



Citizen Pledge

The National Park Service turns 100 in 2016! Honor this milestone by celebrating the many everyday ways to discover, experience, and conserve nature and the great outdoors, right here in the St. Louis area.

I/we, _____, pledge to spend more time each and every week in the great outdoors, whether our backyard, front yard, local park, community garden, bike trail, or other green space.

Together, I/we pledge to:

- ✓ Look under more rocks for squirmy things
- ✓ Picnic in a local park
- ✓ Camp out under the stars
- ✓ Nap, read, or sketch under the shade of a tree
- ✓ Bike a new stretch of nature trail or greenway
- ✓ Build a fort
- ✓ Conduct a neighborhood nature census
- ✓ Participate in or organize a community planting or clean-up day
- ✓ and/or pursue other outdoor adventures throughout the year, including as many as we can from the list on the back on this pledge!



Stay Connected

- Share your outdoor activities on Instagram with the #meetmeoutdoors tag
- Follow #meetmeoutdoors for fun ideas from others in the St. Louis area
- Visit mobot.org/meetmeoutdoors to stay up to date on what's happening outdoors at the Garden all year long

In closing, I/we, the undersigned, pledge to invite friends, family, colleagues, random neighbors, and fellow citizens to Meet Me Outdoors in St. Louis throughout 2016 and beyond!

Signatures

Date signed

In partnership with:

- Audubon Center at Riverlands
- BiodiverseCity St. Louis
- City of St. Louis
- Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Xtreme Hike
- Earthdance Organic Farm School
- Explore St. Louis
- Gateway Greening
- Great Rivers Greenway
- Grow Native
- Latino Outdoors
- Missouri Master Naturalist Great Rivers Chapter
- Missouri State Parks
- Missourians for Monarchs
- Jefferson National Expansion Memorial—National Park Service
- Ozark Trail Association
- St. Louis Audubon Society
- St. Louis Community College Horticultural Program
- St. Louis Master Gardeners
- Think About Tables by Dale Dufer
- YMCA Gateway SERVE



MEET ME Outdoors™ ST. LOUIS

Here are just a few of the 2016 adventures awaiting you...

APRIL:

- Collecting and Conserving Seeds of Native Plants** | April 1
Shaw Nature Reserve
- Meet Me Outdoors in St. Louis Weekend Festival** | April 2 and 3
Missouri Botanical Garden
- Operation Wild Lands Honeysuckle Hack** | April 2
Deer Creek Greenway
- Morels and More** | April 4, 11 | Rockwoods Reservation
- FrogWatch USA Volunteer Training** | April 8 | Shaw Nature Reserve
- Daffodil Dash** | April 9 | Shaw Nature Reserve
- Spring Fling Weekends** | April 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17 | Butterfly House
- Amphibian Night at Forest 44** | April 15
Powder Valley Nature Center
- Nature Detectives Club** | April 16 | Shaw Nature Reserve
- Clean Streams Day** | April 16 | St. Peters
- 5th Annual Riverbend Earth Day Festival** | April 16 | Piasa Harbor
- Mushroom Festival** | April 17 | Pere Marquette State Park
- National Park Week** | April 18-26 | Jefferson National Memorial
- Pints 'n' Plants** | April 20 | Urban Chestnut Brewing Co.
- St. Louis Earth Day Festival** | April 24 | Forest Park
- Spring Wildflower Walk** | April 26 | Shaw Nature Reserve
- Heartland Prairie Walk** | April 26 | Heartland Prairie
- Biking 4 Books Bike Ride** | April 30 | Mississippi Greenway
- Chesterfield Earth Day Festival** | April 30 | Chesterfield

MAY:

- Migration Bird Hike** | May 1 and 8 | The Nature Institute
- Volunteer Orientation** | May 5 | Gateway Greening's Urban Farm
- National Public Gardens Day** | May 6 | Missouri Botanical Garden
- Shaw Wildflower Market** | May 7 | Shaw Nature Reserve
- Beginner Bird Walk** | May 7 | Forest Park
- Heartland Prairie Restoration Day** | May 7 | The Nature Institute
- Wildflower Identification and Ecology** | May 14
Shaw Nature Reserve
- Canopy Climb** | May 14 and 15 | Shaw Nature Reserve
- 2016 Flowers for Downtown St. Louis** | May 14 | City Hall
- Nature Spa Day** | May 20 | Shaw Nature Reserve
- Quickstart Kayaking** | May 21 | Shaw Nature Reserve
- Riverlands Paddle Festival** | May 21
Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary
- Moonlight Hike** | May 21 | The Nature Institute

JUNE:

- Tales and Trails Summer Reading Program** | June 1-31
Across St. Louis Region
- National Trail Day Celebration** | June 4 | Shaw Nature Reserve
- Green Homes Festival** | June 4 | Missouri Botanical Garden
- Kids' First Time Fishing** | June 4 | Shaw Nature Reserve
- St. Louis Urban Gardening Symposium** | June 4 | Brightside St. Louis

- Hiking with Rover** | June 5 | Shaw Nature Reserve
- Discover Nature: Women's Archery and Edibles** | June 10
Shaw Nature Reserve
- Life Outside Festival** | June 11 | Creve Couer Park
- Discover Nature: Archery and Jerky Making** | June 11
Shaw Nature Reserve
- Canopy Climb** | June 11 and 12 | Shaw Nature Reserve
- Firefly Festival Days** | June 8, 15, 22 | Butterfly House
- Shaw Family Adventures: Creek Stomp** | June 17
Shaw Nature Reserve
- Adventures with Cocktails** | June 17 | Missouri Botanical Garden
- Native Plant Garden Tour** | June 18 | University City
- Canopy Climb on Father's Day Weekend** | June 18 and 19
Missouri Botanical Garden
- Nature Navigators: Geocaching** | June 24 | Shaw Nature Reserve

JULY:

- Nature Navigators: River Trail Adventure** | July 15
Shaw Nature Reserve
- Field to Fork 2016** | July 23 | Belleville, IL
- Quickstart Kayaking** | July 23 | Shaw Nature Reserve
- Shaw Family Adventures: Flashlight Night Hike** | July 29
Shaw Nature Reserve

AUGUST:

- Beginner Bird Walk** | August 6 | Forest Park
- Paper Kite Festival Family Sundays** | August 7, 14, 21, 28
Butterfly House
- Garden Gallop 5K** | August 14 | Missouri Botanical Garden
- Create a Critter Home** | August 10 | Shaw Nature Reserve
- Stand Up Paddleboard** | August 20 | Shaw Nature Reserve
- Firecracker Canoe and Kayak Race** | August 20
Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary
- 49th Annual Operation Clean Stream** | August 27 and 28
Meramec River Watershed

SEPTEMBER:

- Great Forest Park Balloon Race** | September 16 and 17 | Forest Park
- BioBlitz** | September 16 and 17 | Forest Park
- Prairie Day** | September 17 | Shaw Nature Reserve
- Best of Missouri Market** | September 30-October 2
Missouri Botanical Garden

OCTOBER:

- Dirt-tastic Day at Sense of Wonder Woodland** | October 2
Shaw Nature Reserve
- Fest-of-Ale** | October 14 | Missouri Botanical Garden
- Children's Garden Closing Weekend** | October 29 and 30
Missouri Botanical Garden

Find more outdoor adventures and events as the year progresses at
www.mobot.org/meetmeoutdoors.

**Pre-registration and fees may apply for some programs. For more details about experiences at Missouri Botanical Garden, Shaw Nature Reserve, or Butterfly House, visit www.mobot.org/classes.*