For All Ages and Places in Missouri
Selected State Parks and Nature Centers
Crowder Lewis & Clark
Van Meter Wallace
Northwest MDC
Knob Noster Watkins Mill
Westin Bend Discovery Center
Burr Oak Woods
Bennet Spring Pomme de Terre Prairie Roaring River Springfield MDC
Cuivre River Thousand Hills Kirkville MDC
Ha Ha Tonka Rock Bridge Long Branch Runge
Sam A. Baker Johnson Shut-Ins Montauk
Onandaga Twin Pines Trail of Tears Big Oak Tree Cape Girardeau MDC
Meramec Missouri Mines St. Joe Columbia Bottoms Powder Valley Rockwoods

Check event calendars for these and other cool places at www.meea.org/events.shtml

*Missouri State Parks are supported by a 1/10 of 1% sales tax and Conservation Department Nature Centers are supported by a 1/8 of 1% sales tax.

For Parents and Other Caregivers
Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and other caregivers are a child’s first and most important educators. When you choose to spend time enjoying the outdoors and sharing about the environment and conservation, you set a child on the path to a healthy lifestyle, a love of learning and a strong sense of self.

For Educators
Children learn better when they have real things to read and write about and real things to do math with. Nature is a great source of real things. Check out these resources for ideas!

- Discover Nature Schools
  http://mdc.mo.gov/education/discover-nature-schools
- Projects WET, WILD and Learning Tree
  • http://www.projectwet.org
  • http://projectwild.org
  • https://www.plt.org
- National Wildlife Federation Eco-Schools
  http://www.nwf.org/Eco-Schools-USA.aspx
- Missouri Environmental Education Association
  www.meea.org

2015 Missouri Nature Playbook
A Guide to Missouri Environmental, Conservation and Outdoor Opportunities for children, youth, young adults, and the people that care about them
All Ages

- Girl and Boy Scout Councils of Missouri
- NPS Jr. Ranger and River Ranger
  http://www.nps.gov/mnr/forkids/beajuniorranger.htm

Pre-K and Elementary Opportunities

- Project Learning Tree Nature Activities for Families
  - https://www.plt.org/connecting-kids-to-nature-family-activities
- National Wildlife Federation Activity Finder
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- Forest Lessons - http://ecosystems.psu.edu/youth/sftrc/lesson-plans/forestry

Middle School Opportunities

- 4H - http://mo4h.missouri.edu
- Future Farmers of America
  http://dese.mo.gov/divcareered/ag_mo_ffa.htm
- Mo State Parks Youth Volunteer Patch Program
  http://mostateparks.com/page/59762/youth-volunteer-patch-program

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- 4H - http://mo4h.missouri.edu
- Conservation Leadership Corps – 17 to 23 years
  http://confedmo.org/programs/youth/conservation-leadership-corps/
- State Park Youth Corps - 17 to 23 years
  http://futurestudents.mst.edu/summercamps/eczgirl/
- GLADE – Springfield, March 27 deadline
  http://www.greenleadershipacademy.org
- SIFT & TERF - St. Louis, March 27 deadline
  http://tyson.wustl.edu/teaching-hs.php

College and Young Adult Opportunities

- State Park Youth Corps – 17-23 years
  http://www.thinkoutside.mo.gov/default.aspx
- Conservation Leadership Corps – Youth 17-23
  http://confedmo.org/programs/youth/conservation-leadership-corps/
- Missouri Department of Conservation Internships
  http://mdc.mo.gov/about-us/careers/internships
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