

Tales & Trails



PLACES

Missouri Botanical Garden (MBG)
 Butterfly House/Faust Park (BH)
 Shaw Nature Reserve (SNR)

FINN'S FAVORITES

BOOK TITLE	AUTHOR	ACTIVITY	PLACE
PreK-Kindergarten			
A Walk in the Forest	Maria Dek	Take a hike in Shaw Nature Reserve's forests. What treasures can you find?	
The Hungry Caterpillar	Eric Carle	Visit the Butterfly House on July 20 and 21 for Bookworm Brunch featuring this book!	
Outside Your Window: A First Book of Nature	Nicola Davies	Listen for some of the summer sounds described in the book.	
Grades 1-2			
What will grow?	Jennifer Ward, local author!	Visit the Kemper Center for Home Gardening for inspiration, then plant a few of your own veggies.	
Stick and Stone	Beth Ferry	Grab a friend for an outdoor adventure, like Stick and Stone.	
The Bad Seed	Jory John	Grow some "Lemon Queen" sunflowers for our local bees and watch the seeds develop in late summer.	
Grades 3-5			
A Butterfly Is Patient	Dianna Hutts Aston	See how many of the same butterflies you can find in the Butterfly House Conservatory.	
Breathe and Be: A Book of Mindfulness Poems	Kate Coombs	Sit by Pinetum Lake at Shaw Nature Reserve and create your own haiku.	
Finding Wild	Megan Wagner Lloyd	Find some wild in the city by visiting the Garden's Climatron to view tropical plants.	
For Families of all ages			
The Lost Words	Robert MacFarlane	Head to your favorite nature place and read one of the spells aloud to conjure back these words! Download "The Lost Words Explorer's Guide" at johnmuirtrust.org/initiatives/the-lost-words	

RECOMMENDED TRAILS

TRAIL	LENGTH	LOCATION
Maline Greenway	1.5 miles	Bella Fontaine County Park
Confluence Trail	0.5 miles	Columbia Bottom Conservation Area
Kennedy Forest	3.5 miles	Forest Park

How did you find out about this program?
 MBG website
 Library
 School
 Friend
 at MBG, BH, or SNR
 Other: _____

Is this your first year participating?
 Yes
 No

Email address to receive a survey: _____

Family member signature: _____

Staff use only

Date: _____

of prizes distributed: _____



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Summer Reading Program from the Missouri Botanical Garden

Name: _____ School: _____

Age and Grade: _____ Home zip code: _____

(Grade you will be entering in the 2019-2020 school year)

Get out, read, and explore!

WHO: Love nature? Love nature books? Love nature trails? Then Tales & Trails is for you!

WHY: Why not?

HOW: Grab your favorite nature books, dress for the weather, and head out to your favorite nature space. Complete at least six (6) Tales & Trails adventures, and document them in this reading log. For suggestions on books, check out Finn the Frog's favorites on the back cover.

WHERE: Whether it's your backyard or local park, nature can be found all around you. Pick a favorite spot or go on an adventure to find a new one. Please see the 'Recommended Trails' section and visit www.mobot.org/meetmeoutdoors for more ideas.

WHEN: The 2019 Tales & Trails experience runs from **June 1—August 25**. Keep this log in a handy spot all summer to track your progress and adventures!



Win a Tales & Trails Fun Pack!

Complete all of the Tales & Trails and bring this log to one of our three locations to redeem your prize (at the Missouri Botanical Garden, please go to the Membership Services Desk). You'll get lots of nature-inspired goodies, including admission tickets!

One prize pack per participating child. Redeem by August 25, 2019. While supplies last. Redeemable same day.



Held in partnership with St. Louis Public Libraries, St. Louis County Libraries, and BiodiverseCity St. Louis.

READING LOG

Record your reading adventures and share them on social media with the tag #MBGTalesandTrails!

Tale & Trail #1

Date: _____
Location: _____
Book: _____

Author: _____

Notes and nature sketches:

Tale & Trail #2

Date: _____
Location: _____
Book: _____

Author: _____

Notes and nature sketches:

Tale & Trail #3

Date: _____
Location: _____
Book: _____

Author: _____

Notes and nature sketches:

Tale & Trail #4

Date: _____
Location: _____
Book: _____

Author: _____

Notes and nature sketches:

Tale & Trail #5

Date: _____
Location: _____
Book: _____

Author: _____

Notes and nature sketches:

Tale & Trail #6

Date: _____
Location: _____
Book: _____

Author: _____

Notes and nature sketches:

What is your favorite nature book and outdoor place?

Words matter. We want your opinion!

Nature words are dropping out of our dictionaries and our everyday language. What nature words are your favorite and why? To learn about these dropped words, read *The Lost Words* by Robert MacFarlane and help bring these words back to life!"

OTHER FUN READING ADVENTURES IN 2019

Story Book Houses	MBG, SNR, BH	Tiny little libraries stocked with nature books, located in the Children's Garden (MBG), Sense of Wonder Woodland (SNR), and Nature Trek (BH).
Story Time	MBG	April—October, Wednesday—Sunday, 11 a.m at the Tower Grove House (MBG).
Story Book Walk	SNR	Please visit Shaw Nature Reserve's web site or social media for up-to-date information on the current title.
National Trails Day	SNR	To celebrate National Trails Day and the kickoff of the 2019 Tales and Trails Summer Reading Program, SNR is free for all visitors on Saturday, June 1. Head to the Nature Explore Classroom and look for book boxes around Pinetum Lake to record your first book!
Green Living Festival	MBG	During this event on June 1 visit the Literacy tent in the Children's Area to read and record your first book. Complete a fun recycling craft with staff, too.
Bookworm Brunch	BH	Featuring the Very Hungry Caterpillar, July 20 or 21 at the BH. This is a ticketed event; please visit their web site to register.