



Take the 2019 #MeetMeOutdoorsSTL Challenge!

Our greater St. Louis region is like none other—home to parks, prairies, forests, farms, caves, bluffs, grasslands, wetlands, lakes, creeks, and one of America’s most iconic river confluences. The region boasts so many nature-rich sites, from urban oases to outer-rim reserves, just waiting to be explored, enjoyed, and loved.

This year’s Nearby Nature Map features a few of our favorite places, along with a year’s worth of experiences (see reverse)—from seasonal events, classes, and guided hikes to outdoor competitions, festivals, and volunteer stewardship opportunities.

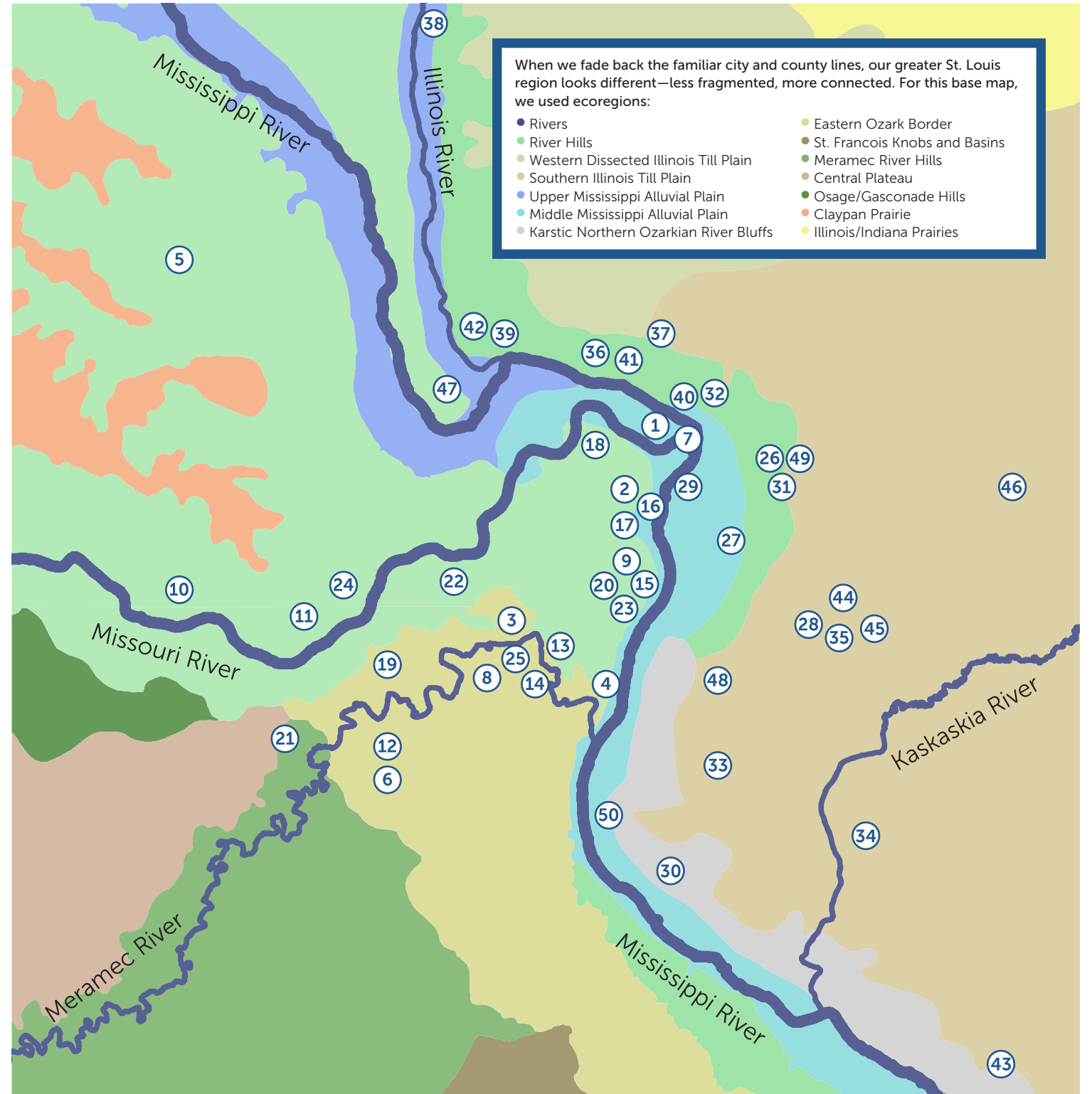
For extra encouragement this year, the 2019 #MeetMeOutdoorsSTL Challenge is for everyone and anyone looking for fun ways to stay connected to nearby nature year-round. Accepting the challenge simply means enjoying our region’s great outdoors in every season. Participation is easy, but registration is required. See details on reverse.

MISSOURI:

1. Audubon Center at Riverlands
2. Bellefontaine and Calvary Cemeteries
3. Castlewood State Park
4. Cliff Cave Park
5. Cuivre River State Park
6. Don Robinson State Park
7. Edward “Ted” and Pat Jones Confluence Point State Park
8. Endangered Wolf Center
9. Forest Park
10. Katy Trail State Park
11. Klondike Park
12. LaBarque Creek Conservation Area
13. Laumeier Sculpture Park
14. Lone Elk Park
15. Missouri Botanical Garden
16. North Riverfront Park
17. O’Fallon Park
18. Pelican Island Natural Area
19. Rockwoods Reservation
20. Saint Louis Zoo
21. Shaw Nature Reserve
22. Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House
23. Tower Grove Park
24. Weldon Spring Conservation Area
25. World Bird Sanctuary

ILLINOIS:

26. Bohm Woods Nature Preserve
27. Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site
28. Centennial Park
29. Choteau Island
30. Fults Hill Prairie Nature Preserve
31. The Gardens at SIUE
32. Heartland Prairie
33. Illinois Caverns State Park
34. Kaskaskia River State Fish and Wildlife Area
35. Knobloch Woods Nature Preserve
36. La Vista Ecological Learning Center
37. Lewis and Clark Community College
38. McCully Heritage Project
39. Mississippi River Fish and Wildlife Area
40. National Great Rivers Research and Education Center
41. Olin Nature Preserve
42. Pere Marquette State Park
43. Piney Creek Ravine State Natural Area
44. Rock Springs Rotary Park
45. Silver Creek Nature Preserve
46. Silver Lake Park
47. Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge
48. Stemler Cave Woods Nature Preserve
49. Watershed Nature Center
50. White Rock Nature Preserve





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This year, we're challenging everyone across the bi-state to stay connected to nearby nature year-round. Accepting the challenge means enjoying our region's great outdoors in every season. **Participating is easy!**

- 1. Register for the 2019 Challenge.** Sign up to participate at mobot.org/meetmeoutdoors. Each season of the year, you'll receive a downloadable guide (one for spring, summer, fall, and winter), packed with fun ideas, activities, and expert tips.
- 2. Get outside each season and share your adventures.** Find a local place to visit each season, then share photos of your experiences on social media with the tag [#meetmeoutdoorsSTL](https://twitter.com/meetmeoutdoorsSTL).

That's it! Every registrant who posts at least one tagged photo each season will be entered in a drawing in March 2020. Ten lucky people will win a Meet Me Outdoors prize pack, including a Missouri Botanical Garden family membership, gift certificates to local native plant nurseries and outdoor retailers, wildlife field guides, nature books, and more. **Get outside, already!**

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APRIL

- STL Youth Master Gardeners | Saturdays | Queeny Park
- Gateway Spring Xtreme Hike | April 5–6 | Hawn State Park
- Daffodil Dash 5K Trail Run | April 6 | SNR
- STL Women's Bike Summit | April 6 | Lemay
- Mission Clean Stream/GM Earth Day | April 6 | Wentzville
- Meet Me Outdoors in St. Louis | April 6–7 | MBG
- Native Plant School | April 11 | SNR
- Birdsongs of Riverlands | April 13 | Audubon Center at Riverlands
- Washington River Festival and Clean Up | April 13 | Washington
- Meet Me Outdoors in St. Louis | April 13–14 | BH
- Tulip Trot | April 14 | MBG
- Spring Wildflower Walk | April 16 | SNR
- Chubb Trail Ride | April 17 | Lone Elk State Park
- Public Potting Day | April 20 | CommuniTree Nursery, Creve Coeur
- Spring Indian Market Days | April 26–28 | Cahokia Mounds
- 2019 City Nature Challenge | April 26–29 | region wide
- Chinese Culture Days | April 27–28 | MBG
- Meet Me Outdoors in St. Louis | April 27–28 | SNR
- St. Louis Earth Day Festival | April 27–28 | Forest Park
- U City in Bloom Annual Plant Sale | April 27–28 | University City

MAY

- Migratory Bird Hike | May 1 | SNR
- STL Youth Master Gardeners | Saturdays | Queeny Park
- Mindfulness in the Garden | May 3, 10, 17, 24 | MBG
- Missouri Butterfly Monitoring Network I.D. | May 4 | MBG
- Chesterfield Earth Day | May 4 | Chesterfield
- Prairie Restoration Day | May 4 | Heartland Prairie
- Mary Meachum Celebration | May 4 | Mississippi Greenway
- Ozark Trail Challenge Hike | May 4 | Steelville
- Canopy Climb | May 4–5 | SNR
- Tour of Hermann Gravel Challenge | May 4–5 | Hermann
- Spring Dardenne Creek Monitoring Day | May 4–5 | St. Charles
- Mushroom Festival | May 5 | Pere Marquette State Park
- Garden Yoga | May 5, 12, 19, 26 | MBG
- Shaw Wildflower Market | May 10–11 | SNR
- Annual Art Fair | May 10–12 | Laumeier Sculpture Park
- Sustainable Garden Projects for Teens | May 11 | SNR
- Springtime Sprint 5K | May 11 | BH
- Natural Wonders Trail Hike | May 11 | Meramec State Park
- Photographing May Wildflowers | May 11 | SNR
- World Migratory Bird Day | May 11 | World Bird Sanctuary
- Elsay Spring Festival | May 11–12 | Elsay, IL
- Strawberry Festival | May 11–12 and 18–19 | Eckert's Belleville Farm
- Healing Horticulture | May 15 | Urban Chestnut in the Grove
- Bark in the Park | May 18 | Forest Park
- Moonlight Hike | May 18 | The Nature Institute
- Silver Creek Stream Monitoring | May 18 | Silver Creek Preserve
- Canopy Climb | May 18, 19 | MBG
- Wild Edibles | May 19 | SNR
- Intermediate Kayaking | May 19 | SNR
- Native Plant School | May 22 | SNR
- Schlafly Art Outside Festival | May 24–26 | Schlafly Bottleworks
- Concert in the Trees | May 30 | CommuniTree Nursery, Creve Coeur

JUNE

- Green Living Festival | June 1 | MBG
- National Prairie Day | June 1 | SNR
- Beginner Kayaking | June 2 | SNR
- Hiking with Rover | June 2 | SNR
- Tree Camp | June 3–8 | CommuniTree Nursery, Creve Coeur
- Bird Walk with Forest Park Forever | June 4 | Forest Park
- Native Perennial Walk | June 6 | Bellefontaine Cemetery
- The Dirt on Soil | June 7 | SNR
- Introduction to Tree ID | June 8 | BH
- Life Outside Festival | June 8 | Creve Coeur Park
- Two Rivers Family Fishing Day | June 8 | Pere Marquette State Park
- Poisonous Plants Workshop | June 8 | Silver Creek Preserve
- Nature Photography for Teens | June 8 | SNR
- Canopy Climb | June 8–9 | MBG
- Family Adventure Race | June 9 | Creve Coeur Park
- Little Nature Explorers: Creek Stomp | June 12 | SNR
- Native Plant School | June 13 | SNR
- Paddle for a Cause | June 15 | Columbia Bottom
- Sacred Seeds Medicinal Walking Tour | June 15 | MBG
- St. Louis Native Plant Garden Tour | June 15 | multiple sites
- Pollinator Week | June 17–23 | Saint Louis Zoo
- Ecological Restoration for Teens | June 21 | SNR
- Firefly Festival | June 21 | BH
- Meramec Marathon Paddle Race | June 22 | Meramec River
- Sustainable Backyard Tour | June 23 | multiple sites
- Summer Solstice Sunrise Observation | June 23 | Cahokia Mounds
- Fireflies After Dark Happy Hour | June 28 | BH

JULY

- Missouri River Academy | July 7–11 | New Haven
- Butterfly House Yoga | July 9 | BH
- Native Plant School | July 11 | SNR
- Frog Festival | July 12 | BH
- Beginner Kayaking | July 13 | SNR
- Hummingbird Festival | July 13 | Hartford, IL
- Shark Week | July 14–21 | Saint Louis Zoo
- 10th Annual Field to Fork Gala | July 20 | Belleville, IL
- Brunch with the Very Hungry Caterpillar | July 20–21 | BH
- Henry Shaw's Birthday Celebration | July 24 | MBG, BH, SNR
- Frog ID Class | July 26 | BH
- Messy Play Day | July 28 | Endangered Wolf Center

AUGUST

- Flight Festival | August 2 | BH
- Archaeology Day | August 3 | Cahokia Mounds
- Alton to Arch Kayak Trip | August 4 | Alton, IL
- Peach Festival | August 11 | Pere Marquette State Park
- Butterfly House Yoga | August 13 | BH
- Beginner Kayaking | August 17 | SNR
- Celebrate Wildwood | August 24 | Wildwood, MO
- 52th Operation Clean Stream | August 24 | multiple sites
- Race for the Rivers | August 24 | Washington to St. Charles
- Festival of Nations | August 24–25 | Tower Grove Park
- I Love Forest Park 5K and Kids Fun Run | August 25 | Forest Park

SEPTEMBER

- Fall Wildflower Market | September 6 | SNR
- Campfire Wolf Howl | September 7, 13, 21 | Endangered Wolf Center
- American Indian Educational Days | September 14 | Cahokia Mounds
- Missouri River Clean Up | September 14 | Weldon Springs
- ArborMeisters | September 14 | CommuniTree Nursery
- Native Shrubs and Trees Walk | September 18 | Bellefontaine Cemetery
- Great Forest Park Balloon Race | September 20–21 | Forest Park
- Academy of Science St. Louis BioBlitz | September 21 | SNR
- Culture Awareness Day | September 21 | World Bird Sanctuary
- Paddle MO 2019 | September 21–25 | Hermann to the Confluence
- Autumn Equinox | September 21 | La Vista Ecological Learning Center
- Apple Festival | September 22 | Pere Marquette State Park
- National Public Lands Day | September 28 | region wide

OCTOBER

- Best of Missouri Market | October 4–6 | MBG
- Hawktober Fest | October 5 | World Bird Sanctuary
- Raptor Awareness Day | October 12 | Cahokia Mounds
- Wolf Fest | October 12 | Endangered Wolf Center
- Harvest Festival | October 19 | Gateway Greening Demo Garden
- River Des Peres Trash Bash | October 19 | multiple sites
- Dardenne Creek Monitoring Day | October 19 | St. Charles
- Gateway Fall Xtreme Hike | October 26 | Hawn State Park

NOVEMBER

- Honeysuckle Sweep Month | November 1–30 | region wide
- Children's Garden Closing Weekend | November 2–3 | MBG
- Owl Prowls | November 2–March 8 | World Bird Sanctuary
- Grow Native! Native Tree Walk | November 2 | Bellefontaine Cemetery
- Amphibians and Reptiles | November 5 | National Great Rivers Research and Education Center
- Garden Glow | November 23–January 4 | MBG
- Jingle Hike Challenge | November 28–January 1 | Metro East
- Wild Lights | November 29–December 30 | Saint Louis Zoo
- Green Gift Bazaar | November 30 | YMCA of Alton

DECEMBER

- 8 Hour Adventure Race | December 7 | Castlewood State Park
- Winter Solstice | December 22 | La Vista Ecological Learning Center
- Raja's Birthday | December 27 | Saint Louis Zoo

JANUARY 2020

- Eagle Days | January 18–19 | Chain of Rocks Bridge
- Bald Eagle Festival | January 26 | Pere Marquette State Park

FEBRUARY 2020

- Community Agriculture Conference | February 9 | International Institute
- Valentine's Night Hike | February 14 | SNR

MARCH 2020

- Honeysuckle Sweep Month | March 1–31 | region wide
- The North Face Shaw Bloom Trail 10K/20K | March 21 | SNR
- Confluence Trash Bash | March 21 | multiple sites in North St. Louis
- Bear Awareness Weekend | March 27–29 | Saint Louis Zoo

• = Class or Tour | • = Volunteer Opportunity | • = Event or Festival | • = Race or Competition

MBG = Missouri Botanical Garden | SNR = Shaw Nature Reserve | BH = Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House

Pre-registration and fees apply for some programs. For more details about experiences at MBG, SNR, or BH, visit mobot.org/classes.

