Participate in the City Nature Challenge!

The St. Louis region* is gearing up to compete in the 5th annual City Nature Challenge and we need your participation! The City Nature Challenge (CNC) is a four-day bioblitz-style competition between 350+ cities across the globe to gather observations of nature. Run by the California Academy of Sciences and the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles, the CNC offers a platform for people to engage in community science by finding and documenting local wildlife. Cities will compete to collect the most observations of nature, document the most species, and engage the most people during the four-day event. Use this Nearby Nature Map to find a participating City Nature Challenge site near you! Be sure to follow each site’s safety policies and procedures. If you can’t get out to one of our region’s unique nature sites, you can still participate in your backyard! Let’s do this, St. Louis!

Participation is easy:

1. Download the free iNaturalist app. Visit citynaturechallenge.org or find the app in the Google Play or Apple App store.

2. Take photos of plants, animals, insects, and other life forms April 28–May 1. You can do this anywhere across the bi-state region. This is a great chance to visit a natural space you’ve been waiting to explore! Use this Nearby Nature Map as a reference to find nearby nature sites.

3. Upload your images as observations on the greater St. Louis region’s iNaturalist page.

That’s it—you’ve helped grow the region’s urban biodiversity inventory with your photos! And you’ve had fun along the way!

To learn more visit: stlouis-mo.gov/city-nature-challenge

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*Counties representing the greater St. Louis region in the

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MISSOURI:
1. Audubon Center at Riverlands
2. Bellefontaine Cemetery and Arboretum
3. Broemmelsiek Park
4. Carondelet Park
5. Cliff Cave Park
6. Cuivre River State Park
7. Don Robinson State Park
8. Dr. Edmund A. Babler State Park
9. Edward “Ted” and Pat Jones Confluence Point State Park
10. Fairground Park
11. Forest Park
12. Fort Belle Fontaine
13. Indian Camp Creek Park
14. Katy Trail State Park
15. Klondike Park
16. LaBarque Creek Conservation Area
17. Laumeier Sculpture Park
18. Lone Elk Park
19. Matson Hill Park
20. Missouri Botanical Garden
21. North Riverfront Park
22. O’Fallon Park
23. Pelican Island Natural Area
24. Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center
25. Quail Ridge Park
26. Queeny Park
27. Rockwoods Reservation
28. Saint Louis Zoo
29. Shaw Nature Reserve
30. Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House
31. Tower Grove Park
32. Weldon Spring Conservation Area
33. Willmore Park
34. World Bird Sanctuary

ILLINOIS:
35. Bohm Woods Nature Preserve
36. Chouteau Island
37. Fults Hill Prairie Nature Preserve
38. The Gardens at SIUE
39. Heartland Prairie (Nature Institute)
40. Illinois Caverns State Park
41. Kaskaskia River State Fish & Wildlife Area
42. Knobeloch Woods Nature Preserve
43. Lewis & Clark Community College
44. The McCully Heritage Project
45. Mississippi River State Fish & Wildlife Area
46. National Great Rivers Research & Education Center
47. Olin Nature Preserve (Nature Institute)
48. Paul Wightman Subterranean Nature Preserve
49. Pere Marquette State Park
50. Pleasant Ridge Park
51. Rock Springs Park
52. Salt Lick Point Land and Water Reserve
53. Stemler Cave Woods Nature Preserve
54. Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge
55. Watershed Nature Center
56. White Rock Nature Preserve

When we fade back the familiar city and county lines, our greater St. Louis region looks different—less fragmented, more connected. For this base map, we used ecoregions:

- Rivers
- River Hills
- Western Dissected Illinois Till Plain
- Southern Illinois Till Plain
- Upper Mississippi Alluvial Plain
- Middle Mississippi Alluvial Plain
- Karstic Northern Ozarkian River Bluffs
- Eastern Ozark Border
- St. Francois Knobs and Basins
- Meramec River Hills
- Central Plateau
- Osage/Gasconade Hills
- Claypan Prairie
- Illinois/Indiana Prairies

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