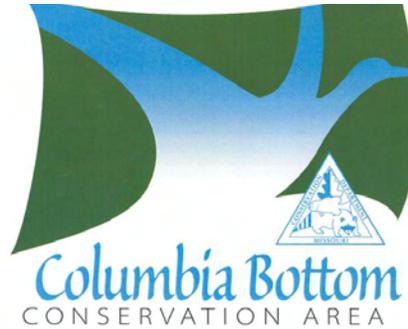
Building: Wednesday–Friday: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.  
Saturday–Sunday: 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

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.



## *Ten Years, Ten Ways to Celebrate!*



*May 4 • Sunday •  
noon–6 p.m.  
(All Ages)*

For a decade, the Howard and Joyce Wood Education and Visitor Center has served Columbia Bottom as a gateway to discovery. Celebrate the “wood shed’s” anniversary with a hayride, scavenger hunt, bike hike, sunrise or sunset walk, and more. See our programs below or check out the full schedule of activities at <http://mdc.mo.gov/node/298> or, call 314-877-6014. (Reservations begin April 20.)

### **Golden Hour at the Confluence**

May 4 • Sunday • 5:30–7 a.m.  
*(Ages 15 and up)*

Photographers call this time of day the “golden hour.” There’s no better time or place to discover the many sights and sounds of nature as when the morning sky changes colors from dawn to daylight over the confluence of the Mississippi and Missouri rivers. Bring your camera to take advantage of this “golden hour.” Later, share some of your photos with us so that we may display them in the Visitor Center. Meet at the Columbia Bottom front entrance gate. (Reservations begin April 20.)

### **Sunset over Columbia Bottom**

May 4 • Sunday • 6:30–8:30 p.m.  
*(Ages 6 and up)*

What a fitting tribute to our Visitor Center’s tenth anniversary celebration than to spend the evening outside. The “wood shed” is, of course, our Gateway to Discovery. At Columbia Bottom Conservation Area, where the sunsets can be spectacular, is where we help you discover nature’s night shift. Meet at the Slough Exploration Station (lot “M”) and walk to the cropland overlook where we will watch the sun as it sinks below the horizon. Lot “M” is about 4 ½ miles from the front entrance. (Reservations begin April 20.)

### **Spring Senior Picnic**

May 13 • Tuesday • 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.  
*(Senior Adults)*

Spring has finally arrived! Visit Columbia Bottom and enjoy the warm spring breeze as we celebrate ten years of the rich diversity of plants and animals here. We’ll recall some of the events that have shaped this land and look forward to the future. Bring a sack lunch to eat in one of our covered pavilions. Water and dessert will be provided. Meet at the Visitor Center. (Reservations begin April 30.)

# August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area

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

## Lewis Hike—Migrating Song Birds and Spring Wildflowers

May 3 • Saturday • 8 a.m.–3 p.m.

(Adults)

Hike the spring forest on the 8.3 mile Lewis Trail at Weldon Spring Conservation Area. Enjoy resident and migratory song birds and search for spring wildflowers. Soak in panoramic views of the Missouri River Valley from bluff tops along the way. Effort = Strenuous: Natural surface hiking for 8.3 miles over forested hills and valleys. (Reservations begin April 18.)

## Pictures in the Sun—Natural Art Project

May 8 • Thursday • 10–11:15 a.m.

(Ages 5–7)

Awaken new curiosity to the shapes, textures, and cycles of nature with a spring art project. Create a woodland craft that connects science and art using bark rubbings, photo sensitive paper, and leaves for a unique look at plant identification. (Reservations begin April 24.)

## Goodness Snakes Alive

May 15 • Thursday • 9:30–11 a.m.

(Ages 4–6)

Are snakes really slimy? How do they move, smell, hear, and eat? Learn the answers to those questions and lots of other neat stuff about snakes. Observe live snakes and even touch some if you'd like. Be prepared for a short hike to look for snakes in their natural habitat. (Reservations begin May 1.)



## Awesome Snakes and Lizards

May 17 • Saturday • 9:30–11 a.m.

(Ages 7–12)

Snakes and lizards are amazing reptiles. Discover amazing things about those that live right here in Missouri. Observe live snakes and lizards and even touch some. Be prepared for a short hike to look for snakes and lizards in their natural habitat. (Reservations begin May 2.)



## Animal Tracking—Homeschool Special

May 23 • Friday • 9:30–11:30 a.m.

(Ages 7–12)

What critters are visiting your backyard? Whose tracks are those? Discover the unique abilities of animals that move through nature and the tracks that they leave behind. Each line of tracks tells a story of survival as animals search for food, water, and shelter. (Reservations begin May 9.)



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.

## Little Animals for Little Ones

May 24 • Saturday • 10–11 a.m.

(Ages 3–5)

Spring time means new baby animals are being born, like fawns, pups, bunnies, and chicks. Read a story and go for a hike to explore the natural world that these animals are being born into. (Reservations begin May 9.)



# 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.

## A Walk in the Woods

May 10 • Saturday • 9 a.m.–11:30 a.m.  
(Families)

Spend a beautiful spring morning hiking the 2.2 mile Rock Quarry Trail at Rockwoods Reservation. Experience spring at its finest while looking for native wildflowers and listening to spring songbirds. Learn the amazing history of Rockwoods as you hike past scars of human presence from over 100 years ago. Effort = Moderate: Natural surface hiking through forested hills. (Reservations begin April 25.)

## Destination Hike–Pickle Springs Natural Area

May 10 • Saturday • 10 a.m.–2 p.m.  
(Adults)

Venture to Pickle Springs Natural Area in Ste. Genevieve County, approximately 2 hours from Rockwoods, to hike among sandstone canyons, hills, waterfalls, and forests. We'll search for wild azaleas and other spring wildflowers. Experience unique sandstone formations and scenic views. Effort = Moderate: Two mile hike on natural surface with stairs and some steep forested slopes. (Reservations begin April 25.)

## Signs of Spring Night Hike

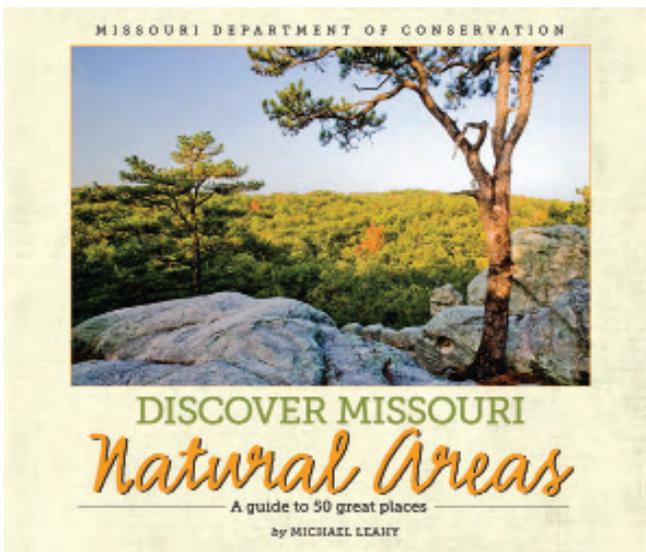
May 12 • Monday • 7:45–9:45 p.m.  
(Families Ages 7 and up)

Explore the Trail Among the Trees at night! We'll be searching for amphibians, owls and other nocturnal creatures. Discover night flying insects like large colorful moths at a black light station. Effort = Moderate: Natural surface hiking at night in wooded hills. (Reservations begin April 28.)

## Destination Hike–Valley View Glades Natural Area

May 31 • Saturday • 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.  
(Ages 10 and up)

Hike 2.5 miles through one of Missouri's most interesting and beautiful habitats. Search for the unique plants and animals that call glades home. Valley View Glades is located in Jefferson County, on Route B between Hillsboro and Cedar Hill. Effort = Moderate: 2.5 mile hike on natural surface with some steep wooded and exposed hills. (Reservations begin May 16.)



**For more information on Missouri's designated Natural Areas, purchase a copy of Discover Missouri Natural Areas by Michael Leahy available at the Missouri Department of Conservation Nature Shop at [www.mdcnatureshop.com](http://www.mdcnatureshop.com).**