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. Cuvier 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. Klyne 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. Chouteau Island
30. Forks 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. Stierler Cave Woods Nature Preserve
49. Watershed Nature Center
50. 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
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.

2. Get outside each season and share your experiences. Find a local place to visit each season, then share photos of your experiences on social media with the tag #meetmeoutdoorsSTL.

**APRIL**
- Missouri Youth Master Gardeners [Saturday] | Queeny Park
- Gateway Spring Xtreme Bike | April 5–6 | Hawn State Park
- Daffodil Bash Spring Festival [Saturday] | April 6 | MBG
- STL Women’s Bike Summit | April 6 | Lemay
- Mission Clean Stream/GM Earth Day | April 6 | Wentzville
- Meet Me Outdoors at MBG [Saturday] | April 6–7 | MBG
- Native Plant School | April 7 | St. Louis
- Birdsong Festival at Riverlands | April 13 | Audubon Center at Riverlands
- Washington River Festival and Clean Up | April 15 | Washington River Festival
- Meet Me Outdoors at SNR | April 15–16 | 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 Day | April 26–28 | Cahokia Mounds
- 2019 City Nature Challenge | April 26–29 | region wide
- Chinese Culture Days | April 27–28 | MBG
- Meet Me Outdoors | 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 Day | May 1 | SNR
- STL Youth Master Gardeners [Saturday] | 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 | Missouri Greenway
- Ozark Trail Challenge | May 4 | Steelville
- Canopy Climb | May 5 | 4th Street
- Tour of Hermann Gravel Challenge | May 5–4 | Hermann
- Spring Dardene Creek Monitoring Day | May 5–5 | St. Charles
- Mushroom Festival | May 5 | Pere Marquette State Park
- Garden Yoga | May 5, 12, 19, 26 | MBG
- Prairie Trail Challenge | May 5 | Steelville
- Annual Art Fair | May 10–12 | Laumeier Sculpture Park
- Sustainable Garden Projects for Teens | May 11 | SNR
- Henry Shaw’s Spring Celebration | May 12 | MBG
- Natural Wonders Trail Challenge | May 11 | Meramec State Park
- Photographing May Wildflowers | May 11 | SNR
- World Migratory Bird Day | May 11 | World Bird Sanctuary
- Elsin Spring Festival | May 11–12 | Elsin, IL
- Strawberry Festival | May 11–12 and 18–19 | Eckert's Belleville
- Healing Horticulture | May 15 | Urban Chestnut in the Grove
- Irish Spring | May 15 | Washington State Park
- Canopy Climb | May 18 | MBG
- Wild Edibles | May 18 | SNR
- Intermediate Kayaking | May 18 | MBG
- Native Plant School | May 22 | SNR
- Schlafly Art Outside Festival | May 24–26 | Schlafly Bottletowers
- Concert in the Trees | May 30 | CommuniTree Nursery, Creve Coeur

**JUNE**
- Green Living Festival | June 1 | MBG
- National Prairie Day | June 1 | SNR
- Beginning Kayaking Workshop | June 4 | MBG
- Hiking with River | June 2 | SNR
- Tree Camp | June 3–8 | CommuniTree Nursery, Creve Coeur
- Bird Walk with Forest Park Forever | June 4 | Forest Park
- Perennial Perennial Walk | June 6 | 4th Street
- The Dirt on Soil | June 7 | SNR
- Introduction to Tree ID | June 13 | BH
- Summer Nature Camp | June 15–30 | Meramec State Park
- Two Rivers Family Fishing Day | June 8 | Pere Marquette State Park
- Poisonous Plants Workshop | June 8 | BH
- Silker Creek Preserve
- Nature Photography for Teens | June 8 | SNR
- Canopy Climb | June 8–9 | MBG
- Family Adventure Race | June 9 | Creve Coeur
- Little Nature Explorers: Creek Stomp | June 12 | SNR
- Native Plant School | June 13 | SNR
- Paddle for a Cause | June 15 | Columbia Bottom
- Sacred Seeds Mediterranean 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 Beginners | June 21–22 | BH
- Firefly Festival | June 21 | BH
- Meramec Marathon Paddle Race | June 22 | Meramec River
- Sustainable Tour | June 23 | multiple sites
- Summer Solstice Sunrise Observation | June 23 | Cahokia Mounds
- Fireflies After Dark Happy Hour | June 28 | BH

**JULY**
- Moccasin River Academy | July 7–11 | New Haven
- Butterfly House Yoga | July 9 | BH
- Native Plant School | July 11 | SNR
- Chesterfield Earth Day | May 4 | Chesterfield
- Prairie Restoration Day | May 4 | Heartland Prairie
- Mary Meachum Celebration | May 4 | Missouri Greenway
- Ozark Trail Challenge | May 4 | Steelville
- Canopy Climb | May 4–5 | 4th Street
- Tour of Hermann Gravel Challenge | May 4–5 | Hermann
- Spring Dardene Creek Monitoring Day | May 5–5 | St. Charles
- Mushroom Festival | May 5 | Pere Marquette State Park
- Garden Yoga | May 5, 12, 19, 26 | MBG
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- Schlafly Art Outside Festival | May 24–26 | Schlafly Bottletowers
- Concert in the Trees | May 30 | CommuniTree Nursery, Creve Coeur

**AUGUST**
- August Festival | August 2 | BH
- Archaeology Day | August 3 | Cahokia Mounds
- Alton to Arch Kayak Trip | August 4 | Forest Park
- Moonlight Bike | May 18 | The Nature Institute
- Silver Creek Stream Monitoring | May 18 | Silver Creek Preserve
- Canopy Climb | May 18 | MBG
- Wild Edibles | May 19 | SNR
- Intermediate Kayaking | May 19 | MBG
- Native Plant School | May 22 | SNR
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**SEPTEMBER**
- Fall Wildflower Market | September 6 | SNR
- Campfire Wolf Howl | September 7, 13, 21 | Endangered Wolf Center
- American Indian Educational Day | 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
- Vulture Awareness Day | September 21 | World Bird Sanctuary
- Paddle MO | September 21-25 | Saint Louis Zoological Park
- Autumn Equinox | September 21 | La Vista Ecological Learning Center
- Arby Festival | September 22 | Pere Marquette State Park
- National Public Lands Day | September 28 | region wide

**OCTOBER**
- Best of Missouri Market | October 4–6 | MBG
- Hawtibber Fest | October 5 | World Bird Sanctuary
- Raptor Awareness Day | October 13 | Cahokia Mounds
- Wolf Fest | October 12 | Endangered Wolf Center
- Harvest Festival | October 19 | Gateway-Greening Demo Garden
- River Days Peres Bash | October 19 | multiple sites
- Dardene Creek Monitoring Day | October 19 | St. Charles
- Gateway Fall Xtreme Bike | October 26 | Hawth Park State

**NOVEMBER**
- Honey suckle Sweep Month | November 1–30 | region wide
- Children’s Garden Closing Weekend | November 2–3 | MBG
- Owl Prowl | November 2–3 | World Bird Sanctuary
- Grow Native! Native Tree Walk | November 2 | Bellefontaine Cemetery
- Amphibian and Reptiles | November 5 | National Great Rivers Research and Education Center
- Garden Glow | November 23–January 4 | MBG
- Jingle Hike Challenge | November–February–January–May Metro East
- Wild Lights | November 29–December 30 | Saint Louis Zoo
- Green Gift Bazaar | November 30 | YMAC of Alton

**DECEMBER**
- 8 Hour Adventure Race | December 7 | Castlewood State Park
- Winter Solstice | December 21 | La Vista Ecological Learning Center
- Roja’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
- Valentines’s Night Hike | February 14 | SNR

**MARCH 2020**
- Honey suckle 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